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Matters of Principal

As we go into the final three weeks of the term, I thought I would share this poem with you.

KEEPING ON

I've dreamed many a dream that never came true
I've seen them vanish at dawn
But I've realized enough of my dreams, thank God,
To make me want to dream on

I've prayed many prayers when no answer came
Though I waited patient and long
But answers have come to enough of my prayers
To make me want to keep praying on

I've trusted many a friend that failed
And left me to weep alone
But I've found enough of my friends true blue
To make me keep trusting on

I've sown many seed that fell by the way
For the birds to feed upon
But I've held enough golden sheaves in my hands
To make me keep sowing on

I've drained the cup of disappointment and pain
And gone many days without song
But I've sipped enough nectar from the roses of life
To make me want to live on

- anonymous

Have a blessed weekend.

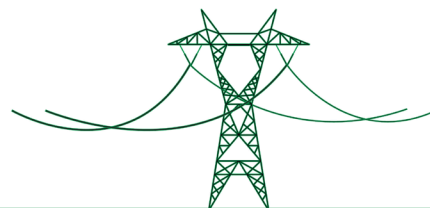
Regards



PLEASE NOTE

GTM (Greater Tzaneen Municipality) have scheduled maintenance to the electricity lines that supply Stanford Lake College and the surrounding area. The repairs (starting on Monday, 5th June) will take up to 6 months and will require that all power is off from 6 am – 11 am Monday to Friday and 6 am – 1 pm on Sunday.

The maintenance work will have ramifications on our Wi-Fi, incoming telephones, email and our general ability to communicate during this time. Please be patient, we will answer emails and queries as soon as we are back up and running each day.



MTB NEWS

This past weekend Gordon Noel participated in SA XCO Cup 2 in Bloemfontein. His race started well until the second lap, when he got a rear wheel puncture on one of the descents. He ran half a lap with his bike to the next tech zone where he was able to put a spare wheel on. He pushed hard to make up time and finished the race in 18th place. He showed true Badger spirit and did not give up. Well done Gordon!

The Miami Magoebaskloof MTB Challenge also took place last weekend and it was one for the books. Raining buckets through the night before made for a very muddy and slippery race with most finishers hardly recognisable, covered head to toe in mud, but still smiles on their faces. There were many people part are of the Stanford Lake College family that took part in the event, from alumni to parents, staff and students. This was a fun, but hard event with some steep hills and lots of climbing in all the races, more than 1500m of it on the 70km. Judah Leher raced in the 15km event and managed a 6th place in his age category. Ruben Venter and Mrs Schoeman took part in the 35km event and finished 4th and 2nd respectively in their age categories. Mr Fullard rode the 70km event and finished 4th overall and 2nd in his age category. A very good weekend for Stanford, well done everyone!





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TALKING TOMORROW IN TANZANIA

Students from various countries gathered in the vibrant city of Arusha, Tanzania, for the Round Square conference, an event focused on preparing young minds for the challenges of the future. After enduring a grueling journey, delegates arrived at their accommodation, appreciating the simple luxury of electricity to charge their phones.

Hosted by a Greek-founded school, St Constantine's International School, with a rich 71-year history, the conference brought together 107 students and 25 teachers from 16 schools across six countries, including India, Kenya, Bermuda, Tanzania, South Africa, and Rwanda. The conference theme, 'Tomorrow's Nation,' aimed to explore the essential skills beyond textbooks necessary to equip students for a rapidly changing world. It emphasised the significance of embracing diversity and cultivating ethical decision-making abilities.

The conference kicked off with a captivating cultural performance by the host school, setting the stage for the days to come. Attendees then gathered in their Barazza groups, engaging in delightful dinners that fostered new friendships and connections. The importance of rest after a tiring journey was not lost on the delegates, who gratefully embraced a well-deserved night of rest.

The first day of the conference was packed with activities. Delegates embarked on an excursion to the Africa Art Gallery, immersing themselves in the country's most exquisite artistic displays. We also visited the Plaster House, a charitable organisation dedicated to helping underprivileged children with surgically treatable disabilities. Meanwhile, the students had the privilege of listening to four keynote speakers who addressed pressing issues, including the crisis of female genital mutilation among young girls in the Maasai tribe. The day concluded with a traditional dinner at the cultural centre, strengthening the bonds formed within the Barazza groups.

The second day began with an early start as delegates packed their belongings and embarked on exciting adventures. Some ventured on a thrilling zip-lining experience, whereafter we embarked on a 10-kilometre bike ride through a local village, culminating at the stunning Lake Manyara. There, they learned about the unique quali-



ties of the saltwater Lake Manyara and even had encounters with hippos. As night fell, the group set up camp, relishing in a satisfying meal and rejuvenating showers.

On the third day, the delegates embarked on a breathtaking journey toward the Ngorongoro Crater, a magnificent landscape thriving with wildlife. Observing the wonders of nature, including coffee breaks with the majestic hippos, left an indelible impression on all. As the day drew to a close, the delegates returned to their accommodation, preparing for the closing ceremony.

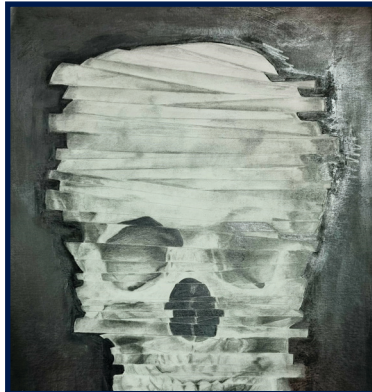
The closing ceremony featured the symbolic act of taking down the flags and returning them to their respective flag bearers. A conference video showcasing cherished memories evoked emotions, reminding everyone of the transformative experiences shared. The gathering concluded with a grand gala dinner, filled with joyous singing and a spirited disco party enjoyed by the delegates.

The Round Square conference successfully bridged the gaps between diverse backgrounds, fostering a deeper understanding of the world and the importance of preparing students for the challenges that lie ahead. It left participants with lasting memories, new friendships, and a renewed sense of purpose as they returned to their respective schools, carrying the lessons learned in Arusha with them.





Morné Lindeque



Emma Imrie



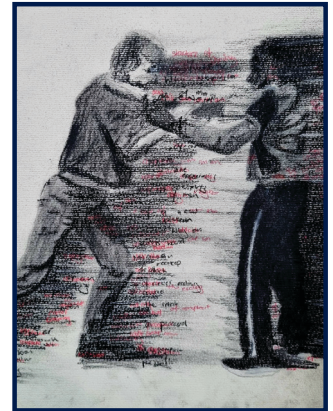
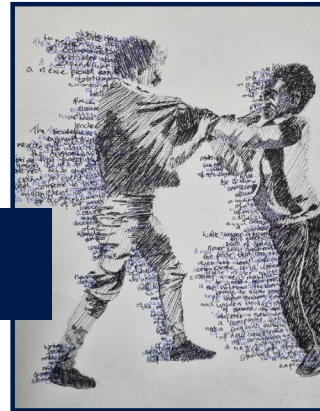
Jenny Zhang



Amber McHugh



Sophia Leher



The Grade 11 art students undertook their practical exam recently. The 12-hour exam took place over two days and the theme was Fragments.



RUBEN TO REPRESENT LIMPOPO

Over the past weekend, Ruben le Roux participated in SANESA Limpopo's third qualifier for the School's equestrian team. He participated in equitation with TI Quinta again. They were beautifully turned out - Ruben in his formal jacket and TI Quinta with a plaited mane. They performed very well, and were named winners of the class.

On Sunday, Capital Clooney had a chance to show his talent in the showjumping classes. They jumped at 130cm height - the highest class at school's level. In the speed class, they ended in second place, but in the competition class a few hours later, Ruben decided to retire Clooney due to Clooney not feeling himself. He had a sore back. Unfortunately, in an equestrian sport, it is a team competing - not only a rider. At this level, the jumps are extremely high and wide, and both horse and rider could get seriously injured if the horse is in pain and cannot jump properly.

During the show, the Limpopo Team (not schools' dependent) was announced. Ruben was selected to participate at the SA Youth Championships to be held at the end of June at Kyalami Equestrian Park. This certainly is a great honour. Ruben and Capital Clooney will be representing Limpopo in the junior open class (jumping 130cm). Well done, Ruben!



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CURRO
Heuwelkruin

On the weekend of May 19th, the Stanfordinians competed in Netball, Tennis, Rugby and Hockey matches against Curro Heuwelkruin, and despite the challenging day, our teams displayed commendable resilience and determination. Regrettably, all of our netball teams experienced defeat, yet the girls exhibited an unwavering fighting spirit until the final whistle. Notably, our 1st Team demonstrated exceptional resolve, although they narrowly lost by a mere two points. Despite the outcomes, the girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and remain committed to pursuing the desired results. Overall, the performance of all the teams was commendable, reflecting their dedication and hard work.

Our Tennis team did remarkably well, and completely dominated their opponents. This is equally impressive considering that they have had little to no formal practice yet, as our tennis season is only next term. Well done to all of our tennis players!

Our hockey teams participated enthusiastically, unfortunately, Curro were not able to fulfil all fixtures and we had to invite other schools to ensure all matches took place. The results of the two days were a mix of victories and losses. The U/14 boys faced off against Mitchell House U/15 boys and narrowly lost with a score of 0 - 1. The

U/16B Boys put up a valiant effort against Curro's U/16A boys but lost 1 - 2. The U/16 A boys faced Curro's 1st Team and lost 0 - 3. However, our 1st Boys' Team secured a notable victory against PEPPS 1st Team, winning 4 - 2. On the girls' side, the U/14 girls played against Curro's U/16 girls and narrowly lost with a score of 2 - 3. The U/16A girls faced Merensky and drew with a score of 1 - 1. The 2nd Team played Curro's 1st Team and lost 0 - 3, while our 1st Team Girls faced Merensky's 1st Team and unfortunately lost 0 - 4. Despite the mixed outcomes, both days were filled with great displays of hockey and commendable effort from all our teams.

On the rugby field it was an expectantly tough day for all three of our teams. While again showing improvement, the U/14 'Baby Badgers' were simply outplayed by a much stronger and more experienced Heuwelkruin team. The 1st XV also came up against a well-coached and determined side and despite showing that they can play some good attacking rugby at times, the 1sts let themselves down with some sloppy one-on-one tackling and team defence. The U/16 team again was the best team of the day and dominated their opponents for the majority of the game to scratch out a messy, but well deserved win.

NETBALL AND HOCKEY NEWS

On Wednesday, 24th May, the boys' hockey teams faced off against Ben Vorster. The U/14 boys, expecting an easy match based on a previous friendly encounter, were surprised when Ben Vorster took an early lead in the second quarter. However, the determined Baby Badgers fought back, and Dario Wasley scored a well-executed penalty corner goal. The game continued with both teams battling it out, but no further goals were scored, resulting in a 1 - 1 draw.

In contrast, the U/16 boys faced a challenging match and were outclassed by Ben Vorster, resulting in a final score of 5 - 0 to Ben Vorster.

The 1st boys' team displayed eagerness and attacked effectively in the first quarter but couldn't find the net. However, they quickly took the lead with an early goal in the second quarter and maintained that advantage until half time. In the third quarter, the Stanfordinians scored two quick goals to secure a commanding lead. Ben Vorster made attempts to threaten the Stanford goal box in the final quarter but couldn't find success. Stanford Lake capitalised on a well-worked penalty corner to score another goal, and in the final play of the game, Ben Vorster managed to convert a penalty corner for a consolation goal. The final score was Stanford Lake 4, Ben Vorster 1, with the Badgers securing a convincing victory.

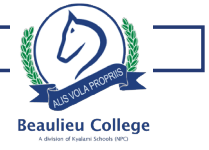
On June 1st, our U/15A netball girls displayed a remarkable performance in their league match against Southern Cross. With great determination and skill, they emerged victorious with an impressive score of 27 - 6. The girls showcased their immense talent and played with their hearts, exhibiting excellent teamwork and strategic gameplay. Their triumph is a testament to their hard work and dedication.



On Friday evening Mr Magalan Pather, Deputy Head of Beaulieu College, presented Mr Redfern with a trophy commemorating Stanford's 25th year. This Derby between the two schools was started in 2003, and so is 18 years old (as we missed 2020 and 2021).



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The Stanfordians' annual derby against Beaulieu College, held on May 26th, was a spirited event despite a lot of our players being sick. The netball girls displayed remarkable performance throughout the Friday, showcasing their skills and determination. The U/15Bs emerged victorious in their game, showing off their talent and teamwork. Although the other teams faced tough competition and couldn't secure victories, they never gave up, showcasing the indomitable "badger spirit" that defines the Stanfordians.

Our chess players also did remarkably well, considering Beaulieu arrived with 2 nationally recognised chess players. They lost 8 - 3 but can be very proud of their achievements. At the same time on Friday afternoon our squash team took on what has always been a very strong Beaulieu squash setup. Weeks of training by our players really paid off and the result was a much deserved 4 - 4 draw. The golfers were not as lucky and lost their matches 7 and 5, 6 and 4.

All of our hockey teams also demonstrated admirable sportsmanship. The U/16 boys secured a remarkable victory, defeating Beaulieu's 2nd Team with a score of 2 - 1, again showing how strong this age group is. Although the 1st Team boys put up a strong fight, they unfortunately succumbed to a 1 - 3 defeat, conceding two late goals in the final quarter. Despite facing a tough challenge, the 1st Team

girls displayed unwavering determination and resilience, giving their all until the very end despite conceding 5 goals. Overall, it was a proud performance from all our hockey teams, leaving a lasting impression during the Beaulieu Derby.

The rugby matches were somewhat dampened by the weather. Coaches and spectators found it very hard to follow the games in the thick mist. The Baby Badgers unfortunately seemed fairly flat and did not produce their best performance of the season. Similarly, the 1st Team Badgers found it difficult to pick themselves up and work hard after Beaulieu scored an early try, and reverted back to old habits of poor tackle technique and arguing with the match official. Luckily, it was the opposite for the U/16s, who were far too strong for their Johannesburg counterparts, although they relaxed in the last 15 minutes of the match and allowed their opponents back into the game.

It was heartening to see the pupils thoroughly enjoying their games and cherishing the opportunity to host the Beaulieu kids. The event undoubtedly fostered a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among all participants.

