

### GRADE 8 TREK REPORT

The Stanford Lake College Grade 8's completed their annual 'Twin Peaks' Trek, summiting both the Iron Crown, which is the highest point in Limpopo, as well as Serala, which is the second highest. The group navigated the 8-day, 83 km route up the Iron Crown, into the Wolkberg, down into the Mhlapietse Gorge, up onto Serala, and then back to school. The hike took them through some of the remotest and wildest areas of the Wolkberg Mountains. A wild fire burnt down the entire Serala grasslands, leaving the landscape bare, black and very dusty. It was especially difficult to keep ourselves and our equipment clean, while camping in the burnt grass. This year we also had the first group to summit Serala in the dark and watch the sun rise over Limpopo. The view was amazing, but the cold took its toll with unexpected wind-chill temperatures well below zero. The group did very well looking after each other and "huddling up" to stay warm. Apart from the hiking, the group also did an environmental project, removing countless small Blue Gums and Pine trees from the endangered Serala Grasslands. They also enjoyed a fun day off swimming at the Serala Bum slides.

The Grade 8's were also joined half way through by 13 pupils from Radford College, the Australian exchange group. They completed the summiting of Serala from the basecamp, the bum slides and the hard stretch back to school. It was a tough introduction to trekking and there were some sore bodies, but they did very well to rise to the challenge and complete the expedition. Thank you to all the staff involved for making it possible to facilitate a very powerful experience for the kids. Well done to all the Grade 8's on a fantastic achievement!

*Mr Tiaan Fullard*

**These amazing images of Trek memories were captured by Sports Intern, Thyron Pietersen**

Setting off .....



Camp site



Some can't take the pace!!

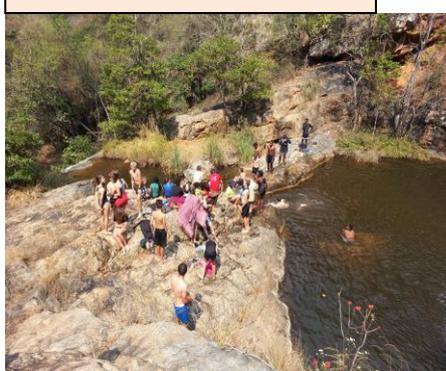


Huddling for warmth in below freezing temperatures

The reward of a beautiful sunrise at Serala



Swimming in crystal clear waters



Back home to Stanford ....We made it!!!!

### GRASSLANDS AROUND HAENERTSBURG CLEANED UP

On Saturday 15 September, the local community organisation FroHG (Friends of the Haenertsburg Grasslands) undertook a clean-up operation in the grasslands around Haenertsburg. A group of SLC pupils volunteered to assist, and helped with the collection of litter that had been discarded in the area. Ten full bakkie-loads of rubbish and rubble were removed from the natural environment around Haenertsburg. The picture shows three of the helpers.

*Mr Dugald Park*



*L to R: Aine Egan,  
Callan Schultz and  
Zoë Burman*

### 1<sup>ST</sup> XI CRICKET vs NKOWANKOWA

Last Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, SLC faced Nkowankowa at home. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat first. After a 100-run opening partnership between Christian Schmidt and Luca Wasley, Stanford's middle order hit an uphill and struggled through the middle overs losing 7 wickets for just 53 runs. At 153 for 7, Junior Netshituni and Jackson Ndhlovu both contributed 50 runs to set up another 100-run partnership for the day. Stanford ended on 265/8 in their allotted 50 overs with Junior Netshituni ending on 60, Christian Schmidt 59, Jackson Ndhlovu 53 not out, and Luca Wasley 35. Stanford then had to face tremendous heat in the outfield and bowled Nkowankowa out for 113. The pick of the bowlers was Lance Trueman who took 5 wickets for 46 runs in 9 overs - well supported by Christen Taylor who took a hatrick and ended on 3 wickets for 27 runs in 4 overs. Abhey Patel and Thomas Mayes both contributed with a wicket a piece. Stanford won the game by 152 runs. It was an out and out team effort - well done boys, what a way to end the season!

*Mr Bernard Pretorius*

### SLC STUDENTS SHINE AT TRITECH NATIONALS

Four of our students achieved with distinction at the recent Trittech National Competition (Science Projects).

- Emmana Mohlaba and Thelma Mabuza (both Gr 8) – Silver
- Taariq Omar (Gr 9) – Gold, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the category of Health Sciences.
- Lesedi Motumi (Gr 12) – Gold, 1<sup>st</sup> in the category of Health Sciences.

*Ms Chantelle Rossouw*

### SCHOOL PHOTOS ON DISPLAY AT HPC FOR ORDERING FROM MONDAY, 8 OCTOBER

The formal group and individual photos taken at school recently will be available for viewing at the HPC from the first day of next term, Monday 8 October. Orders must be placed and finalised by Friday 12 October with Ms Koketso Motsepe.