



Stanford Lake College

Growing together for life



"With a stout heart, a mouse can lift an elephant." Tibetan proverb

19 January 2009

Dear All,

Welcome back to the College. May we all have a prosperous 2009! Welcome aboard to all our new students, families and staff members.

The following staff joined us in January:

Mr. Patrick Gumunyu: Director of Sports and Senior Life Orientation teacher

Mr. Thias Taute: Director of Development and Partnerships

Mr. Wik van der Walt: Estate Manager

Mr. Bernie Wheeler: Adventure and Life Orientation

Mr. Deon van Rooyen: part time Counselling, Life Orientation and Music

Mr. Karel Weber: History

Mrs. Thomasin Quibell: English

We will need a temporary Economics teacher for February.

We started off well. I am happy to report that we are filled to capacity (275 students). There is a waiting list for girl boarders and few spaces for boy boarders.

Our Grade 12 results were pleasing. We maintained our unblemished record of a 100% pass rate in the IEB examinations. Eighty-six percent of our students gained access to Bachelor's Degrees and 14% to Diplomas. We also achieved excellent subject averages. The 50 students obtained sixty-two "7" symbols (80%+). Congratulations to the Class of 2008 and their teachers.

During the holidays we hosted the Adventure Challenge for Schools. Well done to James Quibell, Neil Haarhoff and their team. Stanford did exceptionally well. Team Ubuntu won the race and Tshanduko came second. Thanks to all our parents for your assistance, which helped to make it a great event.

The Board and the Exco met on Saturday to discuss the sustainability of the College. We are confident that Stanford Lake College will stand the test of time.

The Matric Leadership Committee (headed by Nicky Gilbert) ran a successful Hatchery Weekend from Friday, 16th January to Sunday, 18th January. The Matrics were prepared, calm and flexible in their control of the programme execution. The Grade 8s were generally calm and compliant.

One of the many key objectives in our plan to move from good to great is to nurture the spiritual heart of the College. Parents and friends of Stanford form the backbone of this function. I urge everyone to become involved in building up the Parents' Association. The function of the PA is not just to raise funds but more about forming relationships with each other to support, market and build pride in our brand, Stanford Lake College. The PA AGM will take place on 30th January before the Hatchery concert at 17:00. All parents are welcome to attend, but especially those who would like to join this body.

Our Vision

To optimize our uniqueness to develop balanced, globally astute individuals within the Stanford family.

An AGM for all parents will take place on the same day as the Stanford Regatta – Thursday, 26th February 2009.

We also have car stickers and supporters t-shirts, which create a great form of camaraderie and help new parents identify other Stanford parents at sports and other places of meeting.

We are predominantly a boarding school; we seldom see our parents, therefore communication is a constant problem. Please visit our website www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za on a weekly basis to read through articles of interest. An electronic newsletter (Snapshot) will be circulated weekly. All the Headmaster's letters and letters from the Trust will be e-mailed to you directly. All these are also posted on the website. You will also receive regular notices on your mobile.

It is of utmost importance to adhere to the grievance procedure. If you have a problem, please start with the person in charge of that particular activity.

If it is an academic problem, please contact your child's teacher. If you are not satisfied, please contact the deputy or director in charge of that section:

Mr. Quibell: Adventure and DAD-activities

Mrs. Painter: GETC, Gr. 8 + 9

Mr. Jack: FET, Gr. 10 - 12, as well as discipline and pastoral care issues

Mr. Gumunyu: Sports

Mrs. Hollestein: Cultural activities

Mr. Taute: Round Square, Leadership Development, Outreach

Mr. Van der Walt: Environment, Safety, Transport, Estate, Logistical issues

Mrs. Willson: Health, cleaning and culinary issues

Mr. None: Finances

Mr. Gumunyu: Founders South, for any boarding issues in his house

Mr. Mamabolo: Founders North

Mrs. Painter: Lakeside House

Mrs. Wolff: Ken Shuter House

Ms. Kalidas: Shower House and Annexe

Mrs. Snyman: Appointments with the Headmaster

Enjoy 2009 with us.

Johann Ueckermann

HEADMASTER