



## Matters of Principal

*"Imagination is the source of every form of human achievement. And it's the one thing that I believe we are systematically jeopardizing in the way we educate our children and ourselves"*

**Sir Ken Robinson**

Following a rather chaotic Monday morning, I set aside 30 minutes to remind myself why I do what I do. I decided to go back to one of my favourite TED talks. A talk by Ken Robinson presented in 2006. I have included the [link](https://www.ted.com/talks/sir_ken_robinson_do_schools_kill_creativity) and encourage you to find 20 minutes to watch it. (https://www.ted.com/talks/sir\_ken\_robinson\_do\_schools\_kill\_creativity)

In this presentation entitled "Do Schools Kill Creativity?" he speaks of creating an education system that "nurtures (rather than undermines) creativity". In his talk, he mentions the rapid rate of change in the working world and some of the skills that we think may be required to flourish in a modern world. That said technology is developing at such a rate that we have very little idea of what the skills requirements are going to be in 5 years let alone 50. In his mind, the key is not to stifle creativity but to embrace it and allow pupils to develop the skills learnt in the arts. He speaks of a hierarchy of subjects in schools across the world, with Maths and Science always being at the top and the Arts firmly anchored at the bottom of the hierarchy. The message from society to our children is: don't become a musician as you can't make a living! Or don't do art as you will make no money!

By stifling this passion for creativity we are doing ourselves and our children a disservice. At Stanford we preach a holistic education and

this week we have demonstrated this commitment by holding a culture week. We have held inter-house debating, singing and art, all small initiatives to highlight the importance of a love for the arts and creativity. However, it is but a drop in the ocean, with a growing cultural programme which includes things such as junior art and dance in the Grade 8 and 9 timetable, clubs and societies, choir, debating, speakers and increasing our footprint at the local eisteddfods (with song, dance, music, choir and public speaking all included) we are making great progress.

Those able to attend last night's inter-house singing would have walked away with a sense of warmth in their souls, not necessarily because of the quality of the performances (don't get me wrong there was some extraordinary talent on display) but more for the atmosphere in the Dad Centre and the sense of uninhibited freedom and confidence that so many of our pupils displayed in their performances, despite this not usually being a comfortable space for them.

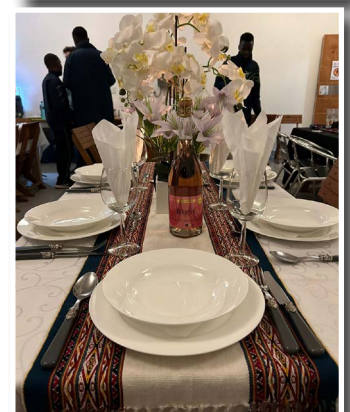
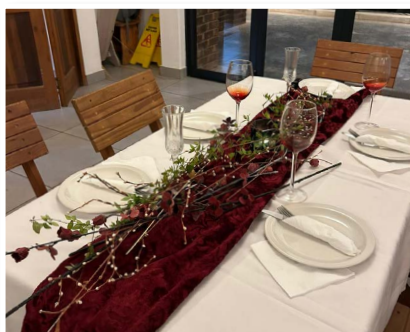
I wish you all a very happy weekend and in particular, I wish all of our young ladies, mothers, aunts, female guardians and grandmothers a special Women's Day tomorrow.

## GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

Last week, Stanford Lake College's future leaders, the Grade 11 cohort, embarked on a transformative journey during their leadership camp. Over two days, they delved into the responsibilities of servant leadership within our school community. A significant focus was the crafting of their leadership pledge for 2025, a commitment soon to be shared with the school.

A standout tradition of this camp is the eagerly anticipated "potjie competition". Each house meticulously prepared and presented their dishes to a panel of judges, showcasing their teamwork and culinary skills. Founders House demonstrated exceptional spirit, with Founders South claiming the top spot and Founders North securing a commendable second place.

This camp not only prepares our students for their roles as leaders but also fosters camaraderie and excellence among our house communities. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact these emerging leaders will have in the coming year.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CHESS

On Wednesday, the chess teams played their final league fixture against old rivals, Ben Vorster. The Seniors have continued their winning ways with an excellent score of 7.4-3-5. The Junior team continues to grow and learn. They have shown immense progress as the season unfolded. They unfortunately lost 10-2.

The Senior chess team has ended the season with 4 wins and 1 loss.

### SENIOR DEBATING

On Wednesday the 7th of August, the Senior Debating Team went to Maseala Progressive Independent School to compete in the 3rd round of the Mayor's Cup League. Competing against St Bedes High School, the debaters gave it their all showing determination and knowledge on the topic. Alisha Calokechi, Alessio Calokechi and Angel Maponya gave outstanding speeches and the floor members were interactive and asked thought provoking and insightful questions. The debate was awarded to Stanford Lake College and Alessio Calokechi was awarded best speaker.

Congratulations to the senior team on their win!

### BADGER OF THE WEEK

Last week Krish Pandya demonstrated remarkable commitment, when he faced both a chess and tennis match on the same day.

He played his chess match first, securing a victory, and then promptly made his way to the tennis courts. Despite the tight schedule, Krish excelled in his singles tennis match and won that as well. His dedication and ability to perform well in both sports is truly commendable.



### TENNIS

On the 6th of August, Stanford Lake College played against the University of Limpopo's A teams in a series of competitive matches. Both the girls' and boys' singles teams performed admirably, winning two out of their four matches each. Michael Kiggundu secured a victory with a score of 5 - 3. Aryan Ghelani also triumphed with a score of 5 - 3. Michaela Alcock dominated her match with an impressive score of 5 - 1. Kim Ruwona achieved a solid win with a score of 5 - 3.

Despite these strong individual performances, the boys faced challenges in the doubles matches, losing both. However, the girls' doubles teams excelled, winning both of their matches. Overall, the competition was fierce and resulted in a draw based on the number of games won. However, when considering the total points, Stanford narrowly lost the day with a score of 41 - 46. It was a tough day, but our players demonstrated exceptional skill and determination. Their performances, particularly in the singles matches, were commendable and showed their growth and potential.

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and bring your goals  
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We are the  
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#Donate blood.  
#Save lives

**Stanford Lake College**

**Venue: Dining Hall**

**Date: 14.08.2024 (Wednesday)**

**Time: 08h30 to 15h30**

**NB: New / First time donors  
Please bring along a copy/picture  
of your Birth certificate/ID**

## RYNO SCHULTZ WOWS AT ARTS FESTIVUS

Our pupils recently participated at the Arts Festivus at Ben Vorster. Ryno Schultz captivated the adjudicators and received 88% for the delivery of his speech.

“Good morning, Adjudicator and of course you boys and girls.

We all have our favourite bed time story.

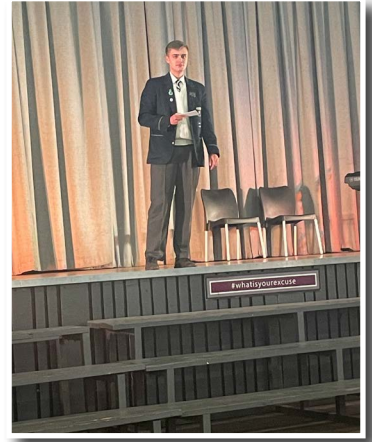
Now, let me tell you kids a story from my generation. It’s called The Three Little Pigs and The Big, Bad Wolf. And no, it wasn’t the wolf from the woods as you know him but the wolf travelling all across the globe.

The big bad wolf was on the prowl for pork when he came across the first house constructed of straw. In this house lived a pig named Kim and he was married to Jong Un. They were such empathetic and autocratic parents that taught their piglets all the pleasures that communism has to offer. But when the wolf came to the happy family’s door he huffed and puffed and off went the straw house.

So, Kim and his whole family ran to their friend’s house fabricated from sticks. In the stick house lived Piggy Putin.

But Piggy Putin and his family couldn’t decide whether to paint their house yellow and blue or Soviet red, resulting in them going through a bit of a prolonged and vicious divorce. So, it’s no wonder that when the big bad wolf got there, he huffed and puffed and off went all the sticks in blasts of red and blue and yellow. Run, run, run. All the pigs could do was run. As they ran, they passed the shack-like house of Phala Phala but they saw the lights were off and no one was home so they kept on running. Until they found the best and strongest house in the whole piggery, the White House. A house which was built on the paragon of democracy by no other than Jurassic Joe and his quacking friend Donald Duck.

But what the Wolf knew that they didn’t, was that Jurassic Joe and Donald Duck weren’t the slightest of friends. In fact, Jurassic Joe started shooting off Donald Duck’s ears. The big bad Wolf of anarchy didn’t huff or puff but waited for them to break down the last house home by themselves. And so, far beyond the home-



steads of the 3 little pigs of democracy, communism and dictatorship, this wolf strides the world, and our fabled characters of childhood stories flee.

We learn that the wolf of anarchy plagues the world, blind to the pigs of people feeding from the trough of greed. No matter the design of their houses or the construct of their society, anarchy hunts them down if they don’t trot to the slaughter themselves. Boys and girls, when looking for your shepherd, don’t run to other animals. Otherwise, there’s no happily ever after, only the end.”

## PHOTO DAY



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### HOW TO ORDER YOUR PHOTOS

- 1 Navigate to: <https://orders.prestigephotoco.co.za>
- 2 Use the unique access key to place your orders with Prestige Photos.

### DON'T HAVE A CODE? USE THE STEPS BELOW TO FIND YOURS.

- 1 Visit [www.slc.co.za](http://www.slc.co.za)
- 2 Hover over the “More” tab
- 3 Select “Resources for Parents”
- 4 Select the Photo Day 2024 Codes

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

### Thusanang needs your help

Thusanang is running a course on making resources for our community creches. Please can you bring any magazines, orange/avo/vegetable bags, 1L milk containers, scraps of material, yoghurt or margarine containers, to support this initiative.

Drop off at Mr.Vollgraaff's class

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## SOCCKER

It has been a busy but very successful week of soccer. This past weekend, Stanford Lake College hosted Uplands and PEPPS for two exciting days of competition. The matches were extremely competitive and always upheld the spirit of sportsmanship. It was a wonderful opportunity for all our teams to play, and it was particularly exciting to see the junior girls play their first matches of the season.

Our senior teams set the standard by not losing any of their games. Our school and pupils can be proud of how they represented themselves. Stanford Lake College is also grateful for the support of the parents and staff over the weekend.

Results:

1st team boys: Won both games

2nd team boys: Beat PEPPS and drew to Uplands

1st team girls: Beat PEPPS and drew to Uplands

U15A: Beat PEPPS and drew to Uplands.

U15B: Unfortunately, lost both games.

Junior girls: Beat PEPPS and lost to Uplands.

We then hosted Curro Heuvelkruin on Tuesday. The 2nd team and U15Bs got to play. These were two hard-fought matches, with the schools sharing the spoils at the end of the day.

Results:

The 2nd team won 2-1

The U15B team: unfortunately lost.

If you missed all the live action you can view all the photos via this [album](https://photos.app.goo.gl/7ozKd2oRRQinYo7c7) | <https://photos.app.goo.gl/7ozKd2oRRQinYo7c7>.

