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Matters of Principal

“Planning is bringing the future into the present so that you can do something about it now”

- Alan Lakein

As we near the end of the 2024 school year, we recognise the vital importance of good strategic planning and governance. Effective planning enables us to set clear goals, prioritise resources, and make informed decisions that drive progress. By establishing a robust strategic plan, we ensure alignment with our mission and vision, fostering a culture of excellence and continuous improvement. This thoughtful approach empowers us to adapt to changing circumstances, capitalise on opportunities, and overcome challenges.

The school management team have done some internal planning and strategic thinking along with various staff members over the past few weeks. Next weekend we will spend time with the board of governors laying out our broad strategies for the coming 5 years. This is an important process and one that we take seriously. As a team, we will also be looking at our School Vision and Mission and ensure that what we plan to do is relevant and effective.

Good governance is the cornerstone of successful educational institutions. It ensures accountability, transparency, and fairness in decision-making processes. Our school’s governing body works tirelessly to establish policies, oversee finances and evaluate performance.

This diligent stewardship enables us to maintain the highest standards of integrity, equity and inclusivity. By engaging stakeholders and soliciting feedback, we cultivate a sense of community and shared responsibility. Through good governance, we build trust and demonstrate our commitment to providing a world-class education. Empowering future leaders by emphasising strategic planning and good governance, means we not only enhance our school’s performance but also model essential skills for our students. As future leaders, they will face complex challenges requiring thoughtful decision-making, critical thinking skills, resilience and collaboration. By integrating these values into our culture, we empower them to become active citizens, capable of making a positive impact in our communities.

We will continue to prioritise strategic planning and governance, ensuring our school remains a beacon of excellence and a source of pride for all in our extended community. I am incredibly grateful to the governors who’ve given so generously and selflessly to serve our school for the generations to come.

God bless.

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

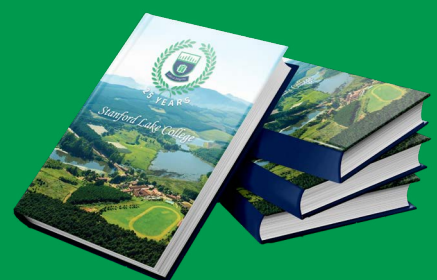
Retiring collection in aid of the Haenertsburg Cottages

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In their next game, Stanford played against a mixed U15 A and 2nd team from PHS. Stanford won the toss, chose to bat, and, after an early wicket, Aryan Ghelani and Bodo Schulenburg put on a 50-run partnership. Stanford ended with 112-5 in 20 overs, with Bodo scoring 40 runs off 48 balls, Aryan scoring 17, and Joshua Doolabh contributing an unbeaten 16. In their defense, Stanford took wickets regularly and restricted PHS to 102-8 in 20 overs. Joshua and Tadhg each took two wickets, while Aryan took 3 wickets for just 9 runs in his 4 overs, securing another Player of the Match award as Stanford won by 10 runs.

On Friday the 25th of October, our annual T20 Bash was held at Stanford. The Badgers fielded a young, inexperienced team. In the first game on Friday afternoon, Stanford played against Ben Vorster, who won the toss and chose to bowl. Ben Vorster scored 151 runs for 9 wickets in their 20 overs. Tadhg Egan was the top bowler, taking 3 wickets for 25 runs in his 4 overs, while Matthew Scriven and Dario Wasley each took two wickets. Stanford's run chase started slowly and stayed that way, finishing with 77-9 in their 20 overs. Aryan Ghelani was the top scorer with 28 runs.

In the last game of the afternoon, Stanford played Tom Naude. Stanford batted first and was bowled out for 66, with Bodo scoring 20 runs and Joshua 22. Tom Naude chased down the target, winning by 10 wickets. Overall, it was a great weekend for Stanford's young team, and the boys should be proud of their achievements.

On a misty Saturday morning, Stanford faced a Merensky Invitational team. This time, Stanford won the toss and chose to bat, scoring 108 for 8 in challenging conditions, with valuable contributions from multiple batsmen. Stanford's bowlers started strong, with Dario Wasley and Tadhg Egan keeping the runs tight in the first 8 overs. The pressure continued, and Merensky was bowled out in 17 overs. Dario took 3 wickets for 16 runs, while Aryan Ghelani took 4 wickets for 16 runs, earning him the Player of the Match award. Stanford won by 44 runs.



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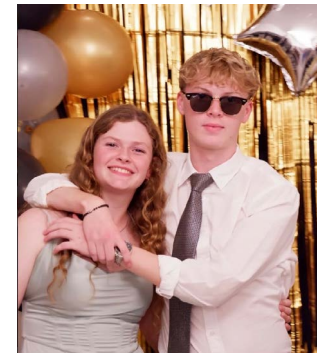
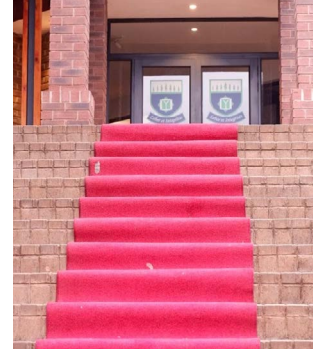
BOARDING DINNER

On October 23rd, we celebrated our annual boarding formal dinner, hosted by Lakeside and Founders North. The Grade 11 students played a pivotal role in organising the event, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

This year's theme was inspired by the Met Gala, and the students embraced the opportunity to dress elegantly. The students enjoyed a delicious meal, fostering a sense of community and appreciation among the boarders.

The main objective of the dinner was to express gratitude to Feedem that always make our boarders nice meals and to the boarding staff for their unwavering support throughout the year. During the event, Basani and Craig delivered heartfelt speeches, thanking the staff and the Feedem staff for their dedication and commitment. They also took a moment to bid farewell to two beloved house-masters, Mrs. Norton and Mr. Pretorius, who will be leaving at the end of the year. Their contributions have significantly impacted the boarding community, and they will be greatly missed.

Overall, the evening was a resounding success, filled with camaraderie and fond memories. It served not only as a celebration of our community but also as a reminder of the strong bonds we have formed throughout the year.



Have you visited our new look website? Please take a look around. You can find the weekly calendar under the Parents Resources tab - <https://www.slc.co.za/files/ugd/8be4d8d9eac7e459394a0591cc729ca8440993.pdf>

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NEWS IN BRIEF

NEW BOARD MEMEBERS

We recently hosted elections for our Board and are proud to announce that Mrs. Eloise Leher and Mr. Lukasz Gorbaszewicz will represent debenture holders commencing in 2025.



Mrs. Eloise Leher



Mr. Lukasz Gorbaszewicz

READY, SET, GO, NYFW



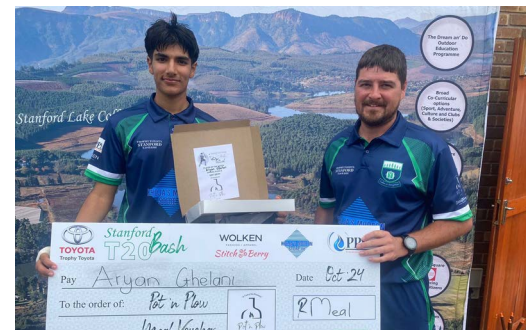
Lorelei Scott participated in the ACE National Conference for Modelling held from October 25 to October 28, 2024, at the Emerald Resort and Casino in Vanderbiljpark. With over 300 participants from across the country, it was a memorable event for her, providing an enriching experience and valuable insights. This conference has helped prepare her for her upcoming appearance at New York Fashion Week (NYFW), scheduled for February 2025.

GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

The Grade 9 students of Stanford Lake College showcased their talent in the SANGO Junior Geography Olympiad, where 19 students participated with impressive results. Megan Lammaing, Thebe Thobejane and Miano Tshivhula earned Bronze Certificates for placing in the top 15%, while Hana MacMillan achieved a Silver Certificate for ranking in the top 10%. Exceptional performances were seen from Ruby Fair and Harshiv Gohil, who earned Gold Certificates for placing in the top 5%. A special congratulations goes to Jan-Carel Els for his outstanding achievement, earning a Platinum Certificate for ranking in the top 1% nationally, placing him 2nd overall in the country, and 1st in the Limpopo province. Stanford Lake College was also recognised as the top school in Limpopo.

BADGER OF THE WEEK

Aryan Ghelani had an impressive run of cricket performances over the weekend, earning him the "Man of the Match" title in two of his games. Across four matches, he showcased his skills with both bat and ball. On Friday, playing against Ben Vorster, Aryan scored a solid 28 runs off 51 balls and took 1 wicket for 30 runs in 3 overs. On Saturday, facing Merensky, he scored 8 runs off 15 balls and put up an impressive bowling performance with 4 wickets for just 16 runs in his 4 overs. Against PHS, Aryan continued his strong form, scoring 17 runs off 20 balls and claiming 3 wickets for only 9 runs in his 4-over spell. Finally, in the game against Tom Naude, he added 3 runs from 8 balls. Over the course of these matches, Aryan accumulated 56 runs from 94 balls, while his bowling yielded 8 wickets for 55 runs in 11 overs, giving him an average of 8.25 and a commendable economy rate of 5.00.



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Remember to follow, like, share and support our school via social media.
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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stanfordians>



Join our Parents Association:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FEw-WaEhYOfjLeLgfkZyh7o>

IT'S A ROUND SQUARE AFFAIR

Three of our pupils are currently flying the Stanford Lake College flag high as part of the Round Square programme. The fourth pupil in this exchange programme went later in the term and no doubt we will hear about her adventures soon!

Mia Drake

"Participating in the Peru exchange programme has been incredible. I've connected with locals through card games with kids in the library and baseball with my friends during breaks. Outside of school, I've been to a stunning light show showcasing 500 years of Peruvian history and explored diverse landscapes. I've also experienced a new vibrant culture and the diverse perspectives of the world. I have also attended World Cup qualifiers Peru vs Uruguay. Next weekend I will be going to one of the 7 wonders of the world, Machu Picchu. Can't wait to see what will happen next!"



Iine Kotze

Two and a bit Weeks in Tasmania: An Unforgettable Exchange Experience

"As some of you may know, I'm currently in Tasmania with Fergus, and I'm incredibly grateful for this life-changing experience. The warmth and friendliness of everyone here have made settling in so much easier.

The moment I stepped off the plane and saw Fergus's family, reality hit me—I was no longer in South Africa. That's when I realized I wouldn't see my friends and family for two months, stepping into a completely new school, family, and environment. The Stewart family has made me feel like I'm part of their family, as if I've known them for ages. Their warm welcome has been pivotal in easing my transition into this new life. I couldn't have asked for a better family. Such support significantly enhances my experience, fostering a sense of belonging that is crucial during an exchange programme.

Some of my memorable moments so far include whale watching the weekend I arrived and having the chance to hold a wombat and a wallaby—what a special experience! I also enjoyed a three-hour boat ride around Bruny Island, soaking in the stunning natural beauty. Of course, watching the JackJumpers play basketball was a highlight; I loved it! We ventured out to some sand dunes, and the MTB trails at Blue Derby were absolutely amazing! Even though Fergus's bike was way too big for me, it only added to the adventure. I've also enjoyed boxing practices with Archie and kayaking every Tuesday. Oh, how can I forget... helping with the cows. What a great experience!

School life here is quite different. Classes start at 8:40 AM and end at 3:25 PM, even on Fridays, with 45-minute lessons, mostly in doubles. I appreciate the longer class times—they help me focus better since I can get easily distracted. However, I wish school would start earlier so there'd be more time in the afternoons for co-curricular activities. I absolutely love their HPEC (Health and Physical Education Centre), and most of the electives.

Overall, these two and a bit weeks have been filled with adventure, learning, and unforgettable memories. I can't wait to see what the rest of my time in Tasmania brings!"



IT'S A ROUND SQUARE AFFAIR (continued)

Judah Leher

Judah is at the Windermere School in the UK for the second part of an exchange relationship with Ben Baker who joined us at Stanford in the second term.

“After a long flight I was reunited with Ben and met Mrs Baker for the first time. There followed a chaotic 24 hours as we took the train to the majestic Paddington Station and on to Windermere. The next morning early we went on a school outing to Alton Towers resort, a popular amusement park with rides ominously named ‘The smiler’ and ‘Oblivion’. It gave me the perfect chance to meet Ben’s classmates which helped my adjustment but not my jetlag! Luckily school only starts at 8:30 in the UK!”

Windermere is an adventure school like Stanford and I’ve had a chance to do some free wall climbing and sailing! After only two weeks in class I’ve joined the Bakers on an incredible half term holiday in Europe. The family are kind and generous which makes the adjustment of being somewhere totally new so much easier.”



On Wednesday we hosted a special assembly in the amphitheatre when we awarded pupils for their academic excellence throughout the year. Well done, keep up the good work! We will share a link with all images next week!

CONGRATULATIONS

