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Dear Parents, boys and staff

One of the subscriptions we get regularly for the library is one published locally by a very smart, well read lady called Audrey Hitchcock. Those of you who have met her before will remember her!

One of her latest editions (VOL 20 No 1 APRIL 2009) had an article in it that I would like to share with you (permission was sought and granted!)

She presents a book called:

THE RIGHTS OF THE READER – Pennac, Daniel
And I quote –

“What an absolute gem!

In 50 very concise paragraphs Pennac expands on his 10 rights of the reader, which are:-

- The right not to read
- The right to skip
- The right not to finish a book
- The right to read it again
- The right to read anything
- The right to mistake a book for real like
- The right to read anywhere
- The right to dip in
- The right to read aloud
- The right to be quiet

To which illustrator Quentin Blake has added, 10 rights – 1 warning:-

- Don't make fun of people who don't read – or they never will!

“First Pennac describes how young children are introduced to the pleasure of reading. Then he examines how they are put off. Reading becomes a dreary chore. It's good for you. Like bran flakes or jogging! Why would anyone want to do that? Thirdly, presumably drawing on his own experiences as a teacher, he describes how a class of surly teenagers rediscover the joys of reading.....by reading aloud to them.....more and more books as long as they are NOT on the syllabus!”

His basic idea is that if one reads to children, shares stories with children of all ages, make this the core of reading, then children will read, no matter what the alternatives. He writes, "You can't make someone read. Just as you can't make them fall in love, or dream....."

One of his main points is simple: no one is ever going to read a book if they don't want to. Reading, he says, is mostly about pleasure. From that, other things will follow. If people choose to spend their time doing something else, that is their right. He looks on them with sorrow, not contempt: without books, they are condemned to lead "a life without answers.....and before long without questions too."

I have the book on order for our library but if you would like to have more information about this book and access to a delightful poster illustrated by Quentin Blake on the Rights of the Reader, click into www.walkerbooks.co.uk/download or Google 'the rights of the reader poster' to download the poster. If you would like, I do have some extra information and the poster available at the Media Centre and I will happily make you a copy!

HAPPY READING!
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Birthdays

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

Ryan Taylor, Jonathan van der Merwe	12 September
Khaya Mlotshwa, Senzelwe Sibisi	13 September
Ian Hemingway, Mrs Dent	14 September
Edwin Kassier	15 September
Angus Huebsch	16 September
Nzuzo Mdlalose	17 September

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

Market Day

Yes, it is Market Day again! As part of the EMS curriculum, the grade 6 boys have been busy preparing for Market Day to boost their bank account with some hard-earned profit. On Friday 18 September they will be selling a variety of products. The market will open at 14h30 and will be held on Oval. We would love to see all Cordwalles parents and boys supporting the Market – come and shop!!

Fun Run

This will follow Market Day at 16h30 and we encourage family and friends to join in the fun route through the Cordwalles property. Braai fires will be ready at 17h30. Please supply your own crockery, cutlery and food. A cash bar will be available for the thirsty participants; however you are welcome to bring your own. Come and have some family fun!

Cami Maths Challenge Mrs Borain

Cordwalles has been invited to participate in the 2009 Cami Maths Challenge. Much competition has been had over the past 6 weeks as the boys practise their bonds and tables in speed tests. The finals will be held from Monday 14th to Wednesday 23rd when the boys can enter with their top scores for the challenge. At Cordwalles, the first, second and third in each grade will receive a cash prize of R50, R30 and R20 respectively. The overall first, second and third prize from all participating schools will be R500, R300 and R200 respectively.

An entry fee of R5 will be charged to the pupil's account. We wish Cordies boys all the best! Keep practising!

Music Department

We have a parent who is looking to purchase a secondhand guitar for her son. If you have one to sell please contact Ruth Forder.

Cake & Candy Day – Monday 14 September

Class teachers will be selling bandanas at R15 each in aid of The Sunflower Fund (Friends of the South African Bone Marrow Registry). This day will be hosted by Grade 3 & 5. Only boys who buy a bandana may wear civvies. All boys may bring a further R5 to spend on cake/candy.

Hobbies

A reminder that there will be NO HOBBIES on Friday 11 September (Tomorrow) as we are having a Staff In-Service Training session. Boys may be collected at 2.00pm.

Art & DT Exhibition

The Official opening of the Art and D.T. Exhibition takes place at 16h00 on Monday 21 September. All parents are welcome. The classrooms will be open for Work through the School from 14h30 – 16h00, so do come and see all the work you son has been busy with throughout the year, stay for a sumptuous tea followed by the opening of the Art Department Exhibition of your son's work. Please RSVP to Lynn Clark by 17 September so that we can ensure there is enough tea for all.

ADHD Awareness Day

Town Hill Hospital Child and Adolescent Unit are hosting an awareness day on Friday 18 September from 09:00 – 12:30. Bookings are essential. Please contact Nozipho Mchunu on 033 341 5643 or jeanwalkerrandal@kznhealth.gov.za to book a place. The day is aimed at parents and teachers. Ruth Forder has a flyer with more details.

Old Boys News

Lynton Dent (2000-2005)

Next week Lynton will be in a 4 boy team representing South Africa at the World Formula 1 in Schools Model Engineering Championship. Lynton is presently a grade 11 pupil at Maritzburg College. He and his fellow Engineering Graphics and Design peers make up Team Stealth which excelled at the SA National Championships held at Kyalami in March. Lynton's love of IT and DT all started at Cordwalles with excellent teachers to stimulate his talent.

FROM THE SPORTS DESK - Lance Veenstra

Sport Next Week:

Tuesday 15 September:

Cricket: The Opens and U11 will have a cricket coaching session with Paul Atkins and his coaching team from HA Cricket. This will run from 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

Hockey: The U9's will travel to Hilton College by school bus to be coached by the Hilton College hockey staff.

Thursday 17 September:

Tennis: Tennis matches will carry on as normal.

Cricket: The U9's and U10's will have a coaching session with HA Cricket from 2.15pm – 4.15pm. This is only for boys not involved in tennis matches.

TENNIS RESULTS

Tennis League results from Thursday 3 September

Team	Opponents	Result
1 st	Treverton	Treverton won 24 -12
2 nd	The Wykeham Collegiate	TWC won 26 – 10
3 rd	Treverton	Cordwalles won 21 – 15
4 th	Eston	Cordwalles won 23 – 13
U11A	Athlone	Cordwalles won 26 – 10
U11B	St Charles	St Charles won 20 – 16
U11C	Match cancelled	

HOCKEY RESULTS

Friday 4 September

Team	Opponents	Result
1 st (Saturday)	St Peters	Cordwalles won 9 – 1
2 nd	Clifton (Durban)	Match drawn 1 – 1
3 rd	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 4 – 1
4 th	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 3 – 1
5 th	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 3 – 0
6 th	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 4 – 0
U11A	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 3 – 1
U11B	Clifton (Durban)	Match drawn 2 – 2
U11C	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 3 – 0
U11D	Clifton (Durban)	Match drawn 1 – 1
U11E	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 4 – 0
U10A	Clifton (Durban)	Match drawn 1 – 1
U10B	Clifton (Durban)	Clifton won 5 – 1
U10C	Clifton (Durban)	Clifton won 2 – 0
U10D	Clifton (Durban)	Clifton won 11 – 1
U9A	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 4 – 2
U9B	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 5 – 0
U9C	Clifton (Durban)	Cordwalles won 8 – 0
U9D	Clifton (Durban)	Clifton won 4 – 1
U9E	Clifton (Durban)	Match drawn 2 – 2