



The Old Stanfordian

The Official Newsletter of the Stanford Lake College Alumni Association

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question I am regularly asked by friends and family is, “what is it like working at your old school?” The answer is always the same: it’s not the same school! I have been privileged enough to have a front row seat in watching this plucky little school grow from a messy building site on day one, to possibly the most prestigious school in northern South Africa. In that first year, sports practices consisted of planting grass on the Hillary Field. As the current Director of Sports I now chuckle at how far we’ve come, as I watch our pupils practising and playing on world class facilities, and our HPC walls continue to fill up with the provincial and national jerseys of some exceptional Stanfordians.

And so, it was with great humour that our former Headmaster and founding teacher, Mr. Brian Dawson, took us for a stroll down memory lane during his Valedictory Address to our outgoing matrics. It was clear from his speech that, regardless of how much the campus changes, one thing does not: Stanford (Lake) College is, and always will be, about the people here, and the relationships that they form during their time at the College. This year we bid farewell to Mr. Denis Jack and Mrs. Bridget Harman. Most of you reading this would have been taught by one or both of them, and I am sure that all alumni would join me in thanking them for the impact that they had on us all. In Mrs. Harman’s case I think that might be every single one of us!

The next day we celebrated the 10 year reunions for the classes of 2010 and 2011, as well as the 20 year reunion for the class of 2001. It was strange for me to be celebrating with not only my old classmates, but also with some of my former pupils. Our Marketing Department organised an amazing day at the Lake for us, with live music, picnic baskets, great weather, and well stocked cooler boxes. I must encourage all of you to make an effort to attend your reunions and enjoy the first class treatment that we had. Needless to say, there were many stories shared, many drinks drunk and toasts made, a couple of speeches, and in true Stanfordian style, a minor fender bender in the mist. Some things never change.



EVENTS

11 - 12 MARCH 2022

Open Weekend
at SLC

13 MARCH 2022

WIK Triathlon
at SLC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE



PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2022



DEPUTY HEAD BOY
Lwazi Motumi



HEAD BOY
Christian Krüger



HEAD GIRL
Tanatswa
Murasiranwa



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
Isabella Drewett



**HEAD OF
FOUNDERS NORTH**
Xilombe Ndlophu



**HEAD OF
FOUNDERS SOUTH**
Phumudzo
Makumbana



**HEAD OF
SERALA**
Chelsea Hudson



**HEAD OF
LAKESIDE**
Jemma Henning



**HEAD OF
KEN SHUTER**
Anika Willemse



**HEAD OF
DAY SCHOLARS**
Cara Prinsloo



HEAD OF LOOMIS
Phumudzo
Makumbana



HEAD OF LOOMIS
Jacinta Kubayi



HEAD OF ORVIS
Lwazi Motumi



HEAD OF ORVIS
Alanna Connery



HEAD OF FENWICK
Tallen Smit



HEAD OF FENWICK
Heidi Katzke

THE MAGOEBA



A number of pupils, staff, alumni and parents took part in The Magoeba Trek, a three-day mountain biking stage race, on the weekend of 17 - 19 September 2021. In the Trail event, where riders completed an average of 40km per day, we are proud to announce that Gunther Katzke and Herman Fourie, both current Grade 12 students, finished in first place across all three days! Mr Friedrichs came fourth in the Solo Mens Category. Zylon McGaffin and Ryan Hyde (Class of 2008) came 22nd in the Mens Team Category. Mr Redfern and Mrs Schoeman also took part.

In the Race event, where the riders completed an average of 70km per day, Mr Steven Willson (Class of 2001) and Mr Ceronio finished in 41st position among the Men's Teams. Well done to everyone who took part!

ALUMNI ACHIEVERS

ADVENTURE



BRIAN GARDNER

We would like to congratulate Brian Gardner (Class of 2002) and his partner, Jock Green, who broke the Magalies Traverse record on 5 September 2021.

Brian wrote the following report:

“When a big mountain project comes together perfectly... The Magalies Traverse Fastest Known Time (FKT) route takes you from Hartebeespoort Dam wall, via 14 compulsory trig-beacons along the ridge, finishing at the Olifantsnek Dam wall, some 78km’s later. My good friend Jock Green and I scouted every section of the traverse route in the months leading up, it consumed our discussions on training runs, and has been the big goal for 2021. The Magaliesberg is simply unforgiving in every way, and not to be taken lightly. Sunday 5th September arrived, and we could not have asked for a better day out, the weather was overcast with a cool breeze. Both Jock and I felt strong, our water strategy worked perfectly, and we paced to perfection. Our ultimate goal was 12hrs 30mins, but we knew a sub-12 could be possible depending on how things went on the day. It was only with about 15km’s to go that we talked seriously about pushing for a sub-12, depending on if our legs held. We left it all out there in the last 2 hours, and came home in 11hrs 53mins, for a new FKT! The old record, which stood for four years, was 13hrs 31mins, so we were ecstatic to have knocked a good deal off that. Solid preparation was the key to success, our hours of training together and scouting really paid off. It’s not everyday things come together the way they did on this run!”



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TEAM RED ANTS

Well done to Steven Willson (Class of 2001), who represented Team Red Ants, along with Tiaan Fullard, David Barkhuisen and Nicky Booyens, at the ARWS Africa Regional Championship 120km Adventure Race in the Drakensburg the past weekend.

The race started at Alpine Heath Resort with a 21km hike/run over the mountain to Sterkfontein Dam, followed by a 15km paddle, a short 4km run to the bikes, and finally a 75km mountain bike ride back to Alpine Heath. It was a tough race with strong winds and hail, but Team Red Ants managed to finish in 6th position among the mixed teams of four.



SPECIAL EVENTS



Congratulations to alumnus, Monique Beecroft (née dos Santos, Class of 2012), who got married to her husband, Keelan, on 11 September 2021 at Galagos Country Estate, Donkerhoek, near Pretoria. Monique also graduated with a Bachelor of Psychology from Pearson Institute of Higher Education in 2016 and completed her Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Teaching with distinction from Varsity College in 2020. This is wonderful news, Monique, and we wish you and Keelan a long and happy marriage.



**Tinneke (née Blignaut)
and Paul Vorster
(Class of 2008)**

Congratulations to Paul Vorster, who got married to his wife Tinneke on 21 August 2021 at Greenleaves Wedding Venue at Hartbeespoort Dam. This is wonderful news and we wish you both a lifetime full of happiness.



**Lori (née Hyde,
Class of 2012) and
Francois Cilliers**

Congratulations to Lori and Francois Cilliers, who got married on 25 September 2021 at the Jakkalsroep Venue in Limpopo. Wishing you both well as you embark on this next chapter of life.



**Lauren (née White,
Class of 2010) and
Callum van der Walt**

Congratulations to Lauren and Callum van der Walt, who got married on 2 October 2021 at the The Cowshed near Lydenberg. We truly wish you both a lovely future together and many blessings ahead



**Beth (née Forrest)
and Byron Stroud
(Class of 2004)**

Congratulations to Beth and Byron Stroud, who got married on 9 October 2021 at Mina's Farm Venue. May the years ahead be filled with lasting joy for you both.



SPECIAL EVENTS



WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



**Israel (née Blackburn,
Class of 2015) and
Blake Pienaar (Class of 2007)**

Congratulations to Israel and Blake Pienaar, who got married on 30 October 2021 at Monte Christo Wedding Venue near Haenertsburg. Best wishes on this wonderful journey, as you build your new lives together.



**Katherine (née Lindsay)
and Zylon McGaffin
(Class of 2008)**

Congratulations to Katherine and Zylon McGaffin, who got married on 30 October 2021 at Glencairn Venue, Underberg. May this new and exciting chapter of your lives bring you both endless joy and happiness.



**Jacqueline Knott
and Austin Johnson
(Class of 2016)**

Congratulations to alumni, Jacqueline and Austin, on their recent engagement. We wish you both a very happy future together and enjoy the wedding planning ahead.

BABIES



Olivia Lee Willson

Congratulations to Michael (Class of 2005) and Teri Willson, who welcomed their second child, Olivia Lee Willson, a beautiful baby girl into the world on 10 August 2021. Wishing you both and your newborn daughter a lifetime of good health and happiness.



Amber Dawn Pirie

Congratulations to Doug (Class of 2004) and Chanté Pirie, who welcomed their second child, Amber Dawn Pirie, a beautiful baby girl into the world on 27 September 2021. All the best to your growing family and wishing you a lifetime of sweet memories.



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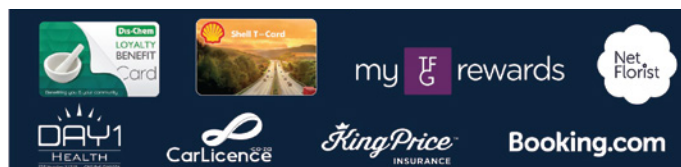
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We are delighted to announce a new initiative – School-Days – which provides an additional way to easily support Stanford Lake College. School-Days does not replace MySchool, nor do the initiatives compete with one another as they have completely different retail partners. The School-Days programme enables you to raise funds for school projects by shopping at several retailers including Dis-Chem, NetFlorist, SnapnSave, Shell garages and others at absolutely no cost to you. We believe that a number of additional retail partners will come on board soon, and we will keep you updated.

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SLC BUSINESS DIRECTORY



We have started to compile an Alumni Business Directory that will be shared among SLC Society and Alumni in support of the businesses listed.

Should you have a business or service that you offer and would like to be listed on the directory, please email us at: admissions@slc.co.za with further details of your business.



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