



## Matters of Principal

*“You will never find time for anything. If you want time, you must make it.”*  
- Charles Buxton

The third term has been another extremely successful one. I firmly believe that the positive momentum we experienced in the first two terms has been carried into this term.

We have innovated with our academic programme continually seeking to create the optimal environment for our pupils to reach their full academic potential. Grade 11 writing exams in this term appears to have been a success but the real proof will come with the end-of-year results.

We have had an outstanding term on the cultural front, with some highly impressive performances at the Eisteddfods. Our sports teams have made us so proud with some excellent football results; two hockey teams attending the Noordval hockey finals and increased numbers participating in the mountain biking series. Our tennis teams also made the final playoffs and our Chess team shone in the league finishing 5th in the province.

We have had two very successful expeditions with the majority of our Grade 8 and 9 pupils displaying courage, teamwork and resilience. Our outreach programme has gained momentum and is starting to make a meaningful difference in our community. Just two days ago we handed over 100 “Boxes of Hope” to pupils at Appel School and I know many of our pupils are in the process of knitting scarves for the same school. They may not have been ready for this winter, but they will make an excellent gift for pupils at the beginning of next winter.

Last week, I attended a conference for Independent Schools’ Heads. Not only was it an opportunity for personal and professional de-

velopment, but also an opportunity to speak to other heads about their schools. I walked away with the knowledge that our wellness and pastoral care programme is up there with the best in the country and in many cases, we serve as an example to schools as to how to go about improving pupil wellbeing. That said we still have work to be done.

Wednesday morning, I said goodbye to 5 students who are representing us at the Round Square Conference in Columbia. Round Square has had a busy term! We have had several exchange students in our school this term and a few of our pupils depart next term to join their exchanges. Three pupils attended the Round Square service project in July in Thailand and we have one pupil who is off to Vietnam in December to work on a service project. Our Environmental Club remains active and as a school, we have started rolling out more energy-efficient water heating systems, which we are trialling in Lakeside along with numerous other projects aimed at raising environmental awareness and improving our environmental sustainability.

A busy happy school to say the least. I must thank the staff who have worked so hard this term to ensure that our pupils are exposed to such a broad spectrum of activities at a very high level.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday with your children.

God Bless.

## JOIN THE SLC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

**Great news! We’d love parents to be more involved with Stanford. A Parents Association (PA) has been formed and is open to all parents in good standing. Join the PA WhatsApp group using this link and look out for the next meeting, early in term four.**

**Link: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FEwWaEhYOfjLeLgfkZyh7o>**

## Pupil Leadership 2025

On Wednesday we announced the school leadership team. I think we are blessed with a wonderful matric class of 2025. They take over the baton from the class of 2024, who collectively have done an amazing job. They have worked extremely hard to build a healthier, happier school culture. When talking about culture in a school, many people say you can judge the school culture when you walk onto the campus and witness how people interact with one another (pupil-on-pupil, staff-on-pupil and staff-on-staff interaction are all markers). On this point, I think we have a very healthy culture and this is down to leadership, creating a space in which people feel valued, safe and that they have a voice. A clear example of this feeling of belonging was when the Grade 8 class out on expedition asked Mr Haarhoff if they could please break camp early, to make it back to the final assembly. He said with pleasure, it would mean that pupils would need to be up at 3 am and it was their responsibility to wake up timeously and get going. Needless to say, they arrived 10 minutes before assembly began to simply be a part of this auspicious occasion – a true show of unity! This year's pupils' leaders can claim a great deal of credit for this sense of belonging and positive culture. The responsibility now is handed over to the matric CLASS of 2025. I say, class, as it is the collective which will set the tone and culture in our school, and it is the class of 2025 who will be judged on the overall success of the year, not the individuals.

That said, within the class there will be layers of leadership and pupils put in charge of certain areas of leading the school. Many of these positions are determined by where an individual is on their leadership journey. Certain people are ready for leadership roles before others, but this does not mean that those who do not get titled positions can't lead. Many of our Grade 11s will be understandably disappointed, but I encourage them not to feel judged or devalued but rather look at it as part of their process of development, an opportunity to learn to grow and in many case, continue to lead with or without a badge.

I am very excited by the leadership that has been identified for 2025 and I am confident that our school is in safe hands. I am looking forward to working with this class of 2025 who I know will be incredible.

Mr. A. Redfern



CLASS OF 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM PICTURED FROM L-R: Head of Ken Shuter: Carla Schulenburg, Head of Day Scholars: Masana Shiwundlana, Head of Day Scholars: Amu Chauke, Deputy Head Girl: Jana Prinsloo, Head Girl: Krisha Kanyongolo, Head Boy & Head of Founders North: Craig Freestone, Deputy Head Boy: Thato Thobejane, Head of Founders South: Gordon Noel, Head of Lakeside: Basani Msimeki, Head of Serala: Carmen Veldsman

## 2025 Leadership: Committees

Chair Academic Committee: Alistair van Hilten  
Chair Adventure Committee: Gordon Noel  
Chair Boarding Committee: Kim Ruwona  
Chair Culture Committee: Lethabo Ramohlale  
Chair Environmental Committee: Aidan Robinson-Kok  
Chair Pastoral Committee: Isabella Dando  
Chair Round Square Committee: Pippa Wood  
Chair Service Committee: Masana Shiwundlana  
Chair Spirit Committee: Thato Thobejane  
Chair Sports Committee: Fia Niemann

Vice Chair: Nicholas Boyum  
Vice Chair: Steven Thompson  
Vice Chair: Mafasa Nkoana  
Vice Chair: Mulaifa Mabuda  
Vice Chair: Matt Ellis  
Vice Chair: Nsovo Mabila  
Vice Chair: Carmen Veldsman  
Vice Chair: Kim Ruwona  
Vice Chair: Ewetse Nkwada  
Vice Chair: Basani Msimeki

## 2025 Sports House Captains



Orvis: Amu Chauke and Fia Niemann  
Loomis: Kaelo Manake and Basani Msimeki  
Fenwick: Amon Negogogo and Ewetse Nkwada

DEBENTURE  
HOLDERS

# WE NEED YOU!

FOR TWO  
POSITIONS ON OUR  
BOARD

**This year we invite debenture holders to nominate two representatives for the 2025 Board. To qualify for nomination:**

- (a) The nominee must be the registered owner of a fully paid debenture
- (b) If they have children enrolled at the College, their school account must be current.

*All nominees must be prepared to accept the responsibilities of a Trustee. (A booklet setting out the roles and responsibilities of Trustees is available at the College.)*

You need to briefly motivate your nomination on the nomination form that will be provided, stating why you think the person is suitable and what role you would like them to play. You are also requested to provide a brief curriculum vitae of the nominee, to assist voters in making an informed decision.

### DATES

- Notice to Debenture Holders issued 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.

Votes will be counted at 10.00 am on Friday, 25 October 2024.

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



## NEWS IN BRIEF



Six of our avid young fisherman Nathan Berrie, Ludwick Esterhuizen, JJ Naude, Reeza Moosa, Bodo Schulenburg and Ben Tasker accompanied by their parents will depart on Saturday 21 September to the cold streams of Barkly-East in the Eastern Cape to participate in the South African Fly Fishing Association (SAFFA) Youth Nationals that takes place from the 26th to the 28th of September.

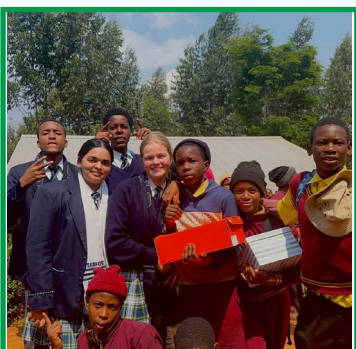
We wish you all the best!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

This week has been filled with kindness and community spirit! On Tuesday, our Service Committee handed out fundraiser gift boxes at Appel School, with support from members of the Round Square Committee and the Read with Me Club. The students at Appel School were appreciative of the gifts and excited to receive them, and it was wonderful to see the positive impact of everyone's hard work.

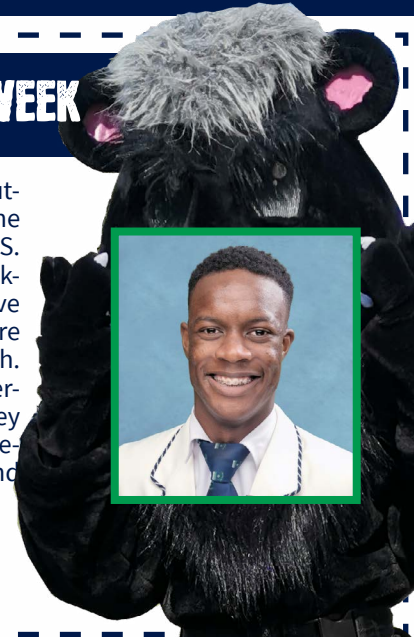
On behalf of the Service Committee, we'd like to thank everyone involved—parents, teachers, and students. Your generosity and commitment to giving back are truly appreciated.

Let's keep this spirit of kindness going as we look forward to more opportunities to make a difference in our community.



## BADGER OF THE WEEK

Mogale Mamabolo had an outstanding performance in the soccer match against PEPPS. He managed to score a remarkable hat trick, an impressive feat as it is challenging to score three goals in a single match. Mogale's skill, focus, and determination on the field were key to his success, and this achievement highlights his talent and hard work.



## Farewell Fergus



Today, we say goodbye to our Tasmanian exchange student, Fergus Stewart. During his stay, Fergus joined the Grade 8 Serala Expedition, took a trip to Kruger Park—where he amusingly spotted “an animal with horns” that turned out to be an impala—and participated in two adventure races with Ilne Kotzé.

He'll miss our mountain weather (which he calls “the heat”) and the convenience of boarding house life. One of his proudest moments was gathering a group to play basketball at Stanford and stepping in as their ‘coach.’

It's been amazing having Fergus here, and we hope he visits again someday. A big thank you to the Kotzé family for showing him such a wonderful time.

Safe travels, Fergus!



## NEWS IN BRIEF

Last weekend a group of the Gr 10s went to Hoedspruit where they did some community service work at Paws. Paws is dedicated to the health and happiness of pets and strives to give all animals a loving home. If you're still in need of completing your service hours this is one great initiative that can help you achieve your mandatory 20 hours of Community Service for Life Orientation. If you need more information about the projects that your child/children can get involved in that contribute towards the mandatory community service hours, please contact our Life Orientation HOD, Mr. I. Vollgraaff.



Pictured here: Thomas Imrie, Aryan Ghelani, Paityn Landsman, Moratiwa Inama, Henry Humphrys and Matthew Scriven.

## HOLA COLOMBIA

This week saw five of our pupils travel to Colombia for the Round Square conference! Safe travels we can't wait to hear all about it upon your return.



Mr. T. Mabayah is accompanying our pupils for the duration of the conference while our trusted driver Mr. S. Molewa ensured they arrived in Jozi.

## BADGER PRIDE AT EXPEDITION AFRICA

Expedition Africa had its 1st school series Adventure Race this past weekend following a hiatus since the Covid pandemic. It was held at Riversands Farm Village in Kayalami, Gauteng.

Our very own IIne Kotzé and and Round Square exchange student Fergus Stewart participated as Team Tasmanian Devils, and raced in the 25km Mixed Team Category.

IIne shares her thoughts about race day: "We made a few navigation errors and I gave Fergus a chance to navigate most of the running leg for us. We both fought hard as it was extremely hot and once again I struggled a lot with my lungs. Despite all the challenges I told myself that I just have to keep going, because I am very committed to everything I do. We ended 3rd in our category for the 25km AR and 5th overall, with a time of 2hr 19min. "Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up". Stanford Lake College managed to enter a 25 km male team as well, the SLC Badgers with Judah and Benno (SLC Alumni). They did quite well and gave us good competition with their spot-on navigation. Unfortunately, a minor technical error occurred and they lost their passport between CP's 15 and 16. Even though they knew they would be disqualified they still decided to finish. Despite the odds they kept going and finished in a time of 2 hours and 25 min. This is great fun and I would encourage more Badgers to take part in this multi-disciplinary endurance sport."

Pictures courtesy of IIne Kotzé



## EXPLORING THE WOLKBERG 2024 — GRADE 8 EXPEDITION

On 12 September our Grade 8 group embarked on their Exploring the Wolkberg expedition into the Wolkberg mountains. We started at school and made our way around the west side of the Ebenezer Dam. There was a surprise for the students as we arranged a raft trip across the dam at Consolata Estate. Temperatures were very high and it was a long day covering 17km. The group surprised us with good pace throughout the day and we only arrived at camp 1 around 15:00. Camp 1 was a basic campsite next to a little stream in the Bifrost Forest, just below the “False Crown”. Day 2 was mostly downhill, making it easier on the legs, however, once again it was a very hot day. The distance was a bit shorter on this day, but still a long hike, covering 15km. We reached camp 2 after a long lunch break next to the river, providing time to relax and swim a bit and set up a proper campsite, as we were spending two nights there.

Day 3 was a relaxed day where we left our camp standing and departed only with daypacks, hiking down the Mohlapitse Gorge to the Cascade waterfalls and back. We made our way down the gorge criss-crossing the river nine times to end up at a triple cascading waterfall, known as Crystal waterfall. We enjoyed lunch there, swimming, bum-sliding and jumping off rocks into the waterfall, and then made our way back to camp.

Day 4 brought some new excitement; the food drop! We departed camp and worked our way uphill for 6km to where we met the bakkie with our fresh supplies for the next three days. Everyone was happy and excited unpacking their new food, snacks and clothes. We repacked everything in our hiking bags and made our way down the last kilometre to camp. We set up camp very quickly and then went down to the swimming spot. This spot comprised of a deep “hippo” rock-pool and the Serala-Bumslides.

Day 5 was summit day, the main reason behind the entire expedition, climbing the third highest point in Limpopo! We made our way to Cleopatra Pools and enjoyed the magnificence of The Horns, before making our way to the summit of Serala. The view, as always, did not disappoint. We did not stay long as it was very breezy. We returned to camp for lunch. After lunch we had some chill time followed by an introduction to “Solo”, spending one hour reflecting on life and the journey so far.

Day 6 was our first wet day, starting out with wet, misty and very windy conditions, but luckily it did not last long. After the first three kilometres we were shedding layers already.

It was a long walk to Bergplaas but worth it for the flat camping surface, and a dip in the crystal clean river water. It was on this day that the group suggested that they should wake up and leave earlier the next day to ensure they are back at school on time for the final assembly and the 2025 leadership announcement. We said if they can collectively agree on it we can do so, and so they did. We were up at 3:00am the next morning and ready to leave at 5:00am. A special bonus to this early start was to opportunity to witness a partial Lunar-eclipse that happened at 4:45 that morning. The group worked well together, supported each other and made good progress. We made the 16km hike back to school, following the east side of Ebenezer Dam. We reached school in time for the assembly, everyone smiling as the school’s lake and some excited parents came into view. The Expedition was over and everyone made it, 90km in seven days. Each and every pupil should be very proud of themselves for completing this expedition.

### Stanfordians:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE

ALPHA YOUTH COURSE

Sunday mornings during term 4

10:30 - 12:00

Who am I?

Why am I here?

Is there more to life?

Run by parents and staff. For enquiries or to get involved please contact Tatenda Mabayah or Eloise Leher on [elle@wonderfullywired.online](mailto:elle@wonderfullywired.online).

Watch the series trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyjL4NsAfM>

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Dear Parents and Guardians we’d love to hear more from you and have shared a link to a survey that will help us understand how you can be more involved at our beautiful school. If you haven’t participated please do so here: <https://forms.gle/GCJeze5kePbXnuH2A>

## NEWS FROM THE CREASE

On Saturday the 1st XI boys team hosted Pietersburg Hoërskool. The visitors won the toss and elected to bat first. They were in trouble early on as a wicket fell on the second ball of the innings. The batsmen then took a stance and the Stanford bowlers had to work hard to get wickets. Zayd Moosa got the breakthrough and from there it was downhill. Zayd Moosa took 4 wickets for 28 runs in 6 overs and Matthew Allison took 5 wickets for 9 runs in 5 overs. The visiting team was bowled out for 69 runs. Stanford started the chase well before Dylan Turner lost his wicket. Stanford chased the target down within 9 overs to win the game by 5 wickets. Zayd Moosa scored 20 runs off 9 balls and Travis Hudson 28 runs off 29 balls.



## ELZINÉ KOTZÉ PROVINCIAL WINNER IN ATKV SENIOR AFRIKAANSE OLIMPIADE



We are proud to be able to say that we have the province's top Afrikaans pupil. Elziné's recent outstanding achievement at the ATKV Senior Afrikaanse Olimpiade saw her take top honours when she was announced as the provincial winner of Limpopo for Afrikaans as a first additional language achieving an outstanding 92.31%.

Well done Elziné we are so proud of you!

### FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



<https://www.facebook.com/stanfordians>

<https://www.instagram.com/stanfordlakecollege>

## PHOTO DAY

DEAR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT WE WILL SHARE COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE SECOND PHOTO DAY.

WE WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PLEASE EMAIL: [MARKETING@SLC.CO.ZA](mailto:MARKETING@SLC.CO.ZA)



Photo Day #2



The following photos will be taken:

- Maths Olympiad (Jnr and Snr)
- Geography Olympiad
- Netball U14B
- Leadership Team 2024,2025
- Junior and Senior Athletics
- Sports House Captains 2024
- Fly Fishing
- Swimming
- Adventure Racing
- Mountain Biking
- Marimba and Djembe band
- Sophia Town Production cast
- Sound Crew
- Debating (Senior & Junior)
- Programming Olympiad
- Dance
- Cricket teams (team kit)
- Soccer teams (team kit)
- Squash (team kit)
- Tennis (team kit)

**POSTPONED**

Please contact [marketing@slc.co.za](mailto:marketing@slc.co.za) with any questions