



CORDIES CHRONICLE

The ties that bind

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Dear Cords,

Winter seems to be waning, the heat is returning, the skies are a crystal blue, the trees have a green glow and Maritzburg is turning blue with the Jacarandas and therefore we must be heading towards the end of the academic year and before we know it, Santa will be knocking at the door!

The Grade 7's (Standard 5) appeared in their outstanding production of the school play (Calamity James) and the Leavers events are just around the corner. By contrast, as has been customary for many years, we invited the 2009 Matric year group to return to school for their 5 year reunion and this year we were delighted to welcome back the Class of 2004.

The group had left as young boys but returned to Cordwalles as young men arriving smartly dressed in their respective High School Uniforms – those of Michaelhouse, Hilton, Maritzburg College, Kearsney, St. Charles' and Grace College. 32 of the original class of 38 boys arrived, many accompanied by their parents to mingle with staff members, past and present together with Headmaster Simon Weaver and past Head, Tim Evans. Drinks were held in the new Andrew Rattray Pre-Primary followed by a walk through the school to the Pennington Pavilion for dinner and speeches. This was an emotive evening for many members of staff as this was the last Matric Reunion as staff, for Mark & Louise Whitelaw, Gayle Bastard and Sharon Scott (whose son Ian is a member of the Class of 2004) and Franzl Bause.



**CLASS OF 2004 - MATRIC REUNION
SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Joshua Williams James Fisher Geoffrey Woollatt Alex Poltera Oliver Jones
Stephan Hartzenberg Matthew Vacy-Lyle Cameron Lindsay**

**Matthew Shaw Gareth Crouch Owen Gandar Karabo (JR)Sesupeng Kyle Forder Reef Nakin
Jonathan Chileshe James Walker Chad Stephenson (Ware) Nicholas Byrne**

**Jonathan Stein Jason Everard Elmar Kruger Sanda Shandu Mr Simon Weaver
Mark van Heerden Andrew Craib Mivan Howard Jason Hoepfl Lawrence Aadnesgaard**

Wesley Lewis Craig Berrange Scott Rogers Ian Scott Johann Ackerman

**Absent Friends: Vukani Buthelezi Gary de Allende Daniel Marc Dolpire Sean Fox Jason Hammond
Haydyn Jordaan**

We would like to wish the Class of 2004 all the very best for their forthcoming Matric Examinations and to wish them well in their new adventures in 2010 – keep in touch boys.

Of the Absent Friends on the night, Gary de Allende has emigrated to the UK (if anyone has contact details please e-mail me) and Sean Fox is now living in Australia. His father sent the following e-mail and photo of Sean.



Thanks very much for the invitation to the reunion on 20/09/09. We would, of course, have loved to be there, but Perth is a long way from PMB and so we will not be able to make it.

Attached are photographs of Sean taken earlier this year. With him is his younger brother, Ryan, who was just two when Sean left Cordwalles and who was a keen supporter and friend of the Cordwalles cricket team. Both are in the uniforms of their new schools.

Sean spent four years at Martizburg College (2005-2008), and during this time he did well in the classroom and on the sports field, building on the excellent base he had been provided with by Cordwalles. Moving school and country at the end of Grade 11 is not easy nor is it the ideal time to move, but Sean is now in Year 12 (Matric) at Trinity College, Perth. He has handled

the transition to a new country, school, and way of life, very well. His sporting highlight was scoring 150 runs for his school against one of the other Perth private schools. He hopes to study and play cricket at the University of Western Australia next year, and looks forward to meeting up with any Cordies old boys that may be moving to or travelling through Perth.

Regards Neil Fox

Grade 7 (Class of 2009) Scholarship Winners

Congratulations must go to our Grade 7 Scholarship winners:

Ross Talmage	“Sport” Scholarship	Hilton College
Michael Dedekind	“Headmasters Award”	Hilton College
Matthew Lovatt	“All Rounder” Scholarship	Hilton College
Tristan Blewett	“Sport” Scholarship	Hilton College
Niall Wheeler	“Sport” Scholarship	Hilton College
Ross Lewis	“All Rounder” Scholarship	Hilton College
Robert Lee	“Open Exhibition”	Michaelhouse
James Laidlaw	“Cordwalles Closed”	Michaelhouse
Brett Smith	“Cordwalles Closed”	Maritzburg College
Juan Carlos Navarro Avila	“Academic Scholarship”	Maritzburg College
Tim Lewis	“Music Scholarship”	Kearsney

Well done boys – we are very proud of you.

Well Done Lads!

Maritzburg College

Dirk van Heeswijk and **Suhail Dada** (Class of 2006) took part in the National Water Wiz Kids Competition which is run by the SA Institute for Civil Engineers. Their team of three was placed 3rd overall. Congratulations.

Lynton Dent (Class of 2005) was part of a 4 boy team representing South Africa at the World Formula 1 in Schools Model Engineering Championships held in London. Proud Dad Mark reported that “They did fantastically well, 10th overall. They had the fastest car but the next day the judges re-weighed it and they were handicapped for being just 1 gram under the minimum weight. The Witness reported that “**WHAT started off as a Grade 10 project, took four Maritzburg College pupils halfway across the world and even enabled them to meet their icon, current F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton.**

Lynton, who thought it great that an icon like Hamilton would acknowledge their work, said going into the project he had no idea how big engineering was and described the competition as a great opportunity for them to realise just how many different fields there really are.

Mark Dent reported that “You can tell the Cordies Family that those "Egg Races" certainly work to stimulate creativity in the boys and that “Lynton’s love of IT and DT all started at Cordwalles with excellent teachers to stimulate his talent” Great stuff Lynton!

Ian McDulling (Class of 2007) represented his class 2S when presenting a cheque for R10,000 to a lady in Johannesburg whose three children had been murdered in September. The class decided to raise funds to help Miss Mosala during this difficult time. Well done to Ian and his class.

In the world of canoeing, brothers **Donovan** and **James Wewege** (Classes of 2007 & 2008) are going from strength to strength with Donovan and his team mate coming 2nd in the Interschools Shongweni (U16): Donovan coming 18th in the U16 group of the Fish Canoe Marathon and 1st in the U16 Jack Claasens Canoe Marathon. James came 3rd in the U14 Inter-Schools Shongweni meeting. Congratulations boys.

Michaelhouse:

Owen Gandar (Class of 2004) came 5th Overall in the U18 Capital Caterers, Pope’s Canoe Schools Upper Mngeni Race. Well done Owen!

Sanda Shandu (Class of 2004) was awarded the White Badge Prefect. This badge is worn by the Senior & Second Prefects at Michaelhouse but may be awarded to another school prefect who has shown such excellent conduct and fine example that he would be an obvious choice for the above positions if they were vacant. Congratulations Sanda.

David Bradford (Class of 2005) was awarded Half Colours for Cultural Service. Congratulations David.

Max Sullivan (Class of 2007) and his team mate came 9th out of 45 cycling teams in the Energizer MTB Night Relay with a time of 2:10:10. Max also won the Youth Section of the 20km Ride at the Wildseries MTB Race. Well done Max!

Hilton College:

Stephan Hartzberg (Class of 2004) Head of Lucas House for 2009 took third place in the Hilton Inter-house (7 houses) Senior Public Speaking Competition. Well done Stephan!

Congratulations to **Nick Platt** (Class of 2005) and his three team mates who formed Hilton's entry for the KZN Inter Schools History Quiz held at Kearsney College on 13th October. This was the first time Hilton had entered the event and at the end of the evening were the deserved winners. Well done Nick!

Patrick Dunton & Andrew Macfarlane (Class of 2005) took part in the De Beers National English Olympiad. There were 5,500 entries and the boys came 72nd and 90th respectively coming in the Top 100. Congratulations boys.

Congratulations go to **Dale Russell** (Class of 2008) who has been selected as a member of the KZN U14 Water Polo Team. Good luck Dale!

Kearsney College:

Congratulations to **Laurence Aadnesgaard** (2004) for receiving Academic Honours as well as subject prizes in English, English Essay, English Literature and History announced at Kearsney's Speech Day held in September.

St. Charles College

We are delighted to report that **Dundas Clark** (Class of 2005) has been appointed as a Prefect and also Head of the Media Council for next year – Congratulations Dundas.

Michaelhouse Exchange Programme

Congratulations go to Mkhululi (Ray) Mkhulisi (Class of 2006) who wrote in to let us know that he is going on Exchange to the USA. We know you will do Michaelhouse and Cordwalles proud.



Thank you very much for the Cordies Chronicle I really appreciate it. It is always good to find out what is happening at the school that moulded us into such outstanding boys.

I am going to Montgomery Bell Academy which is a day school for boys from Grade 7 to Grade 12. It is situated in Nashville, Tennessee in the United States of America. I will be attending the school for two months. I leave on the 2nd of October and interestingly enough I will be a day scholar for the first time since grade 2 (2001).

Once again a big thanks must go to you for always informing us old boys and for making sure we know what is going on.
Regards Ray

IN MEMORIAM

James (Jimmy) Dowie Dunn. We were sad to learn from the Bishop's magazine that old boy, James Dunn (1949-1952) had died on 6 July 2009. Sadly we are missing magazines for this period so cannot write about his time at Cordwalles. However, according to the Bishops' Magazine, he enjoyed playing the cello in the Bishops Orchestra and was a keen member of the school mountain club which permeated his whole life. He took his BSc at UCT majoring in Geology and specializing in Metallurgy for his BSc Honours. Jimmy worked in mining in the Transvaal and went on to become an industrial engineer joining Shell Chemicals where he became Site Manager. Taking early retirement in Cape Town in 1992 he became a keen member of the Botanical Society serving it with distinction. He leaves behind his wife Jane, children Andrew, Bill and Katherine and seven grand children and the Cordwalles community extend their condolences.

Patrick Palmer (Class of 1950) Lived in Graaf Reinet and died in August.

Temple Palmer (Class of 1947) we received news from Dee Dollan, daughter of Temple Palmer that he had died on 18th September and we send our sympathies to Dee and the Palmer family.

AND FINALLY.....

Congratulations go to Raymond Friend (Class of 1942) who celebrated his 80th birthday on 26th July. His daughter Carol, who lives in New Zealand is looking for any photographs which might be available from that time which would include her father as she has no pictures of him prior to when he was 30. Raymond was here at school from 1940-1942. If anyone from this Class or around that time has any photographs the office could borrow, copy and then return please contact Charlotte Usher, e-mail: oldboys@cordwalles.co.za

Diary Reminder: Please make sure you have a note that Old Boys' Day will be held on Saturday 6th February 2010 – details to follow. We look forward to seeing many of you then.

ATTENTION Classes 1978 – 2008

In the last newsletter I invited Old Boys and parents to send in their written memories/photos etc. as 'surprise gifts' for Mark & Louise Whitelaw, Gayle Bastard & Sharon Scott. This list now includes Franzl Bause who leaves us to become Deputy Head of Woodridge School in Port Elizabeth. We would like to extend our congratulations to Franzl and his family. He will be greatly missed by everyone here at Cordwalles. Please let ME have your contributions as quickly as possible and no later than Thursday 19th November. I am hoping to create a memory book for the different members of staff as a personal reminder of their individual experiences of Cordwalles. Please send your contributions to me here at oldboys@cordwalles.co.za or drop into school marked for my attention. If you are contributing to more than one member, please ensure these are separate items so they can be put in the relevant books. **Don't delay, act today!**

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