



NEWSLETTER No. 23  
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Dear Parents, Staff and Boys

From my side welcome back after the June/July holidays and a special welcome to the 68 boarders especially those who are boarding for the first time in grade seven. The theme this term is the 'precious present' which is a superb idea. However, instead of giving you my pearls of wisdom on the theme, I have decided not to preach this time but to give your sons some practical advice which will no doubt go a long way to improving their organizational skills. You are more than welcome to paste this newsletter in their rooms provided that you find some space to do so!

**Step One: Make sure your desk at home is organized.**

Is there enough space to work? *Throw away the rubbish on your desk!*

Is the light good? *Get a desk lamp if you can't see clearly!*

Do you have the pens and paper you need? *Visit the CNA, Waltons etc or obtain stock from your class teacher.*

Is it quiet? *Turn down the noise so you can concentrate! NO TV while you work!*

Are your books easy to find? *Luckily at Cordwalles we use colour coding for all our subjects. Grade sevens, do not fall behind as regards filing your notes.*

Is there a board where you can pin up important reminders, calendar cards or test timetables? *Put one up or use prestik to stick up any useful information or your own revision timetable.*

**Step Two: Pack your bag/s carefully!**

Have you got all your books for the day? *Pack with your timetable in front of you.*

Have you completed all your homework? *Check your homework diary and your timetable.*

Are there notices, letters, return slips? *Visit the bottom of your bag to check...*

Do you have the correct sports kit? *Check your extra mural timetable and calendar card.*

**At the end of the school day:**

Have you packed all your books, kit etc to take home?

**HINT:** Pack your bags the night before so you don't panic in the morning!

Don't forget your lunch! Don't wait for your mom to do it for you!

**Step Three: Do your homework when you get home!**

Have you got a routine that you follow? *Write it out in a diary and do it every day.*

Do you put off doing your homework? *Do it when you get home- then you can relax!*

Do you rush through and work carelessly? *Spend the time doing it properly.*

Is there too much on one day? *Plan your work so that you don't end up rushing it all the night before!*

**HINT:** if you finish homework early, spend time revising for tests and doing extra reading.

## **Forget about that playstation during the week...**

### **Step Four: Prepare well for tests!**

Do you know what to learn?	<i>Check with your teacher to make sure you know what you need to learn.</i>
	<i>Ask questions if you don't understand.</i>
Is there enough time to learn?	<i>Look at the test timetable and don't leave it to the last minute!</i>
Do you know how to learn?	<i>Use mind maps and flash cards to help you learn.</i>
Do you use your time well?	<i>Don't put off learning!</i>
	<i>When you sit at your desk, make sure you are working hard.</i>
	<i>Write out your work or summarize.</i>
	<i>Staring blankly at a page is a sure recipe to disaster!</i>

I hope that you found this list useful. Now to try it out on my teens at home!

Franzl Bause  
House Master

### **Birthdays**

The following boys will be celebrating their birthday this week:

Armin Theron	31 July
Daniel Archibald, Hayden Hankinson, Alexander Kuhn	01 August
Jarooshan Chetty	02 August
Dane Blunt, Daniel Hirschowitz	06 August

We wish each of you a wonderful day and year ahead.

### **Staff News**

It is with great sadness that we let you know that Petros Mwelase, our tractor driver, passed away last week. Petros had been in our employ since 2001. Our condolences go to Petros' family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.

We are very sad to announce that Sharon Scott, our Junior Primary HOD and Grade 2 teacher has resigned with effect from the end of the year as her family are emigrating to New Zealand. This is a great loss to Cordwalles. Sharon has lead the Junior Primary phase with vision, care and love. The boys in her care have always been her primary concern and the department has blossomed under her leadership. She has been a loyal and valued member of the staff and we as a school are going to miss her terribly.

We wish her and her family well in their new venture and hop their dreams are fulfilled.

Louise Whitelaw has also tended her resignation as was mentioned in the special letter sent out by the school when Mark announced his move to WHPS in Pretoria. Louise leaves at the end of the year and she will be missed as part of the Cordwalles Community and teaching staff. We wondered, at first, if it was absolutely necessary for her to go to Pretoria, however she has assured us that she will be making the move across the 'Boerewors Curtain'. We wish Louise ever success with her career and we know that she will be sorely missed in so many aspects of Cordwalles life.

### **Family News**

Our condolences go to Gill Lotze on the passing away of her mother (Christopher's granny) and to Debbie Cooper on the passing of her father in New Zealand (Adam Cameron's grandpa). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this sad time.

### **Boarding House News**

The boys in our Boarding House hosted the young ladies from The Wykeham Collegiate Junior School boarding house on Sunday afternoon. Great fun was had by all. The children were involved in a treasure hunt and other fun activities. Many thanks to Rodger Skene, Steven James, Sister and Mr Bause for organizing such a successful afternoon.

### **Makro Card**

Have you received your Makro Card? Please check the bottom of your son's school bag. If it's not there please contact Ruth Forder. This project has only been running a couple of weeks and already we have R4756 in the kitty. Well done, everybody! Should anyone want a card for aunts, uncles, grannies, grandpas etc please speak to Ruth.

### **Scholarship**

Congratulations to Brett Smith on being awarded the Closed Cordwalles Scholarship to Maritzburg College. This is an excellent achievement Brett, well done.



**GOLF DAY!  
SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2009.**

***This is a fun day for the boys, parents, sisters and "old Cordwalles boys"***

***You can play 9 or 18 holes.  
(From Juniors to Adults - special rates!)***

***To book :  
Penny Yeats: 0823765605***

***We still need some support in the form of prizes or sponsorship! (anything is welcome)  
A great thank you for those parents that are supporting all ready you are great!***

***Contact:  
Miriam du Toit: 0825681264***

***Many thanks see you there!!!***

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK** - Lance Veenstra

**1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey Results 25 – 26 July 2009**

Hockey results for Hilton College Fleur-de-Lys Hockey Festival:

Chelsea	Drew	0	-	0
Pridwin	Won	2	-	1
Highbury(Indoor)	Lost	1	-	3
Laddsworth	Won	3	-	0
Western Province Prep(Indoor)	Won	8	-	2
St Benedicts	Drew	1	-	1

Hockey Results for Michaelhouse Prep School Festivals:

**Indoor Matches:**

Cordwalles A vs Pridwin A:	Won	1	-	0
Cordwalles B vs Pridwin B:	Lost	0	-	2
Cordwalles A vs Pridwin B:	Won	2	-	0
Cordwalles B vs Pridwin A:	Drew	1	-	1

**Field Hockey:**

Chelsea:	Drew	1	-	1
Penryn	Won	2	-	1
Highlands	Won	2	-	1
Umhlali	Drew	2	-	2