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Our Interhouse Cross country was a great success with beautiful weather, maximum participation, inspiring support from House Captains and spectators (pupils and parents alike). Thank you to Miss James and all the staff, as well as the participants, for making this event so successful. Well done to Impala for taking top honours and to Kudu for being awarded the Spirit Trophy. Overall, there were some impressive results. The following came in the first three places in their respective age groups:

Boys U6/7/8 & 9 - Keanan Munanka, Scott Bray and Bokang Matshekga;
Girls U6/7/8 & 9 - Matlodi Mabela, Keola Mulombe and Alizah Maher;
Boys U10 and 11 - Jordan Bowes, Nathan Butchart and Campbell Goggin;
Girls U10 and 11 – Carrie Schaub-Kuffler, Jade Freeman and Melissa Van Zyl;
Boys U12 and Open - Aidan Wasserman, Marcus Mangale and Tyrone Smit; and
Girls U12 and Open - Laura Slowe, Kristina Sheppard and Rachael Steven. Well done to everyone!

Watching all the children participate brings me to a point regarding extra-curricular activities and your child's holistic development. Our large range of activities on offer at the school should be embraced by all. We believe that everyone has one or more talents or an area in which they can excel. Finding talents within children who lack confidence and those who are low academic achievers is exceptionally important. Normally for such pupils, the talent will manifest itself in the extra-curricular activities and can be unearthed through building their characters. These activities also teach our children the importance of perseverance, hard work, loyalty, commitment and diligence, as well as building their competitive spirit. The opportunities taken could achieve the following:

- Raise your child's self-esteem;
- Harness talent, the right way;
- Serve as a stress buster;
- Allow and teach teamwork;
- Ignite the desire for action and build self-confidence within timid children; and
- Lead to better time-management.

All CPS parents are asked to monitor and strongly encourage their children to:

- Grab every opportunity which presents itself;
- Try out anything and everything positive; and
- Be a part of any school extracurricular activity.

At times, children or parents feel despondent if they or their children do not make the 'A' team or their place is possibly rotated in the 'B' team. As a school, we have to foster both sides, striving for opportunities and success. Therefore, all children should participate, as practise will lead to their eventually succeeding. Our 'A' teams house the children whose talent has already been brought to the fore. In order to highlight ability and to coach and develop the children's skills, we tend to rotate the children in the 'B' team. Swapping out from 'A' to 'B' and vice versa can happen over the season as well. During the cricket season, a spread of opportunities is afforded by 'retiring' a batsman after achieving 50 runs. Our promise is that the children who participate in extramural activities will soon discover a new, previously unknown side to themselves. Together, let's make them heroes of their time.

Our reiterated call to work together and be a family and a community is mirrored in the celebration of Freedom Day on 27 April and Workers' Day on 1 May. Both of these days stem from the desire to create a united front. Freedom Day is a South African public holiday which celebrates 'freedom' and commemorates the first post-apartheid democratic elections which were held on that day in 1994. On the first commemoration of the holiday, President Nelson Mandela addressed Parliament:

"As dawn ushered in this day, few of us could suppress the welling of emotion, as we were reminded of the terrible past from which we come as a nation; the great possibilities that we now have; and the bright future that beckons us. And so, we assemble here today, and in other parts of the country, to make a historic day in the life of our nation.

Wherever South Africans are across the globe, our hearts beat as one, as we review our common loyalty to our country and our commitment to its future. I would like to say, "From his mouth to everyone's ears". Our current political difficulties leave everyone fraught with anxiety and grave concern for the future – a future that we, and particularly our children, are such a significant part of. Thus, it is imperative that we all continue to make the right choices as we guide them in to adulthood, with high values underpinning their daily lives.

The need to pull together as a community has been taken a step further through our outstanding PTA who are co-ordinating the celebration of our 2017 Fun Day with the theme "A time for Africa". We all look forward to this Saturday 6 May, to bring us together through experiencing fun, laughter, camaraderie and a true sense of unity. We look forward to all families and their friends, as well as other members of our community, coming through to support this event and joining us in showcasing the awesomeness of Craighall Primary. Thank you to the PTA and other parents who have given up so many hours in preparation. Please know you are a true inspiration and are greatly appreciated.

Staff News

Happy belated birthday to Miss Patchitt (Grade 2) – 28 April, Mrs Dlamini (Groundstaff) - 30 April. To those yet to celebrate in the next two weeks, happy birthday to Mrs Mashamaite (Zulu) - 10 May, Miss Schulman (Grade 7) – 13 May and Miss James (Grade 1) – 16 May.

Kind regards

A Prout-Jones
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

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