



CORDIES CHRONICLE

The ties that bind

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Dear Cords,

The school gates have now closed on the Grade 7's of 2009, and they join the ranks of the Old Boys Club and we hope to follow their High School careers closely and to see them back at school once and awhile before their Matric Reunion in 2014.

We were delighted to welcome Old Boy Gary Ralfe, Class of 1957 as our guest speaker at Speech and Prize Day on 28th November. Gary recalled arriving at Cordwalles in 1952 and watching his parent's Green Chevrolet drive away leaving him to start his Cordies career. From Cordwalles he went on to Michaelhouse where he has now returned as Chairman of the Board. From Michaelhouse he went on to Cambridge University to read history and subsequently obtained a B. Proc from UNISA. He worked for forty years between Anglo American Corporation and De Beers, thirty of which were spent in Diamonds and his last appointment for De Beers was as Managing Director of the De Beers global Group.

He addressed the boys, staff and parents with a wonderful sense of humour when recalling his days at Cordwalles but the main slant of his speech directed the boys very much towards respect. Respect for your parents, your friends, your school and the world around you and this followed on closely from the school's theme for the year.

Mr. Ralfe then presented the prizes to the boys of Grades 4-7.

Grade 7 and leavers of Cordwalles 2009 – Special Prize winners were:-

Tatham Memorial Essay	Juan-Carlos Navarro Avila
Twin Streams Earth Care prize (Donated by Ian & Jean Garland)	Colin Campbell
The Gayle Bastard Cordwalles Boarding House Trophy	Zibonele Nkala
The van Heerden Prize Donated by Pixie van Heerden	Brett Smith
Dr. Maurice Peters Memorial Trophy for Sportsmanship	Niall Wheeler
The L van Heerden Trophy For all round sportsmanship	Michael Dedekind
The Whittle Trophy	Niall Wheeler
The Sally Cornish Trophy The Reed Trophy	Matthew Dellis Robbie Lynn & Ross Talmage
The Biggs Family Trophy	Michael Dedekind
The Whitelaw Trophy for the best all rounder	Robert Lee
The De’ann Brooks Trophy for Tribute to Cordwalles	Chad Fourie
Dux of School	Jashayen Govender
Headmaster’s Award	Gary Porter
The John Fowler Fellowship Trophy	Curtis Louw

Congratulations go to all the boys from Grade 4-7 who are not mentioned above - well done boys.

The Grade & Leavers Gift

This year’s Grade 7’s presented the school with two wonderful Cordwalles Logo badges to be fixed to the main school gates. These are now in position and look wonderful – come along and see them at Old Boys’ Day or when you are next passing through Pietermaritzburg, they certainly do look very smart and present a wonderful welcome to the school. A huge thank you goes to everyone in Grade 7.



CORDWALLES OLD BOYS CLUB

cordially invites all
Cordwalles Old Boys and their partners

To attend

OLD BOYS DAY

At
Cordwalles

Saturday 6th February 2010
(98th Birthday of the school)

Programme:

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| 10.00a.m. | Registration at Reception (The Ronald Brooks Administration Block)
Welcome by Simon Weaver
Tea and Coffee in the Grass Quad |
| 10.45 a.m. | Chapel Service |
| 11.30a.m. | Feel free to tour the new Andrew Rattray Pre-Primary block and
take a reminiscing wander through School.

Watch Cricket
Cordwalles 2 nd XI Team vs St. Charles' 2 nd XI Team on Oval

Drinks at The Pennington Pavilion |
| 1.00p.m. | Lunch in the Dining Room
(Guest Speaker: To be confirmed) |
| After lunch: | Guests are free to continue to watch cricket or make
their way. |

Tickets: R120 per head

Cash Bar

For catering purposes & tickets please **RSVP** to Charlotte Usher by 30th January 2010

(Please advise us of any special dietary requirements)

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CORDWALLES OLD BOYS' DAY

Saturday 6th February 2010
at
Cordwalles Preparatory School
101 Howick Road
Pietermaritzburg
3201

I.....am/am not able to attend Old Boys Day on
Saturday 6th February.

Class of.....

My wife/partner.....
will be joining me.

Total tickets at R120 per person

Total payable: R.....

If paying by cheque please make payable to : Cordwalles Preparatory School

And post to: Charlotte Usher
Old Boys
Cordwalles Preparatory School
Private Bag 9063
Pietermaritzburg 3200 KZN

Or by Direct Deposit to:

Account: Cordwalles Preparatory School
Bank: First National Bank (Africa)
(First Rand Bank for International Transfers)
Branch Code: 257355 (Midlands Mall, PMB)
Account # 50930839558
Swift IBAN No. FIRNZAJJ

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We hope to see as many of you as possible at Old Boys' Day in February.

Over the last month we have been saying sad farewells to many members of staff including Mark & Louise Whitelaw, Gayle Bastard, Sharon Scott, Franzl Bause, Carol Haines & Fred Potter (Estate Manager)

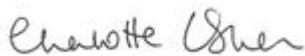
At the Staff Christmas lunch many emotional speeches were made and staff were presented with gifts. Amongst them, Gayle Bastard was completely overwhelmed when she received a laptop and she can now stay fully in touch with Cordwalles through the newsletters. Mark was presented with a painting of Cordwalles which had extra special meaning as this was painted by Lance Penny who taught here when Mark first arrived and who now lives in the UK.

We wish each of them all of the very best in their new ventures – we will see Mark, Louise, Gayle and Franzl back here at times including the Matric Reunion next year but Sharon will be heading off to New Zealand in January.

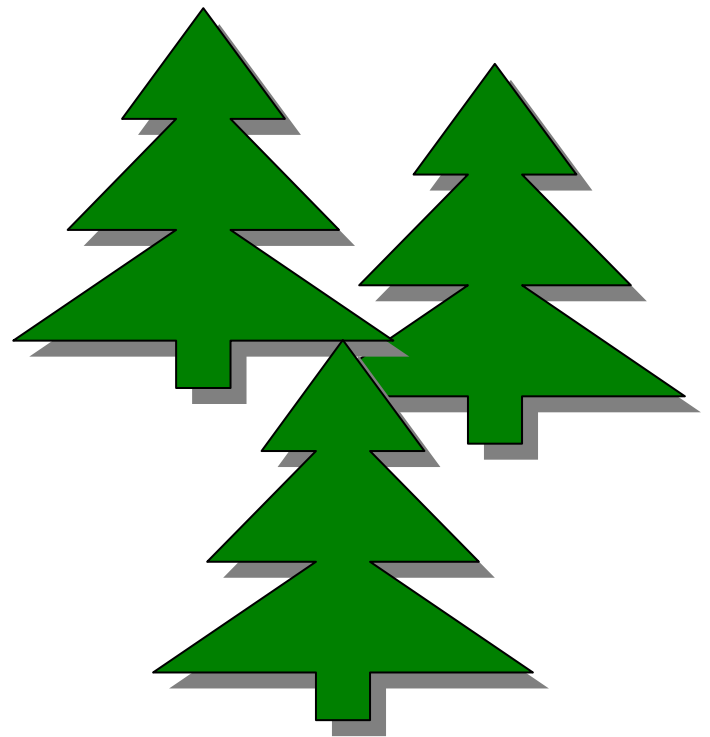
Next year we start with new faces at Cordwalles and a new era will begin and I look forward to reporting on this as the year progresses.

Until next year, I would like to wish you and your families a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and very Happy New Year as we head into 2010 and the World Cup!

With best wishes for the festive season,



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Attached to this newsletter is the annual membership subscription form. Membership subs cover the day to day running of the office and includes a copy of the annual School Magazine. The 2009 Magazine will be posted to all subscribing members at the start of the second term. I am pleased to say that the Old Boys' section within the magazine is growing year on year as people contribute articles or news on other old boys. I would encourage you to join and support the Club and its initiatives.