

SNAPSHOT

Stanford Lake College

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Matters of Principal

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you"

- B.B. King

And just like that, with a bang, the first week of the term has come to an end.

The Matric Art students have successfully completed their 24-hour practical examination, while the rest of the Matrics participated in a final revision camp. They have celebrated their final week at school and are now preparing for a few days of study leave before beginning their Final Examinations.

Overall, they marked their last day in class with dignity, though there was plenty of activity: moving desks and chairs out of classrooms, stringing danger tape across the quads and, of course, the inevitable water guns, balloons and buckets of water flying everywhere. They concluded the day with a quiet braai by the lake, seizing one last chance to reminisce about their time at school. It was a fitting close to what has been an extraordinary year.

As the Matrics prepare to hand over their leadership roles, the energy and enthusiasm of the current Grade 11 class is encouraging. They are ready to step up as the school's new leaders and I am confident that we can look forward to another successful year on the mountain.

From the content in this edition of Snapshot, you'll see that despite a two-week holiday, both our staff and pupils have remained busy and productive.

Wishing you a joyful weekend and a fantastic week ahead.



Mr. Friedrich's office courtesy of the Matric Class of 2024



On campus directional signage for a signature 40 day splash

TOP MATHS PUPILS IN THE PROVINCE

On Tuesday the 8th of October we returned from the Komatsu Maths Awards, where our Juniors took all three top places: 1st place, Teya Zanetic 2nd place, Hana MacMillan 3rd place, Tadhg Egan.

Our seniors took 1st and 3rd places respectively: 1st place Amber McHugh and 3rd place Jenny Zhang. That makes us the TOP school in Limpopo.

Thank you Mrs Marina Els for accompanying our pupils and getting them into top form!



NEWS IN BRIEF

SQUASH

On Saturday the 5th of October three of our pupils participated in the Limpopo Squash Championships held at the Polokwane Squash Club. Alisha and Alessio Calokechi took part in the Limpopo Junior Championship where Alisha took 1st place in the girls U16 category. Well done Alisha!

Giano October also participated in the tournament and despite facing a few tough matches managed to place second in the boys U19 category.

Well done to all who participated.

FLY FISHING

Six of our pupils made it into the Limpopo fly fishing team and participated in a competition.

Nathan Berrie and Ludwick Esterhuizen were in the A team and they came 2nd in the competition.

Reza Moosa, JJ Naude and Bodo Schulenburg made the B team and they ended 8th.

While Ben Tasker in the C team finished 7th.



[Remember to plan your week: Find out what's happening by visting our website: Resources for parents | Weekly Calendar](#)

DEBENTURE HOLDERS WE NEED YOU

Our board has two spaces that need to be filled.

If you have any questions please contact Inge-Mari Kotzé, bursar@slc.co.za, at Stanford Lake College.

Notice to Debenture Holders: Friday, 13 September 2024

Nominations close: Friday, 18 October 2024

Electronic Ballots issued: Monday, 21 October 2024

Close for elections Friday, 25 October 2024 at 7.00 am.

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There's still some time to get your tickets to our annual Floral Show. Tickets cost R200.00 each and tea, coffee, milk and sugar will be supplied. There will also be a lucky draw and many amazing prizes on the day.

While there will be crockery and cutlery on standby, we do encourage you to bring your own. All proceeds go to charity.

Interhigh Swimming Gala results lead to Qualifying for Top 8 Schools in Limpopo

On September 13th, we proudly co-hosted the Mopani Interhigh Gala, where our Stanfordians showcased extraordinary school spirit, securing our highest-ever finish at an inter-high gala by placing fourth. Competing against esteemed schools such as Ben Vorster, Merensky Agricultural Academy, Hoërskool Pietersburg, Louis Trichardt, and Frans du Toit, our swimmers truly made their mark.

The event was brimming with highlights as our talented swimmers clinched an impressive 21 medals in individual events, many of them setting personal bests. Our relay teams were equally impressive, securing podium finishes and earning 12 medals in the Freestyle Relays. Special mention goes to the under-15 boys' relay team, who made a splash by winning gold in a fiercely contested relay. In the culmination of the day, the Medley Relay, our swimmers gave their all, resulting in seven podium finishes and an additional 28 medals. In total, our team collected an astounding 61 medals during the interhigh gala.

Congratulations to all our swimmers for their remarkable performances, and a special nod to our Grade 8 students, who, post-gala, seamlessly transitioned to join their peers on an expedition.

Thanks to our exceptional performance at the Interhigh Gala, Stanford received an invitation to compete as one of the Top 8 schools in Limpopo at the prestigious gala on October 8th in Tzaneen. Our swimmers rose to the challenge, competing fiercely against seven other schools, each significantly larger than ours.

A special mention must be made to the u15 Boys who got 12 medals during the Top Schools Gala, which is made up of Dario, Andreas, Robert and Nathan. Dario got 2 Silvers for his Breaststroke events, Andreas 2 Bronzes for his Freestyle events, and the four boys placed 2nd in both their Freestyle and Medley Relays. Well done gents, this is a remarkable achievement. While it was unfortunate to miss some of our matric students at their final gala, we trust that their Visual Art Practical exam was nothing short of exceptional. Christoff and Tristan who were able to attend also took part in a new "tradition" doing a final victory lap at their own pace with the other matrics from other schools, which was a heartfelt moment.

Here's to a promising and robust swimming season in 2025!



ST PETERS SOCCER FESTIVAL

The St Peters soccer festival took place during the first weekend of the holiday, with both the boys' and girls' 1st teams participating. Over the course of four days, each team played seven matches, securing some pleasing results. Both teams reached the Shield Final but unfortunately lost. Despite this, they finished a respectable 14th out of 32 teams. The tournament also saw debuts for several younger players, marking an exciting step forward for the teams' future. It also provided the matrics with an opportunity to represent their school for the last time. The teams can be very proud of their achievements.

We had the pleasure of having a few parents joins us in Johannesburg for the St. Peters Soccer Tournament. We received lovely feedback and really appreciate having the support of our parents at all our events.

"Hi Selwyn & Ken

Thanks so much to you both for a fantastic St Peter's Festival for the two SLC teams. It was such a thrill to come support, and witness the badger spirit! We certainly appreciated all the logistics from your side to make it happen, and also thanks to Coach Gama for his coaching role with the boys.

Warm regards

Kate Humphrys"



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SPEAKERS SOCIETY

The final evening of the Speakers Society was a memorable and well-attended event, with students, parents, and staff members gathering to celebrate the culmination of the year's achievements. Among the attendees were Mr. Redfern, who has been a key figure in supporting the society, and the distinguished guest speaker, Dr. Twala, who offered valuable insights and words of wisdom.

The highlight of the evening was the matric students, who took to the stage for the last time to showcase their impressive talents. Their speeches, a blend of eloquence, creativity, and passion, captivated the audience and reflected the skills they had honed over the years in the Speakers Society. It was an emotional farewell for the matrics, as they delivered their final performances, leaving a lasting impression on all who were present. The evening served as a fitting tribute to their hard work, growth, and dedication throughout their time in the society.

Evening winners:

Best evaluator: Ryno Schultz

Best impromptu: Isabella Alcock

Best prepared speakers: Chelsey Mathebula and Dylan Turner

Winners for the year:

Best evaluator: Jenny Zhang

Best impromptu speaker: Nanaki Kgopong

Best speaker: Ryno Shultz



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