



# Stanford Lake College

28 August 2009

Dear Parents

We had our termly Board meeting today and I had the opportunity to deliver a pleasing report to the Trustees. You will be able to access the complete report on our Website, [www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za](http://www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za), on Monday. I would like to highlight the main items in my report in this letter. I would also like to put an end to a few SLC rumours in my final paragraph.

In his book, *Leadership Wisdom from the Monk who sold his Ferrari*, Robin Sharma shares his insight on true success by citing Emerson while he is standing on the summit on Mount Percival:

*'To laugh often and to love much; to win the respect of intelligent persons and children; to win approbation from honest critics; to appreciate beauty; to give of one's self; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, or a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exultation; to know that even one life has breathed easier, because you have lived – that is to have succeeded.'*

This quote seems very pertinent when I mull over Alf's [Mr Noné] retirement and Ed's [Mr Hillary] end of tenure, both valued Trustees who have served our College with great distinction over a lengthy period. I would like to thank them both for their successful contributions.

## Human Resources Issues

- Mr Karel Weber and Mr Mpho Moretsele will leave us at the end of this year. I have contracted Mr Steven Willson to teach History to Grades 8 to 12. Steven proved himself to be a teacher with great potential in the first two terms of 2009 and will be an asset to the College.
- Interviews for a replacement for Mr Noné began this week.

## Reports from our Executive Committee

### Academics

Mr Jack projected excellent Gr 12 results, expressed concern over the current Gr 10 group and explained the academic intervention for this particular group.

### Sport

Mr Gumunyu reported that we had an outstanding winter sports season.

### Arts & Culture

Mrs Hollestein and her team are doing excellent work with the cultural activities. We are looking forward to an unforgettable production.

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### ***dad* Centre**

The *dad* Centre is continuing with its high service delivery. According to Mr Quibell, the Centre is very busy with preparations for the upcoming Treks, the Adventure Weekend for the Gr 8s and the Adventure Challenge for Primary Schools.

### **Administration**

Mrs Painter reported that the College will begin the implementation of the EduPac school administration management system in October. Mrs Painter also reported that our boarding house parents are performing well.

We have finalised the business philosophy document and kicked off the 2010 budget process.

### **Other Matters**

1. We did not have an outbreak of **swine flu** as was rumoured in the valley.
2. **Socials** will continue. It is imperative that we support social events for our students. An example of this is the very successful 40 Days function of last week. At other schools this is a day that teachers and headmasters pray about. At SLC, it is such fun! Our students behave impeccably. On Thursday, 3 September, we will celebrate the arrival of spring with a Casual Day. Funds will go to the disabled. Our Gr 8 Market Day went flawlessly. We will concentrate on our Roots of Rock production in September. The whole College [Grades 8 – 11] is involved. Everyone is having great fun. We are all looking forward to the 4<sup>th</sup> Term Social and the formal Boarding House Christmas Dinner, as well as our “Carols on the Mountain”. Having a happy and effective Stanford community is essential to our success.
3. The traditional **shoe ceremony** for the Gr 12s at the end of their valediction will not be tampered with, as it is part of our tradition and we will continue with this legacy. Students will sit their final examinations in *dad* uniform or in track suits should the weather turn cold.
4. Academic merit is not the only criterion for selection on the Round Square **Exchange Programme**. Mr Taute continued with the procedures established by Dugald Park. He has announced the names of the first 10 candidates, whose selection included the outcome of an interview by a panel. He is currently in regular contact with RS schools around the globe and as we line up more exchanges, he will announce the names of other candidates. Twenty-nine students have submitted their names. It is impossible for us to send all the interested parties on exchange. We acknowledge that students, whose names were not announced, are disappointed. I do, however, trust Mr Taute’s judgement in this regard.
5. Academic merit plays a very limited role in the selection of the **PEX**, which is currently underway. The candidates must be able to pass Gr 11. In line with our RS Ideals, we follow a democratic process. We will endeavour to announce their names at Valediction in the last term.

Kind regards.

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**HEADMASTER**