



Stanford Lake College

"You will never plough a field if you only turn it over in your mind." Irish proverb

29 September 2009

Dear Parents and Teachers

Welcome back to the College for the final term of 2009. As always, it will be fast and exhilarating!

Gr. 11s will start with their Leadership Week today, Gr. 8s & 9s have their second Treks and Gr. 10s are off on their Gauteng Tour. I am immensely proud that our teachers are very protective of their teaching time, and of course, Matric results are of huge importance to our students and to the school. However, the exciting dynamic is that we offer these excursions in an effort not to lose sight of something bigger, but perhaps less measurable. They teach students about themselves and their unfathomable depth; about teamwork; about how their perspective changes after their experiences; about their intense enjoyment of what life is perhaps really about. It may never be measurable or translated into marks, but nothing in any classroom can substitute what these future adults learn from these challenges.

The Gr. 12s are in the final straight, but still need to enjoy their Auction, the Matric Dinner and Valediction. A Social and the Formal Boarding House Dinner are also still to come. Please access the calendar on our website www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za.

The girls' soccer team played in the final of the tournament hosted by the International School in Mafikeng, achieving second place. The tennis players had a satisfying tournament at Sun City. Two adventure racing teams went to the Eastern Cape. The "A" team achieved a creditable fifth position.

Our condolences go to the Harman family, who lost their mother during the past week.

Congratulations to Neil Haarhoff and Auguste Ueckermann on the announcement of their engagement.

Mrs. Gilbert will be leaving the College staff at the end of this year. We will be advertising this vacancy shortly.

Our new bursar, Mr. Richard Coetzer, will start on Thursday.

I will be off to India for the International Round Square Conference. Please refer any problems to Mr. Jack, who will deputise until 18 October.

Enjoy the term.

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