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Dear Parents, Staff and Boys

My grade 7 boys will tell you that I am seldom at a loss for words in the classroom especially when there is a lively debate or I am on a sarcastic roll but I have found this, my last newsletter at Cordwalles, extremely difficult to write.

My adventure into this wonderful school started in the latter part of the year 2000. I had taught for nine years at Welkom High School and was deputy head at Welkom Prep for three years and was growing more and more disillusioned with outcomes based education. My family and I decided to emigrate to New Zealand until Glenn Jones, my beloved brother in law, told me about the vacant house master post at Cordwalles. All the reasons for wanting to emigrate could be found on the Cordwalles estate: a secure environment, quality education, the biggest 'backyard' to play in for my two young children and above all, a place where I could fully be myself! I later learnt that Glenn had to personally vouch for me and he made it abundantly clear as only Glenn can, that my family was not to live on his doorstep!

2001 was a huge learning curve for me. I had cut my teeth at the 'hard school of knocks', the Free State's sporting arena and learning etiquette the Cordwalles's way was hard to swallow. I learnt that one had to look miserable when your team won and you had to show nauseating grace when your team lost. I will never forget the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's cricket match against Cowan House in the first term. It was the last ball of the match, Cowan House needed three runs to win and Mndeni Ngcobo was bowling. The ball was hit straight back to Mndeni who was going to throw the ball at the non striker's end. With no one backing up, we were going to lose when suddenly I found myself as a 'neutral' umpire shouting to Mndeni, " No, Mndeni, no!" He froze and we won by two runs! I now formally apologize to Cowan House for that incident.

As for rugby, I was delighted to find a kindred spirit in Mark Whitelaw whose passion for the game is insatiable. He, too, added to my newly found refinement by telling me that "Take him out!" on the side of the rugby field could easily be misunderstood and that showing TMO signals in a primary school match was not funny at all!

I have loved so many aspects of my life at Cordwalles. First and foremost, has been my classroom teaching of grade 7 boys over the past nine years. Boy, have we had some fun and as their matric results have testified over the past few years, the boys have learnt some English skills along the way. Being in charge of the chapel has been a wonderful experience this year and the relationships that I have fostered with many boarders over the years are very dear to my heart. Baines House

have been the top sporting house three times in my nine years here although not ever winning the annual house song event when I have composed most of the lyrics, has hurt to say the least! I am very excited about next year. I have been appointed deputy head of a fantastic school in the Eastern Cape, Woodridge Prep. On our many rugby tours they have been most hospitable and their children mirror the type of boys we produce at Cordwalles. My wife has a grade four post at the same school and my children will be able to complete their high school education at the college. All that remains is to say, "Thank you." Firstly to the parents who, as far as fussy private school parents are concerned, have been very supportive and generous in their praise and the many lavish gifts that we, as a staff, receive. A better set of parents I have yet to meet in any of the schools I have been exposed to. The staff over the past 9 years has been fantastic. A more dedicated, passionate and talented group of people led by the visionary, Simon Weaver, and previously, Tim Evans, would be difficult to find and I am proud to call many of them, my friends.

However, as great as those two sets of people have been, it has always been for me about the boys. We are indeed fortunate to teach such well mannered, disciplined young men who hopefully will impact the world they live in. If I have touched one life over the past nine years, it has been worth it. I am only too aware that Jesus Christ is everything and Franzl Bause is nothing. Thank you, Cordwalles.

Franzl Bause  
House Master

### **Birthdays**

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

Ishan Bhoola, Junior Njoko	29 October
Jake Shuttleworth	30 October
Andrew Hardie, Christopher Hardie, Nhlalo Ngcobo, Andrew Purdon, Lathiso Shabane, Mr Whiteley	31 October
Duane Chite, Jason Crouch, Gregory du Toit, Ms Calitz	01 November
Andrew Geyser, Thabani Hlangu	03 November
Ross Welsh	04 November
Mongameli Shozi, Joshua Thomson	05 November

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

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

Please remember we are collecting toys for **Toy Story 2009**.

### **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 going .... going ... and almost gone.

They cost R20 each. In order to avoid disappointment please book 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.

### **FROM THE SPORTS DESK** - Lance Veenstra

Congratulations to Michael Dedekind, Matthew Lovatt and Ross Talmage on being selected to play for the KwaZulu Natal Inland U13A team and to James Martin for his selection to the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U13B team. We are proud of you, boys. Well done!

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to return your Capital K forms to Mrs Fourie by Friday 30 October (Tomorrow).

### **Additional Fixtures**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – **U9C** vs St Charles U9C (A) @08h30

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **7<sup>th</sup> XI** vs Bisley 3<sup>rd</sup> XI (H) @14h15

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **U11 B** vs Bisley U11B (A) @ 14h15

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **U9 B** vs Howick U9 A (A) @ 14h15 **CANCELLED**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **U9 C** vs Howick U9B (A) @ 14h15 **CANCELLED**

### **Cricket Results**

#### **Wednesday 28 October**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Batted First</b>	<b>Batted Second</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Special Mention</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	St Charles	Cordwalles 106	St Charles 71 all out	Cordwalles won by 35 runs	N Panas 29 not out G Porter 29
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	St Charles	Cordwalles 124 for 4	St Charles 56 for 7	Cordwalles won by 68 runs	K van Selm 48 not out D Jones 33 not out
U10C	St Charles	Cordwalles 96 for 4	St Charles 56 for 5	Cordwalles won by 40 runs	K Knoop 52 not out
U9A	St Charles	St Charles 98 for 6	Cordwalles 86 for 6	Cordwalles lost by 12 runs	N Govender 24 not out
U9B	St Charles	Cordwalles 139 for 3	St Charles 79 for 2	Cordwalles won by 60 runs	A Mentzel 31 S Xaba 29