



Stanborough School Newsletter

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The Term In Summary

by W. Rebolledo

Dear School Community,

We are two third of the way through the academic year! This spring term has been extremely constructive for both staff and students, and we are proud of all the hard work that they have put in. And yet, it has not been all hard work with no fun! We have also enjoyed ourselves with a wealth of exceptional events, and as always I would like to stop and reflect on a few of my favourite moments.

Health Week

One of the highlights of the spring term has always been our health week, and this year was no different! The first few days Ms Byng spoke with the students and staff about the importance of staying physically healthy. This involved her demonstrating a variety of exercises that all of us can do anywhere. In addition to this, we also had a few medical professionals come in to talk about mental health and other health issues.

Snow!!!!

On January 17th we were blessed with a bit of snow in the park! As an Australian, I have had very limited experience with snow. So it is an understatement to say that I was excited. However, I wasn't the only one in the boarding school who was excited. A large group of snow-and-fun-lovers

sprinted outside and we spent a good chunk of our morning making snowmen, running around throwing snowballs and attempting to build an igloo. For a few pictures, please go to <http://stanborough.international/gallery/>.

India Trip

During the half term break Mr K. Poddar and Mrs Hussey accompanied 4 of our students to India for our Annual trip to an orphanage. The India trip is one of our favourite trips, as our students not only get a chance to sightsee the exotic continent, but also share their skills and knowledge with the less privileged children.

WBD

One of my favourite events of not just March but of the whole school year is World Book Day. The whole-school-quiz that was lovingly prepared by Mrs Mall had all of us straining to remember facts and figures!!! This year was extra special as we revealed our winners for the Short Story Competition. If you missed the names of the winners here they are again:

Stanborough Secondary School:

- ➡ 1st place: Carl "Tsunami"
- ➡ 2nd place: Khaleel "Transportapp"
- ➡ 3rd place: Ariana C "Behind The Black Coat"

International Stanborough School:

- ➡ 1st place: Ketsia "I'm Sorry"
- ➡ 2nd place: Yuka "The Star Boy"
- ➡ 3rd place: Aurea "The Night I Should Never Have Left Home"

Arts Festival

We also held our annual Arts Festival this term. I was pleasantly surprised with the quality of the performances. My personal favourite performance was from the Year 8 with 'When Jesus says "yes"'. Though I have to admit that picking a favourite was extremely hard. If you missed our Arts Festival this year, I highly recommend that you join us next year.

Cross Country

Our last event for the term was Cross Country on Wednesday. First Place winners were JR Boys - Gideon U., JR Girls - Mashal M., Intermediate Boys - Jahmai, Intermediate Girls - Gabrielle G., SR Boys - Timi D. and SR Girls - Dorothee K who won with 23 minutes 33 seconds. She has also set a new school record beating the last one by 1 min 13 secs!

Final Words

Overall, I have really enjoyed this term. I am so glad that I can share with you all the amazing moments that we have had, and I can't wait for the next term and the new memories that it will bring. Lastly, please stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

Getting To Know Mr Llena - An EFL Interview

by Erica, Saki, Takahito, Anju, Eugene and Shin



Some time ago Mrs Milis-Hopa's EFL class had a chance to interview Mr. Llena.

This is what he told us about himself:

- ➔ He was born in Philippines, so he can speak both Tagalog and English.
- ➔ He is now working as an IT assistant at Stanborough School (we kind of knew this one already).
- ➔ He enjoys listening to Christian music.
- ➔ He is a vegan. We also think he is a very strong Christian!

We tried to ask him who he is dating, but

Mr Llena told us it was top secret.

He did, however, share his dream with us! He wants to travel around the world and see what the world looks like. Erica from Japan thought it is a wonderful dream, and she adopted it! Now she also wants to travel around the world!

Thank you for answering our questions, Mr.Llena! We hope we weren't too nosy!

P.S. Since that interview Mr Llena has completed his AVS contract with the school and has been accepted to another AVS position in the Ukraine. We want to wish him God's richest blessings in his new endeavour.

Scholarship Programme

by V. Pizzuto

On March 21-30 International Stanborough School welcomed a group of 12 students from all over the world for its annual Scholarship Exchange Programme. They had an amazing time going on trips and attending classes, I am sure they enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having them here.

As a farewell gift to us, the scholarship group took assembly on Tuesday 29th. They performed a creative skit that illustrated how awesome it is to communicate face-to-face vs through the phones! They also shared a special video, that highlighted the importance of being safe when using social media.

The Scholarship Exchange programme connects our school with many schools in Europe and around the world! This year, the awardees were representing the following schools:

- ➔ Tuuka & Sabina, from Tampereen Kristillinen Koulu, Finland
- ➔ Carla & Levi, from Ensemble Scolaire Maurice-Tieche, France
- ➔ Emilia, from Porin Kristillinen Koulu, Finland

- ➔ Julia, Linus & Titta, from Suomen Kristillinen Yhteiskoulu, Finland
- ➔ Antonia & Dragos, from Stefan Demetrescu High School, Romania
- ➔ Natsumi, from Ann's English School, Japan
- ➔ Axel & Brenda, from Col-legi Urgell, Spain

Thank you for taking part in the Scholarship Exchange 2016!

P.S. Tuuka from Finland was the first International student to step over the finish line our cross country that was held on Wednesday the 30th of March! Well done, Tuuka!



Facing up to Facebook – the magic 13!

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13 Reasons Why Facebook is for 13 year olds

Facebook, Twitter and other social media are increasingly being used by children under 13 years of age to socialise, to share photos, videos, links and information, to chat, to plan social events and so on.

1. The minimum age to open a Facebook account is 13 years.
2. Facebook has additional protection and security settings for teens (age 13-17).
3. Facebook advertisements or apps may have content that is not appropriate for under 13s.
4. Facebook expects parents of under 13s to show their children how to delete their Facebook account, if they have one.
5. Facebook expects all users to use their real name and identities. It's against Facebook terms to lie about your name or age.
6. Every word, message, image and video you add to Facebook will be there forever unless you take it down.
7. Facebook expects parents to discuss online safety with their child and to set ground rules.
8. Every image, including your profile photo, can be copied by others, changed by others and be online forever!
9. Facebook games may have different T & C to Facebook and only be suitable for over 18s.
10. Facebook Timeline is an online representation of your child's life based on the information they and others added. What does their timeline reveal about them?
11. Facebook will remove images that break copyright law or are pornographic but will not remove photos you just don't like!
12. Facebook Places uses GPS, to enable users to share their location in posts. Do you want your child's online friends to know where they are?
13. Facebook has a safety centre specifically for parents. <http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/>

Boarding School Update

by A. Heck

Boarding School in 2016 - What was it like so far?



Along with the new year, we received a whole group of new boarders. This was wonderful as everyone met new friends and built new relationships that often last beyond the boarders' time at Stanborough. The time here at the boarding school has flown by. So much so that as some students start their second term here at Stanborough School, our year 11's start their very last term.



This term was genuinely enjoyable, and we will definitely treasure the memories! And why not? We cruised Thames in London and played "Hide and Seek". It was exhilarating finding the best spots to hide around the school and I am sure that the students (and staff, even though they might not want to admit it) would love to play again some time soon. This term we also celebrated International Pancake Day on March 8th, my favourite day on account of all the pancakes!

Our girls' sleepover was a roaring success. We covered the floor of the top lounge with mattresses and enjoyed ourselves by getting facials and having hand massages while watching movies.

The main highlight for many boarders though would probably be our last trip, when we went paintballing. Within six hours, we went back and forth between perfect sunshine, rain and even a thunderstorm but it was great fun and many awesome pictures were taken afterwards!



Overall, this term has been a blessing and I can not wait to welcome the boarders back next term.



Website Updates

by W. Rebolledo

This term we have published so many different news stories on both our websites. Here is a short recap of all the stories. For the full stories please go to SPSCH.ORG:

26 Jan - Watford Councillor comes to Stanborough's

On 20th of January, Seamus Williams, councillor in Watford, shared some of his experience with the full immersion students from years 9 and 10 at Stanborough Park School. During the talk, Councillor Williams advised the students on how to communicate their values to the voters and how to give a good speech....

11 Feb - It's election time in Stanborough School!

After talking to a real politician and getting their beliefs together, the full immersion students from year 9 and 10 officially started their political campaign in the assembly on the 22nd of January. This is part of a project, for the subject of Humanities, and will last till the 5th of February, when the school will vote for the best candidate....

7 Mar - E-Book of Short Stories!

Our short stories are finally finished!!!!!! Thank you to all the staff and students who have contributed to these stories.... We are getting ready to send our book of short stories 2016 into the publishing house. The book consists of delightful 30 short stories, written and illustrated by our students.

If you would like a hard copy of the book (hard cover, 180 pages, in colour), please e-mail Mrs Milis-Hopa at lmilis@spsch.org by Monday, April 1, 2016, indicating how many copies you need. A hard copy costs 15GBP.

If you prefer purchasing an e-copy for 5GBP, please e-mail Mrs Milis-Hopa and arrange a payment of 5GBP to the school, clearly indicating this is for the e-copy of the book and the pdf file will be e-mailed to you.

15 Mar - ADRA Gift Box Appeal 2015 Update!

In 2015 our students decorated and packed 101 boxes for the ADRA Gift Box Appeal! Then, in February 2016 our staff member, Ms Pizzuto, travelled with ADRA and a team of volunteers to Swaziland to deliver the boxes.....

22 Mar - Something I Like About Stanborough

On Friday 18th of March the Year 7 students took assembly. They delighted us by recounting what they liked about Stanborough. We were so touched, we wanted to share their speeches with you...

30 Mar - Much Ado About Nothing

During half-terms III and IV year 9 students have been studying Shakespeare's, "Much Ado About Nothing". No, not studying it! Falling in love with it!.....

Or for our International School highlights please go to Stanborough. International:

5 Feb - Wagor Group Photography Project

Daffodils are starting to bloom and love is in the air again! Our visiting students from Wagor International School of Excellence in Taichung City, Taiwan, were asked to photograph what love looks like to them.....

15 Mar - "Beauty Is The Beast!"

From 22 February to 2 March 2016, a group of students from our sister school, Colegio Timón, in Spain, came to visit us to improve their English skills and discover British culture.....

Read & Tell

by A. Mall

Free Willy I - A special friendship begins between a lonely boy named Jesse and an orca whale confined to an aquatic park's too-small tank. Can Jesse help his new friend return to his oceans home?

Free Willy II - A time for heroes! Oil spilled from a tanker ignites during Jesse's ocean reunion with Willy, trapping the orca and his pod between the shore and the flames.

Free Willy III - Jesse goes to sea as an assistant on a marine biology boat and just in time, too: an illegal whale-catching operation is out to snare Willy and his new orca friend.



Free Willy IV - A theme-park owner wants to capture a baby orca stranded in a lagoon and turn it into his latest attraction. But an 11-year-old girl has her own idea: lead the newest Willy to freedom!

DVD - Available now in the Library!

Important Dates

SUMMER TERM, 2016

APRIL

Tue 19	Summer Term Commences
Fri 22	Staff Appreciation Day
Sat 23	PTA Day of Fellowship
Mon 25-29	Year 10 Work Experience

MAY

Mon 2	Bank Holiday
Thu 12	Sports Day (All day)
Fri 13	GCSE Examinations begins
Fri 27	Half Term Holiday Commences

JUNE

Mon 6	School commences
Thu 23	Non-Uniform Day

JULY

Tue 5	Stanborough Got Talent
Wed 6	Staff/Student Cricket Match, BBQ
Thu 7	Whole School Trip
Fri 8	SCHOOL TERM ENDS

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