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Dear Parents, Staff and Boys

We in the Pre Primary have been fortunate to enjoy almost a full school year in our wonderful premises. The classrooms are spacious, the verandahs and undercover sandpit are a godsend on rainy days, especially when a rainy day extends to 3 weeks. A highlight for the boys is to play soccer, cricket and rugby as well as the freedom just to run.

We frequently enjoy the sight of yellow-billed kites swooping down to the forest which is on our doorstep. The boys love it when aeroplanes and helicopters fly above. On a clear day, we have a perfect view of SA Airlink taking off and landing at Oribi Airport.

Taunton and Roberts Roads are racing tracks for SAP vehicles and ambulances. Their sirens interrupt any quiet activity happening in the Pre-Primary. (Quiet is rare in a pre-primary).

Our facilities are amazing and we have an ideal environment to play in, but at the core of our education are values, especially respect – respect for God, our environment, our school, others and ourselves. This is instilled from a young age, at every opportunity and wherever possible. Through all these learning opportunities, the teachers have the privilege of observing many precious moments and exciting developments in each child.

Eg:

- Bike Week
 - what a 'kodak' moment to see a little chap ride his bicycle with no training wheels for the first time.
 - The absolute delight and glee when racing through a puddle
- Rolling in the leaves at autumn time.
- Tumbling down the banks caught up in a tangle with his friends and the giggling and laughter that goes with it.
- The tears of a little chap who is hurt, sad or disappointed.
- The sparkling eyes of a chap who has tried hard, done well or received praise for something well done.
- The little face of a boy who has struggled to manage the climbing wall and has made it to the top.
- The chap who has persevered at the challenging monkey bars and cannot believe that he has finally done it.

We enjoy many laughs with our boys, some that they share with us, others that they are totally oblivious to. Here are a few that we enjoyed this year. (Names have been omitted to protect innocent parents.)

Teacher: "Who is Mr Whitelaw?"
Child: "The man, Mrs Whitelaw." (!!)

Teacher: "Please remember to tell your mums and dads that the Easter Service is cancelled."
Child: "Yes, 'caus Jesus died long ago."

Teacher: "What is for lunch today?"
Child: "Buf tortoises." (tortillas)

Teacher: "What did you eat for lunch today?"
Child: "Chicken cupboards" (kebabs)

Child digging in the sandpit: "Oh sh*t". The child sees the look on his teacher's face and quickly says to his friend: "I said, oh sherbet, you did hear me say oh sherbet, didn't you?"

Many of our amusing moments are heard at news time and as teachers we do often take them with a pinch of salt. We would NEVER believe everything that we hear.

Carol Fourie
HOD Pre Primary

Birthdays

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

Mongameli Shozi, Joshua Thomson	5 November
Nivashalan Moodley, Byron Werth	6 November
Jesse Pauls	9 November
Kyle Knoop, Mrs Clark	10 November
Yusuf Essa, Hylton Royden-Turner, Mrs Khumalo	11 November
Chad Baxter, Sebastian Guimaraens, Vuyo Mkhize, Joe Vickery	12 November

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

East Coast Radio Toy Box – Janine Claassen

Many schools have come on board to collect toys to help bring festive cheer to thousands of underprivileged children throughout KwaZulu Natal. We at Cordwalles need to be part of this amazing campaign too. Please bring your contribution and drop it into any one of the boxes that can be found either in the Andrew Rattray Pre-primary, outside Ruth Forder's office or outside Sharon Scott's Grade 2 classroom.

School Shop – Sister Bastard

Reminder to all parents of new boys to please remember to book your appointment to purchase your son's uniforms. *Also, current Grade R Moms – have you remembered to book your shop time to purchase your son's Grade 1 uniform?*

From November, as well as December and January there will be **additional** opening times **by appointment only**.

To book an appointment please contact Lynn Clark on 033 3423077 or clark_lynn@cordwalles.co.za .

Recycling

Please read the attached letter from Gill Hall regarding recycling – we start with collections next week.

From The Old Boys' Office

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims – 15 November 2009

Charlotte Sullivan, mother of old boy Max, Class of 2007, who works for SADD (South Africans against Drunk Driving) has made a request to the Cordwalles Community for contributions of old or new shoes. The purpose

in the first instance is to create a display in order to mark World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. In SA 18,000 people die and 150,000 others are seriously injured on our roads each year. Drunk driving accounts for half these deaths and this figure is predicted to rise by 80% by 2020 if this issue is not tackled head on by all.

SADD's World Day of Remembrance 2009 Project wants to get 1,000's & 1,000's (ideally 18,000) pairs of old or new shoes to display, to show the SA public how many people are annually affected by crashes. The date for display is 13th November. Afterwards the shoes will be donated mainly to the France Community's "Reach out with Love" Programme.

I appreciate this is a time when you are asked to participate in many schemes however this scheme has two aspects – Education as regards Drink Driving (let's not forget the sadness felt by St. Charles' last year with the loss of their Head Boy) and Charity – many people in the France Community are so impoverished as not to have shoes.

I would urge the Cordwalles Family – current and past – to support SADD and to go through your cupboards for this wonderful initiative. Please bring your contributions to the Old Boys Office here at school by Monday 9th November. If you have any queries please contact me: Charlotte Usher oldboys@cordwalles.co.za or visit www.sadd.org.za .

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 for 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 Kuhle Khumalo and Nikolai Manchev who were selected to swim in the Primary Schools Johann Terblanche Memorial Gala this past weekend. Well done boys, we are proud of you.

Chess Results 2 November 2009

Juniors

Cordwalles 20
Cowan House 20
Clifton NR 10

Seniors

Cordwalles 13
Cowan House 26
Clifton NR 9

Tennis Results from Tour to Johannesburg

Cordwalles 75 St John's 25
Cordwalles 76 The Ridge 55

Cricket Results

Tour to Johannesburg

Team	Opponent	Batted First	Batted Second	Result	Special Mention
1 st XI	St John's	St John's 130 all out	Cordwalles 87 for 6	Rain stopped play	M Dedekind 2 – 10 N Wheeler 2 – 17 M Dedekind 20
1 st XI	The Ridge	Cordwalles 231 all out	The Ridge 108 all out	Cordwalles won by 123 runs	R Talmage 51 D Hirschowitz 45

					R Lee 40 M Conlon 3 – 4
U11A	St John's	Cordwalles 159 all out	St John's 100 all out	Cordwalles won by 59 runs	R de Wet 61 B Morgan 19 B Whitelaw 28 A van Heeswijk 3 – 13
U11A	The Ridge	Cordwalles 153 all out	The Ridge 146 for 9	Cordwalles won by 8 runs	S Appelt 30 B Whitelaw 39 D Marshall 4 - 35

Saturday 31 October

Team	Opponent	Batted First	Batted Second	Result	Special Mention
2 nd XI	St Charles	Cordwalles 177 for 8	St Charles 100 all out	Cordwalles won by 77 runs	J Yeats 38 R Gordon 50 B Painter 29 D Tew 20 B Painter 2 – 20
3 rd XI	St Charles	Cordwalles 165 all out	St Charles 112 all out	Cordwalles won by 53 runs	T Fourie 29 M Reeves 26 M Dellis 25 J Haines 2 – 13 K Sifunda 2 – 15
4 th XI	St Charles	St Charles 130 for 9	Cordwalles 132 for 7	Cordwalles won by 3 wickets	A Atuhaire 56 not out R Lewis 26 B Smith 3 – 23
7 th XI	St Charles	St Charles 50 all out	Cordwalles 51 for 9	Cordwalles won by 1 wicket	A Songca 3 – 5 B Mitchell 15
U11B	St Charles	Cordwalles 78 all out	St Charles 79 for 6	St Charles won by 4 wickets	J Pauls 13 A Mthlane 2 – 9 D Blunt 2 – 16
U10A	St Charles	Cordwalles 236 for 7	St Charles 231 for 5	Cordwalles won by 5 runs	R Forder 54 not out A Glutz 69 not out S Crookes 23 J Smart 2 – 33
U10B	St Charles	St Charles 91 for 2	Cordwalles 80 for 4	St Charles won by 12 runs	Z Makhaye 30

Wednesday 4 November

Team	Opponent	Batted First	Batted Second	Result	Special Mention
1 st XI T/20	Merchiston 1 st XI	Merchiston 124 for 1	Cordwalles 126 for 3	Cordwalles won by 7 wickets	M Dedekind 63 not out M Lovatt 29 N Wheeler 0wkt 9rns 3overs
7 th XI	Bisley 3 rd XI	Bisley 123 for 5	Cordwalles 119 for 7	Bisley won by 4 runs	B Mitchell 50 not out
U11D	Bisley U11B	Bisley 112 for 2	Cordwalles 56 for 9	Cordwalles lost by 56 runs	
U10B	Pelham	Cordwalles 100 for 7	Pelham 101 for 4	Cordwalles lost by 6 wickets	K Knoop 21 J Oosthuizen 13