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Dear Cordwalles Family

You probably have read this extract before and I make no excuses for using it again here. It means so much to me as it has been slipped into cards I have received on more than one occasion.

**“What will Matter”**

Ready or not, someday it will all come to an end.

There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.  
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else. Your wealth, fame and temporal power will shrivel to irrelevance.

It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.  
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations, and jealousies will finally disappear.  
So, too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to-do lists will expire.

The wins and losses that once seemed so important will fade away.  
It won't matter where you came from, or on what side of the tracks you lived, at the end. It won't matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.  
Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.

So what will matter? How will the value of your days be measured?  
What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built; not what you got, but what you gave.  
What will matter is not your success, but your significance.  
What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others to emulate your example.  
What will matter is not your competence but your character.  
What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.  
What will matter is not your memories, but the memories that live in those who loved you.  
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, but whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident. It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.  
Choose to live a life that matters.

Michael Josephson

Too often we know the theory, yet we need to ensure that we build relationships with those closest to us.

For me this says so much about what really matters in our lives. If only we could do this all the time. We know that our time is short. We know wealth is temporary. Our bitterness and aspirations will fade. Our physical bodies and minds will pass and become insignificant.

But, what will remain will be our contribution, our values, our character our willingness to give of ourselves. It will be broken down into our relationships. It will depend on how we engage with others and how we build these relationships.

I would like to share with you what Cordwalles has meant to Louise and I and our boys, Brett and Ross, over the last thirteen years. It has been an emotional experience for us as we consider all the highs and lows of our lives here. It has been at these times that Cordwalles staff, parents and boys have truly been the family we talk about and promote so much. The people of this school have been so wonderful because they do reach out. For Lou and I, our boys were both born while we have been at Cordies - definitely a high in our lives! Lou lost her Dad and both my parents passed away within two years of each other – on all these occasions the outpouring of support has always been enormous. It is this type of friendship, love and care that is so unique to this great school.

It is for this and so much more that we thank you for sharing your lives with us. We feel at a complete loss for words to really express the many emotions we are going through as we have our final weeks at Cordies. But it is important to us for you to know that we all have loved every minute of our time with you.

To the boys of Cordwalles, we salute you for the special people you are, both past and present, it has been an honour to serve and work with you, your parents can be justifiably proud. Congratulations parents on your genuine support of your boys and their teachers.

Finally to our staff: you are an amazing group of people, dedicated, passionate and driven to be the best you can be. We will need to go a long way to find such a group of people who always go the extra mile, so ably lead by Simon Weaver.

Thank you, one and all, for your friendship, love and support.

“For if you have not loved, you have not lived.”

Mark Whitelaw  
Second Master

### **Birthdays**

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

Chad Baxter, Sebastian Guimaraens, Vuyo Mkhize, Jo Vickery	12 November
Yashil Khoosal , Mr James	14 November
Trent Speirs, Mrs Ford	15 November
Qaqambile Mehlwana	16 November
Mrs Scotcher	17 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

Have you made your appointment to get uniforms for your son for next year? Please book an appointment with Lynn Clark on 033 3423077 or [clark\\_lynn@cordwalles.co.za](mailto:clark_lynn@cordwalles.co.za) .

## **All The Way To Killarney!**

Cordwalles is hosting an exciting evening of entertainment on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Besant Theatre. *Sunset Soiree* and *The Pig and Whistle* join to bring you a song-and-dance extravaganza featuring the talented cast from "Dancing in the Street" – Meryl Kurz's latest Pig and Whistle Show as well as the Latin duo, Rick Dufourq and Liz Dzubinsky and the Champion Irish Dancing twins, Samantha and Melissa Wood, for whom the concert is being held -as a fundraiser to get them "all the way to Killarney" next year for the All Ireland Championships. Tickets (which include drinks and snacks) are R80 and the show is at 7 for 7:30pm. Bookings: either Lucy Usher (084 4444 258) or Ronel Wood (033 342 2338 or [ronel@ovation.co.za](mailto:ronel@ovation.co.za) )

## **Recycling**

We have started!

## **Back to School – Double MySchool Points in January 2010** Lisa Fourie

Toys R Us and Waltons are ready to support Cordwalles DOUBLE! Use your MySchool card at any Toys R Us or Waltons store during January 2010 and they will donate double their normal contribution to our school. *Please do not forget to use your MySchool card at any one of the many shops that are a member of this excellent fundraising scheme!*

## **Leaving Staff Farewell Function**

The farewell function for the staff members who are leaving is on Thursday 26 November at 18h00. Please let your son's class teacher know if you are attending. All non Cordwalles parents who would like to attend this function are most welcome, however for catering purposes we do need to know if you are attending. Please contact Lynn Clark on 033 3423077 or [clark\\_lynn@cordwalles.co.za](mailto:clark_lynn@cordwalles.co.za)

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

A reminder to parents that sports equipment required for next year often make good Christmas presents!

- ✓ From next year all boys will be required to use cricket helmets. This is a directive from the KwaZulu Natal Cricket Union. Please remember that only blue or green helmets are allowed at Cordwalles.
- ✓ Rugby boots must be predominantly black and gum guards which are compulsory for rugby and hockey, must be either clear or white. Rugby headgear may be either black or grey.

## **Cricket Results**

### **Saturday 7 November**

<b>Team</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Batted First</b>	<b>Batted Second</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Special Mention</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Pelham 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Cordwalles 181 all out	Pelham 182 for 5	Pelham won by 5 wickets	R Talmage 81 D Jacklin 20
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Pelham 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Cordwalles 277 for 3	Pelham 55 all out	Cordwalles won by 222 runs	B Painter 74 not out T Blewett 50 not out R Gordon 37 not out J Strachan 42 not out B Painter 3 – 26 M Hadley-Grave 4 – 8
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Pelham 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	Cordwalles 161 all out	Pelham 123 all out	Cordwalles won by 38 runs	M Dellis 43 R Lynn 37 Z Nkala 29 P Ngcobo 5 – 24 T Brink 3 – 16
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Pelham 4 <sup>th</sup> XI	Pelham 135 for 9	Cordwalles 136 for 4	Cordwalles won by 4 wickets	B Smith 3 – 25 A Atuhaire 3 – 30 M Dunton 50 not out

5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Pelham 5 <sup>th</sup> XI	Pelham 61 all out	Cordwalles 62 for 3	Cordwalles won by 7 wickets	D Anderson 23 K Mlotshwa 3 – 4
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Pelham 6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Cordwalles 136 for 9	Pelham 70 all out	Cordwalles won by 66 runs	S Garraway 68 not out D Jones 3 – 10
U11A	Pelham U11A	Cordwalles 258 for 6	Pelham 187 all out	Cordwalles won by 71 runs	B Whitelaw 58 G Haines 96 not out N Manchev 27 B Morgan 33 not out
U11B	Pelham U11B	Pelham 130 for 4	Cordwalles 131 for 8	Cordwalles won by 2 wickets	D Blunt 35 A Saaiman 27
U11C	Pelham U11C	Cordwalles 81 for 8	Pelham 34 all out	Cordwalles won by 47 runs	R Knoop 19 A Dellis 18 A Reeves 4 – 3 K Williams 3 – 8
U10A	Pelham	Cordwalles 189 for 5	Pelham 89 for 9	Cordwalles won by 100 runs	R Forder 55 not out K Khumalo 46 K Khumalo 3 – 19 A Glutz 3 – 8
U9A	Ridge U9A	Cordwalles 95 for 3	Ridge 66 for 5	Cordwalles won by 29 runs	R Whitelaw 30 not out N Govender 19 not out B Trodd 16

### **Wednesday 11 November**

<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	Highbury	Highbury 138 for 9	Cordwalles 73 all out	Highbury won by 65 runs	D Anderson 17 J-C Navarro-Avila 14
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	Highbury	Cordwalles 38 all out	Highbury 39 – 0	Highbury won by 10 wickets	
7 <sup>th</sup> XI	Highbury	Highbury 127 for 5	Cordwalles 50 all out	Highbury won by 77 runs	A Peverelle 20
U11C	Highbury	Highbury 131 for 1	Cordwalles 77 all out	Highbury won by 54 runs	Louw 20 Dellis 16
U11D	Highbury	Highbury 120 for 3	Cordwalles 77 all out	Highbury won by 43 runs	C Mentzel 27
U10C	Highbury	Cordwalles 92 all out	Highbury 94 for 2	Highbury won by 8 wickets	Z Makhaye 19
U9A	Highbury	Highbury 150 for 7	Cordwalles 97 for 5	Highbury won by 53 runs	B Trodd 2 – 10 N Govender 2 – 6 B Trodd 53 not out
U9B	Highbury	Cordwalles 98 for 8	Highbury 100 for 3	Highbury won by 7 wickets	M McCarthy 26 S Pillay 13

Paul Atkins is holding the following events during the holidays:

**Monday 30 November 2009:** Cordwalles Cricket Fun Day 08h00 – 11h30. Cost R55pp.

This is a day full of fun cricket games as used on the Andrew Flintoff Academy where playing games, having fun and still learning about cricket take place as one.

**Tues/Wed/Thurs 1, 2 & 3 December:** Cordwalles cricket clinic 08h00 – 12h00. Cost R300pp

Cricket coaching, drills and games followed by cricket games on the last day.

**Mon/Tues 18 & 19 January 2010:** Cordwalles cricket clinic: 08h00 – 12h00. Cost R200pp

Prepare for the new school season with coaching and games.

PLEASE BOOK YOUR PLACE. Contact Paul Atkins on 076 294 3937 or email [hacricquet@gmail.com](mailto:hacricquet@gmail.com) .