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Dear Cordies Family

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is almost upon us. Where has it gone? It does seem that as one gets older the years pass by more quickly, but this was one which I had hoped would progress very slowly. This is of course because it is my final year as a member of the very special Cordwalles community.

The boys are always excited by the prospect of a year coming to an end, as they contemplate a long summer holiday with the excitement of Christmas and all the celebrations and gifts with which it is associated. They look forward to a new year with anticipation; facing different challenges, having a new teacher and getting together with friends again. Life is invigorating and exciting! Change is generally not too daunting for them and quickly embraced.

For me too, the prospect of change is exhilarating and I am looking forward to 2010 and the challenges it will bring to my family and me. I still have to pinch myself at times to realise that we are really leaving our beloved South Africa and moving to the land of the long white cloud halfway around the world. It has been a distant plan for several years, but has now become a reality with all that wrenching up one's roots entails. I know that there are going to be many things about this beautiful land that I will miss enormously and there will always be a space in my soul that only Africa will be able to fill. I was outside early the other morning, enjoying the first warm rays of the sun, watching two stately hadedas ridding my lawn of crickets and worms and other creatures. One of my dogs spotted them and quickly rushed out to chase them off. As the birds flapped into the air with their jarring cry I immediately thought, "Now that is a sound I know I will long for!"

My husband and I hope to settle in Auckland and are eager to explore the amazing country of New Zealand. When we visited last year, we were struck by its incredible beauty and by the warmth and friendliness of its people. There are countless new and exciting places to visit. I hope that we will be able to host many of our South African friends in the future and share our new country with them.

Saying goodbye to the Cordwalles community must rate as one of the most difficult things I have to face as I make these enormous changes in my life. I have been at Cordwalles for the past eight years and have loved every minute of my time here. I have been privileged to work with a dynamic and talented group of people who have taught me a great deal and have become my close friends. They have supported me in times of difficulty and celebrated with me on happy occasions. I will miss them all enormously. I have also had the opportunity to make some very good friends amongst our parent body. What an amazing group of people you are; always supportive of your boys, the staff and the school. I would like to thank you all for what you have meant to me. Most especially I would like to thank the very special boys of Cordwalles whom I have been lucky enough to teach. They have brought me such joy, laughter and fulfillment over the years. Their enthusiasm and passion for life is an inspiration. I have indeed been blessed to have been able to teach boys of such calibre.

I hope that as we approach half term you will have opportunities to relax and enjoy special family time with your boys. It will be good to take a breather before the last hectic weeks of the year are upon us and the round of end-of-year functions begin.

Sharon Scott  
HOD Junior Primary

### **Birthdays**

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

Joel Sibiya	21 October
Cameron Durow	22 October
Kurt Martin, Matthew McCarthy	25 October
Christopher Lotze, Ms Vilikazi	26 October
Ms Mngoma	28 October
Ishan Bhoola, Junio Njoko	29 October

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

### **100 Club - TONIGHT**

We will be holding 100 Club on Wednesday 21 October at 18h00 for 18h30. Come and enjoy great Cordwalles community spirit at the last 100 club of the year.

Anyone who would like to donate prizes for the lucky draw, please contact Ruth Forder as soon as possible.

### **Toy Story** - Janine Claassen

Every year, East Coast Radio embarks on a campaign that aims to bring festive cheer to those in need. But more so, it recognizes that thousands of children in KwaZulu Natal are without the basic necessities to live sustainably, and runs this campaign to help make a difference.

This campaign is "TOY STORY"

Toy Story 2009 launched early last month.

I have arranged with East Coast Radio to have Toy Story Collection Boxes placed at Cordwalles for any toys, food items, etc that you wish to donate to a very worthy cause. One will be placed in the entrance to the Pre-Primary, one in front of Ruth Forder's office and one will be placed outside the Grade 2 classrooms.

We collected a substantial number of toys, food, etc last year and believe we can do it again this year!!

Please open your hearts this festive season and make a donation – let us, as the Cordwalles family, help make a difference in someone's life. I strongly feel that our boys could all learn that "GIVING IS BETTER THAN RECEIVING".

### **Staff News**

We have appointed Kylie Townsend as our new Sister from January 2010. Kylie (37 years old) has qualifications in general nursing, midwifery, psychiatric nursing and community nursing. She also has a diploma in Primary Health care. Kylie has worked at Johannesburg General and Wilgeeuwel Hospitals as well as the Petervale Family Health Centre. She is currently a Sister at St David's Marist, Inanda. Kylie has two daughters, Courtney and Kallen. We look forward to welcoming the Townsend family to Cordwalles next year.

### **Senior Prize Giving 2009**

As per the calendar card, Grade 4 – 7 boys are required to attend Speech & Prize Giving Day on Saturday 28 November. No boys will be excused from this event. Please make travel arrangements for after 12h30 on Saturday 28 November.

This year our guest speaker is Mr Gary Ralfe. Mr Ralfe is Chairman of the Board of Michaelhouse and a Cordwalles Old Boy.

### **Additional school shop times**

From the last week in October, November, December and January there will be **additional** opening times **by appointment only**.

In November, appointments are available daily from Monday to Friday at different times.

December :    Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December (08h30 – 11h30)                      Wednesday 2nd December (08h30 – 15h00)  
                         Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December (13h30 – 15h30)                      Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December (08h30 – 12h00)

January :        Various times from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January (excluding weekends).

**Boarders :**    Return to school on Tuesday 19th January. Unfortunately due to staff meeting throughout the day the school shop will not be open.

**Payment :**    Cash or Cheque for new parents (no credit card facilities). Current parents may pay on account unless buying full uniform then cash is required.

Please make your appointment (**including the January appointments**) with Lynn Clark by no later than Tuesday 1st December - phone 033 3423077 or email: [clark\\_lynn@cordwalles.co.za](mailto:clark_lynn@cordwalles.co.za).

Should parents of boys who are changing uniform (ie from Inky uniform to Pre-primary khakis) wish to purchase the uniforms during **normal shop hours** in October or November, please make an appointment with Sister Bastard in order to avoid congestion and long waits. Contact Lynn Clark – details above.

### **Junior Primary Play**

Tickets are now on sale for 'Jungle Book'! They cost R20 each and are already selling fast. In order to avoid disappointment please book your tickets with Lynn Clark.

### **Calendar Card**

We have moved the **farewell function for staff** to Thursday 26 November at 18h00. All parents are most welcome to attend this function or the staff leaving Cordwalles this year.

Date of the **PA AGM** has changed on the calendar card to 10TH NOVEMBER at 18h30 and not the 12th November.

### **Mid-term break**

Starts tomorrow (Thursday!) There will be NO aftercare available. All Inky and Junior Primary boys finish at 10.00am. Grade 4 – 7 boys finish at 10.30am.

**FROM THE SPORTS DESK** - Lance Veenstra**Additional Fixtures**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – **U9C** vs St Charles U9C (A) @08h30  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **7<sup>th</sup>** XI vs Bisley 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (H) @14h15  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **U11 B** vs Bisley U11B (A) @ 14h15  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **U9 B** vs Howick U9 A (A) @ 14h15  
 Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October – **U9 C** vs Howick U9B (A) @ 14h15

ALL THE ABOVE ARE NEW FIXTURES

**Thursday 15 October**

Team	Opponent	Batted First	Batted Second	Result	Special Mention
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Twenty20	St Benedicts 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Cordwalles 144 for 3	St Benedicts 88 for 8	Cordwalles won by 56 runs	M Dedekind 61 R Talmage 50 R Talmage 2 – 3 R Lee 2 – 13 N Wheeler 2 – 19
U11A	St Benedicts U11A	Cordwalles 86 for 6	St Benedicts 87 for 8	St Benedicts won by 2 wickets	G Haines 44 not out B Whitelaw 4 - 17

**Saturday 17 October**

1 <sup>st</sup> XI 35 overs (17 Oct)	Merchiston 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Merchiston 152 all out	Cordwalles 123 all out	Merchiston won by 29 runs	R Talmage 3 – 19 R Lee 43 not out
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	RAIN STOPPED PLAY				
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	RAIN STOPPED PLAY				
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	RAIN STOPPED PLAY				
U11A	Merchiston U11A	Cordwalles 124 for 4	Merchiston 62 for 2	Rain stopped play	R de Wet 34 B Whitelaw 42
U11B	Merchiston U11B	Merchiston 160 for 5	Cordwalles 51 for 7	Merchiston won by 109 runs	R Hodgson 22
U10A	Merchiston U10A	Merchiston 128 all out	Cordwalles 39 for 2	Rain stopped play	S Crookes 3 – 14 A Geyser 2 – 21 A Glutz 2 – 22 R Forder 15 not out
U10B	Merchiston U10B	Cordwalles 48 all out	Merchiston 50 for 1	Merchiston won by 9 wickets	
U9A	Merchiston U9A	Merchiston 36 for 2		Rain stopped play	
U9C	Merchiston U9D	Merchiston 97 for 3	Cordwalles 90 – 4	Merchiston won by 7 runs	