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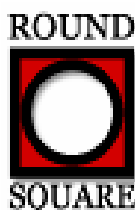
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Dear Debenture Holders, Parents and Friends of Stanford

The champagne air of April is always a good time to review the progress made at Stanford Lake College for the past few months.

All staff members have embraced the demanding aspects of academic rigour and have kept abreast of educational trends by completing an assessor's course delivered by the IEB at the beginning of the year, and attending the IEB Conference in each of the subjects taught at the College.

The development plan is well into the implementation stage. The branding and marketing exercises are nearing completion with the development of new marketing material and the appointment of a part-time marketer. Mrs Rona McGaffin has taken up this post. Rona ran the Stanford office out of the Sanlam building in Tzaneen when the school was still just a wonderful dream, which makes her well versed in all that Stanford has stood for since its inception. Although the school is fuller than it has ever been we cannot afford any complacency in marketing and are determined to attract quality pupils from our district and beyond.

The monies raised by the Trustees for the development plan have been put to good use with the development of a comprehensive branding and marketing strategy, which includes printed material, web updates, standardised signage, banners, flags, as well as promotional and sponsorship CDs.

Due to our increased numbers, the Trust has decided to go ahead with the campus development and the building of an additional boarding house for girls will commence shortly. This will free up the annexe and Shower House for staff and day scholars alike by next year.

Communication within the Stanford community has been made more effective by the publication of a daily notice and the Snapshot remains an excellent weekly read.

The management structures at Stanford have been re-considered in depth and Mr Ueckermann has tweaked the system to achieve maximum participation on all levels.

The administrative component at Stanford has almost completed the 2008 audit and our auditors have been suitably impressed by the high standards of corporate governance practised at Stanford Lake College.

The pupils have excelled on the sports fields and it is reassuring to note that our teams will start the winter sports season fit and prepared.

The PA has got off to a great start this year under the extremely able leadership of Megan Gardiner. The Regatta Day was great fun and it is hoped that this annual event will evolve into a greater showcase for our school and the community. A very successful function has already been held in the Barnyard, the proceeds of which are going towards the improvement of the indoor sports facilities at the Outdoor Centre.

Mr Ueckermann has been with us for 9 months now and it is a pleasure to work with him and his professional team. The second term is going to be very challenging and exciting for our school, with Stanford hosting the regional Africa Round Square Conference in April and we wish Mr Taute and his team great success with the staging of this event. During the Beaulieu weekend in May we will officially open the new Sports Pavilion and play the opening match on the newly-built Tennis and Netball court.

I wish you all a peaceful Easter break and a fruitful second term.

Yours sincerely,

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