



Stanford Lake College

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Dear Debenture Holders, Parents and Friends of Stanford

Our school has had a fantastic second term; the results on the sports field attest to this. The June exams are always a great indicator of the academic rigour we aim for and I hope the pupils' results will reflect the extra effort from all parties.

It is challenging to be in the midst of a building project again but the progress is exciting and it will be wonderful once we can accommodate all our pupils in boarding houses befitting of our school. It is important to remember that what we are building is a new boarding house and not a hostel, miners live in hostels and behave accordingly. I urge all parents to adopt the correct terminology because it is an integral part of our ethos, providing a home away from home, a boarding house.

The new marketing material and branding exercise is complete, the new signage is in place and the marketing drives undertaken in the second term have met with a very positive response. Thank you to the parents in Zimbabwe and Botswana who have hosted functions on the school's behalf. The new website is up and running and I urge everyone to have a look at it at www.stanfordlakecollege.co.za.

The Regional Round Square Conference was an unprecedented success for our school, as was the Beaulieu weekend. The profit made at the conference will be directed back into the extremely worthwhile outreach programmes run by Stanford Lake College. The new pavilion was officially opened during the Beaulieu weekend and is called "The View." It proved to be a good venue for the PA to function from. Thank you to all the ladies who helped serve our guests and parents – your dedication never goes unnoticed.

From a Trust point of view, the focus in the third term is on the refinement of the business plan for 2010, succession planning and budgeting. These exercises are all made so much easier by our high pupil numbers and commitment from the entire staff complement to make things happen.

An application has been submitted to the National Lotteries Board for assistance in upgrading the envisaged sports centre at the swimming pool, according to the master plan. Apparently this is a very long-winded process but thank you to all for the input I received from staff and parents alike.

Although the country is officially in recession, we still plan to go ahead with the sourcing of finances for the development of our facilities and of the campus as a whole. Our financial stability and good track record stand us in good stead.

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It looks as if the third term is going to be filled with top class cultural performances and this will be a good time to make full use of the upgrades that have taken place in the Barnyard. We now have an outstanding facility and can all look forward enjoying the new systems.

Thank you to Mr Ueckermann and his professional team; Stanford Lake College is a school we can all be proud of. Enjoy the well deserved break with your children.

Yours sincerely,

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