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Dear Parents

I am sure you do not need to be reminded on how fortunate we are at Cordwalles to have a team of extremely dedicated and professional teachers who are responsible for 'making the difference' in your son's education. I would like to share this very touching story with you:

'Her name was Mrs Jones. As she stood in front of her Grade 5 class on the very first day of school, she told the children a white-lie. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. But that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy. Mrs Jones had watched Teddy and noticed that he didn't play well with the other children and that his clothes were messy. It got to the point where Mrs Jones was having to mark his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's. When Mrs Jones was required to review each child's past records she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's Grade 1 teacher wrote; "Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners....he is a joy to be around."

His Grade 2 teacher wrote; "Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother is ill and life at home must be a struggle."

His Grade 3 teacher wrote; "His mother's death has been hard on Teddy, he tries to do his best, but his father has lost interest and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken."

Teddy's Grade 4 teacher wrote; "Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school, he doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class."

By now Mrs Jones realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her presents wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy brown paper that he got from a grocery store. She took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy stayed long enough at school that day to say. "Mrs Jones, today you smelled just like my mom used to."

After the children left she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic and instead began to teach children!

Mrs Jones paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class, and despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her 'teacher's pets'.

A year later, she found a note under her door from Teddy telling her that she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life. Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished High School, 3rd in his class and she was still the best teacher he ever had in his whole life!

Four years after that, Mrs Jones got another letter saying that while things had been tough at times he had stayed at school, had stuck with it, and would graduate from college with the highest of honours. He assured Mrs Jones that she was still the best and favourite teacher he ever had in his whole life!

Then four years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his Bachelor's Degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favourite teacher he ever had, but now his name as a little longer...the letter was signed Teddy Sparks. MD.

The story doesn't end there. You see, there was yet another letter that Spring. Teddy was going to be married. His father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs Jones might agree to sit in, as his "mother" at the wedding.

Of course, Mrs Jones did and guess what, she wore that rhinestone bracelet and the perfume that Teddy remembers his mother wearing. They hugged each other and Dr Teddy Sparks whispered in Mrs Jones' ear, **"Thank you for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and for showing me that I could make a difference."**

Mrs Jones with tears in her eyes whispered back, **"Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't really know how to teach until I met you."**

We salute all the boys and teachers of Cordwalles – let us all make a difference together!

Ruth Forder
Marketing Department

Birthdays

The following boys will be celebrating their birthday this week:

Stewart Grant	13 August
Talon Abraham	14 August
Michael Geysler, James Hall, Damon Stamp	16 August
Jordan Balkisson, Andrew Cullis, James Cullis	17 August
Siphesihle Luthuli	18 August
Sisanda Ndlovu	20 August

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

Grade RR – Grade 3 Grandparents Day Wednesday 19 August

Please remember we need your RSVP's urgently.

German Measles

We have a confirmed case of German Measles in the Pre Primary.

100 Club

This is one of those quarterly events that make the Cordwalles community so special. Please do join us at 100 Club at the Pavilion on Wednesday 19 August at 18h30. Contact Ruth Forder if you have any queries or would like to donate any prizes. Remember you need to be present to win the lucky draw prizes!

Jackson Foundation Scholarships – Ruth Forder

If you know any suitable candidates who would be interested in applying for the Jackson Foundation scholarships for boys entering Grade 4 in 2010 (from previously disadvantaged backgrounds and who are not currently enrolled at Cordwalles) please contact Ruth Forder.

Open Day – Thursday 27th August

We will be hosting an Open Day at Cordwalles on Thursday 27 August from 10h00 – 12h00 for all prospective parents. If you have friends who would be interested in coming, please give Ruth Forder their details so that an invitation can be sent.

Golf Day - THANK YOU

A very special thank you to Miriam du Toit and Penny Yeats for all their hard work in pulling together a wonderful Cordwalles Golf Day held on Sunday. Great fun was had by all involved. Miriam was very involved in setting up and

getting numerous parents to help her on the day, organizing the sponsors and making sure the whole event run smoothly. Penny was the key organizer of the bookings of tee off times. We would also like to thank Tarryn Campher for introducing and running a child care facility on the day. Thank you to all three of you. Without you who knows what could have happened!

Without the wider community Cordwalles would cease to exist as we know it. It is absolutely wonderful to see the outstanding support we receive from our amazing sponsors.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our sponsors who have so generously given prizes and sponsorship in order to make this family event possible. We are indeed indebted to all of them for their kindness.

The Cordwalles family continues to support the belief that our primary school education is vital to develop our boys' foundation for life. Cordwalles is in a growing and developing phase and as such any funds that can assist us to provide the best and most effective foundation for our children are greatly appreciated. An excellent prep school education is a most valuable and precious gift for all our boys as it sets them up for life.

The efforts of the Cordwalles Parents' Association to develop even further the excellent facilities at Cordwalles are appreciated. However it is the camaraderie that comes from Parents' Association functions that is truly valued by the whole Cordwalles family.

We hope you had a wonderful day with us and please support all our sponsors.

Aluminium Foil converters Argyle Chickens Barcelos – Basil Bure Motors Blue Chip Snacks BMK Plant sales Bruce Clelland Interiors Bush and Bundu Butcher Boys Coffeeferry Café Cordwalles Preparatory School Craig Speirs Hair and Beauty Salons Dekadepaints DISTELL Du Toit Family Dunton family Engen One Stop Cato Ridge Essence deli and café Farmers Agri -care Flavour Café – Dunrobin Geyser Family Hair Flava Hattons cycles Hills Dogfood Hilton College	Husqvarna Jim Green shoes Just Lavender Just Lavender "Lavender Beauty" Just Lavender "Petit Café" KEG and Hedgehog Kester and Fay Vickery Specialist Game Services Kruger family Lawn Mower Shop Howick Mackenzie Family Maritzburg College Market Produce Maxiprest Tyres Michaelhouse Moffatt Optical MTN – Cascades Natal Associated Agencies National Braiding Industries Niresh Gayadin Financial Planning Solutions Parklane Cellars Parklane Spar Pesto Deli and Trattoria Peter Baxter Panelbeaters	Redlands Beauty & Hair - Mandy Lee Bekker ReichFin - Garth Reich Rose Cottage Beauty Salon SAKI pacific Grill Sharpline signs Stihl Stowell & Co (Attorneys) Studio 88 Sunshine Bakery Tatham Wilkes (Attorneys) Teichmann family The Butchery The Company (Mall) The Pro Shop The Wykeham Collegiate Top Crop Nursery Tops – Parklane Spar Troy Pharmaceutical Trucksurance Risk Services - Locke Purdon Wimpy Cato Ridge Xerox printers and printing (Xtec)
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Supporters Shirts

Please remember that supporters' shirts and caps are available from Ruth Forder.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK - Lance Veenstra

Tennis Results

Tennis championship results:

	Winner	Runner-Up
Senior Singles	Ross Talmage	Dylan Jacklin
Junior Singles	Nikolai Manchev	Anthony Glutz
Senior Doubles	Michael Dedekind / Ross Talmage	Marc Conlon / Matthew Dahl
Junior Doubles	Nikolai Manchev / Benjamin Power	Anton van Heeswijk / Brett Whitelaw

Tennis League results:

Thursday 30 July

Team	Opponents	Result
1st	Cowan House	Cordwalles won 21 – 15
2nd	Wembley	Cordwalles won 19 – 17
3rd	Wartburg	Cordwalles won 34 – 2
4th	Wembley	Cordwalles won 21 – 15
U11A	Richmond	Cordwalles won 28 – 8
U11B	Athlone	Cordwalles won 17 - 11
U11C	Athlone	Cordwalles won 18 - 10

Thursday 6 August

Team	Opponents	Result
1 st	Merchiston	Cordwalles won 31 – 5
3 rd	Clifton NR 2 nd	Cordwalles won 29 – 7
4 th	Clifton NR 3 rd	Cordwalles won 21 – 15
U11A	Merchiston	Cordwalles won 22 - 14
U11B	Merchiston	Cordwalles won 20 – 16
U11C	Clifton NR	Clifton won 21 - 15

Hockey Results

Team	Opponents	Result
1 st	Clifton NR 1st XI	Cordwalles won 4 - 1
2 nd	Clifton NR 2nd XI	Cordwalles won 9 - 1
3 rd	Clifton NR 3rd XI	Cordwalles won 6 – 0
4 th	Clifton NR 4th XI	Cordwalles won 3 – 0
6 th	Clifton NR 5th XI	Cordwalles won 7 – 0
7 th	St Charles 7th XI	Cordwalles won 1 - 0
U11A	Clifton NR	Cordwalles won 8 - 1
U11B	Clifton NR	Cordwalles won 4 - 1
U10A	Clifton NR	Match drawn 3 - 3
U10B	Clifton NR	Cordwalles won 6 - 3
U9A	Clifton NR U9A	Cordwalles won 7 - 1
U9B	Clifton NR U9B	Cordwalles won 3 - 1
U9D	Clifton NR U9C	Clifton NR won 2 - 1

Inter House Athletics Results

Steward Trophy – Inter House

1 st	Butchers
2 nd	Tathams
3 rd	Jacksons
4 th	Baines

Individuals

Field Events	Nicolas Panas
U9	Jared Campbell
U10	Kuhle Khumalo
U11	Nikolai Manchev
U12	Victor Foster
Open	Philani Ngcobo