



SNAPSHOT



Matters of Principal

“Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny.”
- Aristotle

As we enter the last two weeks of our term, I look back on what has been an incredibly busy time. Once again I am amazed by what our 263 pupils have achieved. All too often we concentrate on things that have not always gone according to plan. As a school, we strive for excellence but (as with so much in life) we do not always achieve it. I see this as an essential part of learning: trying, failing, and trying again. When we don't reach the heights that we aspire to, we need to reset and try again. In last week's Snapshot I posted a poem "Keeping on". I have seen plenty of "keeping on" this term!

As a society, we tend to default to the negative all too quickly and focus on that. This can be dangerous. Negativity is like a veld fire that can do irreparable damage if not controlled. I choose to celebrate all that is good about our school... the hundreds of hours in the classrooms that have led to learning and discovery; the pupils who have attended their clubs and societies and found a new passion or learned a new skill; those who have involved themselves in the sporting or cultural arena and grown socially through positive interaction with their peers; those who have made new friendships; those who have attained the goals they have set for themselves. In doing all this, the majority of our pupils are making us proud. We celebrate their achievements.

Over the past nine months, parts of our school have literally been a building site. We have remodeled the front of the school, built a

sanatorium and San Sister's flat, upgraded the boarding reception, boardroom and clothing shop, increased the size of the dining hall, upgraded staff accommodation attached to Founders, gutted the boys boarding house and upgraded the rooms and bathrooms and built a water feature between Founders, Lakeside and Serala that I hope will be a place of reflection and relaxation for our pupils. We are nearly there! I requested that all work inside the boarding houses and any work that required making a noise be halted on 26 March. The contractors have concentrated on small jobs outside the buildings. They will return on 23 June to complete the work and I am both pleased and relieved to say that they will be off-site by the start of the third term.

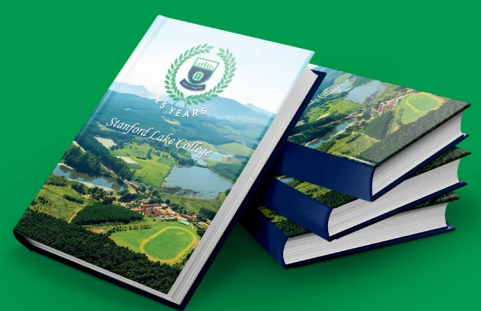
Over the course of the next few weeks and next term, I invite you to come and have a look around these new facilities. Once you have seen what we have achieved, it will be evident that these upgrades and new spaces align with our vision of being a world-class school.

Have a good weekend,

God Bless

RECYCLING STATS FOR MAY

MATERIAL	KILOGRAMS
MIXED PLASTICS	320 KGS
CARDBOARD	315 KGS
PAPER	99 KGS
SUBGRADE STEEL	135 KGS
ALUMINIUM CANS	15 KGS
GLASS	280 KGS
GENERAL WASTE	1102 KGS
TOTAL WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL (RECYCLABLES)	1164 KGS
TOTAL WASTE ACCUMULATED	2266 KGS



We are super excited to announce that the 25-year publication will be available towards the end of the year. The hardcover coffee table book details the history of Stanford Lake College. You can pre-order your copy via the ALLXS system at the cost of R460.00

If you are unfamiliar with the ALLXS system and would still like to pre-order, please send an email to marketing@slc.co.za



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PHOTO ORDERING

All pupils have this week received a flyer with their unique codes to order individual head and shoulders shots. The flyer explains how to order your child's individual head and shoulders shots using their unique code at the following website:

<https://orders.prestigephoto.co.za/>

Grade photos are available for order during the individual shot ordering process. Other group photos can then be ordered at the same time using the unique codes below for each photo that you would like to purchase. Please note that the cut-off date for ordering these photos is 23 June 2023. Any orders made after the cut-off date will not be couriered for free to the school and you will be charged courier costs.

GROUP NAME	SHOOT KEY
1ST TEAM BOYS HOCKEY	7HW3P9NF
1ST TEAM GIRLS HOCKEY	YQZSSFQ2
1ST TEAM NETBALL	U8HAQ9EG
1ST TEAM RUGBY	CLFLHZGD
2ND TEAM GIRLS HOCKEY	ZL72PMB6
2ND TEAM NETBALL	W5QVRW3Q
ATHLETICS JUNIORS	ZU4S6ZFC
ATHLETICS SENIORS	57ZAA5WH
CHESS	YPVFHSTV
CHOIR 'CRAZY'	PM6Z2PS9
CHOIR	Q8WU6F96
DAY SCHOLAR BOYS	3U466ATX
DAY SCHOLAR GIRLS	MK3ZRP4K
FOUNDERS NORTH	U8ULJ6ZS
FOUNDERS SOUTH	JF3R6T4M
GOLF TEAM	5A7ZE5AQ
KEN SHUTER	URD5K6FV
LAKESIDE	9JQATL3W
MARIMBA / DJEMBE BAND	QA58D4SV
MATHS OLYMPIADS JNR	FB8DH4EW
MATHS OLYMPIADS SNR	QF48H28G
SERALA	L56DBCJA
SPEAKERS SOCIETY	NPYDMT6Y
U/14 A RUGBY	TW5E5JTU
U/14 BOYS HOCKEY	Y77RC62H
U/14 GIRLS HOCKEY	Q4MPGYGS
U/14 NETBALL A	3X9FU5JZ
U/14 NETBALL B	B5W8964H
U/15 NETBALL A	MW9PS9AY
U/15 NETBALL B	8S6F7WC7
U/16 A BOYS HOCKEY	RAK5Z5F7
U/16 A RUGBY	5ZW9P3TT
U/16 B BOYS HOCKEY	NHD7T8L4
U/16 GIRLS HOCKEY	8HD296AT



KAYAKERS TAKE ON THE OLIFANTS

Eight intrepid kayakers from Grade 9 took on the mighty Olifants River last week. These pupils worked hard to learn and master the necessary skills to be able to ride the Olifants in these small vessels and were so disappointed that the river expedition was cancelled earlier on in the year. Guided by Mr Haarhoff and Mr Fullard, the kayakers were quite literally thrown in at the deep end as their first rapids were the likes of "Double Trouble", "Long Drop", "Simple Simon" and "Rollercoaster". They had a great day on the water, with lots of unplanned exits from their kayaks but learned valuable skills and experience.



NEWS IN BRIEF

SWIMMING



Congratulations to Dario Wasley who is currently ranked 49th out of 287 swimmers for the 50m breast stroke in his age category.

RUGBY

The U/16 Rugby Team started their game slowly against Piet Potgieter last weekend. They were not that much stronger than us but our defence let us down. The Stanfordians were 35 - 6 at halftime but showed true Badger spirit and came back hard at them during the second half. They unfortunately, had left it a bit late and lost a must win game with a final score of 35 - 18.