



Matters of Principal

"Teamwork is the ability to work together towards a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments towards organisational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

Andrew Carnegie

More often than not I am astounded by how seamlessly things generally just happen on this campus. Of course, a great deal of planning and thought goes into all that we do here, but it is how things are executed that determines the success of the planning and eventually the event or activity. In the words of Helen Keller "Alone we can do so little: together we can do so much."

I put this down to effective teamwork! This weekend is a case in point. We hosted the first Limpopo XCO event of the season, it was an unqualified success and the feedback received from participants, parents, spectators, and the Limpopo MTB committee was exceptional. Tiaan Fullard and Neil Haarhoff must take much of the credit, in particular Tiaan for the work he did in building new tracks on campus and clearing and marking existing tracks in the forest, but there is so much more to it than that. The Estate's department and the Turftech green machine must once again take enormous credit for how spectacular our campus looked (and always looks), the staff who spent hours in the dust and sun out on the track marshalling the various races. Mrs Kerry Blandy who oversees the tuck shop and vendors, must also be credited for her superb organisational skills and calmness under pressure and of course, our Grade 11 pupils and parents who so generously gave of their time to assist in ensuring that the smell of freshly braaied wors gave us all the feel of a truly South African day out!

The cherry on the top was the outstanding performance of Gordan Noel who blew the field away winning the U19 event by at least half a lap. Tristan Brett put in a typical Tristan performance displaying immense grit and determination, but for a crash on the last lap, I am sure he would have earned a spot on the podium. I am extremely proud of all twelve Stanfordinians who took part in the event all giving their best in true Badger style.

I am grateful to all members of our community who joined the team and ensured that our school once again displayed the excellence that we strive so hard for in all that we do.

Have an excellent weekend.

NEWS FROM THE CREASE

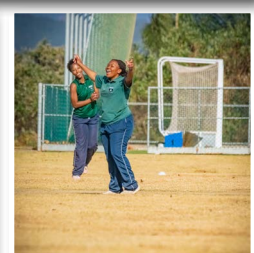
The girls' cricket team played a friendly match against the Nkowanokwa Cricket Hub on Tuesday, the 23rd of July.

The visitors won the toss and chose to bat first. They set a competitive target, scoring 128 runs for the loss of 5 wickets in their 20 overs. Their innings was characterised by steady partnerships and a few explosive shots that kept the scoreboard ticking.

The Stanfordinian girls took to the crease with the primary objective of batting through their 20 overs. Despite it being their debut game, they displayed commendable composure and teamwork. The team managed to score 89 runs by the end of their innings.

Basani Msimeki stood out with an impressive performance, scoring 30 runs off 40 balls.

While the Stanfordinians did not reach the target set by Nkowanokwa Cricket Hub, their performance was promising for a first match. They achieved their goal of batting through the 20 overs and gained valuable experience. This match provided a strong foundation for the team to build upon in future games.



Roundsquare News



We are thrilled to welcome Fergus Stewart, our newest exchange student from Tasmania, Australia. Fergus hails from Scotch Oakburn College and has quickly become a part of our vibrant school community. Partnered with Ilné Kotze, Fergus is excited to immerse himself in the unique experiences our campus has to offer.

Our Round Square International Service project in Thailand is well on its way. Our three attending students will fly back on Monday the 29th of July. It looks like they have had an amazing time, but we haven't heard from them because it is a cell phone free event. Our main form of communication is a blog which gets updated every few days. If you want to see what an RSIS project is like, check out the project's latest [video](#) to get a better understanding of what our students are doing.



LET'S HELP HUMANITY

Together we can change the world

Stanford Lake College's Service Committee is partnering with students to provide Appel, a less fortunate school with Boxes of Hope aimed at making a positive change to a child's life!

JOIN US NOW!
Drop off location; 📍 Tutors classroom

A shoebox should include:

- A packet of sweets
- A pair of socks
- Reading book
- Block of soap
- Hand towel
- Roll on or deodorant

Sanitary Towels (even if a male, will be distributed accordingly)

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Motivational hand written note

DUE DATE: 13 AUGUST

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

MATRIC CAR WASH

Come and support the matrics with their fundraising event by getting your car washed!

R100

for a full exterior car wash

Watch the Uplands Football Tournament while we wash your car.

Time: 14:00 - 16:00

NOW ONLY R295.00

The hardcover coffee table book detailing 25 years of Stanford Lake College is available to purchase for a discounted rate of ONLY R295.00. The publication is a beautiful history of Stanford photos, memories and traditions. It is an absolute must for any previous or current Stanfordinian!

You can order your copy via the ALLXS system or by emailing marketing@slc.co.za

ART FESTIVUS UPDATE

It appears we had a beaver in our system last week. Congratulations to Natali Chitagu in Grade 9 for achieving 80% for Poetry and 79% for Public Speaking.

Well done to Megan Lamminga in Grade 9 for achieving 82% for a piano duet.

THE SPORTS WRAP

CHESS

On Wednesday, the chess team played against Lowveld Academy at Stanford Lake College. The games were extremely competitive and played in great spirit. Stanford emerged victorious with a scoreline of 8-4. Next week the team will be playing against long-time rivals, Mersensky.



SOCCER

On Wednesday, we played our first Soccer matches of the season. The games were played against Ben Vorster at Ben Vorster. The U15A Boys and 1st teams represented our school. The games were close and the players never failed to show their Badger spirit. Many Grade 8s played their first game for Stanford while there were also several senior boys making their debuts for the 1st team. Well done to all of the players.

Results:

U15A lost 3-0

1st team lost 2-1



SPEAKERS

On Monday evening, we had our Speakers Society evening at The Eatery. It was an intimate and cozy setting. The students have really grown in confidence as the year has progressed, producing writing and speaking of exceptional quality. They are a talented group of young people, and it was on full display.

Best Adjudicator: Yanke Willemse and Morne Lindeque

Best Unprepared speaker: Emma Imrie.

Best prepared speaker: Ryno Schultz

BADGER OF THE WEEK

Maropeng Kekana has shown great courage and determination by trying a new sport this term. He started swimming and has excelled remarkably in it. His dedication and enthusiasm are evident in every practice. Maropeng has truly embodied the badger spirit, embracing challenges with a positive attitude.

