

# OLD WOODRIDGEAN ASSOCIATION

## **NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2010**

Another year has flown by, an exciting 2010 for all South Africans and an extremely busy and fulfilling year on the Woodridge campus!

The Matrics wait anxiously for their results and we wish them all the best for the future and encourage them to stay in contact with the OWA.

The Annual OWA Induction Dinner was held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, the night before the Valedictory Service. Each pupil was handed an OWA tie and a 3-legged pot, with the legs symbolizing BODY, MIND & SPIRIT



Two generations of PUGGIA have been through Woodridge.

*Andrea Puggia (1980) congratulating his son, Anthony on his induction into the Old Woodridgian Association.*

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Matric Boys wearing their OWA Ties

*Left ~ Right  
Neil Olivier, Torsten Martens, Dean Elvin,  
Carl Johnson & Kyle Jessup*



The dam in the nature reserve has never looked better!

The building below comprises The School Clothing Shop (The Shop) on the bottom floor, which caters for all students, Old Woodridgeans and Woodridge supporters. Be sure to pop in when you next visit and buy some OLD WOODRIDGEAN MEMORABILIA



The top floor is a delightful coffee shop ~ open to all visiting the campus ☺

**TERM DATES 2011**

**Term 1**

17<sup>th</sup> January ~ 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2**

4<sup>th</sup> May ~ 4<sup>th</sup> August

**Term 3**

6<sup>th</sup> September ~ 30<sup>th</sup> November

**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES for 2011**

Inter-House Swimming Gala  
Friday 24 February

Matric Dance  
Saturday 26 March

Speech Night and Prize-giving  
Friday 7 October

Outdoor Education Day  
Saturday 8 October

Valedictory Service  
Friday 21 October

**THE MEMBERS OF THE PUPIL EXECUTIVE 2011**

Head Boy	Ricky Campbell
Deputy Head Boy	Harry Scotcher
Head Girl	Lara Meyer
Deputy Head Girl	Talya Plaatjies
Head of Carter	Emma Broadway
Head of Founders	Caroline Brouckaert
Head of Kohler	Sinawe Koni
Head of Matopos	Phethu Nogoduka
Head of Day Girls	Natasha Watson
Head of Day Boys	Dalu Damasane

## OWA NEWS

### New Arrivals

- ★ Congratulations to Murray (1984) & Sarah Rushmere ~ a baby boy born in August, Cape Town. [murrayrushmere@hotmail.com](mailto:murrayrushmere@hotmail.com)
- ★ Daniel Lokotsch born on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2010 to Siegfried (1993) and Susan. [sieg@jendamark.co.za](mailto:sieg@jendamark.co.za)



Wendy Parsons (nee Wakefield) (1994) is proud mum to Jett, who was born in Cape Town on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.

[Wendy.w@absamail.co.za](mailto:Wendy.w@absamail.co.za)

First Grandchild for Derek and Val Wakefield ☺



Blake Mundy was born on the 13<sup>th</sup> October in Cape Town. Parents Kirsty (nee Main-Sheard) (1994) and Matt popped into Woodridge over the Christmas period. [kirstymms@gmail.com](mailto:kirstymms@gmail.com)

### Engagements



Sheree Kietzmann (2002) and Paul Schroeder announced their engagement earlier this month. The couple plan to get married in December 2011!

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- ★ Craig Niven (2006) popped the question to Nicole Johnson on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July in the South of France. Their exciting day is planned for the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011. [craig@liveoutloud.co.za](mailto:craig@liveoutloud.co.za)

## Weddings



◀ Joanne Garrett (1997) married Bryan Cowley on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October just outside St Francis Bay, at the Lombardini Game Farm. At present they are visiting Bali ~ on their 2<sup>nd</sup> last leg of their 'around the world honeymoon' which encompassed South America, New Zealand, Australia, Indonesia and Thailand.

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▶ On the 17<sup>th</sup> December, Jason Wolff (1994) & Jane Brandt celebrated their marriage at the Halyards in Port Alfred. The couple are currently based in the UK and plan to move back to SA in December 2011.

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▶ Pravin Gopaldas (1987) married Jay Naidoo in style! The couple celebrated their marriage over the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Golf Resort in Oubaai, George. [Pravin@iafrica.com](mailto:Pravin@iafrica.com)



▶ Frank Vorster (1982) pictured here with his wife, daughter, son-in-law & granddaughter in July this year.

Frank is resident in Bloemfontein and was married for 23 years in October. He has 3 children and is a proud grandpa to 3 grandchildren.

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★ Sally Bates (1995) married Andy Hanson on the 25<sup>th</sup> September in Braunton, North Devon. There were quite a few Woodridgeans as guests, to name some ... Val & Derek Wakefield, Godfrey & Sue Carter, Helen Bates, Trenwyth Pledger (nee Hughes) Debbie Birch (nee Carter), Kim Stewart (nee Murray).

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## OWA CRICKET DAY

On Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> October the Old Boys headed out to Woodridge to take on the school boys! The spectators, who included Old Woodridgians, ex-parents, existing parents, school pupils and staff watched an exciting day of cricket on Knight and Rushmere Fields.

The format changed a little this year with the OWA 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> teams joining forces and playing two 20/20 matches against Woodridge's 2<sup>nd</sup> side. This proved to be a great success, with both the players and spectators enjoying a fantastic day of cricket. The school boys won the morning match and the Old Boys claimed the afternoon match (must have been the lunchtime drinks) ☺

The Old Boys 1<sup>st</sup> XI played the traditional declaration match. They were outclassed by a talented and determined Woodridge side. The game was played in a great spirit and the school boys can be proud of their performance.



Our own cricketing heroes have been making the headlines lately!

Colin Ingram became the very first South African cricketer to score a century on his ODI debut, when he bashed 124 runs off 126 balls in the 1<sup>st</sup> ODI against Zimbabwe.

Every little cricketer wants a B&S Limited Edition bat ~ don't forget the pink grip!

Pictured here with Colin (2003) are some of his favourite fans! Sister, Justine (2005) and fellow Old Woodridgian, Jonathan McHugh (2003)

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Woodridge Old Boy, Martinus Hendrik Wessels, aka Riki Wessels (2003), enjoyed a successful spell with the Mid West Rhinos in the inaugural Stanbic Bank Pro20 series held in Zimbabwe.

Riki finished second in the batting averages scoring 134 runs (off 76 balls) in 5 innings with 3 not outs and an average of 67.00. These runs were scored at 176.31 per 100 balls, which was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest strike rate in the tournament.

Riki's glove work was neat taking two catches and effecting 1 stumping.

All in all it was a successful outing and only enhanced Riki's reputation as an up-and-coming professional cricketer.

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- ★ Michael Wakefield graduated from Loughborough university in July with a BSc Honours degree in Banking and Finance. He is resident in London. [wakers638@hotmail.com](mailto:wakers638@hotmail.com)
- ★ Richard Simmonds (1978) visited Woodridge after 30 years ~ quite a change of scenery it was for him! Richard resides in Johannesburg and works for the Japanese Embassy. [rsimmonds@webmail.co.za](mailto:rsimmonds@webmail.co.za)
- ★ Bernard Myburgh (2008) is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year studying Cinematography at AFDA Film School. One of his films he worked on this year was selected as the best Second Year film at AFDA from +- 34 films. [myburgh.bernard@gmail.com](mailto:myburgh.bernard@gmail.com)
- ★ At the EPHF Awards Ceremony held on the 17<sup>th</sup> November, Michelle Cremer (2009) was named EP Women's Hockey Player of the Year! Congratulations ☺

## 2011 OWA BRANCH VISITS

East London  
Cape Town  
Jo'burg

Dates & Venues to be confirmed

## *Dads and their lads*



Harold Levitt (1985) sent this photo of his son, Michael, running out the tunnel into the Newlands Rugby Stadium, as the mascot for Western Province!

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This lovely photo of William Young (1993) and his son, Sean, was captured at the Loerie Naartjie Festival ☺

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Paul Daniel (1991) celebrating Christmas with his lads! Paul and his wife, together with their children have been living in Dublin, Ireland for the past 4 years.

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### WOODRIDGE DVD

To view this amazing DVD simply download

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7saEQtdlwRE>

## **OWA DATES ~ 2011**

**OWA GOLF DAY**  
Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> JULY

**REUNION WEEKEND**  
Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> July ~ Sat, 9<sup>th</sup> July

**OWA Cricket Day**  
Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> October

## **SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR**

Woodridge has introduced The School Communicator, which is designed to give instant communication regarding daily school activities, as well as OWA information.

The Communicator will include all information that Old Woodridgeans would like to know e.g. school & OWA news, sport fixtures, social gatherings, a photo gallery, etc.

Initially, it will be important for you to personalise what you want to receive by clicking on the "PERSONALISE" tab and thereafter selecting the appropriate information you would like to receive.

I encourage you all to download the program at [www.school-communicator.com/downloads](http://www.school-communicator.com/downloads). Please note the following contact should you experience any technical difficulties with the download: email: [support@school-communicator.com](mailto:support@school-communicator.com)

## **WOODRIDGE WEBSITE**

[www.woodridge.co.za](http://www.woodridge.co.za)

Woodridge is redoing the website (the launch is due early 2011).

Everyone knows our catch phrase "Woodridge, more than a school... an experience" & we want to capture those experiences that you, as past pupils, believe were the best & most enjoyable times that made your school days unique & special.

As you can appreciate we would need to select the appropriate examples of your experiences & therefore not all memories can be featured.

If you are really proud of your school and have great memories about any aspect of school life that has made an impact on you, here is your chance to let everyone know.

Please send your contributions to me and I will do my best to get it featured. [Ant.devilliers@woodridge.co.za](mailto:Ant.devilliers@woodridge.co.za)

Thank you in anticipation.

**Anthony de Villiers**

Wishing you all a wonderful 2011!

Maxime