



Matters of Principal

As we approach the end of the school year, it's easy to think of each day as a straight path toward a goal. We think of our studies, achievements, and challenges as stepping stones moving us in a single direction. But as writer Robert Black reminds us, life is not a straight line. Life is cyclic, repeating and unfolding like the seasons. It has patterns that reappear, giving us a chance to revisit lessons, rediscover our values, and reflect on how past choices shape our present and future. Recognising these cycles can make us more resilient and wiser, helping us to better navigate life's challenges with open minds.

Cycles exist everywhere: in nature, history and personal growth. Just as the seasons come and go, bringing change yet always returning, history, too, has patterns that echo through time. Events from long ago, like struggles for power or battles over beliefs, might seem like distant events, but they have a way of resurfacing in modern forms. Being aware of these cycles can encourage us to learn from history, avoiding the mistakes of the past and fostering understanding and compassion. We have had a few disciplinary issues in the school over the past few weeks, as with so many things these too appear to be cyclical. Every now and again we need to reset and take stock of where we are on our journey of growth.

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."
- Ecclesiastes 3:1*

On Wednesday I held a special assembly where I reminded the school of our values and what we stand for as a community, that our actions have consequences and that so often poor choices throw us off track. I mentioned to the school that we need to take the learnings from these issues and simply "be better" and base what we do and how we behave on principles of dignity and respect. In our school community, let's use this perspective to see how we're part of a bigger picture, one that connects us to each other and to the world. At Stanford we are educating young men and women to be actively and positively involved in our community, so we must never underestimate the gravity of this responsibility. We need to continually reinforce our values, standards and expectations both at school and at home. As human beings, every setback or triumph is part of our journey, throwing us off the straight path towards a goal but giving us the chance to pause, reflect, learn and grow wiser.

Embracing life's lessons and setbacks encourages patience, humility and persistence, teaching us that true progress isn't about rushing forward. Instead, it's about moving thoughtfully, with the courage to revisit, learn and renew. Let's keep these ideas close to our hearts as we approach the remainder of the year.

God Bless



Lakeside Assistant Housemistress

We'd like to extend our congratulations to Mrs Meriam Tlomatsana, our Sepedi HOD on her appointment as Assistant Housemistress at Lakeside.

We look forward to having Mrs Tlomatsana on our lovely campus from January 2025.

You're invited
To our
Carol Service
Stanford Lake College
At the Dream and Do Centre
Wednesday 27th November
18:30 – 19:30
No charge. Booking essential
kblandy@slc.co.za
Retiring collection in aid of the Haenerfsburg Cottages

COMING UP THIS WEEK

View what's happening this week on the calendar, that's available on the [Resources For Parents section of our website](#).

JOIN THE SLC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Great news! 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](#)

PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2025

Earlier this year we announced our pupil leadership team and shared some images where the 2025 team was featured. We are blessed with a wonderful matric class of 2025 who will continue to build a healthier, happier school and we look forward to how this inspiring group of pupils will set the tone and culture in our school.



Head Boy
Craig Freestone



Head Girl
Krisha Kanyongolo



Deputy Head Boy
Thato Thobejane



Deputy Head Girl
Jana Prinsloo



Head of Founders North
Craig Freestone



Head of Founders South
Gordon Noel



Head of Ken Shuter
Carla Schulenburg



Head of Lakeside
Basani Msimeki



Head of Serala
Carmen Veldsman



Head of Day Scholars
Masana Shiwundlana



Head of Day Scholars
Amu Chauke



Head of Fenwick
Amon Negogogo



Head of Fenwick
Ewetse Nkwada



Head of Loomis
Kaelo Manake



Head of Loomis
Basani Msimeki



Head of Orvis
Amu Chauke



Head of Orvis
Fia Niemann

"A real leader uses every issue, no matter how serious and sensitive to ensure that at the end of the debate we should emerge stronger and more united than ever before." Nelson Mandela

PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2025



**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



**Vice Chair
Academic Committee**
Nicholas Boyum



**Vice Chair
Adventure Committee**
Steven Thompson



**Vice Chair
Boarding Committee**
Mafasa Nkoana



**Vice Chair
Culture Committee**
Mulaifa Mabuda



**Vice Chair
Environmental Committee**
Matt Ellis



**Chair
Pastoral Committee**
Isabella Dando



**Chair
Round Square
Committee**
Pippa Wood



**Chair
Spirit Committee**
Thato Thobejane



**Chair
Service Committee**
Masana Shiwundlana



**Chair
Sports Committee**
Fia Niemann

"The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things." Ronald Reagan

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Pastoral Committee**
Nsovo Mabila



**Vice Chair
Round Square Committee**
Carmen Veldsman



**Vice Chair
Spirit Committee**
Kim Ruwona



**Vice Chair
Service Committee**
Ewetse Nkwada



**Vice Chair
Sports Committee**
Basani Msimeki

GRADE 10 ENRICHMENT TOUR

Our Grade 10s depart for their final tour of the year on Monday morning. Please remember to return indemnity forms!

FOUNDERS HOUSE HOODIES

Please remember to purchase your hoodie by the end of this term!
Payments can be made via ALLXS.

Glenshiel Christmas Party

Dear Grade 8 Parents and Guardians please remember to purchase your child's tickets for the Glenshiel Christmas Party. Tickets can be purchased via ALLXS or at the finance office.

Come visit the

Haenertsburg Christmas Festival 2024

13 - 16 December

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