

Peek at the Week ...

- ☺ Mon, 18 April - Rugby Trials
- ☺ **Tue, 19 April - Girls' Hockey Trials [postponed]**
- ☺ Tue, 19 April - Netball Circuit Trials
- ☺ **Tue, 20 April - Drama Club Gala Evening**
- ☺ Wed, 20 April - Girls & Boys Hockey vs Frans du Toit [postponed]
- ☺ **Wed, 20 April - Mayor's Cup Debating [Seniors] Polokwane**
- ☺ Thu, 21 April - Easter Service 07h45
- ☺ **Thu, 21 April - Rugby Tour to Treverton departs**
- ☺ SCHOOL CLOSURES 12h00
- ☺ **LESSONS RESUME TUESDAY, 3 MAY**

NETBALL TRIALS

At the Circuit Netball Trials held at Ben Vorster on Tuesday, Roelien Prinsloo, Nhlanhla Shipalana and Michelle Pilusa went through to the next round. Congratulations! The next round will take place on Tuesday, 3 May.

EQUESTRIAN

Mikayla McDonald participated in the Blouberg Riding School Show last week end. She was placed 1st the 1.30m Junior/Adult class and 4th in the 1.20m Junior/Adult class on her horse, Gi Gi. This was Gi Gi's first official 1.30m show and she showed great promise.

In the National Showjumping Rankings, Mikayla is ranked joint 2nd place at the moment.

Marelize Vermeulen also did Stanford proud at the Blouberg Show, being placed 2nd and 3rd respectively in the 1.10m Junior/Adult classes on Hip Hobby. They are a great combination now and will rapidly move up the ranks in the next few months.

The show was well attended by some of the top riders in the province and from Gauteng. Well done, girls.

RUGBY

SLC's rugby teams embarked on an extremely successful outing to Eric Louw in Musina on Saturday. The junior team got proceedings off to a winning start with a victory. The College's 2nd Team also pulled off an impressive 39-0 win over their counterparts.

Stanford's First XV had never managed a win over Eric Louw in Musina, until Saturday. A much improved performance from their last game saw them emerge with a 20-0 victory over their fellow 2010 league finalists. The Firsts showed some good running rugby, led by the man of the match, Justin Mitchell, who set up 2 tries and scored 1, with a dominant display at scrumhalf.

The Stanford teams and coaching staff would like to thank Eric Louw for their hospitality and organisation of the event. **Steven Willson**

COMPUTER OUTREACH PROJECT

Thanks to the generous support of the Interact Club, which provided the funds to purchase 10 new headsets for Appel's computer centre, the pupils there can now listen to the games they are playing. This has made them keener than ever to access the computers and they will be learning essential skills in the process. **Mrs Joy Park**

HOSTS FOR BEAULIEU WEEKEND

The Sports Department is still looking for families to host about 100 Beaulieu pupils on the weekend of 20 - 22 May. Please contact Shane Friedrichs on sfriedrichs@stanfordlakecollege.co.za if you are willing to help.

NETBALL CLINIC

On Thursday, 14th and Friday, 15th April, a netball clinic was hosted at SLC by Martie Morey, former u18 National Coach and currently coaching at Waterkloof High in Pretoria. Owing to the rain, the first afternoon was spent in the dad Centre learning warm up, fitness and ball skill drills. The Friday afternoon was spent on the court learning positional play through trial and repetition. Not all the netball-playing pupils attended but those who did found it really worthwhile.

On Saturday, 16th we travelled to Polokwane to play in a small netball festival for Heuvelkruin's Founder's Day celebrations. A very young and inexperienced team took on Southern Cross' u16s. They were winning at half time but eventually went down 10 - 8. A mixed age group team took on the Heuvelkruin u17s and went down 24 - 4. Mrs Painter was pleased with the way both SLC teams played. The 1st Team, although not at full strength, beat Southern Cross 32 - 0 but went down to Heuvelkruin 11 - 4. Martie umpired for the 1st Team and was impressed with their game skills. She feels that they could do very well with more exposure to match pressure. Player of the match medals were awarded to the following girls: Caroline Hope (exchange student), Nadia Ndhlovu, Pearl Mdlalose and Nhlanhla Shipalana.

ROJAC

Puleng Mathabatha and Anja Revelas took part in the regional round of the annual Rotary Junior Ambassador's Competition (ROJAC). They were required to present a prepared speech on the topic, "The Impact of the Rise of Eastern Economies on South Africa". They were also required to present an unprepared speech, answer a general knowledge questionnaire and be rather rigorously interviewed by the panel of eight judges.

Puleng and Anja performed exceptionally well, particularly in the all-important interview section of the competition, and both made it through to the finals. Stanford is very proud to announce that for the fourth year running, we had two contestants in the final! Both Puleng and Anja were outstanding in the finals, and it was certainly the most closely contested competition in recent years. Congratulations to you both!

GIRLS HOCKEY TRIALS

Please note that the provincial trials have been moved to the 3rd of May - the first day we are back after the Easter break. Please encourage your daughter to keep up her fitness levels and to play hockey during the break so that properly she is prepared for the trials. Thank you! **Mrs S-J Olivier**

DEBATING

The Senior Debating Team took part in the second round of the Executive Mayor's Cup against Noordelands. They proposed the motion, "Democracy is government by the people; therefore, a qualifying requirement to vote should not be based on age, but rather on minimum educational qualification". They presented a very convincing educational policy that would ensure a more educated electorate and thus a better run country. Unfortunately (and somewhat contentiously), they lost the debate. We wish the juniors the very best for their upcoming debate in which they will oppose this motion. **Mrs S-J Olivier**

The Week ahead and first week back ...

- ☺ Wed, 27 to Sat, 30 Apr - Africa Round Square Conference
- ☺ **Tue, 3 May - LESSONS RESUME**
- ☺ Tue, 3 May - Second Round Circuit Netball Trials
- ☺ **Wed, 4 May - Girls' Hockey Trials [Tzaneen]**
- ☺ Wed, 4 May - Boys Hockey vs Capricorn
- ☺ **Wed, 4 May - Tennis, B League [Polokwane]**
- ☺ Fri, 6 May - Golf vs Louis Trichardt [A]
- ☺ **Fri, 6 May - General Staff Meeting at 14h00**
- ☺ Sat, 7 May - Second Round Debating
- ☺ **Sat, 7 May - MATRIC DANCE at Cheerio Gardens**