

Peek at the Week ...

- ☺ Saturday, 7 August - Boys Cricket vs Ben Vorster - U15 & 1st Team
- ☺ **Saturday, 7 August - Beeld Rugby Trophy Quarter Finals [H] - U15 vs Alberton High; 1st Team vs Primrose High**
- ☺ Monday, 9 August - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- ☺ Thursday, 12 August - International Youth Day
- ☺ **Friday, 13 August - Interact Bright Sparks at Unicorn Preparatory School**

NETBALL FUN



On Wednesday afternoon a group of Matric boys took on a mixed group of netball players in a match which went into a fifth quarter by popular demand. The boys had an obvious height advantage and employed some tricky rugby moves. The score was a matter of debate but great fun was had by all.

The junior girls would like to challenge the junior boys to a similar match next week. The netball players are busy with pre-season training to keep up their skills and fitness for next year's season.



JUNIOR RUGBY [U15]

The u/15 rugby team is made up of Grades 8 and 9 boys. Most of the players had never played rugby before arriving at Stanford.

This year was no different, but the commitment and dedication was! For the first time in Stanford history we had 2 junior teams! We participate in the Small Schools League against schools like Eric Louw, Capricorn, Heuvelkruin, etc. – schools that are a lot bigger than Stanford. Don't forget our Derby Days against St Dunstan's and Beaulieu!!

This year was the fourth year in a row that the u/15 team played in the Limpopo Small Schools League final. Over the four years, Stanford ended up as Champions three times!!!! We have played in the ¼ finals of the Beeld Trophy for small schools three times in the last four years. This means that we were one of the top 8 teams North of the Vaal River for 3 years running!! This season we played 8 games, won 7 and lost 1!! We were unbeaten until the ¼ finals of the Beeld trophy!! Wow, what a season!!

A very big thank you to our team sponsor, Mercurius. You made the boys look like the unit they are with their warm up kit, bags and jackets!

Thank you, lads, for a wonderful season. You guys made the school and me very proud. Thank you once again for a wonderful season!

N.Haarhoff (Proud Coach)

MITCHELL HOUSE INVITATIONAL TROPHY TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, six of our debaters took part in the Mitchell House Invitational Trophy Tournament for Grade 8 - 10. The tournament consisted of four rounds of World Style Debating. In this particular style of debating, the team is given twenty to thirty minutes to research and prepare speeches on a given topic. Three of the team members take on the role of speakers, and must think on their feet due to the use of the "Point of Information" system, where at any point during their speech, the opposition may interrupt and pose a question which they must answer immediately. Lebo Maake, Michelle Chitate, Farai Chigumadzi, Mpho Dagada and Puleng Mathabatha made up the team, whilst Kayla McKenzie took on the role of adjudicator. The team performed exceptionally well, winning three of their four debates! They also won three "Best Speaker" titles within the rounds. Congratulations to Mpho who won "Speaker of the tournament"! This was a wonderful opportunity for our younger debaters to be exposed to a different style of debating, and it was evident that their confidence and grasp of the style grew with each debate.

Special mention must go to Michelle, who made particularly impressive progress. Kayla thrived as an adjudicator and got to work with some very experienced debaters and judges. Well done to all who took part, we look forward to next year's tournament!



The debaters seen in action against Mitchell House



Floor member Lize van Rooyen makes a pertinent point.



Team manager and floor member, Kayla McKenzie cross-examines the opposition



Puleng Mathabatha seen in action as first speaker

STANFORD DEBATERS WIN EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S CUP!

The Senior Debating team took part in the finals of the Polokwane Debating Society's league on Wednesday. Six months of competing against various schools in the district culminated in the final again M.E. Makgato. The team proposed the motion, "Politics and sport are synonymous. The one cannot exist without the other, therefore the government should maintain a firm hold on all sporting events". They were required to debate the topic with specific reference to the politics of Peter Mokaba and the philosophy of Es'kia Mphahlele. The debate was closely contested, with both sides giving their all to win the trophy. However, the composure of Stanford's team and the confidence and wit of the speakers won over the panel of eight adjudicators, and Stanford were declared the winners! The team put many hours into the preparation of this topic alone, and months of hard work paid off in their approach to this debate. Each and every member of the team must be congratulated on their contribution towards this historic win.

Particular congratulations must go to Thato Ramashala, who won "Best Speaker" in the finals, and Mpho Dagada, who won "Best Chairperson" of the league. Thanks must go to Kathleen Painter who was the Chairperson for the debate - she fulfilled the role with calm and poise and was highly commended by the adjudicators. CONGRATULATIONS once again to the team on an excellent season and a well-deserved league victory!

Mrs S-J Olivier



Best Speaker, Thato Ramashala, receives the Mayor's Cup from the Mayor's representative, a Polokwane Councillor

GIRLS SOCCER SUCCESS

Our Stanford Soccer girls once again beat Capricorn yesterday with a 1-0 win. The beautiful, unexpected goal was scored by our centre half, Nhlanhla Shipalana. Well done, Lala; and to all the girls who braved the cold to play. A special thank you to Josh Dolgoy for refereeing the game.

Miss Heidi Kalidas

THE WINNING DEBATING TEAM [see article above]



BEAUTIFUL BLANKETS GALORE

The Week ahead ...

- ☺ **Saturday, 14 August - Beeld Rugby Trophy**
- ☺ Saturday, 14 August - Cricket League
- ☺ **Saturday, 14 August - Inter High Schools Cross Country MTB Series: Hartebeespoort**
- ☺ Thursday, 19 August - Compliance meeting and Resource & Finance meeting
- ☺ **FRIDAY, 20 AUGUST - MID-TERM BREAK STARTS**
- ☺ Saturday, 21 August - MATRIC DANCE in the Barnyard
- ☺ Friday, 29 August - Golf Tour [Legends] starts
- ☺ **TUESDAY, 24 AUGUST - LESSONS RESUME**
- ☺ Tuesday, 24 August - Student canvassing for elections starts