



Matters of Principal

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
— Mahatma Gandhi*

One of the cornerstones of an effective society is the willingness of its members to selflessly serve others. We live in a world where many actions are driven by the pursuit of financial gain, often at the expense of others. At Stanford Lake College, we continuously emphasise the importance of service within the community by providing our pupils with meaningful opportunities to serve.

This coming week, our Grade 8 and 9 pupils will participate in the Discovery Dash. A central part of this programme includes two service projects within the community. Additionally, our Grade 10 pupils have just completed the first part of their enrichment outing—a five-day hike. Starting tonight, they will be stationed at base camp for the next week. They will rotate through various activities, one of which includes a service project.

Service within a community can take many forms. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge two individuals who have exemplified selfless service within our community and society at large.

Jane Allison will retire from the Board of Governors at the end of this year, after 14 years of dedicated service, including six years as Chairperson. Last night, during the end-of-year board function, Shirley Scriven reminded us that when Jane joined the Stanford board, her eldest son was just starting Grade R at Unicorn, he is now two years out of school! Despite not having a direct vested interest in the school at the time, Jane felt compelled to contribute. Under her leadership,

the school has flourished and grown. As a community, we are deeply grateful for her commitment and invaluable contributions over more than a decade.

Another remarkable individual is Mr Grant Norton, who retires after an extraordinary 47-year career in education. Over his distinguished tenure, he has guided and influenced the lives of countless pupils. As an exceptional schoolmaster and Mathematics teacher, Grant has transformed the futures of many young people. His contributions extended beyond the classroom—he coached cricket at the highest level and played a significant role in national squash administration amongst many other things. Grant also served as a Housemaster during his time at Bishops. His unwavering dedication to education exemplifies what it means to live a life of service.

We wish Grant and his wife, Claire, every happiness as they begin their well-deserved retirement in Hermanus.

It is hard to believe that we are about to enter the last week of the term. Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless

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No charge. Booking essential
kblandy@slc.co.za
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We'd love parents to be more involved with Stanford Lake College. A Parents Association (PA) has been formed and is open to parents to encourage participation.

Join the PA WhatsApp group using this [link](#)

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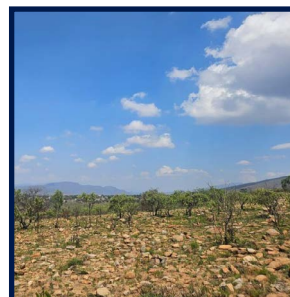
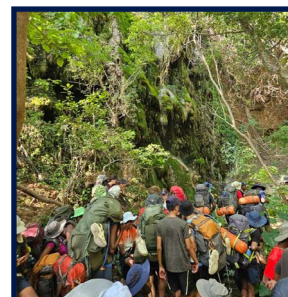
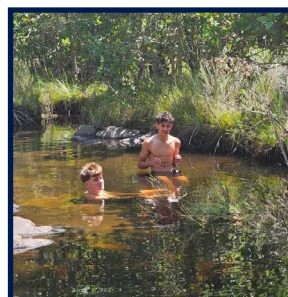
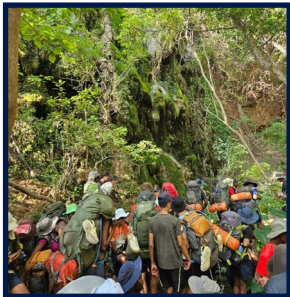
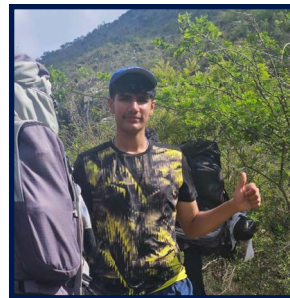
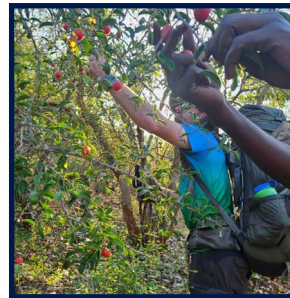
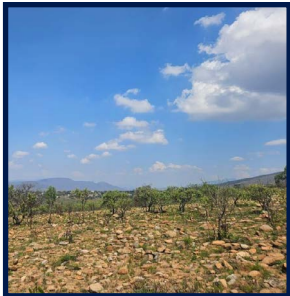
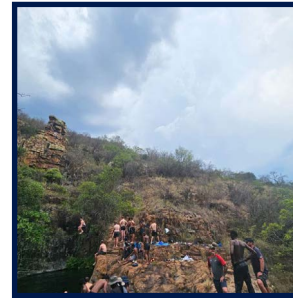
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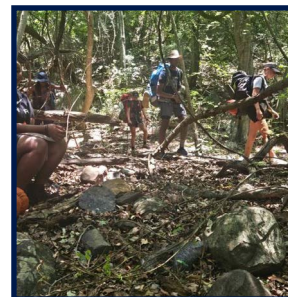
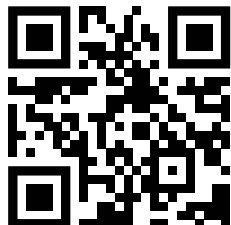
NEWS IN BRIEF

GRADE 10 ENRICHMENT TOUR

On Monday the 18th of November our Grade 10s departed for their final expedition of the year. Thank you to Mr. Haarhoff, Mr. Fullard, Mr. Bower and Miss Williams who are with our pupils. Despite some challenging days as a result of the heat, both staff and pupils alike are in good spirits. We wish them well over the last leg of their journey.



MySchool signup
Please remember to signup for the MySchool Programme, you can join this programme using our unique QR code.



NEWS IN BRIEF

VIRGIN ACTIVE 947 RIDE JOBURG

On 17 November, Nick Dando (Gr 9) and Matthew Scriven (Gr 10), took to the streets of Joburg to tackle the 98km Virgin Active 947 Ride Joburg cycle race.

Riding for the Pink Drive charity group, they completed the race with strong legs and big smiles in 3h42. Well done to the parents who also participated, including Chris Dando, Jason and Shirley Scriven, and Ashraf Modan.



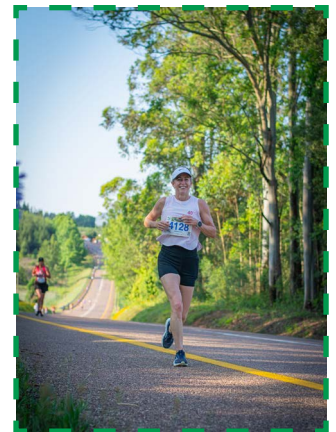
WELL DONE!
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MAKGOBASKLOOF PLUNGE

Very well done to some of our parents who ran in the Makgobaskloof Plunge last weekend. Richard Noel and Mark Alcock took on the 42km Marathon, while Dave and Debbie Turner ran the 21km. Thank you for being an inspiration to our Badgers!

Well done to Mika Jones who placed second in the Plunge Junior girls 10km

Thanks to Mr Paidas for the photos.



Well done Mika Jones pictured here with current Rotary Haenertsburg President Betty Ramaselela.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

The Round Square Programme gives our pupils the opportunity to attend Round Square conferences around the world every year. In Grade 10, pupils are given the opportunity to go on exchange, studying for a period of six weeks to three months at any of the Round Square affiliated schools worldwide. For Ilne Kotzé her time in Australia is coming to an end, and she shares some parting thoughts about her experience down under.

“Unfortunately, my time in Tasmania has come to an end.

It’s been an unforgettable experience, filled with countless moments I will always cherish.

Some of the highlights include watching the JackJumpers (Tasmania's basketball team) play, participating in the Foundation & Fundamentals Whitewater Skills/Rescue 1 course in New Norfolk, and completing my first dive after earning my open water qualification. I also had the chance to catch a few crayfish and oysters while exploring the beauty of Cataract Gorge. I was fortunate enough to fly to Sydney to see Coldplay live, which was absolutely amazing! While there, I visited the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House, then got up at 4:00 AM to fly back to Launceston and join a bushcraft and survival camp (even though I fainted on the second-to-last day). Walking around Dove Lake and soaking in the stunning views of the Cradle Mountains was another unforgettable memory, as was visiting Devils@Cradle. I also enjoyed playing golf with Fergus at the Bridport Golf Club, participating in STEAM week at school where we worked on launching a business, clay target shooting, and going to Mt. Borrow, which was absolutely stunning.

During my final week, we welcomed a group of Danish visitors, and it was fun getting used to yet another accent.

And of course, I’ll never forget the unforgettable question I asked: “Is the river coming from Antarctica?” It’s a moment I’m sure no one will let me live down, but it definitely adds to the charm of this whole experience.

One of the few challenges I faced was having to speak English 24/7, and hearing English still remained challenging, if not more so, at times.

This journey will stay with me forever, and I’ll always look back on it with fond memories.

I’m incredibly grateful to my parents, my host family, SLC, SOC, the Round Square committee, Mr. Cordell, Miss Forrest, and especially Fergus—my amazing exchange partner. I couldn’t have asked for a better experience.”

