



Matters of Principal

Homeschool day

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can get this kid
transferred out
of my class.

As I walk up from tea, the campus feels like a ghost town! Not the normal holiday feel but something very different, this place should be alive with the buzz of day-to-day Stanford life. It is hard to believe that at 12h00 on Sunday, this campus was an absolute picture of healthy activity. The past weekend encapsulated everything that was good about our school.

On Friday afternoon and Saturday morning we hosted our Open Weekend. We were blessed with the arrival of 73 potential new pupils and their parents. I have mentioned before that as a marketing team, Beth and I see our major task being that of getting parents and potential pupils onto the Mountain. Once here, this campus, our staff and the scholars will take care of the rest. I can confidently say that this held true this weekend. Our visitors had a wonderful time, involvement in academic activities, a night walk and an adventure race exposed them to life on our campus. Our seniors hosted prospective parents on tours of the campus before I addressed them in the Barnyard. I was blown away by how positive everyone was about the experience. If that was not enough, the Wik Triathlon was hosted on Sunday. What an amazing community activity. The campus looked stunning and Copper Moon are to be congratulated on putting together an excellent event. I can think of nothing that rivals this as a school-hosted community event across the country. It is certainly something we can all be very proud of added to which our pupils performed superbly.

Central to improving our product at Stanford Lake College is to im-

prove our cultural footprint. On Saturday, we participated in a cultural extravaganza hosted by Mitchell House, I was unable to attend but Denis Jack attended on my behalf and the feedback is that it was an excellent morning. I would like to congratulate all those involved, be it debating, choir recital or, dramatic productions. Details of all the weekend's events can be found in the body of this edition of Snapshot.

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MEET OUR STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Dimpho Mohuba, Head of Ken Shuter House

"Behind every successful woman, is a tribe of successful women who have her back."

I chose this quote at the beginning of this year to aid me in leading the boarding house that holds the heart of Stanford - Ken Shuter.

I believe there is strength in sisterhood. Sisterhood is often said to be the one thing greater than magic. This sisterhood is what I wish to create between the girls of Ken Shuter. To make each one of them realise the true meaning of Philippians 2:3 "Don't do anything for selfish purposes, but with humility think of others as better than yourselves". My goal is to encourage Ubuntu and respect in the boarding house. Respect, I believe, is the most important value that anyone can have. It begins with respect for yourself which in turn, earns respect from others. This respect opens doors for friendships, opportunities and success.

I wish to inspire my girls to achieve everything and anything they set their minds to, whether it be on the sports field, in class or on stage with Mr Swann. Most importantly, as I go back to my initial point, that all of this should be done with the support of your sisters, because together we can achieve great things.

I'm excited for the year ahead! The Ken Shuter girls have already achieved so much individually and not forgetting us coming in second place in the house singing. I can't wait to see how else the ladies will make Stanford proud!



RED CARPETS & GOLDEN OSCARS

The Grade 11 students put on an oscar-worthy show for the Grade 12s at the Matric Dance Invitation Ceremony on Monday!
The dance is certainly going to be a show-stopper!



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Despite the threat of the Coronavirus there was a wonderful turnout for the eighth edition of the Wik Memorial Triathlon, with over 400 participants taking part. An amazing number considering the circumstances. The weather was perfect which added to the buzz of the day.

Once again Wik's life was celebrated in a way which was befitting of the man himself.

A large number of Stanford students entered the event with some fantastic results. Jar-ryd Gosling and Llewellyn Rogers braved the Stanfordian event and did very well. In the Wik event, Stanford students reigned supreme and took a number of podium places. Gunther Katzke was the overall winner of the race, whilst Michael Scriven came third among the Junior Men. Our female athletes dominated the Junior Female category, with Lia Revelas coming in first (and 13th overall), Heidi Katzke in second (and 18th overall) and Danica Altenroxel in third.

A huge number of students, staff, parents and alumni took part in the team event with team "Flying Three" coming first in the Mixed Junior Category. Taking up the swimming leg was Jenny Zhang (Grade 8!) who was the first swimmer out of the water. Herman Fourie took on the cycling leg whilst Marc Day's fresh legs brought the team over the finish line for the running segment. Rachel Thompson, Lulu Cooper and Evie Carreau (Exchange student) also won among the Girls Junior teams. Congratulations also to Mr Willson who came second overall in the Stanfordian event.

A huge thank you to Copper Moon Events for putting the event together and also to all the staff that helped out on the day. Once again, the team effort made this event a success.



WATTLES FOR WIK

The Wik Triathlon is a memorial triathlon for Mr Wik van der Walt, a staff member who was well respected by all the students of Stanford Lake College. He was a man who loved life and who invested in the conservation of the environment. Every year, the digging up of wattles has been carried out in remembrance of Mr Van der Walt, this is known as "Wik's Wattle Patrol".

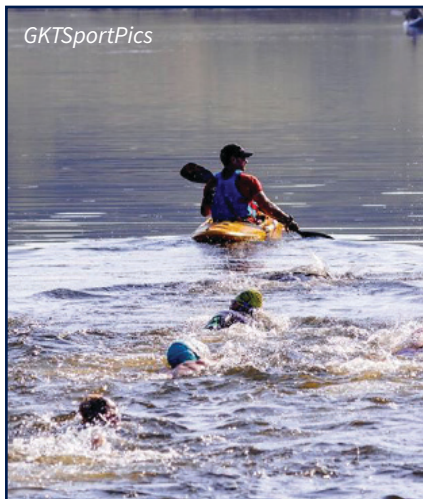
Wattle patrol was originally started by Mr van der Walt as a form of detention. He would send those who were given detention into the woods to pull out "alien" wattle trees. This was hated by most students, except for a group of pupils (Austin Johnson, Aiden Du Preez, Matthew Crawford and Byron Lucas) who loved the outdoors. In honour of this amazing man, the four pupils formed "The Wattle Patrol" team for the first Wik Triathlon and this has become an annual tradition ever since. The original team aimed not to push themselves or to try and come first, but to enjoy every moment of the race, taking time to remember Mr van der Walt and all that he believed in. Along the way, the pupils took the opportunity to swim in all the watering holes, dig out the "alien" trees and carry as many as they could to the finish line of the race.

We hope that this tradition carries on and is handed down to the students of Stanford Lake College, and that Wik van der Walt is remembered as a man who was loved and respected by all.

- Courtney Penrose



Courtney Penrose and Austin Johnson after this year's Wik with their haul of removed wattles!



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STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE VS MITCHELL HOUSE

U/15 RUGBY

This was most probably the most entertaining game of the afternoon. With only one training session the U/15 boys did exceptionally well by dominating all phases of the game. The forwards laid the foundation for the backline to score the tries. Nine tries were scored in the game. A special mention needs to go to Dylan Turner who has played his heart out in the first half, but unfortunately after 10 minutes in the second half, he was forced to go off due to a fractured arm. The College wants to wish him a speedy recovery. Tries were scored by Iggy Lindeque (1), David Ramalepe (3), Nsuku Shingwenyana (2), Anointed Tshivhengwa (2) and Pearson Mumba (1). Iggy converted two of the tries.



1ST TEAM RUGBY

This was a typical 1st Team rugby match. Players from both sides put their bodies on the line for their team and played for their badges. Our 1st Team boys, coming fresh out of a weekend training camp, did well to score the first points in the match, just six minutes in. The Stanford pack dominated possession in the first half, but were unable to convert all the opportunities. The boys finished the first half on a high and scored to make the half time score 19 – 0 to Stanford Lake College. In the second half, the game started slowly and many mistakes were made from the Stanford side, which opened the door for Mitchell House and they managed to score two tries. The final score was 33 – 10 to Stanford. Tries were scored by Ethan Jones (2), Warwick Melville (1), Abe Athanassiades (1) and Hosea Muleya (1). Three tries were converted by Marthinus Maritz. Thanks to all the parents and pupils for the amazing support next to the field.



NETBALL

Our girls represented Stanford Lake College with honour on the netball courts. In what was anticipated to be an exciting day of rivalry and friendship, the Stanford girls started off the matches with a chant to get them hyped up and ready for the matches ahead.

The first matches were played by the U/14 and the U/15 teams. The U/14 girls unfortunately did not get the results they hoped for and went down with a 6 – 14 defeat. On the other court, the U/15s played some outstanding netball and gave Stanford a 15 – 9 win. This is an incredible result considering the age of the team – with all but one player being in the under 15 age category!

As the 1st Team took to the court, it brought chills to everyone's spines as the rugby boys flocked down to cheer on the girls. Both schools put up a tough challenge, well supported by their peers on the sidelines, singing their songs and chants. Despite fighting to the very end, the 1st Team lost the match 7 – 24. The 2nd Team match started off slowly but once the girls found their rhythm, the phases of play started to flow and the final score was 14 – 7 in Stanford's favour.

A huge thank you to Mitchell House for bringing their netball teams to Stanford. Girls from both teams enjoyed the friendly rivalry and had fun on and off the court. To all the coaches that invest their afternoons in developing these phenomenal netball players – thank you, we are very of the Stanford netball teams.



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A SPOT OF CULTURE

MUSIC On Saturday, 14 March, a number of Stanfordsians took part in the Annual Cultural Extravaganza, hosted by Mitchell House in Polokwane this year. In the section for Music and Dance, Akila Ramdharie's fleeting fingers on the piano assured her of an overall third place. Being difficult to compete in the same section with a visual art form like dancing, this is an outstanding achievement. In the choir face-off, the Stanford Choir, being the only choir that did three-part singing, mesmerised the adjudicators and audience with a beautiful rendition of an African medley. This afforded them an overall second place. The progress of the choir over the past year has just been remarkable. Congratulations to the choir and to Akila - you did Stanford proud!

DEBATING The Stanford Senior Debating Team took part in the day, debating three rounds and three motions. During the first round, Stanford opposed the motion and in the second and third rounds, proposed the motions. Stanford won the third round against Maseala Progressive Senior and Malaika Mohlaba was awarded best speaker in this round. The motion for the third round was: The effects of media coverage on Covid-19 does more harm than good. Stanford ended up finishing in third position overall, losing out to PEPPS (1st) and Mitchell House (2nd). Malaika was awarded third best speaker of the day - she was very strong in POI (point of information).

A special mention to the juniors, Nanaki Kgopong and Mieke van Wyngaardt, who had the courage and confidence to debate against the seniors. The Stanford speakers were Annika Willemse, Nanaki Kgopong, Malaika Mohlaba, Mieke van Wyngaardt and Oratile Choeu.

DRAMA Several students also represented the school by contributing their drama talents in the form of monologues and dialogues at the Cultural Extravaganza. Anika Willemse and Thato Sibuyi both performed brilliant monologues. Thelma Mabuza performed alongside Rea Tease whilst Nothile Madlala performed with Thato Sibuyi in the dialogues. The students enjoyed the event and are already looking forward to the next one.



STANFORDIANS IN TRAINING

On Friday and Saturday of last week, Stanford Lake College welcomed 73 Grade 6 and 7 students to come and experience a taste of Stanford life. The future Stanfordsians spent just over 24 hours immersing themselves in Stanford culture - enjoying science, robotics and music activities as well as a night hike and an adventure challenge. Judging by the calibre of students attending - their beautiful personalities, willingness to learn and to stretch themselves out of their comfort zones - our Grade 8 class of 2021 is going to be a force to be reckoned with!

