

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE GR.9 TREK "IN THE RESTING PLACE OF LOUIS TRICHARDT"

On 5 September, the final expedition for the Gr.9s from SLC began. This 8-day trek is designed so that the students self-guide and do their own navigation in the mountains. Navigational exercises were done in the class in preparation for this expedition!

The trek began with the group being bussed to Louis Trichardt which was their starting point. Here they got their first set of maps and briefings (*Below left*) and then the fun started! The students hiked approximately 13km in their groups to their first camp. That evening they received their second set of instructions to get them to the Base Camp. Problem solving and group work was very important at this stage.



Later that afternoon in Base Camp, Group 1 received their briefing for their self-guiding mountain section. They had to plot the points on a 1:50 000 topographical map and work out their planned routes to get them to their camp sites. They spent 3 days guiding themselves in the mountain and a lot of problem solving was done during these days!

Group 2 stayed at base camp and enjoyed activities like abseiling (*Below left – Hloni Mangena*), Bushman paintings (*Above right - In a cave*) and bush craft (where they learned how to make fire with sticks, a magnifying glass and steelwool!). This was followed by a 24 hour SOLO experience! There was a frightening and loud Soutpansberg thunder storm that evening, but the Solo group showed great Tenacity and Courage to sit it out!



*Above: Hmmm supper!
Right: We must go WHERE??*

After 3 days, the groups swapped around – Group 1 stayed in base camp and Group 2 went on the mountain self-guiding leg. On the last afternoon the groups had to perform team songs practised during the week., Then they enjoyed a delicious braai to end off the week and celebrate Teamwork!. We left on Wednesday morning to finish the expedition at Schoemansdal.

Finally, we had a small prize giving ceremony where the students had to pick one boy and one girl who they thought most benefitted from this expedition. They chose Priyanka Gohil as the girl and Aidan McKenzie as the boy.



The 2 groups meeting on day 7 to swap around their activities

Well done to everybody for completing this challenging but awesome expedition! A big thank you to the parents who sponsored the wors braai for the group on the last evening. The students enjoyed it and can't stop talking about it. Thank you also to the staff for all their help and assistance to make this such a memorable experience. *Mr Neil Haarhoff*

AFRIKAANS OLYMPIAD – STANFORD STUDENTS EXCEL

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in the first term 2018. Our senior students did extremely well in this Olympiad. Anneri Thom (Gr.11) with an average of 86%, took the first place in Limpopo this year. Stanford's pupils also occupied the first eight positions in the province. We are so proud of three of our learners who were placed in the Top 100 nationally: Anneri Thom (Gr.11), Christian Schmidt (Gr.12) and Danica Altenroxel (Gr.10). Anneri (photo right) will receive several prizes from the ATKV who host the Afrikaans Olympiads. *Mr Lucas Ludick*



GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP WEEK

SLC students have just completed their Leadership week hosted by the College's Senior Management Team. The Round Square 'IDEALS' in action! They are pictured below with the final copy of the new Grade 11 Leadership Charter - the culmination of 6 days of exploration and collaboration. What an inspiring group of future leaders!



Following this Leadership training, students who were willing to stand for the top leader positions put their names forward and then voting by all students and staff took place yesterday to elect the student leaders for 2019. Many congratulations and well done go to the Heads and Deputies as follows :

Head Boy – Casper Venter, Deputy Head Boy – David Pullinger
Head Girl – Emma Melville, Deputy Head Girl – Lara Dando
The Boarding Houses elected their leaders as well, and they are also to be warmly congratulated: Founders North – Musa Mathebula, Founders South – Ethan Chidavaenzi, Lakeside – Kate Wood, Serala – Jodi Williamson, Ken Shuter - Amu Monareng.

The Heads of the Day Scholar House, the Sports Houses and the Pupil Executive Committees will be finalised on Monday.