



Atholton News

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Headmaster's Notice

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those families who have been affected by the devastating storms and fires which have ravaged the Western Cape. We have seen that some 135 schools have been partly damaged or completely destroyed in the last week. To our fellow educators and pupils of those schools, you are assured of our support.

We did a collection for goods to be sent down to the Western Cape, and I would like to thank the parents and the children for opening their hearts and donating so generously to this cause.

When trying to put pen to paper to highlight a few of our concerns they seem to pale into insignificance compared to losing an entire school but we need to raise them so that we are all aware of them and can build on the care we have for one another and our school.

The first issue is with regards to the parking, especially in front of the school. At certain times of the day the congestion is acute and often parents are in a hurry to get back to work but we all need to be considerate towards one another, after all we belong to the same Atholton community. Please use the entire width of the car park and not just the area immediately next to the gate. Try and arrive earlier, especially in the mornings to avoid the rush.

Everyone, parents, educators and our groundstaff, in fact all those who have bought into our school strive to give all our children the very best that they can. Sometimes, however, there will be differences of opinion and it is how we handle those differences and how we find common ground and a solution, that is important. We should remember to be polite to each other and to base our discussions on the fact that we are always here for the children. A happy, well-disciplined child who is loving and caring will always be our first prize.

Mr M Bursík
Headmaster

1 LONG WEEKEND

Friday 16 June is Youth day . School will close on Thursday 15 June at 14h00 and re-open on Monday 19 June.

2. COMRADES MARATHON

Congratulations to our parents who completed the Comrades Marathon on Sunday 4 June, Mrs Lee-Ann Stewart, Mrs Manuela and Mr Gordon Diener, Mr Bruce Dragt and Mrs Lisa Collet.

3. LATE COMERS

The number of late comers has seen an increase and it is becoming rather alarming.

Please ensure that your child is on time in the morning. It unsettles them when they start their day arriving late.

Please take note of the school hours below and ensure that your child is at school on time.

Pre-School - Grade 2	:	07h30 - 12h30	Monday to Friday
Grade 3	:	07h30 - 14h00	Monday to Thursday
Grade 3	:	07h30 - 12h30	Friday
Grade 4 - 7	:	07h30 - 14h00	Monday to Friday.

Parents : Please take note of the following times:

Gates Open

06h45

12h25

14h00

Gates Close

07h30

12h40

On Completion of Private activities

4. INTER-HOUSE SURFING **Saturday 24 June 2017**

This year the Inter-House Surfing Competition will take place over 3 separate days throughout the rest of this year. Points will be allocated and accumulated over the 3 days.

The first day of the competition will be Saturday 24 June 2017 at Marine Beach. The next two dates will be confirmed next term.

The competition will start at 08h00 and all surfers must meet at Marine Beach no later than 07h30. All surfers must have their own surfboards.

All parents are welcome to come along and support their children for a few relaxing hours at the beach.

5. INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY **Thursday 29 June 2017**

Inter-House Cross Country will be run on Thursday 29 June at 10h00. All boys and girls are expected to participate. The course is a short distance of about 1½kms around the school and all our boys and girls are very capable of completing it without any problems at all.

Any child who is unable to run, for health reasons, will be expected to provide a letter written by the parents. These must be given to Mr Bursik by 08h00 on Friday.

The course is safe and well-marked. Teachers will act as marshalls around the course.

Boys and girls are to wear their PE Kit to school on Thursday 29 June, with their name badges attached to their sports shirts. Sport shoes and short white socks are to be worn.

Parents are, of course, invited to attend and support their children. Age groups will run separately with the first group, Grade 1, who will run a shorter course around the field. The last event should be finished by 13h00. Children whose parents are here may go home at 13h00, otherwise they are to go back to class to be dismissed as normal at 14h00.

Grade 1 and 2 children will be dismissed at 12h30 as usual.

6. HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected as House Captains.

	Captain	Vice Captain
Campbell	Siyaphila Chonco Pavlos Tselentis	Nosipho Mbatha Jevaam Govender
Hulett	Layyah Varachia Dereesan Naidoo	Ashleigh Viljoen Michael Naidoo
Marshall	Jordan Buys Joshua Smeeton	Maddison Cooke Shaivaan Naidoo
Morewood	Nandipha Mthethwa Alexander Singh	Shreya Govender Adithiya Maharaj

7. PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS

We are appealing to parents to please ensure that any changes to their contact details are updated with the school as a matter of routine.

It is important that the school has a contact number for one or both parents, as well as an emergency contact.

We often send messages to parents via SMS. These messages will obviously only reach those parents who have provided us with the correct information and who have kept it current.

A tear off slip, to allow parents to update contact details will be included in all future newsletters.

Please fill it in and return it to the office, if any of your contact details change.

8. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Inara Canal received a Piano Performance Award in recognition of her diligent efforts and successful performance in the 2017 Winter Recital.

Akhil and Kairav Maduray and **Declan and Gregory Bosman** took part in the Durban North Autumn Night 5km Run / Walk.

Seth Harie was awarded a Kumon Certificate for completing the Primary School Maths Curriculum.

Apologies : In the last Newsletter - we stated that Keira Gerber was selected to join SASAD Dance Company, it was in fact Kiara Gerber. Apologies for the misspelling of her name.

9. SPORTS RESULTS

Grade 3 Comrades Fun Run

Our Grade 3 Cross Country pupils took part in a Comrades Fun Run on Thursday 1 June. Well done to all the children who ran. It is pleasing to see just how much their fitness has improved over the term.

Grade 3 Soccer and Netball Festival at Atholton ~ Saturday 3 June 2017

Netball

Atholton A	5	DNP	0	Atholton B	5	DNP	0
Atholton A	0	Reddam B	3	Atholton B	3	Reddam C	0
Atholton A	1	Reddam A	4	Atholton B	6	La Lucia JP	3
Atholton A	1	La Lucia JP	0	Atholton A	2	La Lucia JP	1

Soccer

Atholton A	~	Won 2; Drew 2.	Atholton B	~	Won 1; Drew 1; Lost 1
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NETBALL

vs Northlands Primary ~ Wednesday 31 May

U10A Atholton	1	Northlands	5	U10B Atholton	3	Northlands	18
U11A Atholton	0	Northlands	11	U11B Atholton	2	Northlands	10
U12A Atholton	2	Northlands	9	U12B Atholton	2	Northlands	12
U13A Atholton	6	Northlands	7	U13B Atholton	3	Northlands	12

vs Crawford North Coast ~ Wednesday 7 June

U10A Atholton	1	Crawford	2	U10B Atholton	0	Crawford	0
U11A Atholton	4	Crawford	6	U11B Atholton	0	Crawford	0
U12A Atholton	5	Crawford	2	U12B Atholton	3	Crawford	0
U13A Atholton	6	Crawford	13	U13B Atholton	5	Crawford	10

SOCCER

vs Crawford North Coast

U10A Atholton	0	Crawford	1
U11A Atholton	1	Crawford	0

SECOND TERM DIARY

JUNE

Wed	14	14h30	U10 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Virginia
			U11 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Virginia
			U12 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Atholton Primary
			U13 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Reddam
			Soccer vs Reddam / Virginia
Fri	16		Public Holiday ~ Youth Day
Wed	21	14h30	Netball vs Umhlali ~ Atholton Primary
Thurs	29	10h00	Interhouse Cross Country
		18h00	Grade 0 Spur Evening
Fri	30	10h00	School Closes

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Change of personal Details	
Child's Name:
Address :

Father's Cell No :
Mother's Cell No:
Home No:
E-Mail :

