



Stanford Lake College

HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER 11 MAY 2011

Dear All,

It has been a difficult term so far. Stop-start, stop-start!

The number of public holidays, a lone standing Easter weekend, sports fixtures and trials and other commitments exacerbated the situation. We have had a higher than expected absentee rate over the Easter period and students and staff will have to work hard to get up to speed.

I unfortunately have to inform you that Mr. Vicus Pretorius has passed away. He was a part-time music teacher at the College. We will miss this eccentric artist immensely. Mr. Mhunduru has arranged with private teachers to take over his students. Unfortunately we have not located a strings teacher yet.

The road works have started. It is evident that we will have to play along. There is no escape for traffic from Tzaneen. Tzaneen day scholars must be at their bus by 06:40. We would like the bus to leave at 06:45. The bus driver will continue with the route via Magoebaskloof until further notice. He will leave the College at 17:00.

This weekend is the bi-annual trip to Benoni. We will leave on Friday at 09:00 and return on Saturday. Polokwane students will be dropped at the Shell Ultra City at approximately 18:00 on Saturday.

There will be no classes on Friday, 13 May and students who are not participating in the St Dunstan's derby may stay home on Friday. A special bus will leave for Polokwane at 17:00 on Thursday.

School will be in session on Wednesday, 18 May. We will allow all registered voters (staff and students) to cast their vote in the local elections.

The Trustees of the Letaba Educational Trust will meet on 18 May to decide, amongst others, upon the proposed building of a class room cluster and/or a multi-media centre and the conversion of the dad Centre into an indoor stadium. Plans for these buildings will be displayed at the College on Saturday, 21 May in "The View", the clubhouse at the Hillary field.

I would like to thank all our parents who are hosting students for the upcoming Beaulieu derby.

I hope to see many Stanfordinians at the College for this highlight of the season.

I would like to thank Mr. Andrews and all parents, staff and students who assisted him with the Gr. 12 Dance. It was a huge success. This year's after party was well attended and I have received no negative feedback and would therefore like to thank Thato, Lizanne and the rest of the Gr. 12s for that!

Good luck! Let us all make the best of it and develop the Stanford CAN DO approach further!

Kind regards

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