



Stanford Lake College

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future" (F.D. Roosevelt)

HEADMASTER'S FIRST NEWSLETTER OF 2012 - 17 January 2012

Dear All,

We have had a good start to the term. I am happy to report that the academic year is in full swing, a week ahead of the other schools in our area.

A special "welcome aboard" to all new Stanfordinians.

Our numbers look good at 269 and our boarding houses are filled to the brim!

The Gr.8 hatchery programme is going well, and I would like to invite you all to their Hatchery Concert on Saturday 21 January.

Communication

We have different ways to communicate with the Stanford family: via sms, e-mail and our website: www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za. There is also the weekly "Snapshot", the daily Notice and regular letters in electronic format. Please feel free to respond to these on my e-mail johannu@stanfordlakecollege.co.za.

Grievance procedures and Governance

We believe in handling your concerns promptly and efficiently, but we ask that you adhere to the correct channels for this process.

If it is an **academic problem**, you must please contact your child's teacher through our new Academic Secretary, Robin Gardner. The staff have full teaching loads, but will return your call as soon as possible. If you are not satisfied with the outcome, please refer the matter to Mr. Jack, the Academic Head.

Mrs. Shirley Jack is the person to contact should your child experience **emotional problems**. She will refer some of these to Mrs. Engelbrecht, our part-time counselor.

Sports problems should be resolved through the coaches and then by Mr. Friedrichs, the Sports Director.

Cultural problems should also be resolved through the coaches and then by Mr. Mhunduru, the Director of Cultural activities.

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Mr. Haarhoff will listen to your concerns regarding **Adventure activities**, and Mrs. McGaffin to issues regarding **Round Square**.

Mr. Bragin is the Director of **Discipline**.

Your child's **mentor** should also be made aware of general issues regarding your child.

Boarding issues should be referred to the senior Boarding parents:

Founders North: Mr. Bragin

Founders South: Mr. Friedrichs

Serala: Mrs. Boshoff

Lakeside: Mrs. Swann

Ken Shuter House: Mrs. Wolff

If you do not receive satisfaction with any of these, please phone my PA, Mrs. Bragin, to bring the matter to my attention. If you communicate with any party at the college, please cc the matter to me as well. My door is always open to you! Alternatively, if you wish to Skype with me, please feel free to invite me on : johann.ueckermann1. In addition, I am also available on Facebook.

Open Invitation

Assemblies on Fridays start at 12:55 and parents are always welcome to attend.

In conclusion

We have had several staff training opportunities last week. We were joined by Mr. Carolan, our new deputy who will start in the second term. He gave an inspiring input on the De Bono Thinking Skills which will be implemented by our staff under his expert coaching.

We had an excellent meeting with the Board of Trustees on Saturday, in which we had positive consensus on the way forward and the setting of KPI's for the year. The Chairman of our Board is Mr. Grant Daly.

We feel very upbeat about 2012, and look forward to many highlights.

I wish you all a successful year.

Kind regards



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