



# Stanford Lake College

HEADMASTER'S EASTER NEWSLETTER 19 April 2011

Dear All

Easter is such a special time here on the mountain. We were blessed with good rains and the change in the season is evident. When our students return after the break, it will be winter. There is also an excitement in the area because we will experience the congregating of millions of Zionists over the next few days.

## Client Satisfaction Survey

Thank you very much for the completion of this survey. However, only 100 of the parent forms were returned. We would like to send the forms to the IQAA in the first week of May. The form was in the same envelope as your child's report. Please send it back to Rona McGaffin, our marketer. Your feedback about our school is very important to us.

## Financial issues

With the price of petrol skyrocketing and economic activities not being at the levels they were at a year ago, we appreciate your efforts at keeping your accounts up to date.

Unfortunately, in our efforts to maintain our debt collections at a level that enables the school to function properly, we did experience some differences of opinion, more so this term than previously.

While the school's primary objective is to educate, it cannot do so effectively without sufficient funds (bearing in mind that we have endeavoured to keep fee increases to a minimum this year - we believe one of the lowest increases for High Schools).

In an effort to help parents and families keep their account up to date, we do offer the option of paying by monthly debit order. The only downside of this option is that your child[ren] also incurs other debits, which can result in unpaid balances at the end of each month. Such balances need to be paid separately and regularly in order to keep your account up to date.

Please be assured that the finance department will do all in its capabilities to ensure the smooth running of the business side of your school.

## Huffing

Stanford Lake College, along with every school in the country, has become very concerned with the increasingly popular new trend in drug abuse known as 'huffing'. This recently led to the death of a Johannesburg teenager.

'Huffing' is the inhalation of gases, such as common household aerosols, which leads to a feeling of intoxication similar to that experienced through alcohol or a mental 'high'. This inhalation abuse is not uncommon among teenagers and can be done with many everyday products such as cleaning sprays and deodorants, or felt-tip markers and nail varnish remover.

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Knowledge about this trend has grown since the tragic death of Shannon Greenspan from Crawford. His parents are anxious that teenagers be made aware of the risks involved with this kind of substance abuse. The effects of 'huffing' can vary from dizziness and hallucinations to brain damage and heart failure. Long term abuse of these substances can lead to mental conditions such as anxiety and depression.

Due to the ease with which these substances can be purchased and because they are legal and inexpensive, teenagers do not realise how dangerous they can be when used in this way. However, the effects of inhalation abuse can be fatal.

We are informing students, staff and parents alike about the details and facts concerning 'huffing' to impress its seriousness on the Stanford community. Let us keep this worrying new trend out of our school!

### **Gr. 12 Farewell**

We will enjoy this annual highlight after Easter. It will be hosted off-campus for the first time at Cheerio Gardens on Saturday, 7 May. The invitation ceremony was splendid. It will be an evening of Hollywood glamour and style. I would like to thank Mr. Andrews and his committee for their hard work and their attention to detail. All of us are looking forward to an unforgettable experience.

In the past it was custom for the public, friends and family to watch the proceedings at the Magoebaskloof Hotel and then at the Barnyard. You are all invited to keep this tradition and proceed to Cheerio Gardens, where there will be ample parking.

Once again, I would like to caution the Gr. 12s and their parents about the after party. I trust that our pupils will exercise restraint and that all will go well!

### **Hosting: Beaulieu College**

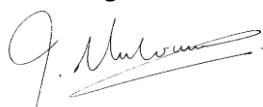
Thank you to parents who have offered to host students from Johannesburg during our Derby weekend. Mr. Friedrichs, our Sports Director, still needs another 100 beds. Let us please reciprocate the hospitality that we enjoyed in Kayalami last year.

### **Conclusion**

Good luck to our First XV and a number of parents, who will travel down to Treverton in KZN for the co-ed Easter festival. A number of students will also attend the Africa Round Square Conference at St. Stithians.

Enjoy Easter with your families; come back safely. See you back at the College on Tuesday, 3 May, when lessons resume!

Kind regards



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