

Craighall

Primary School

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School Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we find ourselves at the midpoint of Term 3, we're delighted to reach out and provide you with an update on the exciting events and activities that have taken place thus far, as well as a glimpse of what lies ahead. With just one month left before the end of this term, our school community continues to thrive and make remarkable progress.

Sports Assemblies Rescheduled: Kindly take note that due to ongoing fixtures and the hall's unavailability, the Athletics and Hockey assembly has been moved to Wednesday, October 11th, for Grades 4-7, and Thursday, October 12th, for Grades 1-3. Likewise, the Rugby and Cross-Country assembly will now take place on Wednesday, October 18th, for Grades 4-7, and Thursday, October 19th, for Grades 1-3. Parents of children receiving scrolls or medals will be invited to these assemblies. For participants who have demonstrated consistent attendance at practices, certificates will be awarded, and you are welcome to join us in celebrating their achievements.

- 8 September – Book Character Day
- 6th - 13th September (Gr 7 Entrepreneur Week)
- 19,20,21st September - Concert
- 27 September – Cake & Candy Gr 2 and Parents Evening
- 28 September – (Kids to please stay at home as we have strategic planning)
- 28 September - Grade 7 Dance
- 29 September – Break up day (Kids to please stay at home due to strategic planning)

Concert: "A Dash of Dahl": Our much-anticipated concert, "A Dash of Dahl," is almost here! The show will feature adaptations of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach" through the creative lens of Mrs. Martell. The concert will run from Tuesday, September 18th, to Thursday, September 21st, starting at 18:30. A detailed letter will be sent out soon, specifying arrival times for leads and different grades. The concert promises to be a memorable experience showcasing the talents of all children from Grades 4-7. Kindly be informed that there are still tickets available for each evening of our event. We would like to invite you to join us for an unforgettable experience. To secure your seats, please purchase tickets, for R80 per chair, and for our younger attendees aged 9 and below, a mat is available for R50. Your support is greatly appreciated as it helps us continue to bring you exceptional entertainment. To make the process seamless, I kindly ask you to place the designated amount in an envelope, clearly marked with the selected day of attendance, your child's name, and the number of tickets required. Please ensure that your child hands this envelope directly to me, and I will ensure your reservation is properly arranged. The tickets are colour-coded. White tickets are on Tuesday evening, green are on Wednesday evening and yellow are on Thursday evening. I shall send a reminder regarding the colours on Sunday prior to the concert.

Concert Hosting Assistance: As we approach the eagerly anticipated "A Dash of Dahl" concert week, we want to ensure that every child has the opportunity to participate fully in this special event. If your child faces transport difficulties specifically for the evenings of the concert, we will be sending out a letter that provides you with the chance to request hosting by a family within our school community. We deeply appreciate the parents who are offering to host, providing their support and kindness to ensure that all students can enjoy the concert without hindrance. Your willingness to volunteer embodies the spirit of unity that defines our school. This letter shall go out on Monday.

Adjusted Schedule for Grades 4-7: Please be aware that from Monday, September 18th, to Friday, September 22nd, Grade 4-7 students will not have extramurals or homework. School will end at 13:00 during this week (with Friday ending at 12:45) to accommodate the concert preparations. We appreciate your understanding as we focus on this special event.

Exploring New Horizons - Grade 7 Adventure: We're excited to share that our Grade 7 students embarked on a memorable journey last week. They ventured to the "Spirit of Adventure," an experience that took them beyond the classroom and into a new realm of learning. Witnessing them embrace challenges and learn in a different environment was truly inspiring. We believe such opportunities foster personal growth and resilience, and we're proud of our Grade 7's for making the most of this adventure.



Grade 7 Entrepreneur Project: Our Grade 7 students are gearing up for their Entrepreneur Project, set to begin on Wednesday. They will be selling various items during breaks until September 13th. Your support by sending money with your child for this week is greatly appreciated. To streamline the process, the Foundation Phase teachers will provide price lists and details of items on sale to parents.

Grade 7 Farewell Dance and Planning Days: Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 28th, when our Grade 7's will have their farewell dance. On this day, we kindly request that you keep your child at home if supervision is available, as staff will be engaged in strategic planning. If your child needs to be at school, rest assured that a staff member will be present for supervision.

Important Information for Break Up Day: Break up day is on Friday, September 29th. Similar to the previous day, we ask that you keep your child at home if possible, as our strategic planning continues. If they attend school, please arrange for their pickup at 10:30.

Parents Evening - Wednesday, September 27th: We invite you to attend our Parents Evening on Wednesday, September 27th, from 17:00 to 19:00. Kindly park on the top field and follow the procedures from term one.

Hooked on Books: Yesterday the school treated all of the children to the outstanding performance of "Hooked on Books" Through this captivating event, they masterfully intertwined entertainment and education., fostering a contagious excitement for reading. Each snippet presented from various books served as a tantalising glimpse into different worlds, leaving the children intrigued and eager to uncover the rest of the stories.

Book Character Day: Next Friday, 8th of September is book character day. Giving each child an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. Please note there is no payment required.

Appreciation and Acknowledgments: Amidst the challenges of this busy term, our teachers have been unwavering in ensuring your children's education remains a priority. We extend our gratitude to parents for your support and understanding. The journey wouldn't be as rewarding without your involvement.

Thank you for your attention to these important updates. We look forward to your continued partnership and involvement in making this term a success for our children.

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Staff Birthdays:

Happy birthday to: Mrs Taim (Music Teacher) – 26 August

Yours sincerely

Mrs Prout-Jones
(PRINCIPAL)

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