



Matters of Principal

"It is really wonderful how much resilience there is in human nature. Let any obstructing cause, no matter what, be removed in any way, even by death, and we fly back to first principles of hope and enjoyment."

— **Bram Stoker, Dracula**

It is with a great sense of relief that I sit in my office writing this newsletter. It has been another incredibly tough ten weeks. The winter term, always long, always cold, with a busy sports programme culminating in a set of exams makes it an extremely challenging one. This term, with the added stresses of the Covid pandemic, has been particularly brutal.

Once again, I reflect on what has been achieved in this picturesque little school on a mountain in Limpopo. Against all odds, we have played sport (competitively and noncompetitively) we have worked tirelessly in the classroom, we have contributed to the wellbeing of those in the community through our service to them. We have enjoyed the highs and suffered the lows that are thrown at us in everyday life and in all of this we have never given up. At all times, we have sought excellence and given of our best. Resilience is one of the key character traits that we strive to instill in our pupils. As the Headmaster of this school, I am proud to say that this is a resilient establishment, filled with resilient young students, each one working to equip themselves with the skills to flourish in an incredibly uncertain world. At times, we have had to summon every ounce of energy we could find but in the end, we have succeeded, more than succeeded; I would say flourished!

My thanks to the Board, the staff and the pupils for all that they have done to get us to this point successfully. It is now time for us to take a well-earned break to get away (safely of course!), recharge our batteries and return refreshed, energized and ready to face what should be another exciting term. I wish you all a happy, healthy break with your children.

God Bless.

MTB NEWS

The fifth and final race of the SA Cup MTB Series took place in Happy Valley Conservancy, Bloemfontein this past Saturday. The usual SLC contenders plus a few newcomers lined up at the start, all knowing that this was the last chance to earn some points for the series before the final scores are tallied and overall positions are allocated. Gunther Katzke had a difficult start, getting stuck behind some slower competitors, but managed to claw his way up and finished in 5th position overall. The steep descents and altitude taking its toll! Herman Fourie fought as best he could from starting in the back of the pack and managed a 15th place out of 27 riders overall.

The last XCO race on the national calendar is the championships to be held in Pietermaritzburg on the 10th of July. We wish the boys all the best and congratulate them on a great series as well as being outstanding ambassadors.

STANFORDIANS AWARDED

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded for their commitment to sports and academics during a special assembly held on Thursday:

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Top from left to right: Half Colours, Cara Prinsloo, Micaela Wight and Azania Mangena. Bottom left: Full Colours, Rachel Thompson. Bottom right: Honours, Zoë Burman.



SPORTS AWARDS

Top left: Honours for Mountain Biking, Gunther Katzke. Honours for Athletics, Mada Buliani. Bottom from left to right: Full Colours for netball, Masase Mbedzi and Anja Maree.



ENDING TERM TWO ON AN ADVENTUROUS NOTE

After finishing their exams on Tuesday, the Grade 8s have enjoyed a couple of days of adventure activities. From problem solving to trail running, from kaskar racing to paddling on the lake, they have been busy with a number of activities. The skills learned culminated in a mini adventure race held on Thursday.



STAFF PROFILES



Mr Adin Bennett

1 What is your role at the school? I teach Physical Education and am the Director of Hockey.

2 What year did you start working at the school? 2018.

3 What type of music are you in to? R&B, Jazz, Funk and anything good.

4 Tell us something we don't know about you... I love cooking.

5 What's your favourite thing to do in downtime? Watch a good series.

6 Name one thing on your bucket list... Bungee jumping.

7 Does pineapple belong on pizza? That's a big no!

8 Tea  OR Coffee? 

9 iOS  OR Android?

10 Melktart OR Malva Pudding? 

11 Cups in the cupboard: Right side up  OR upside down? 

12 Beach  OR Mountains? 

13 Dogs  OR Cats?  Both.



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