

### EQUESTRIAN EVENT REPORT

Sarena Wolff and Tammy Dyason (Grade 11) participated in the First Qualifier round held at Blouberg Ryskool in Vivo. Sarena on Jervis came 1st in the 1m10 Competition Class and 2nd in the 1m10 Accumulator Class (below left). Tammy Dyason on Warrior (below right) came 2nd in the 70cm Competition Class and took a pole in the 70cm Accumulator Class.



Thanks go to Stanford Lake College for sponsoring their new numnahs (saddlecloths) and the girls were wearing their special Stanford Equestrian shirts for the first time .

*Mrs Annie Wolff*

### GRADE 8 TREK – IRON CROWN ESCAPEDE

The Stanford Lake College Grade 8's departed on their first expedition on Wednesday, 8 February. The first stretch to Bergplaas was a long and hard hike. This leg is usually the hardest as the group is not used to their bags and had to adjust as they went along. They hiked at a good pace reaching camp 1 (Bergplaas) around 4pm. They pitched camp and had a swim in the cold Letaba River. There was a surprise rain storm to settle them in nicely! The next morning they hiked out just after 7am, taking on the mighty Iron Crown. It proved to be just that, being one of the hardest summits, due to many fallen trees blocking the route. They reached the top 2 hours later than planned, but everyone successfully made it to the summit. It was a late hike back to camp as the last group only made it into camp after 8pm. It was a long day and everyone was tired, so camp was quiet and lights went out early. After an early morning struggle to clean camp and pack up, they finally left Bergplaas at 7.30, an hour later than planned. This meant a hard push back to school with very tired legs and bodies. The group put in a good effort and made it to less than one kilometre away from school before having to be picked up by the bus. The reason for this was to get the kids back to school in time to catch the buses going home. The group does not have to stand back at all, they hiked very hard and everyone was very happy with the result.

*Mr Tian Fullard*

#### The Grade 8s hiking through the grasslands



### ACADEMIC AWARDS

At an Awards Ceremony at the end of January, academic results achieved at the end of 2016 were recognised. The full list of achievers can be found on the website. The picture below is of the Grade 8 Brains Bar recipients (achieved an average of 80% and above).

*Front:* Ayesha Ayob, Lia Revelas, Dimpho Mohuba, Danica Altenroxel

*Back:* Husnaa Dada, Nooreen Ghood, Malaika Mohlaba, Tayla Coad, Akila Ramdharie. *Absent:* Faaria Rhemtula



### SMALL SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS MEETING RESULTS

The Stanford Athletics Team had yet another extremely successful outing this past Tuesday at the Small Schools' Inter-high Athletics in Polokwane. Despite numerous injuries and severe heat on the track, the whole team pulled together and dug deep, in true Honey Badger fashion, to win the event by a margin of 60 points. Well done to all the athletes who trained so hard over the past few weeks and have contributed to an extremely successful athletics season.

**A reminder to all pupils and parents that Winter Sports start on the first day of school next week – please bring the appropriate sports kit.**

*Mr Steven Willson*

### JUNIOR DEBATING - MAYOR'S CUP

On 15<sup>th</sup> February, the Junior Debating team won their first debate in the Mayor's Cup competition, defeating Masedibu School. Faaria Rhemtula (Gr 9) won best speaker, ably supported by Nooreen Ghood, Oratile Choeru and the rest of the team. Well done, team!

*Ms Margaret Freestone*



### CANCER FUND RAISING NEWS

A fund raiser for Cancer was held recently in the Barnyard, at which Michael Charton captivated the audience with his storytelling of "My Father's Coat". This was arranged by Sasha Drewett from Ofcolaco so that she could go and participate in the Midmar Mile event. Her goal to raise funds for Cancer was to swim every event, which was a total of 8 miles - 4 on the Saturday and another 4 on the Sunday. She proudly displays her "8 Mile medal" for this fantastic achievement. Congratulations, Sasha!

