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Dear Parents and boys

The Price of Children

This is just too good not to pass on to all. Here is something absolutely positive.

I have repeatedly seen the breakdown of the cost of raising a child, but this is the first time I have seen the rewards listed this way.

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with R1 681 470.00 for a middle-income family. Talk about price shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition.

But R1 681 470.00 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into:

- R93 414.93 a year,
- R7 784,49 a month
- R1 796.34 a week
- A mere R254.52 a day!
- Just over R10.50 an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice is: don't have children if you want to be 'rich'. Actually, it is just the opposite.

What do you get for your R1 681 470.00?

- Naming rights. First, middle and last!
- Glimpses of God every day
- Giggles under the covers every night.
- More love than your heart can hold.
- Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds and warm cookies.
- A hand to hold usually covered with jam or chocolate.
- A partner for blowing bubbles and flying kites.
- Someone to laugh yourself silly with, no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day.

For R1 681 470.00 you never have to grow up. You get to:

- Finger paint,
- Carve pumpkins
- Catch lightning bugs
- Never stop believing in Santa Claus.

You have an excuse to:

- Keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh,
- Watch Saturday morning cartoons,
- Go to Disney movies, and
- Wish on stars.

You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For a mere R254,52 a day, there is no greater bang for your buck. You get to be a hero just for:

- Retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof,
- Taking the training wheels off a bike,
- Removing a splinter,
- Filling a paddling pool,
- Coaxing a wad of gum out of hairs, and
- Coaching a rugby team that never wins but always gets treated to ice cream regardless.

You get a front row seat in history to witness the:

- First step,
- First word
- First date,
- First time behind the wheel.

You get to be immortal. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're lucky, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren and great-grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, communications, and human sexuality that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there under God. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, pact a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost. That is quite a deal for the price!

So love and enjoy your children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It's the best investment you'll ever make!

Have a GREAT mid-term break with your family!

Carol Fourie
Inky HOD

Birthdays

The following boys and staff will be celebrating their birthday this week:

Sisanda Ndlovu	20 August
John Haines	21 August
Scott Anderson	22 August
Mrs Moffatt	23 August
Grant Coolbear, James Hadley-Grave	25 August
Tristan Blewett, Mrs Hall	26 August
Mr Strachan	27 August

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

GRADE 7 SOCIAL INTER-ACTION with TWC Lucy Usher

WANTED



ALIVE !

**Brave Grade 7 girls who are willing to take up a challenge.
REWARD: An evening of fun!**

The response to the above "invitation" to the Grade 7 girls at TWC was taken up very quickly and, on Friday evening last week, 34 young ladies arrived at Cordwalles with their teachers to teach our Grade 7 cowboys how to dance. The point of the evening was to trick the boys into learning some of the choreography for their up-coming production, "Calamity James", at the end of term....and it worked! Clearly, our boys enjoyed the company of the pretty young ladies and were very good hosts, accompanying them to dinner and dancing the evening away. Huge thanks must go to Mr Mark Whitelaw for his fun ice-breaker games at the start of the evening, Mrs Brenda Franklin from TWC who taught the boys how to dance, Mrs Ally du Plooy who helped get the girls to us, Mrs Denise van der Merwe who put together a wonderful cowboy menu and a few staff members from each school who came along to give support. Please come along and support the production at the end of term. Tickets to go on sale soon!

GRADE 7 PRODUCTION: CAN ANYONE HELP? Lucy Usher

We are looking for the following items for our Grade 7 production, "Calamity James". If you are able to lend us any of the following things, please contact Lucy Usher at school:

- 3 Haybales (preferably ones that won't drop too much hay)
- 6 Hobby Horses (the ones on "broom-type handles")
- Cowboy posters (eg: Clint Eastwood, John Wayne etc) and cowboy magazines/books
- A large, but not too heavy, barrel

These items will be well looked after.

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.

Aftercare

Thank you to all those who supported the child care centre at the Golf Day last Sunday. The R265 raised is being used to purchase a Mobilo Construction Kit for the boys who use the aftercare facility at Cordwalles. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Cordwalles Family

Congratulations to Craik and Michelle Speirs on the birth of Thomas this past weekend. Thomas is brother to Trent in Grade 3V.

Our condolences go to the Werth family on the passing away of Byron's granddad (Mike's father). Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

MUSIC NEWS - L Blunt

Congratulations to all the boys who have participated in this year's Eisteddfod:

<u>Piano – Grade 1</u>		<u>Piano – Grade 2</u>	
Dane Blunt	A, A & A-	Andrew Purdon	A, A & A-
Ryan Hodgson	A, A & A-		
Thomas Usher	A, A & A		
Brett Whitelaw	B+, A- & A-		
<u>Clarinet – Grade 1</u>		<u>Clarinet – Grade 3</u>	
Justin Dent	B, A- & A-	Zi Nkala	A, A & A-
<u>Saxophone – Grade 3</u>		<u>Violin – Grade 3</u>	
Timothy Lewis	A, A & A	Grant Kruger	A, A & A-
Chad Fourie	A-, A & A+		

On Sunday 17th August, Grant and Jackie Kruger participated in the annual Amateur orchestra, conducted by Richard Cox and sponsored by the British Heritage Association. This event is open to any music lovers who can prepare the set music beforehand and join together on the day with 700 other participants to make wonderful music. Once again, Grant was the youngest performer and can be most proud of his stamina and achievements.

S.O.S Children's Village concert will be held on Saturday 22 August 2009 at 19.00. This promises to be a delightful evening of choral and solo works including some of our very own Cordies boys. A few local choirs, not on half term, will

be performing. Your support towards this very worthy charity would be greatly appreciated. Tickets will be on sale at the door at R50 per adult and R30 per child at the City Hall PMB.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 18.30

As our big outreach project for this year, the Senior Choir and Rock band will be performing in the City Hall along with about 10 other schools. We will be raising money for "France". Please visit the following website for more information on this organisation: www.reachout.org.za Details for this exciting event will follow soon.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK - Lance Veenstra

Tennis Results

Tennis League results:

Thursday 13 August

Team	Opponents	Result
1st	Clifton Nottingham Road	Draw 18 all
2nd	Underberg	Underberg won 33 - 11
3rd	Merchiston	Merchison won 26 - 10
4th	Merchiston	Merchiston won 21 - 15
U11A	Clifton Nottingham Road	Cordwalles won 22 - 10
U11B	Clifton Nottingham Road	Cordwalles won 17 - 15
U11C	Richmond	Richmond won 21 - 15

Hockey Results

Team	Opponents	Result
1 st	St Charles	Cordwalles won 7 - 2
2 nd	St Charles	Cordwalles won 4 - 0
3 rd	St Charles	Cordwalles won 2 - 0
4 th	St Charles	Match drawn 0 - 0
6 th	St Charles	Cordwalles won 6 - 0
U11A	St Charles	St Charles won 5 - 1
U11B	St Charles	St Charles won 2 - 1
U11C	St Charles	Cordwalles won 4 - 1
U11D	St Charles	Match drawn 1 - 1
U11E	St Charles U11D	St Charles won 2 - 0
U10A	St Charles	St Charles won 2 - 1
U10B	St Charles	St Charles won 1 - 0
U10C	St Charles	St Charles won 3 - 1
U10D	St Charles U10D	St Charles won 5 - 0
U10D	St Charles U10E	Cordwalles won 3 - 2
U9A	St Charles	St Charles won 4 - 1
U9B	St Charles	Match drawn 3 - 3
U9C	St Charles	Cordwalles won 4 - 0
U9D	St Charles	Cordwalles won 3 - 1
U9E	St Charles	Cordwalles won 6 - 0

Inter Prep Athletics Results

1. Highbury
2. Merchiston
3. Cordwalles
4. Clifton Durban
5. Thomas More
6. St Charles