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Welcome back to the second term. I trust that everyone had a good break and that the children are committed to working hard this term and for the rest of the year. Our children have a lot of expectations placed upon them both at school and at home. We all tell the children that all we want from them is to 'give of their best', to 'do their best'. But, what does that mean? How do teachers and parents alike measure what is the children's best? As parents, you want the best for your children, you want them to succeed and so you 'encourage' them and push them to do better. I know that inevitably, after seeing your child's mark in his/her report, you immediately look at the grade average. This is, however, not a true reflection of the effort that they put into their work; it does not show that they have done their best. If you have to be honest with yourself and your child, you would need to know exactly how much work your child has put into his/her studies and what his/her work ethic was. A good work ethic will hold you in good stead now as well as later on in life. Your work ethic tells future employees what level of performance they might expect from you on the job. A good work ethic can be the determining factor in just how well you do in school and in life!

Here are the five components which make up a good work ethic and reasons why they are so important to your children and their futures.

Attendance & Punctuality

Whether in school or work, you learn and accomplish most when you show up on time and are prepared. You can't learn if you're not there! If you come late, it's unlikely that you're really ready to do your best work. Good attendance and punctuality are two important aspects of a good work ethic, and they are easy to address and accomplish.

Goal-setting

Before you can accomplish your goals, you need to know what they are. People with a good work ethic are goal-oriented and dedicated to achieving the success they envision. They understand that there are many steps to success and they are willing to take them all. For example, hard work; at the foundation of a good work ethic is a whole lot of hard work.

Positive Attitude

Your positive attitude can set you apart from your peers and it can be infectious, spilling over to others and making you welcome in any class or place of work. Approaching every task, big or small, with a good attitude, shows that you are a team player, dedicated to not only your own success but also to the success of your class and your school or organisation.

Accomplishment

The more you accomplish, the more likely you will be the person chosen for further advancement. Your good work ethic is likely to be recognised, acknowledged and rewarded and can serve as a building block to your future successes.

We look forward to the implementation of a good work ethic on all fronts.

Interhouse Cross Country

This event embodies the school hitting the ground 'running' and it takes place on Friday 21 April (tomorrow) at 9am. This event is the only Interhouse event that allows every pupil to participate and is not based on a team selection of the top athletes. We love this day as we can see the strong sense of pride, accomplishment and achievement on all the children's faces irrespective of

the pain and exhaustion; Parents are very welcome to come and watch. Please refer to the letter that went out this week with all the information with regard to dress code, etc.

Fun Day!!!

Without a doubt this is a day that is never forgotten as it will turn the school into one big playground on Saturday 6 May commencing at 10am. This day reflects the true sense of community. Bracelets and Craighall money – moola - will be available on the day ensuring that everyone joining us will be able to participate and have fun. The bracelets will allow the children to go on all the rides for the entire day, thus keeping them very busy. The stalls will only accept moola and purchases are not covered by the bracelets. We look forward to seeing parents, staff and pupils alike in a relaxed and fun environment from 10am onwards. Thank you to the PTA and class moms and dads who are responsible for all the planning and setting up. You are incredible! I look forward to seeing all the parents lending a helping hand and being a true Craighall Primary family member by donating at least a half an hour at their own child's class stall. We are, after all, a team!

School Holiday

Please note that there is a school holiday on Friday 28 April the day after Freedom Day which is on Thursday 27 April. This means a nice, long weekend as the children only return to school on Tuesday 2 May, the day after Workers' Day (Monday 1 May).

Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Mashamaite, our Zulu teacher who gave birth to a healthy baby girl.

Auto Pedigree

Please remember, if you are in the market for a quality, used car, to pop into Auto Pedigree in Jan Smuts Avenue. Mention the school when browsing for or buying a car from them and they will contribute R5000 to our sponsored car thus enabling us to own the car at the end of the year. We only have this year left to reach the target so your support will be appreciated and will benefit your children.

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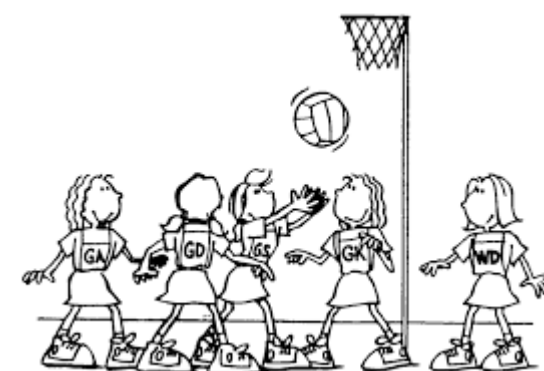
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Kind regards

Prout-Jones (Mrs)
Principal

SPORTS FIXTURES

Friday	05 May	Girls Soccer Craighall vs Saxonwold	U11 & U14	Home
Tuesday	09 May	Soccer Rosebank vs Craighall	U9 A & B	Away
			U10 A & B	Away
			U11 A & B	Away
			U12 A & B	Home
			U14 A & B	Home
Wednesday	10 May	Netball King David VP vs Craighall	U10 A & B	Away
			U11 A & B	Away
			U12 A & B	Home
			U14 A & B	Home
Thursday	11 May	U7/8 Soccer Craighall vs Bryanston		Home
Friday	12 May	Girls Soccer Fairways vs Craighall	U11 & U14	Away
Thursday	10 May	U7/8 Soccer Craighall vs Bryneven		Home
Wednesday	17 May	Soccer Bordeaux vs Craighall	U9 A & B	Away
			U10 A & B	Away
			U11 A & B	Away
			U12 A & B	Home
			U14 A & B	Home
Wednesday	17 May	Netball Bordeaux vs Craighall	U10 A & B	Away
			U11 A & B	Away
			U12 A & B	Home
			U14 A & B	Home



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