



Matters of Principal

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."
1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV)*

Our Next Chapter

As we gathered for the start of a new term, our Stanford Lake College community was met with the heartbreaking news of the untimely passing of our colleague, Educator Izak Vollgraaff. It was not the way any of us had hoped to begin the term.

Izak served our school with kindness, humility and dedication, and his influence reached far beyond the classroom. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and with everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. Moments like these remind us that schools are not defined by buildings or programmes, but by people. The relationships we build and the lives we touch are what matter most. As we move into the new term, I find myself reflecting on why education is such a privilege.

When I look back on my own school journey, I cannot remember every lesson I was taught, but I vividly remember the teachers and coaches who believed in me, challenged me and inspired me to become more than I thought possible. Every child deserves someone like that in their life.

Our founding members were brave pioneers who chose possibility over comfort. Since then, generations of governors, headmasters, staff, parents and students have invested their time, talents and hearts into making Stanford Lake College the remarkable school it is today.

I am deeply grateful for the traditions, values and legacy that have been entrusted to us.

We are not starting something new.

We are building on something great.

This term, we begin that chapter with a simple philosophy we are calling The 1% Expedition. It is the belief that excellence is not achieved through one extraordinary moment, but through small, consistent improvements every day.

It is not about perfection.

It is about progress.

Whether we are students, staff or parents, we all have opportunities to become just 1% better today than we were yesterday. A little more courageous. A little more prepared. A little more compassionate. A little more willing to serve others.

As we begin this new term together, I invite every Stanfordian to join us on this journey. Let us honour the legacy we have inherited, embrace the opportunities before us, and commit ourselves to becoming just a little better every day.

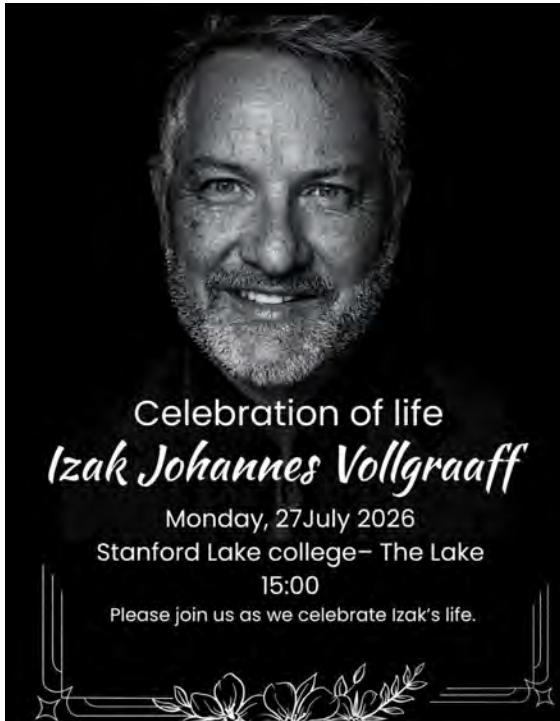
This is Our Next Chapter.

The 1% Expedition begins now.

Warm Regards,

Mr Pierre Jacobs

In Loving Memory



It is with great sadness that the Stanford Lake College community marks the passing of Izak Vollgraaff.

Izak was a member of the Stanford Lake College staff for almost ten years, serving in a variety of roles including Head of the Life Orientation and Leadership Development Department, tutor and boarding staff member. During his time at the College, he contributed to many aspects of school life, including the Clubs and Societies programme, community engagement initiatives, and the cultural programme. Those who knew Izak will remember his gentle nature, unwavering sense of fairness, empathy and wisdom. Our thoughts and sincere condolences are with Izak's family, friends, colleagues and all those who are grieving his loss. "In remembrance, we find gratitude for the time we shared."

HOCKEY SUCCESS

Congratulations to the Limpopo Ladies' and Men's Hockey Teams on their outstanding performances at the SACD Hockey Tournament during the July holidays. The Ladies secured an impressive third-place finish, while the Men finished seventh.

A special congratulations to Stanford Lake College coaches Jessica Hall, Kyla Hamer, Tatenda Mabayah, Xander Hageman and Chris Nel, together with SLC alumnus Tam Johnson, who proudly represented Limpopo. Your dedication, passion and commitment to the sport continue to inspire our young players, and we are incredibly proud of the way you represented Stanford Lake College and Limpopo on the national stage.



READING CORNER

NEW ARRIVAL!

Sunrise on the Reaping
by Suzanne Collins



The Hunger Games story you have been waiting for is HERE.

This is Haymitch Abernathy" story - how a rebellious 16 year old became the mentor we all know.

Gripping. Emotional. Impossible to put down.

If you loved The Hunger Games, you need this one.

Now available in the library. Add your name to the waiting list!



LAYING FOUNDATIONS

Exciting progress is being made on campus as the foundations have been laid and construction is now well underway on three new classrooms.

This important milestone was marked by Chairman Tienie Prinsloo, Estate Manager Danie Vaughn, Ruan van Zyl, Johan Pretorius and Theo Bodenstein, who came together to celebrate the start of a project that reflects Stanford Lake

College's ongoing commitment to providing exceptional learning environments.

These new classrooms represent far more than bricks and mortar. They are an investment in the future of our school, creating modern, purpose-built spaces where curiosity will be sparked, ideas will flourish and generations of Stanfordinians will learn, grow and thrive.



WICKET SUCCESS

Caleb Jacobs Shines at Merensky Cricket Week
Stanford's cricketers enjoyed a rewarding Merensky Cricket Week, gaining valuable match experience against strong opposition. Caleb Jacobs was one of the tournament's outstanding performers, taking nine wickets to finish second on the overall list of leading wicket-takers. His excellent bowling also earned him selection for the Team of the Tournament. Congratulations, Caleb, on a superb achievement!



Stanford Dominates the Afrikaans Olympiad

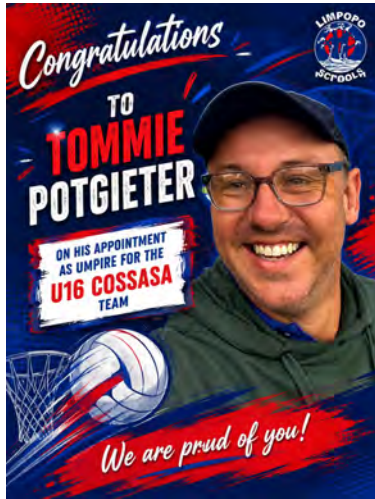
Stanford Lake College has once again produced Limpopo's top performer in the Senior ATKV Afrikaans Olympiad. Congratulations to JC Els, who placed first in the province.
Stanford pupils also secured an exceptional nine of the top 12 provincial positions. This remarkable achievement reflects the commitment of our pupils and the outstanding work of the Afrikaans Department. Baie geluk!

Holiday Work Behind the Scenes

While pupils enjoyed the holiday break, members of Stanford's Estates Department and the Turftec team were hard at work preparing and improving the campus for the new term. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved for their dedication and for ensuring that our grounds and facilities continue to look their best.



Excellence in Officiating



Congratulations to Coach Tommie Potgieter on his appointment as the U16 COSSASA Team umpire.

This is a significant achievement and a proud moment for both Tommie and Stanford Lake College. We wish him every success as he represents Stanford Lake College, Limpopo and South Africa at the COSSASA Games.



Trail Badgers Adventures

The Trail Badgers kept the spirit of adventure alive over the holidays, with several members taking part in running events and producing some excellent results.

Elia and Mika Jones competed in the Letaba Art Youth Running Festival, taking on the 21.1 km road race. Both delivered outstanding performances, with Mika finishing 3rd in her age category and Elia placing 4th in her age category.

Robbie Noel competed in the Iron Crown 22 km Trail Run, where he produced an impressive performance to finish 1st in his age category. Elia and Mika also travelled to Hoedspruit to compete in the Zandspruit 13 km Trail Run. The route featured long stretches of deep, soft sand, making for a challenging race. Despite the demanding conditions, Elia finished 3rd in her age category, while Mika finished 4th in her age category, adding to an excellent holiday of racing.

A huge congratulations to these Trail Badgers for proudly representing the school during the holidays and continuing to embody the Trail Badger spirit through their commitment and determination.

Looking ahead, we are excited for the upcoming Wolkberg Trail Run and, later this term, the Karkloof Trail Run in the Midlands at the end of September. Training will now begin in earnest as a group of Trail Badgers prepares to tackle the 32 km trail race, while several Trail Badger teachers will take on the challenging 48 km event.

We wish everyone the very best with their training and look forward to another exciting trail running season.





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BADGER BONANZA



**29 AUGUST
2026**



**STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE,
MAGOEBAKLOOF**



**STARTING FROM
10AM**

**SCAN TO FOLLOW
OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



SAVE THE DATE

**8-9 AUGUST
2026**

WE NEED YOU!



Stanford Lake College

Do you have the spirit to host a water point? We're looking for businesses and individuals to help keep our runners fuelled and motivated along the route. Get in touch to be part of the Wolkberg Trail Run!

**WOLKBERG
TRAIL RUN**

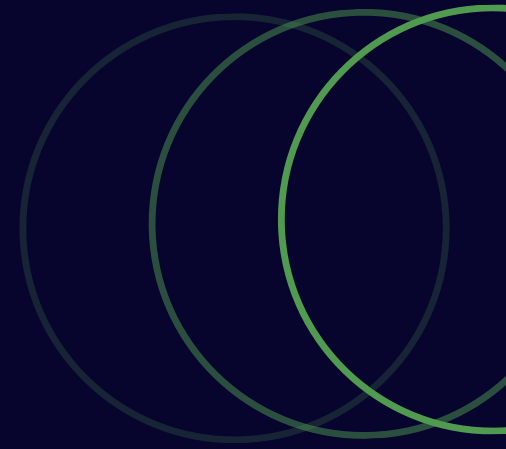
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Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

27 Jul – 01 Aug



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 27 July	Day 5			
	Round Square Week			
	RS quiz during Assembly			
	Choir	14:00 - 15:00	IJV	Renee
	Snr Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00	Top Field	CM/TM
	Jnr Girls Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	KH/SB
	Jnr Boys Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	PR/GM
	Jnr / Snr Trail Running	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	PJB
	Snr/Jnr Tennis	15:00 - 17:00	Tennis Courts	IC
	MTB	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	NH/BA
	Swimming	15:00 - 17:00	HPC	KO
	Gym	15:00 - 17:00	HPC	JG/TM/KH/KO/AG
	PS Lesson	By Appointment	PS Lab	LBM/GVS
	Gr 12 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	MCE Class	MCE
	GR 8 & Gr 9 Math's	14:45 - 15:30	JH Class	JH
	Business Studies Olympiad R 2 Gr 10	TBC	AW Class	AW
	Izak Memorial Service (Not Compulsory)	15:00	Lake	
Tuesday 28 July	Day 5 (Repeat)			
	Madiba Day			
	Round Square Week			
	Juniors Sport vs Apple School	14:00 - 15:15	Netball & Soccer	
	Seniors Invasive plant removal			
	Speaker Society	18:00	Farm Stall	AJ/TN
	PS Lesson	By Appointment	PS Lab	LBM/GVS
	GR 11 Math's	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	Snr Accounting Extra Class	14:30 - 15:30	CR Class	CR
Wednesday 29 July	Day 6			

	Round Square Week No Bin Day in Dinning Hall Music Lessons Snr Boys Cricket Jnr / Snr Trail Running Snr/Jnr Tennis MTB Swimming Gym Soccer Vs Mitchell House (Away) Departure SLC : Return SLC : Fixtures : U15 Girls U15 Boys 1st Girls 1st Boys U14 & U16 Boys Hockey Noordvaal u14 Boys Departure SLC : U16 Boys Departure SLC : PS Lesson Gr 10 Math's Gr 9 Math's Academic Assist for DS Junior Accounting Extra Lessons GR 11 FSE Business Studies Olympiad	15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00 12:30 18:00 14:30 - 15:20 14:30 - 15:30 15:20 - 16:20 15:30 - 16:40 14:00 13:30 By Appointment 14:00 - 14:45 14:00 - 14:45 14:00 - 14:45 14:00- 15:00 13:50 - 14:45 TBC	IJV Top Field Adventure Centre Tennis Courts Adventure Centre HPC HPC Field B Field A Field B Field A Hoërskool Linden Hoërskool Sasolburg PS Lab NNM Class JG Class TN Class CR Class JET Class AW Class	Cal CM/TM PJB IC NH/BA KO JG/TM/KH/KO/AG KH/MCM/KN/PR/GM TM/XJH/IC/SB LBM, GVS NNM JG Academic Com CR JET AW
Thursday 30 July	Day 7 Round Square week Regatta Day Music Lessons Snr Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00 15:00 - 17:00	Lake IJV Top Fields	Cal CN,TM

	Jnr Boys Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	PR,GM
	Jnr Girls Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	KH,SB,TH
	Jnr / Snr Trail Running	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	PJB,JH
	SNR/JNR Tennis	15:00 - 17:00	Tennis Courts	IC
	MTB	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	BA,NFH
	Swimming	15:00 - 17:00	HPC	KO
	Gym	15:00 - 17	HPC	JH,TM,KH,KO,AG
	Noordvaal Hockey			
	PS Lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM,GVS
	Gr 11 LS Practical	15:00 - 16:30	LS Lab	KH, NN
Friday 31 July	Day 1			
	Noordvaal Hockey			
Saturday 01 August	Noordvaal Hockey			
	Return SLC :	TBC	Tom Naude	NH/BA
	XCO MTB			
	Departure SLC :	6:00		
	Return SLC :	17:00	Tom Naude	KH/KN
	Dr OK Motsepe Debating			
	Departure SLC :	06:30		
	Return SLC :	18:00		