



## Matters of Principal

*Proverbs 16:3 (AMP) "Commit your works to the Lord [submit and trust them to Him], And your plans will succeed" [if you respond to His will and guidance].*

### Using Time Well: A Message to Our Students

At the recent Hatchery Induction, our Grade 8 and Grade 12 students were invited to reflect on the words of J.R.R. Tolkien: "All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." While we do not choose our circumstances or how much time we are given, we do choose how we respond — and those choices shape who we become.

For our Grade 8s, this year marks the beginning of their high school journey, a time filled with new experiences, challenges, and opportunities for growth. For our Grade 12s, it signals the start of their final chapter at Stanford Lake College and a season of preparation for life beyond school. As Ecclesiastes reminds us, "There is a season for everything," and each season requires intention, courage, and purpose.

Life is a journey, and every journey begins with a first step. New beginnings can bring uncertainty, fear, and vulnerability — all of which are natural. Growth, however, requires us to step forward despite these feelings. Stanford Lake College offers an exceptional foundation from which to begin, and our students are encouraged to use this privilege wisely.

Central to our message was the importance of character. Character is who you are when no one is watching — your integrity, honesty, accountability, resilience, and respect for others. At Stanford Lake College, character development underpins our holistic approach to education, encompassing academics, sport, culture, adventure, boarding, pastoral care, and service.

Our school values guide this process: integrity, respect, quality, courage, commitment, Ubuntu, and Tshanduko — a commitment to lifelong learning and embracing positive change. Through these values, we aim to develop young men and women who are confident, grounded, socially responsible, environmentally conscious, and equipped to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Relationships and community remain at the heart of life at Stanford Lake College. No journey of significance is travelled alone. Strong friendships, supportive families, and a sense of belonging enable students to thrive and grow together.

To our Grade 8s: you are now part of the proud history and ethos of Stanford Lake College — you matter, and you add value.

To our Grade 12s: you are the leaders of our school. Lead with care, humility, and purpose, leaving a legacy that those who follow can be proud to inherit.

As this new chapter begins, may our students use their time well, take courageous steps forward, and allow their journey at Stanford Lake College to shape them into the people they are meant to become.

God Bless,

Mr Pierre Jacobs



# Coaches Corner

## Steve Willson

Director of Co-Curricular and Sports

Steve is not just an exceptional coach — he is a true mentor and leader at Stanford Lake College. With years of experience guiding students across multiple sports, Steve inspires young people to push beyond their limits, embrace challenges, and grow both on and off the field. Known for his passion, integrity, and unwavering commitment to student development, he combines expertise with a personal touch, building lasting relationships with learners and colleagues alike. Whether coaching a 1st team rugby match, leading a mountain biking expedition, or supporting students in their personal growth, Steve embodies the values of Stanford Lake College — fostering courage, teamwork, resilience, and a love of learning in every student he encounters.

### Qualifications

- World Rugby Level 2
- Jake White & Eddie Jones “Coaching the Coaches” Course
- Swys de Bruin Rugby Coaching Seminar & Course
- Blue Bulls Coaching Seminar — presented by Rassie Erasmus & Jaque Nienaber
- World Squash Federation Foundation Coach

### Coaching Experience

#### Rugby

- 1st Team Coach — 11 years
- 2nd Team Coach — 2 years
- U16 Coach — 2 years

#### Cricket

- 1st Team Coach — 1 year
- U15 Coach — 4 years

#### Athletics & Multi-Sport

- Long & Middle Distance Running Coach — 15 years
- Cross Country Coach — 4 years
- Swimming Coach — 2 years
- Triathlon / Multi-Sport Coach — 3 years
- Mountain Biking Coach — 4 years (Limpopo League Winners)

#### Personal Sports Achievements

- ABSA Cape Epic Finisher — 2018
- Full Ironman Finisher — 2022
- Half Ironman Finisher — 2016, 2017

#### Adventure Racing

- Double Moon 200km Winner (Team Red Ants) — 2017
- Expedition Africa Magoebaskloof 200km Winner (Team Red Ants) — 2025
- The Wik Off-Road Triathlon — 6 podium finishes



#### As a Teacher and Mentor:

Steve is deeply committed to holistic student development. Beyond coaching, he nurtures academic, personal, and social growth, helping students build confidence, resilience, and strong character. His approach emphasizes teamwork, respect, and perseverance — shaping young men and women who thrive both in sport and life.

#### Coaching Career Highlights

Treverton 1st Rugby Team Festival Final — won by 1 point  
Beaulieu 1st Rugby Team — 6 consecutive victories

##### Athletics Success:

Runners progressing from juniors to medal winners  
Independent Schools Athletics Champions — 11 years in a row

##### Mountain Biking:

Limpopo Schools MTB League Champions — 2015



# Grade 8's Dive Into Adventure and Teamwork

Our Grade 8s recently had their first introduction to water safety, learning how to stay safe while becoming comfortable with being uncomfortable — a core part of building resilience.

As they face new challenges together, teamwork and collaboration are tested, helping them bond quickly as a year group. These experiences are more than just fun — they are foundational in shaping the character and confidence of each student.

At Stanford Lake College, adventure is part of who we are. From outdoor learning to team challenges, our students grow in courage, respect, and commitment — values that guide them both in school and in life beyond the classroom.

This first step into adventure is just the beginning of a year filled with new opportunities, personal growth, and unforgettable memories.







*Stanford Lake College*

# OPEN WEEKEND

Let your child join us on campus and find out what its like to be part of an adventure school



Friday – Saturday  
13–14 March

Email Bookings to: [admissions@slc.co.za](mailto:admissions@slc.co.za)



# Top 10 Year 2025

## Grade 8 YTD 2025

1. Yoshka Macmillan
2. Zoe Trusler
3. Inbar Cohen
4. Zoe Ngwarai
5. Rotlhe Ngwako
6. Mogau Tladi
7. Ester Van Staden
8. Aurora Makhomisane
9. Madison Miller
10. Gracious Mugero

## Grade 9 YTD 2025

1. Kutlwano Mokaila
2. Thakgi Ndlovu
3. Andani Rembuluwani
4. Zwivhuya Raulinga
5. Tadhg Egan
6. Juliette Leher
7. Lindenhi Tswale
8. Phuluso Musetsho
9. Khenso Masilana
10. Benjamin Terblance

## Grade 10 YTD 2025

1. Teya Zanetic
2. Jan-Carel Els
3. Lehlabile Tswaane
4. Sasha Boyum
5. Harshiv Gohil
6. Robert Noel
7. Megan Lamminga
8. Britta Göbel

## Grade 11 YTD 2025

1. Alisha Calokechi
2. Angel Maponya
3. Matthew Scriven
4. Kayla Makhomisane
5. Mukundi Ralubuvhi
6. Jemima Burger
7. Ilne Kotzé
8. Alessio Calokechi
9. Lefa Mashego
10. Thomas Imrie

Learners achieving an aggregate of 80% or higher are awarded a Green Card, giving them the opportunity to “skip” a lesson and use that time more efficiently for independent study or personal development.

## Green Card Additions

Hana MacMillan  
Teya Zanetic  
Ruby Fair  
Angel Maponya

Carmen Van Der Merwe  
Jan-Carel Els  
Ru Ngwarai

Miano Tshivhula  
Lehlabile Tswaane  
Dimpho Mangena

Sasha Boyum  
Harshiv Gohil  
Alisha Calokechi  
Paityn Landsman



**Grade 8**  
**Grade 9**



**Grade 10**  
**Grade 11**





# Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice



Monday 02 February	Gr 10 PS Lesson	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM,GVS
	Gr 12 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	MCE Class	MCE
	Gr 8 Math's	14:45 - 15:30	JG Class	JG
	Choir	14:00 - 15:00	IJV	RMJ, Rene
	Jazz 2	14:30 - 15:15	RMJ	RMJ
	Ballet	15:15 - 16:00	RMJ	RMJ
	U14 Netball Meeting	14:30 - 15:30	Netball Courts	TP , SS
	Track Events & Hurdles	14:45 - 15:00	Field	SJW , KH, CJ
	Field Events	15:50 - 16:50	Field	TJM,JG,NNM,JJN,XJH,AG,PJB,TP
	Snr Girl Conditioning	16:00- 16:50	HPC	CJ
	Swimming	16:00 - 17:00	HPC	KO
Tuesday 03 February	1 <sup>st</sup> Round Athletics	TBC	Ben Vorster	SJW, TJM,KH,TP
	Gr 10 PS Lesson	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM,GVS
	Gr 11 Math's	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	Jazz 2	14:30 - 15:30	RMJ	RMJ
	Field Events	14:45 - 15:45	Field	JG,NNM,JJN,XJH, AG,PJB
	Jazz 2	14:30 - 15:30	RMJ	RMJ
	Field Events	14:45 - 15:45	Field	JG,NNM,JJN,XJH, AG,PJB
	Track Events, hurdles	15:50 - 16:50	Field	CJ
	1 <sup>st</sup> Team Boys & Girls Hockey Trials (R1)	17:00 - 18:00	SLC Astro	TJM,KH



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Thursday 05 February	Field Events	15:00 - 15:50	Field	TJM,JG,NNM,JJN,XJH,AG,PJB,TP
	Track Events, hurdles	16:00 - 16:50	Field	SJW,KH,CJ
	Swimming	16:00 - 17:00	HPC	KO
	U17 & 1 <sup>st</sup> Team Netball Trials	14:30 - 15:30	Netball Courts	TP, SS, MCM
	PS Lesson	By arrangement	PS Lab	LBM,GVS
Friday 06 February	Frikkie Deysel Athletics	12:00 - 21:00	Merensky	SJW,KH,TJM,TP

## NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

## DID YOU KNOW ?

Some of the world's most successful people like Elon Musk, Oprah Winfrey, Warren Buffet and Jeff Bezos, share a common habit - they read A LOT !  
Elon Musk devoured the entire Encyclopaedia Britannica by age 10, while Warren Buffet spends 80% of his day reading. Bill Gates reads around 50 books a year, and Mark Cuban dedicates over 3 hours daily to reading.

Our school has achieved something amazing - during 2025 we read 216 MORE books than we did last year. That is something to be proud of, WELL DONE STANFORD!

The connection is clear:  
**READERS ARE LEADERS.** These successful individuals attribute their achievements to their love for reading, which broadens their knowledge, sparks creativity and fosters growth.

- Some tips to boost your reading habit:
- \* Start small, aim for 20 - 30 minutes a day.
  - \* Explore diverse genres and topics
  - \* Visit the school library, we are keen to encourage you.

