

## CHRISTMAS FOOD PARCELS REMINDER

Calling all Parents!! Please refer to the letter on the Stanford d6 Communicator as a reminder to bring the requested food items for our **Campus Service Staff Christmas Cheer parcels**. We are appealing for your contributions as soon as possible as we have to make up 37 parcels. All items to be left with Mrs Jack. Thank you very much to those who have already brought their contributions, or alternatively, made cash donations for us to purchase what is still needed.

### STANFORD SCUBA DIVERS QUALIFY

After initial instruction and training in the pool at the HPC, five Stanford pupils completed their final 4 qualifying dives at Miracle Waters just outside Brits. They all passed with flying colours (or bubbles)!

*Mr Neil Haarhoff*



*L to R:* Casper van Zyl (instructor), Krissi Klinkert, Benno Kotze, Thomas Hancock (all Gr 8s), Aidan McKenzie & Reuben Middleton (Gr 9s).

### ROUND SQUARE MINI CONFERENCE FOR GRADES 8.0, 8 & 9

Bright, but not so early on Monday morning, the junior phase assembled in the Barnyard. Divided up in *barazas*, each adopting a specific cultural identity, ranging from the Rainbow Nation to Russians on holiday in Hawaii, to municipal workers, there was a great buzz of anticipation in the room. Over the course of the week, the students went to Glenshiel Primary where they told stories, played soccer and painted faces with the children there, amongst a host of other games and activities. A powerful experience that really spoke to their ability to be compassionate and the self-awareness shown in their reflections was insightful and indicated that they found the opportunity fulfilling.

They also went on a tour of the trees on our campus, led by Mr Park who shared with them his abundant knowledge of what is indigenous, what is exotic, and the history of our campus's plant life. Their reflections indicated the expected growing understanding of the need to sustain our natural environment. But it was even more fulfilling to see a sense of responsibility for their role in our environment and an inquisitiveness to learn more about this aspect of both our personal school environment and the bigger picture in the world.

Other activities encouraged the students to work on their teamwork skills, remain tenacious in the face of significant adversity as well as honing their communication skills. The week culminated in a variety show of sorts, where each *baraza* shared a performance that they felt personified their chosen cultural identity.



A huge thank you to the staff who assisted in the running of this programme, and to the students for their engagement and enthusiasm.

*Ms T Nel*

### JUNIOR AFRIKAANS OLYMPIAD RESULTS

Congratulations to the following Stanfordinians who excelled in the Afrikaans Olympiad that took place in September 2018. Of the 4321 participants nationally, Megan Joynt (Gr 9, second from right) was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Limpopo and 6<sup>th</sup> nationally, with an average of 92%. Heidi Katzke (Gr 8, bottom right) achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with Nikita Stoltz 3<sup>rd</sup> (Gr 9, second from left) and Benno Kotzé 4<sup>th</sup> (Gr 8, bottom left) in Limpopo. The first three students were also placed in the top 100 nationally.

Massive congratulations to all 17 of our participants.

*Mr L Ludick*



### LOCAL RURAL SCHOOL GLENSHIEL JUNIOR PRIMARY HOSTED BY STANFORD GRADE 8s FOR A FUN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Once again it was an absolute pleasure for the Grade 8 Badgers to host a Christmas party for 89 little ones from our neighbouring primary school, Glenshiel, accompanied by their Acting Head Rosina Maponya. From jumping castles, to face painting, musical statues, passing the parcel and of course, braaiing some delicious boerewors, were just a few of the activities the learners enjoyed. A huge thank you to the Grade 8s for being such wonderful hosts. A special thanks to all of the parents, individuals and companies for your sponsorship, especially the Hancocks for the Jumping Castle, the boerewors from the Nortjes and the Mangenas for the colouring books, and all the others who made generous contributions to the success of the day - without this support, the day would not have been possible.

*Mr Vollgraaaff & Mrs Park*

