



Stanford Lake College

HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2011

Dear All,

Up here on our mountain the days are longer but the nights are still very cold. Typically for this time of the year, we can often experience three seasons in a day.

I had a stroll around the campus earlier today. The first blooms of spring are already visible. I felt very aware that the year is flying past. It is almost unthinkable, but Prelims are just around the corner.

We have had a good start to the third term.

We welcomed the Bragin family to the College. Llewellyn Bragin is our new LO teacher and his wife, Dawn, the new PA to the Headmaster. Ed Goodier has joined us as a gap student for the remainder of the year.

It is a very busy time of the year. We have started with soccer and cricket, but are still involved with rugby play-offs. Good luck to both our u/15 and 1st XV for their Beeld trophy matches this weekend.

Many students are also involved in our upcoming school production. We are looking forward to this exciting show in September.

The Gr. 12s and their teachers are preparing for the preliminary examinations and are working extremely hard to complete their syllabi.

Our adventure team is planning the Treks to Serala and the Soutpansberg meticulously. These are due in early September and will coincide with the Gr. 10 tour to Gauteng and the Gr. 11 Focus week. We have a very exciting programme for the Gr. 11s and some excellent speakers will host the workshops.

The earthworks for the new classroom cluster are almost completed. The excavations proved to be a very laborious task. Our sincerest thanks go to Hillary Construction who came to our rescue.

We can't become complacent about these things but I am very pleased to report that we have had zero positive testing during recent random drug testing and that sniffer dogs could find no evidence of drugs on our campus when they were here on Monday.

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I am also happy to report that the Gr. 8 enrolment for 2012 is very pleasing. We have interviewed 60 candidates so far.

I would like to say a big thank you to Adrian Lucas and the parent committee for organizing the Golf Day in Polokwane on Saturday, 13 August. We trust it will be a huge success. Parents are welcome to join us from 17h00 onwards for the prize-giving and to watch the Tri-nations rugby game.

I would like to caution all parents who drive to Haenertsburg. The trip is very dangerous and there are daily reports of accidents in our area, so please take great care when on the roads.

Enjoy the remainder of Term 3.

Regards



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