



# Stanford Lake College

30 November 2009

Dear Parents and Staff

Johnette Napolitano once said that “The worst thing you can try to do is to cling to something that is gone, or to recreate it”!

I have experienced an immense sense of loss during the Valediction ceremony, because 2009 might just prove to be one of those unrepeatable, memorable, and unforgettable years!

It was a year of Citius, Altius, Fortius [Faster, Higher, Stronger!]. This was not only true for the likes of Usain Bolt and the Springboks, but also for us as Stanfordinians.

We started the year with the good news of excellent Gr. 12 results. Then we kicked off the sporting activities with an exciting Athletics season, the spirit of which was embodied by the rejuvenated Parents race. We concluded the year with a pulsating and rather professional Roots of Rock production. The cherry on top will be a wonderful set of Matric results. These will be announced on 30 December.

With an outstanding Gr. 12 group at the helm, and a committed staff team, augmented by excellent new appointments, this year could not have turned out to be anything other than successful. We have excelled in all areas!

Our Deputies, Bursar and Directors have all reported good progress over the past year. Please peruse all the reports in the different sections on the website.

Regrets, yes, we had few. This, however, allows us to look at our Development Plan very carefully and address the areas where we are still below par. There is only one way for a quality school, and that is up!

Good bye to Mrs Hollestein, Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Britton and Mr Moretsele. The new appointees can be perused under “Breaking News” on the website.

We still have a long way to go before we can repeat the words of Julius Caesar: *Veni, Vidi, Vici* – I came, I saw, I conquered.

Thank you all for your support during 2009. Special thanks to the Trustees of the Letaba Educational Trust and our inspirational Chairperson, Mrs. Maggie Baleta.

Enjoy the festive period with your children.

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