



Matters of Principal

“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”

— Pelé

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first week of our first term in 2025. We have had an excellent (wet but excellent) start to the year. The Matric class of 2025 arrived on Monday to prepare for the arrival of our Grade 8s. They participated in team-building activities, a MasterChef competition, and planning sessions for the year ahead. It was a very positive and productive start.

The first day of school is always a very special one. The arrival of our new pupils brings with it a mix of emotions: anxious trepidation, nervous excitement, giggles, tears, and a sense of adventure and positivity. Our Grade 8s are at the beginning of what I am sure will be a very rewarding five years. While there may be challenges along the way, and moments when they question their journey, I have no doubt they are embarking on one of the most exciting and transformative experiences of their lives.

As the Matric class of 2029 begins this journey, the class of 2024 has officially signed off—and in extraordinary fashion. Their final matric examination results are outstanding. I extend heartfelt congratulations to the entire class, as well as to the teachers and parents who supported them throughout their journey. A special mention must go to our Dux, Nanaki Kgopong. Her exceptional results, culminating in her placement on the IEB Outstanding Achievers list (a distinction awarded to fewer than 150 pupils), are a testament to her hard work and dedication. Her achievement is truly remarkable. As they venture into an exciting new chapter of their lives, I wish the class of 2024 all the best and look forward to following their future endeavours.

On New Pupils Day, Mrs. Shirley Scriven officially introduced the Parents Association to our new parents. This wonderful and long-overdue initiative aims to bring our school community even closer together. It provides parents with opportunities to be more involved in their children’s education, contribute specialist skills to the school when needed, and, most importantly, build bridges within our parent community. Through this, we hope parents always feel welcome on campus, actively support their children on the sports field, and contribute to the growth of our school community. For more information about the Parents Association, please see the link below and consider joining the WhatsApp group.

I am extremely excited about the year ahead and the promise it holds for our school. Let us continue to work together to make 2025 an extraordinary year, filled with growth, achievement, and community spirit.

Warm regards,

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WELCOME TO STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families and pupils. We captured some of the special moments of the first day for all our new pupils. The full gallery can be viewed here: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/FvSgGuTRtDvZxmed9>



GOOD LUCK FOR THE YEAR AHEAD AND ALL
THOSE THAT FOLLOW!

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VISIBLE WELLBEING

Stanford Lake College will continue to roll out our Visible Wellbeing Lessons during the course of 2025. Our Grade 9s to 12s are well on their way in their wellness journey and they will continue discussing topics of importance during lessons. The Grade 8s will embark on their wellness journey and will be introduced to the programme during the first term. The 6 Pathways to wellness will be published in a later edition of the snapshot.

How do we make wellbeing more visible?

We can see it

We can feel it

We can hear it

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Last year we welcomed two future Stanfordinians. Hearty congratulations to our Mrs. R. Johnson and her husband, a past pupil from Stanford Thomas Johnson, on the birth of their little boy - Thomas Scott Johnson.



Mr. Fullard and his wife Karla-Mart had an extra special Christmas with the arrival of their little boy - Beyers Fullard.



CONGRATULATIONS

Mathematics Olympiad Round 2 Top Performers

It is with great pride and honour that we share the outstanding mathematical achievements of 2 of our pupils.

Teya Zanetic was awarded a Gold medal for being the Top performer in Limpopo in SAMF Mathematics Olympiad Round 2. Hana MacMillan was closely second and was awarded a Silver medal.



Teya Zanetic



Hana MacMillan

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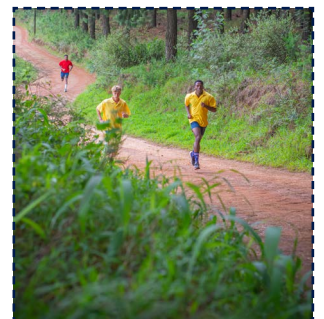
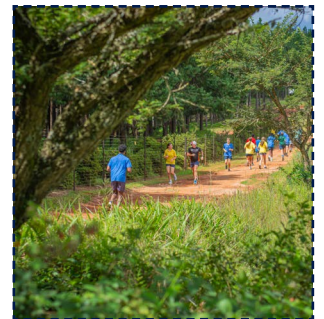
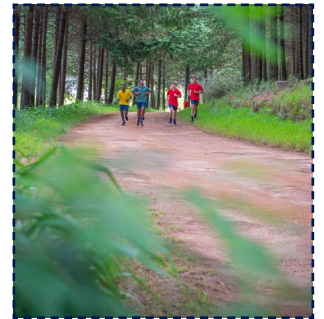
At the end of 2024, on the 30th of November, Ilne Kotze and Mr. Fullard took part in the last race of the South African Adventure Racing series in the beautiful area of Fouriesburg. The race had two distances, a 170km and a 120km. The SLC team took part in the 120km race. It was an early morning as the race started at 2:00am on the Saturday. Even though it was mid-summer, the temperatures that time of the morning in that part of the world were freezing. The race kicked off with a run leg to a paddle that comprised of half paddling your boat, lots of dragging your boat and then some jungle-gymming your boats through the fallen-over trees. They took it easy on the first jog and arrived at the paddle midfield. After a strong paddle/relentless non-stop moving and some perfect navigation through the trees they finished the paddle ahead of the entire field. A short 2km run back to the transition and next was a very tough hike leg over the mountains and down to the Lesotho border. They managed a good pace on the hike, with some of the 170km race teams coming past.

They arrived at the next transition still in first place for the 120km race. On the next bicycle leg the wheels came off a bit with Ilne struggling with some health issues. The strategy changed from racing to just keep moving, managing the circumstances and to finish the race. They completed the bike leg, the next 6km hike leg and the last 36km bike. Luckily with some tricky navigation that they aced and good team work, they managed to keep a decent pace and stay ahead in the race. They finished the race at 20:25 Saturday evening, winning the 120km race category. Well done Badgers!



CROSS COUNTRY

The 2025 sports calendar kicked off with the traditional Interhouse Cross Country. As usual the run was taken on with much enthusiasm by the pupils and staff alike. The course consisted of a challenging 2.5km route through the pine plantations, with pupils and staff earning a point for their house for every lap that they completed. It was encouraging to see that so many Stanfordinians had indeed been following their coaches training programmes, and many are looking fit and strong. Loomis came third with 121 points, Fenwick second with 128, and Orvis took the win with 148 points, helped by a clean sweep of the boy's podium. Well done to all Badgers and staff for taking part. Full gallery [here](#).



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YOU'RE INVITED!

INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

Join us at Stanford to cheer beside the athletics field on Friday afternoon, 24 January (long distance running) and all day on Saturday 25 January (all other field and track events). Come sporting your house colours to support **Loomis**, **Fenwick** and **Orvis** as they fight it out for Interhouse honours. The competition promises to be fierce and the tuckshop will be open on Friday with various vendors also on site on Saturday (cash, card and ALLXS cards accepted for payment). Bring along your chairs and a cooler for your beverages. Braais will also be available and gazebos are welcome.



Keep in touch!

Join the Sports Logistics Communications WhatsApp group by using this QR code or the link below to stay updated with logistics, schedules and more.
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DcR5mhnX-wE26REiVyg8MmJ>. To stay updated with logistics, schedules and more.



Don't forget to check the weekly notice and plan your week. This can be found under "The Resources For Parents" tab and clicking on the "Weekly calendar" button.

Weekly Calendar