

Peek at the Week ...

- ☺ Tue, 22 Feb - LET Board Meeting
- ☺ **Tue, 22 Feb - Junior Round Square Conference delegates depart for Namibia**
- ☺ Wed, 23 Feb - Hatchery Concert start 18h00
- ☺ **Wed, 23 Feb - "Bring & Braai" at the lake after the concert**
- ☺ Thu, 24 Feb - Gr 8 & Gr 12 Brunch at 09h30
- ☺ **Thu, 24 Feb - PA AGM at 10h00**
- ☺ Thu, 24 Feb - Induction Assembly at 11h00
- ☺ **Thu, 24 Feb - Start of Mid-term Break - 12h00**
- ☺ Fri, 25 Feb - Departure for MTB SA Champs Sabie Classic and Blyde X-Fest
- ☺ **Tuesday, 1 March - LESSONS RESUME**

NEWS OF OUR RS EXCHANGE PUPILS IN NZ

Camilla Janke and Steven Sutton are in New Zealand at St Andrew's College in Christchurch. We are grateful that they are unhurt, but the school was badly damaged, especially the boarding houses. The students were in the dining room when the tremor struck. They had to shelter under the tables and were then moved to the sports fields. The school is closed until further notice.

Once they have retrieved their belongings, including their passports, from the boarding houses [which are still considered unsafe], and the airport is reopened, they will be returning to South Africa.

Our thoughts are with our students, their families and our friends in New Zealand.

POLOKWANE DEBATING LEAGUE

On Saturday 19 February, we attended the first of three Polokwane Debating League tournaments. The tournament consisted of 4 junior rounds and 4 senior rounds with 8 school teams in each category. Our teams did exceptionally well both winning 3 of 4 debates. The juniors grew in confidence and skill as the day progressed and showed some quick thinking and mental stamina to win a very closely contested final round. Kate Anderson was nominated in the top 5 junior speakers of the day, a tremendous achievement in her first competitive debate.

The seniors fought hard to win 3 of their 4 rounds very convincingly. The fourth debate was very tightly contested and prolific in its nature. Our team did very well and were very unfortunate to lose by a mere 2 points. Thato Ramashala, Puleng Mathabatha and Mpho Dagada were all awarded medals for being in the top 5 speakers of the day. This is a wonderful achievement for Stanford Lake College, and we look forward to the next tournament to be held early next term.

Mr Tatenda Mhunduru

SPORTS NEWS



On 12 February, **Tarryn Brent** represented South Africa at the 2011 African Continental **MTB Championships** held in Stellenbosch. The event was a Cross Country MTB race and she competed in the Womens 17/18yr category, finishing 7th.

Marelize Vermeulen has been chosen for the Girls u/17 **Limpopo Tennis team**. They will be playing an interprovincial tournament during 25 - 29 March 2011 in Pretoria.

AMAZING SUCCESS STORY



The Grade 11 IT class toasts Dominic Obojkovits' [4th from the right] success [in non-alcoholic champagne, of course!] in having his computer game "Astroid Dodger" accepted for sale on the iTunes Store.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

To check out the game:

<http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/astroid-dodger/id420246117?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D>

FROM BREAD TAGS TO WHEELCHAIRS...

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[Mrs Joy Park]

WALK AND TALK



A visit to Limpopo's most important vegetation Type A grassland adjacent to Haenertsburg was undertaken by Gr 10 learners. A trail maintained by the community was used and the students undertook a fun but informative scavenger hunt. The student in each group most likely to kill a spider was finger printed with mud from a spring. Various items had to be found like a smelly plant, seeds with different modes of dispersal, invasive alien plants, a grass that looks like a cat's tail and so on. Threats to the conservation of the grassland were discussed with local greenie and Eco-Schools Provincial Manager Cathy Dzerefos. These include illegal fencing of state land, spread of invasive plants, off-road driving, harvesting of medicinal plants and unplanned fires. The students were enthusiastic and observant and Mr Van Der Walt was begged for more nature outings.

The Week ahead ...

- ☺ Tuesday, 1 March - LESSONS RESUME
- ☺ **Tue, 1 March - Boys Hockey Trials**
- ☺ Wed, 2 March - Netball Trials
- ☺ **Wed, 2 & Thu, 3 March - Gr 8 Iron Crown Escapade**
- ☺ Fri, 4 March - Grade 8 Day off
- ☺ **Fri, 4 March - Grade 9 Trek departs**