

SNAP SHOT

Stanford Lake College

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will stay with us long after we leave.

A Chapter to Remember

When I first walked through the gates of Stanford Lake College as a Grade 8, I could never have imagined standing here five years later as the 2026 Head Boy. Looking back, it is not the tests or examinations that I remember most, but the moments in between: the long days on Trek, the excitement of Derby competitions, the laughter shared with friends and the everyday experiences that have become some of my most treasured memories.

My journey at Stanford has taught me that growth is not always something we recognise while it is happening. Somewhere between the challenges, the victories, the mistakes and the friendships, we grew from a group of young individuals into the Class of 2026.

Serving as Head Boy has been one of the greatest honours of my school career. It has taught me that leadership is not about standing above others, but standing alongside them, serving, listening and making a difference, regardless of the title we hold.

As we prepare to leave this chapter behind, I am reminded of how fortunate we have been to call Stanford home. The lessons, values and people who have shaped us will remain part of who we are, long after we leave these grounds.

Thank you, Stanford Lake College, for the memories, the lessons and the privilege of serving as your 25th Head Boy.

Nakedi Makweya



Our time here may be over,
but our story is only beginning.

The Roots We Carry

As I reflect on my journey at Stanford Lake College, I have come to realise that the most meaningful parts of our lives are not always the achievements we celebrate or the positions we hold, but the people, values and experiences that shape who we become.

In my Valediction speech, I reflected on the idea that, much like the trees surrounding our campus, we are shaped by what lies beneath the surface. Our roots are built through the lessons we learn, the challenges we face, the people who support us and the values we carry with us.

From an unforgettable leadership announcement somewhere between Dubai and Johannesburg to an unexpected ending to my hockey career, my journey has taught me that not every moment unfolds as we imagine. Yet even the unexpected moments have something to teach us.

As I prepare to leave Stanford, I am reminded that school is not simply a place where we grow, but a place that gives us the foundation to keep growing long after we leave.

We may not stay here forever, but the roots we grow at Stanford will remain with us wherever life takes us.

Thank you, Stanford. It has been an honour to serve.

Lerato Mokgoatsane

Karkloof: One Last Test for the Trail Badgers

At 4:00 on Friday morning, the Quantum and trailer were packed, and the Trail Badgers were ready for the 11-hour journey to the KZN Midlands for their final trail run of the year: Karkloof Trail Run.

After arriving at Bushwillow Park, the team set up camp, with excitement and nerves building ahead of the challenge. Karkloof would test them with long distances, high temperatures and relentless humidity.

Race Day

Saturday started early, with Mr Bouwer, Mr Willson and Chris Nel tackling the 48 km race, while Mika Jones, Elia Jones, Mr Mabayah, Robbie Noel, Matthew Pullinger and Ms Hamer took on 32 km. Olivia Turner completed the 16 km race.

For the students running 32 km, this was uncharted territory, extending their previous longest distance of 25 km. With temperatures reaching around 32°C, the extra kilometres proved challenging. Yet every Trail Badger who started the race crossed the finish line, with Robbie Noel achieving an impressive 10th place in the 32 km race.

Back at camp, the runners enjoyed some well-earned recovery time before a massive thunderstorm brought heavy rain and lightning. A few poorly zipped tents meant some Badgers had an unexpectedly wet night!

At 4:00 on Sunday morning, the team packed up and began the long journey home, tired, sore and proud.

More Than Running

Karkloof was a fitting end to a year of early mornings, long distances, tough climbs and personal achievements. Trail Badgers has always been about more than running. It is about stepping outside your comfort zone, discovering what you are capable of and learning to keep going when things get difficult.

Every runner who joined the group this year was challenged and grew in some way. The distances were measured in kilometres, but the lessons went much further.

Shout-outs

A big shout-out to Olivia, Elia and Mika for pitching their seven-man tent in record time, and for showing the rest of us how to handle a wet tent and sleeping bags!

Mr Willson's two-man tent also became a beacon of hope for the runners arriving back at camp in the early hours, while the supporters made sure everyone knew exactly who was coming through. Robbie and Matthew kept everyone entertained with their vlogging, catching unexpected moments along the way. We look forward to seeing the final edit!

Finally, thank you to Mr Willson and Mr Solly Molewa for driving the team there and back. Eleven hours each way is no small undertaking, and it was greatly appreciated.



FLY FISHING

Representing Limpopo at Nationals

Three Stanfordians represented Limpopo at the South African Fly Fishing Youth Nationals, held in Barkly East in the Eastern Cape from 1–3 October.

JJ Naude (Grade 11) captained the Limpopo A Team, finishing 16th overall, while Murray Newton (Grade 9) achieved an impressive 15th place. Ludwick Esterhuizen (Grade 11), also representing the Limpopo A Team, finished 22nd.

Competing at national level is a significant achievement, and we congratulate all three boys on their results and for representing their province with commitment and sportsmanship.



CRICKET WICKETS

Congratulations to Christian Jacobs on his selection to the Limpopo U17 Boys Cricket Team!

Christian will represent both Stanford Lake College and Limpopo in the Northern Cape this December. We wish him and the team all the best for the tournament!



FENCING SUCCESS

Yoshka MacMillan recently competed in the Limpopo Provincial Fencing Competition, where he brought home two medals in épée: Gold in the Men's U15 event and Silver in the Men's U17 event.

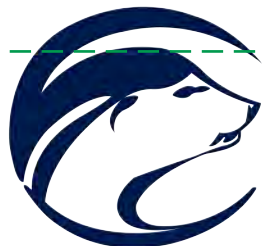
Épée is one of the three disciplines of fencing and, unlike foil and sabre, the entire body is a valid target. It rewards patience, precision, quick reactions and a good sense of distance — all while trying not to be hit yourself!

Yoshka competed in both his own age group and the older U17 category, finishing on the podium in both. A fantastic result from a very strong provincial competition this year.

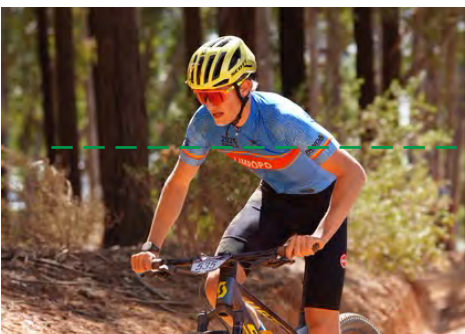


BADGER OF THE WEEK

Badger of the Week goes to
Robbie Noel for being selected to represent Limpopo at the Schools XCO National Competition in the Cape. Congratulations, Robbie!



BADGER OF



CAMPUS UPGRADES

A Fresh Look for Campus

Our teams have been busy over the holidays! The tennis courts have been resurfaced, and several buildings have received fresh coats of paint. These upgrades are helping keep our beautiful campus looking its best as we prepare to welcome everyone back.



LIMPOPO XCO

Badger Grit at MTB Nationals

Robbie Noel represented Limpopo at the Mountain Bike Nationals in Stellenbosch from 1–3 October, taking on some of the country's top riders.

On Saturday, Robbie started in 70th position and found himself at the back of the field heading into the first corner. Showing determination and perseverance, he worked his way through the pack to finish in an impressive 42nd position, as the first Limpopo rider across the finish line.

Sunday's Interprovincial race saw riders compete in their provincial colours. Despite a challenging start and two falls during the first lap, Robbie pushed on and crossed the finish line in 43rd position.

Both races tested his resilience, but Robbie showed exactly what it means to have true Badger grit and determination.

Well done, Robbie! We are proud of you



REMINDERS



Stanford Lake College
Dining Hall Thursday
22.10.2026 08:30 to 15:30

sanbs.org.za
Toll-free: 0800 11 90 31

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COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ACTION!

SPCA DONATION DRIVE

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A **BIG** DIFFERENCE.

As part of our ongoing Community Service Programme, Stanford Lake College is supporting our local SPCA by collecting donations of cat and dog food.

Stanford Lake College is proud to be **ONE OF THE BIGGEST SCHOOL DONORS** to the SPCA in our area!

DONATE CAT OR DOG FOOD
Please donate a bag or tin of cat or dog food.

CAN'T GET TO A SHOP?
We have loaded a R50 donation ticket on ALLXS. Purchase the ticket and we will use the funds to buy food on your behalf.

R50

7 November 2026

Stanford Lake College Presents

MAGOEBAKLOOF MTB CLASSIC

RIDE
EXPLORE
EXPERIENCE
MAGOEBAKLOOF

75KM R400 START 07:00	35KM R300 START 07:30	15KM R200 START 07:45
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CSA SANCTIONED EVENT
NON CSA MEMBERS PAY R70 DAY LICENSE
ENTER NOW AT MOREVENTS.CO.ZA

GOT A BIKE TO DONATE?

Give a pre-loved bicycle a new adventure!

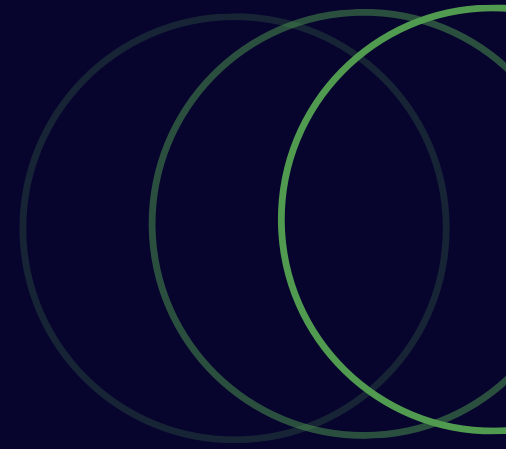
Do you have a bicycle that's no longer needed and would be willing to donate it to the Stanford Adventure Centre? Your old bike could help someone else get out there and ride.

To donate a bike and give someone the chance to participate at the upcoming SLC Mountain Bike Classic on 7 November, contact the PA Committee.



Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

19 – 23 Oct



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 19 Oct	Repeat Day 4			
	Choir	14:00 -15:30	IJV	Renee
	Interhouse Sport		Netball Courts	TP,LMB,EV,RB
	Jnr Netball	14:30	Court 1	
	Orvis vs Loomis Juniors	15:00	Court 1	
	Loomis vs Fenwick Juniors	15:30	Court 1	
	Fenwick vs Orvis Juniors			
	Snr Hockey		SLC Astro	TM,KH
	Field A	14:45 – 15:10		
	Orvis Senior Girls vs Loomis Senior Girls	15:15 – 15:40		
	Loomis Senior Girls vs Fenwick Senior Girls	15:45 – 16:10		
	Fenwick Senior Girls vs Orvis Senior Girls		SLC Astro	
	Field B	14:45 – 15:10		
	Orvis Senior Boys vs Loomis Senior Boys	15:15 – 15:40		
	Fenwick Senior Boys vs Orvis Senior Boys	15:45 – 16:10		
	Loomis Senior Boys vs Fenwick Senior Boys	14:30 - 16:00	KO Class	KO
	Grade 8 English Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:15	JH Class	JH
	Grade 8 Mathematics Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	Grade 11 Mathematics	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	PS lesson by appointment	8:30 - 11:00	HPC	TN
	Further Studies Mathematics Grade 12			
Tuesday 20 Oct	Day 5			
	Interhouse Sport			
	Snr Netball		Netball Courts	TP,AJ
	Fenwick vs Orvis Seniors	14:30	Court 1	
	Orvis vs Loomis Seniors	15:00	Court 1	
	Loomis vs Fenwick Seniors	15:30	Court 1	
	Jnr Hockey			
	Field A		SLC Astro	TM,KH,CR,AG,XH

	Orvis Junior Girls vs Loomis Junior Girls	14:45 – 15:10	Field A	
	Loomis Junior Girls vs Fenwick Junior Girls	15:15 – 15:40	Field A	
	Fenwick Junior Girls vs Orvis Junior Girls	15:45 – 16:10	Field A	
	Field B			
	Orvis Junior Boys vs Loomis Junior Boys	14:45 – 15:10	Field B	
	Fenwick Junior Boys vs Orvis Junior Boys	15:15 – 15:40	Field B	
	Fenwick Junior Boys vs Loomis Junior Boys	15:45 – 16:10	Field B	
	Grade 9 English Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	KO Class	
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	
	Senior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:30	CR Class	
	Afrikaans FAL / Sepedi FAL P1 Grade 12	8:30 - 11:30	HPC	
Wednesday 21 Oct	Day 6			
	Interhouse Sport			
	Soccer			
	Field A (Girls)		Soccer Field	KN,PR,KH
	Loomis JNR Girls vs Orvis JNR Girls	14:15 – 14:35		
	Fenwick SNR Girls vs Loomis SNR Girls	14:55 – 15:15		
	Loomis JNR Girls vs Fenwick JNR Girls	15:15 – 15:30		
	Fenwick SNR Girls vs Orvis SNR Girls	15:55 – 16:15		
	Orvis JNR Girls vs Fenwick JNR Girls	16:15 – 16:35		
	Loomis SNR Girls vs Orvis SNR Girls	16:35 - 16:55		
	Field B (Boys)		Soccer Field	
	Orvis Snr Boys vs Loomis SNR Boys	14:15 – 14:35		
	Loomis JNR Boys vs Fenwick JNR Boys	14:55 – 15:15		
	Orvis SNR Boys vs Fenwick SNR Boys	15:15 – 15:30		
	Orvis JNR Boys vs Fenwick JNR Boys	15:55 – 16:15		
	Loomis SNR Boys vs Fenwick SNR Boys	16:15 – 16:35		
	Orvis JNR Boys vs Loomis JNR Boys	16:35 - 16:55		
	PS lesson by appointment	14:00 - 15:00	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 Maths	14:00 - 15:00	NNM and MCE Class	NNM, MCE
	Grade 9 Maths	14:00 - 15:00	JH Class	JH
	Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45	TN Class	Academic Com
	Junior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	CR Class	CR
	Grade 11 FSE	13:50 - 14:45	AJ Class	AJ
	Grade 10 and 11 English	14:00 - 15:00	CJF Class	CJF
	History P1 Grade 12	8:30 - 11:00	HPC	TN

	TshiVenda FAL P3 Grade 12	8:30 - 11:30	HPC	TN
Thursday 22 Oct	Day 7 Blood Drive Choir Cricket Jnr boys & Girls and Snr Athletics Team PS lesson by appointment IT Theory Grade 12 Further Studies English Grade 12	 08:30 - 15:30 18:00 -19:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 14:30 - 15:30 8:30 - 12:00 13:30 - 17:00	 Dining Hall IJV DAD Centre Top Field PS Lab HPC HPC	 ZM,TVE Renee CM, SJW, TJM KH,TP, SJW, JH, TJM, KN, KO,PJB, CR, JJN,NM, GVS, CR, AG, NN, BA, NH, XJH, MM LBM, GVS TN TN
Friday 23 Oct	Day 1 Choir Performance @ PEPPS Departure SLC: Return SLC : Business Studies Grade 12	 TBC TBC 8:30 - 12:00	 HPC	 TN