

## **Conrad Jantjes' Visit to the Hoopenburg/De Meye Naskool**

Almost a year ago, Springbok and Stormers' star, Conrad Jantjes, offered front row Newlands tickets to the Anna Foundation children. The lucky 24 children who attended the match, were further spoilt with a private visit into the locker room after the game. Conrad promised the children he would come and visit them on their farm, and on Thursday, 15 September 2009, he did just that! The kids had the privilege of welcoming Conrad to their very own after school club. There were shrieks of delight when Conrad's bakkie arrived and as he walked towards the building the children suddenly became quiet. The shyness had set in but Conrad had a wonderful way of drawing the kids out of their awestricken shells and chatted with them in relaxed conversation.

The children sang the full South African Anthem for Conrad and heard from him what it is like to sing to thousands of people before the start of a rugby match. Conrad inspired the children by telling them how important their schooling is to their futures. He gracefully allowed all the children a photograph accompanied by a very big hug. As a thank you gift, the children made a large poster for Conrad, using photographs from their Newlands experience and each writing a personalized message for him.

Conrad has such an easy-going, down to earth manner and as he conversed with each child they became less reserved and more engaged. Through his selfless actions, Conrad Jantjes is a true hero to all of the Anna Foundation children for freely volunteering his time and taking such an interest in their lives. His visit is something they will not forget any time soon!