

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

I have just completed a series of marketing presentations to prospective parents. It is a wonderful opportunity to promote our school but at the same time it gives me time to reflect on what it is that we are doing at Stanford. I speak of our value system and why it is that we hold those values so close to our hearts. One of our values is Respect. "I have Respect – I show it and I earn it". I was recently paging through one of my favourite books written by Martin Kalungu-Banda called "Leading like Madiba: Leadership lessons from Nelson Mandela" and I came across this story that epitomizes the value of respect and demonstrates how important a trait it is. We can certainly learn from the best! Nelson Mandela, an inspirational leader doing something outside the normal, displaying and earning respect.

Just before Mandela retired as State President, a South African boxer of diminutive stature by the name of Matlala, also known as Baby Jake, fought an American boxer and won. It was the first time in history that a South African had beaten an American boxer on American soil. Newspapers throughout South Africa splashed the story and pictures of Baby Jake's victory across their front and back pages. It was obviously one of the greatest moments in the boxer's career.

A few weeks later Mr Mandela is said to have directed his security personnel to find out when Baby Jake would be at home. On an appropriate day Mr Mandela asked to be driven from Pretoria to Johannesburg, where Baby Jake lived. The President remained at the entrance of the famous boxer's house as he sent in his aide-de-camp with this message: 'Matlala, I am here to tell you that you won the

fight in the Unites States by fluke. You are not the true champion. At the gate to your house is the real one you should fight if you think you are worth the title.'

You can imagine how this infuriated Baby Jake, still basking in the glory of his historic victory, he shoved the aide-de-camp aside and charged towards the gate to confront the disrespectful challenger.

The visibly angry boxer flung the gate wide open. Lo and behold, and to his astonishment, it was the President, Nelson Mandela, with his hands in red gloves. Speechless, Matlala tottered towards Mr Mandela and threw his arms around him. In return, Mr Mandela emotionally clasped the small tough man and gently said, 'Matlala, I am sorry to visit your home unannounced. When I watched your incredible victory in the United States on television, I realized that writing to you or even talking to you on the phone would not communicate my deepest sense of appreciation for the honour you have brought to all of us in South Africa. You fought on American soil and emerged victorious. I just had to come here to say, "Thank you very much,"' Then Mr Mandela humbly asked, 'Matlala, may I invite myself for a cup of tea in your home?'

That was how Mr Mandela spent an hour in Matlala's house, the two of them talking about all sorts of things. From then on, the story goes, Matlala's motto became: 'When I am in the ring nothing can stop me' As he said, 'Not even a wall of steel can stand between victory and me. All I need is to remember that Madiba is watching me fight for honour. He came and drank tea in my home and I am simply invincible.'

- An extract from Leading Like Madiba by Martin Kalungu-Banda

Have a Blessed weekend.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

RUGBY

On Tuesday 4th May, five U/16 and eight U/18 rugby players took part in Rugby Trials in Polokwane. It was a tough day out for the boys, playing against pupils from the bigger schools in our province but valuable lessons were learned.

Unfortunately, Conor Mulligan fractured his wrist during his match and will be on the side-line for a few weeks.

We are delighted to announce that both Willem Vos and David Ramalepe made it through to the next round of trials for the U/16s and Xilombe Ndlopfu made it to the next round for the U/18s.

INTER-HOUSE HOCKEY

On Friday, 30th March, the Inter-House Hockey tournament was hosted at Stanford Lake College. The format was 7-a-side hockey with each team receiving a power play. This made the games interesting as teams had to think tactically about when they would use their power play. The power play would see the opposition team lose two players and every goal scored would count as two goals during the power play.

A total of 72 goals were scored in just 12 games. All the players had a lot of fun and worked hard to get their house to win. However, there can only be one victor! Fenwick walked away with the honours of being crowned Inter-House Hockey Champions for 2021. Well done to all the participants.



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BID ONLINE AUCTION

Thursday 27th May

via Telegram

Money raised will go towards to the Matric Dance

Wine, gin, breakaway weekends, handbag, helicopter experience and MUCH more!

LOT 1
3-night stay for a family of 4-5 people in a luxury suite (including all meals) at Shiloah Inn near the Matric venue.

Labour et Integritas



Left to right: Jason Bruin (Captain), Lloyd Lombard, Luke Fairhead, Kade Thompson and Jason Freestone.

FOUR PUPILS REPRESENT LIMPOPO

Four Stanford students represented Limpopo in the Senior-A fly-fishing team at the recent South African Fly-Fishing Association Senior A-Nationals competition in Kamberg, KZN. Jason Freestone, Luke Fairhead, Lloyd Lombard and Kade Thompson competed against the best fly-fishing anglers in the country over the 3 day (5 x 3-hour sessions) event. With changing weather conditions as well as fishing in both rivers and dams, our boys stepped up to the challenge and performed very well.

Positions were as follows: Jason – 30th, Luke – 41st, Lloyd – 48th and Kade – 55th. Other highlights: Lloyd caught a monster 52cm rainbow trout during the first session of the competition, 3cm less than the largest fish caught in the tournament. Kade recorded a faultless 5 sessions – catching at least 1 fish per session (no blank). Well done to the boys and good luck with the Youth Nationals in September.

STAFF PROFILES



Mrs Wendy Willson

- 1 What is your role at the school?
Logistics Manager.
- 2 What year did you start working at the school?
2001
- 3 What type of music are you in to?
VERY old music.
- 4 Tell us something we don't know about you...
I have four younger sisters and 5.5 grandchildren.
- 5 What's your favourite thing to do in downtime?
I like to Read, Cook & Family time.
- 6 Name one thing on your bucket list...
A very long Island holiday.
- 7 Does pineapple belong on pizza?
My grandchildren have taught me that is does.
- 8 Tea  OR Coffee? 
- 9 iOS OR Android? What's that?
- 10 Melktart OR Malva Pudding?
- 11 Cups in the cupboard: Right side up  OR upside down? 
- 12 Beach  OR Mountains? 
- 13 Dogs  OR Cats?  Both!



PHOTO DAY 2021

Official school photo day will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 31st May. We aim to take photos of all winter sports teams, grades and boarding houses. Team photos will be taken in team kit, so please ensure your child arrives at school with the necessary kits. Further details and full list of photos to be sent out closer to the time.

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NEWS FROM THE COURTS

Sixteen Stanford netball players took part in the Netball District Trials on Tuesday, 4th of May at Ben Vorster. All the girls who went performed to the best of their abilities and we couldn't be more proud of them. We're pleased to announce that seven of them have been selected to represent the Mopani District at the Limpopo trials later on this month. Huge congratulations go to Krisha Kanyongolo, Jana Prinsloo and Nsovo Mabila for the U/14s, Nanaki Kgopong and Isabella Alcock for the U/15s and Anja Maree and Masase Mbedzi for the U/18s.

On Thursday of this week, the "Fransie" girls from Frans du Toit High School in Phalaborwa arrived by the bus load to take on our girls on the netball courts. There was a buzz in the air as the Stanford girls were excited to play their first matches in more than a year. Although we didn't get the results we were hoping for, the coaches are extremely proud of the girls because they gave us their all! They showed that they are willing to learn as well as showing a lot of good sportsmanship and resilience. The girls have a lot of work to do for the season ahead but the coaches are confident that are going to grow from strength to strength. Well done ladies!

