



Matters of Principal

‘Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly.’

- Anonymous

As I sit here on another very misty Magoebaskloof morning, having just driven back from Louis Trichardt where I enjoyed the Ridgeway Valediction and celebration of their excellent achievements this year, (a reminder that we live in an amazing country and with many outstanding children regardless of where they are schooled), our matrics departed on Wednesday and examinations and marking have been wrapped up. As I write this our cross border pupils are slowly making their way to the border posts driven by school masters with an unbelievable sense of duty and commitment to their jobs. This extraordinary academic year is coming to an end! The holiday looms large on the horizon.

This year I have paid tribute to our Staff, our Board and our pupils with regular monotony, and rightly so. There are, however, a group of unsung heroes who have been with us every step of the way, a group of people who have toiled day and night to ensure that our pupils have been able to experience this year at this school. You, the parents, have

carried your families and your businesses through this incredibly tough year, you have done everything you can to ensure that your children have been protected from many of the stresses, strains and challenges that this Pandemic has presented. You have continued to love and nurture your children and to put their needs first. For this I am eternally grateful. As a parent of two teenage children, I know only too well how tough it has been for them, they have needed our support and love like never before.

Success in any organisation is based on good partnerships, education is no different. The key partnerships are between three main stakeholders; the pupils, the parents and the school. A breakdown in any of these groups directly affects the quality of the product. On the whole, we are blessed to have a parent body who are cooperative and work for the good of the school. We can be very grateful for this.

This has been an unprecedented year; as a community we have faced challenges that twelve months ago we did not think possible; as a result of our unity we have come through this year with distinction. I need to caution all of us that we are by no means through this Pandemic but what I do know is that as we go into next year we are far more prepared for what lies ahead than we were this time last year.

I am sure you are looking forward to a much needed holiday, I know I am. I wish you all of God’s blessings as we celebrate the holiday. Be safe, stay healthy and have an excellent rest. Enjoy having your children home.

God Bless

SLC Board Elections - An Update

We would like to thank the school community for the nominations received for two debenture holders on the Letaba Educational Trust. Two nominations were received and therefore will be automatically elected to the board and it is our great pleasure to introduce them.



Jane Allison



Natasha van Wyngaardt

Full copies of Jane and Natasha’s CVs can be found on the SLC website



Robin Gardner of Rotary Haenertsburg with two of the Mamabolo Youth Care Group members, Maribe Marokane and Linah Rakgwale.

400 BOOKS DONATED

The recent major cleaning out of the school library resulted in about 400 books being donated to the Rotary Club of Haenertsburg who are currently involved in equipping a library and resource centre project at 2 schools in Mentz (near ZCC). The schools are Thabagkone Primary and Mathukwane Secondary and the initiative was driven by a local group of volunteers, the Mamabolo Youth Care Group, who approached Rotary for help. Rotary Haenertsburg thanks Stanford very much for this awesome donation.

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OLYMPIAD NEWS

Congratulations to the following pupils who were placed in the Top 100 Achievers nationally in the Senior Afrikaans Olympiad and all achieved over 85%; Danica Altenroxel, Nikita Stoltz, Juan Botha and Jarryd Gosling.

Congratulations also to Muaaz Bhyat who was awarded first place in the Limpopo Province during the second round of the Computer Programming Olympiad. There were a total of 824 candidates participating from Limpopo.



Danica Altenroxel



Nikita Stoltz



Juan Botha



Jarryd Gosling



Muaaz Bhyat



SACHAMPS NEWS

Herman Fourie and Gunther Katzke took part in the SA Champs MTB over the weekend of the 7th November at the Coertzenburg Sports Grounds in Stellenbosch.

The following report was written by Herman Fourie

On Thursday morning, 5th November, we left O.R. Tambo very early to get to Stellenbosch and practise the race track. Thursday and Friday was all about getting to know the track and prepare the body, both mentally and physically, for the race.

On the Saturday morning, a proper breakfast was necessary and then the race started at 12:30. The nerves were high for Gunther and I as this was the first proper race since before lockdown. The start whistle blew and it was full gas up the first steep climb. Just after the climb there was a long, open flat and very fast section for the start lap of the race. It was here that someone rode into Gunther from the back, which caused him to fall and completely break his front wheel and he was unable to carry on.

At that stage, I was lying third. As the lap went on I dropped back a few positions in order not to overwork my body and be able to last the long and physical race. Going into the third lap I was close to a group of four and feeling very strong. At the time I was in seventh, at the back of the group. I ran out of skill on a steep, drop called "Howzit", where I went over the handlebars. I was still positive about catching up and I tried to make up time. My body was under a lot of stress resulting in me making more mistakes as the race went by. I took another fall in the rock garden, and another one just after that. From there it was a fight to finish the race. I finished in 13th position in the end.



QUIZMASTERS MAKE THE FINAL ROUND



Congratulations to two Stanford Lake College teams who have made it through to the final round of the Rhodes University Scifest Quiz. Scifest Africa aims to continuously encourage and promote Science, Technology and Innovation in learners and communities. The event will be hosted virtually on Friday, 18th December.

Well done and good luck to our two participating teams:



Owen Venter, Stefan Otto and Muaaz Bhyat in Team One.



Danica Altenroxel, Reuben Middleton and Juan Botha in Team Two.

REGISTRATION FORMS: 2021

Registration forms for 2021 have been sent out electronically via ADAM. Every parent should have received an automated email with information on how to update their details (please check your junk folder if it is not in your inbox). If you have not yet received the email, please make contact with Admissions Officer, Miss Verreyne at admissions@slc.co.za

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NEWS FROM THE WEEK

ROUND SQUARE

MINI CONFERENCE

For the past three years, Stanford has held a mini Round Square Conference at the end of the year for the Bridging Year, Grade 8s and 9s. It is an initiative that is based on the principles and structures of a full conference. It expands over a three-day period and is an important part of our Round Square component. Our focus this year was the spirit of adventure which included an amazing race through the forest and a raft race.



The Grade 9s completed an etiquette training course.

Christmas Party

Yesterday, the Grade 8s and 8.0s hosted the annual Christmas party event at Stanford for 113 students from Glenshiel Primary School. It was a wonderful occasion with sunny weather on the mountain. There was lots of fun and games all round for the students to enjoy, such as a jumping castle, face painting, musical chairs, dancing, hobby horse and slingshots to name only a few.

This will be one of the memories that our current Grade 8 group will remember for their years to come at the College. We would like to thank our parent body for their wonderful donations such as the party packs from the Kalan family, boerewors and rolls from the Brett family, jumping castle from the Venter family, slingshot and target from the Schultz family, popcorn machine from the Netshikulwe family and the juice machine from the Van Wyngaardt family. A further thanks for the cash donations received from many Grade 8 parents. The party could not have come together without all of this assistance.

