



Matters of Principal

Those who know me well will know that I don't "do Facebook" or any other social media platforms for that matter. This morning, my wife pointed me in the direction of a blog posted on Facebook by an ex colleague about the state of school boy rugby. I told her I could follow the blog by accessing it through Google and didn't need to log on to Facebook, but she insisted that I needed to read the comments in the feed. Reluctantly, I went to the app store, downloaded the FB app, went through four different passwords before striking the correct one and eventually I was in. I must say the comments were worth reading and most insightful but the greatest benefit of logging on was that I picked up a post from someone else's feed with the following pearl of wisdom:

"There are many things that you can't control like a setback, and it is okay! Everyone goes through that, and that's what makes you strong. Use your setback as a setup for your comeback."

"You know what? Words define our future. Pay attention to the phrase that you are using. I have many friends who always speak negatively about their future, so I won't be surprised if they suffer a terrible fate a few years down the line."

Sometimes words about life can make you stop in your tracks and think "YES!"

*To live content with small means.
To seek elegance rather than luxury,
and refinement rather than fashion.
To be worthy, not respectable,
and wealthy, not rich.
To study hard, think quietly,
talk gently, act frankly,
to listen to stars, birds,
babes and sages
with open heart,
to bear all cheerfully,
do all bravely, await occasions,
hurry never.
In a word, to let the spiritual unbidden
and unconscious, grow up through the common.
This is to be my symphony.*

— William Henry Channing

PROVINCIAL TRIALS UPDATE

On Friday, 14th of May, a number of Stanford Lake College's hockey players attended Provincial Hockey Trials. After a long day on the hockey pitch, 12 players make the squad of 32. Unfortunately, due to the postponement of school contact sports, the final round of trials did not take place. Well done to these hockey players on their selection to the 32-man squad:

U/16 Boys: Marc Day, Travis Sithole, Nsuku Shingwenyana, Relotilwe Sekhula, Kgedi Manthata, Kian Noné

U/16 Girls: Layla de Bruyn, Maki Inama, Tanatswa Murasiranwa, Nana-ki Kgopong

U/18 Boys: Devon Coad, Jason Freestone

Three Stanford rugby players went to Polokwane to take part in the second round of Limpopo Trials. Xilombe Ndlopfu, David Ramalepe and Willem Vos all played trials games against some of the best rugby players in the Province. Xilombe and David have both been selected for the third and final round of trials. Well done to all three boys for representing the College with such passion.

Seven netball players also went to Trials in preparation for the national all ages tournament which is set to take place in July. Both Anja Maree and Masese Mbedzi were selected to play for the U/18 Limpopo B side and Nanaki Kgopong was selected to represent the U/15 Limpopo A side.

STANFORD CYCLISTS PUSH THEIR LIMITS

This past Saturday, the fourth instalment of the SA Cup XCO MTB Series was hosted at Iron Throne Park in Hartebeespoort. Although mainly a downhill venue, the organisers worked hard to lay out an XCO track that would challenge riders and bikes alike.

The track wasn't particularly technical but wound its way up a very steep mountainside with a flowing descent coming into the start / finish zone. With a total vertical climb of 160m per 3.8km lap, it was enough to make even the toughest cyclist cringe!

Stanford was again well represented with Gordon Noel taking a ninth place in the Sub-Junior category. Herman Fourie finished in 19th position after falling ill during the race, and Gunther Katzke managed to secure a 5th overall.

One race remains in the series for which the boys will travel to Bloemfontein in June. Watch this space.

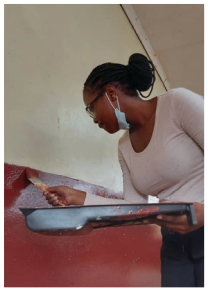
Coming up this weekend is the Limpopo XCO championships to be hosted at Stanford.

ONLINE
AUCTION UPDATE

The online auction that was held last night was a huge success and we surpassed our intended target! Thank you to all the lot sponsors and bidders!

PAINTING A PARTNERSHIP

Miss Maake and her Outreach team have been busy painting inside the classrooms at Appel School as well as delivering sanitary towels to the female pupils at Appel and Makome Schools. They also did a talk with the girls on periods and hygiene.



NOT SO FAIR ON THE FAIRWAYS

Friday last week was the last round of the Golf League fixtures in Tzaneen. It was a perfect day for golf with the course being firm and the greens receptive but, unfortunately, our players' game was off on the day! With the course being so firm, the players struggled to keep the ball on the fairways and this made it difficult to score well. The Stanford players didn't perform as well as they would have liked and unfortunately missed the cut for the finals by 1 point. Well done to all the golfers for their efforts this season so far.

STAFF PROFILES



Ms Inge Thakor Daya

- 1 What subjects do you teach?
Life Sciences Grades 9 -12.
- 2 What year did you start working at the school?
2020
- 3 What type of music are you in to?
Jazz (1970s and 80s).
- 4 Tell us something we don't know about you...
I can ride a motorbike (have a license) and I love dancing.
- 5 What's your favourite thing to do in downtime?
Watching a good Netflix series.
- 6 Name one thing on your bucket list...
Visiting Las Vegas.
- 7 Does pineapple belong on pizza?
Definitely.
- 8 Tea  OR Coffee?  Coffee in the morning, tea thereafter.
- 9 iOS OR Android?
- 10 Melktart OR Malva Pudding? Malva pudding as a Sunday dessert and Melktart any other day.
- 11 Cups in the cupboard: Right side up  OR upside down? 
- 12 Beach  OR Mountains? 
- 13 Dogs  OR Cats? 



Stay connected

We are making the transition from D6 Communicator to D6 Connect. Please ensure you have downloaded the new app before the end of the month so that you stay connected with school news and important updates.



Grade 11 Allan Gray participants.



Grade 10 Allan Gray participants.

NO GRAY AREAS FOR STANFORD'S YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

The Allan Gray Entrepreneurial Challenge (AGEC) aims to promote entrepreneurship in high schools. The game runs for 5 weeks. The time frame for the challenge is very specific. 70 – 80% of start-up businesses fail within the first five years. Each week of the AGEC represented one business year. Pupils taking part in the AGEC were tasked with keeping their businesses afloat for the full five weeks.

The Grade 11 and Grade 10 Business Studies pupils signed up for the challenge. Many other schools from across the country signed up to take part in the AGEC. During the first week it became quite apparent that the game was fraught with technical issues. This was very frustrating for those taking part. As a result, many pupils and schools withdrew from the challenge. Our pupils did not give up, demonstrating the entrepreneurial spirit of true grit. Pupils who managed to complete the full five weeks and hand in all their tasks on time were awarded a certificate of completion.

All these start-up businesses started with a R0,00 balance at the beginning of the game. Pupils had to source funding for their business ventures and make wise financial decisions to ensure their businesses were going concerns. Although some pupils did not receive their certificates as they had not handed in all their tasks, the financial state of their businesses in the fifth week was very impressive.

**** TOP EIGHT GOING CONCERNS AT THE END OF THE '5TH BUSINESS YEAR' ****

Tallen Smit – R2 078 898,00
Peter Pratt – R2 007 718,00
Layla de Bruyn – R2 001 086,00
Phumudzo Makumbana – R1 991 765,00
Devon Coad – R1 904 888,00
Rachel Rix – R1 661 057,00
Jemma Henning – R1 521 394,00
Akshar Patel – R1 400 000,00

We made many mistakes while playing the AGEC, but many valuable lessons were learned. We are looking forward to taking on the challenge again next year. The AGEC was a platform to showcase the natural business talent many of our pupils possess. It is important to nurture this talent as the South African economy is dependent on it.

Pupils awarded Certificates of Completion: Akshar Patel, Anika Willemse, Anointed Tshivhengwa, Layla de Bruyn, Ethan Modika, Koni Fobbe, Michaela Gosling, Chelsea Hudson, JJ Vilakazi, Joel Mushambavanhu, Lwandle Maluleke, Phathu Raphaelalani, Thato Sibuyi and Vhukhudo Makhomu.