



Atholton News

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Headmaster's Notice

A very warm welcome back to our Atholton Family. We certainly look forward to an exciting Third Term with a mix of academic, cultural and sporting events. Hold on tight and enjoy the ride.

At the end of last term every pupil was issued with their report. Pupils would have come home with a range of emotions as they handed their envelopes over to their parents. How we respond to our children's report is important. Adina Soclof offers some very sound advice. In her article she reminds us that a child's report is private and nobody else should look at it without being given permission.

We need to praise appropriately and the best way to do this is to praise the effort they have put in. If your child has put in the effort but has not achieved the mark that you anticipated, then that is fine.

Remember that it is their report and we need to be realistic about their achievement and what they are capable of. We must guard against imposing our dreams and expectations onto them.

Teach your children that good values are more important than good results.

Form a relationship with your child's teacher. Your child should see the teacher / parent relationship as a partnership, a partnership which cares for and supports the child.

Marks should be seen as a yardstick measuring the level of your child and should never be used to compare one child to another. I think that we in South Africa have become obsessed with marks and forget that it is the education that really matters. We need to test to teach and not teach to test. So while marks and results are important and every child does need to do their very best, we do need to have a balance.

Mr M Bursik
Headmaster

1. STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Colquhoun, on the birth of their daughter during the holidays. We welcome Ms D Hariram who has replaced Mrs Colquhoun in Grade 2 for the rest of this year.

2. SCHOOL HOURS

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	Gates Close
06h45	07h30
12h25	12h45
14h00	On Completion of Private activities

The School (buildings and fields) is out of bounds after school hours, unless pupils are involved in an activity organised by the school, or private activity that is officially authorised by the school.

3. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ THIRD TERM

Wednesday	9 August	~	National Women's Day
Sunday	24 September	~	Heritage Day
Monday	25 September	~	Public Holiday

School closes on Friday 29 September at 10h00 for the end of the Third Term.

4. SCHOOL FEES

The annual school fee for 2017 is R23 600 for all learners from Grade 1 to 7.

Quarterly payments are R5 900, due at the beginning of each Term. 3rd Term fees were due at the beginning of July.

Monthly payments are R2 360, paid over a 10 month period, beginning in January and ending in October.

Accounts will be sent out monthly and monthly payers should note that payment is due on the 1st of each month.

It must be noted that the payment of school fees is compulsory and defaulters will be handed over to our attorneys for collection.

Bank Details :	First National Bank
Branch Code:	220629
Account Name:	Atholton Primary School
Account Number:	55010006233

5. EXTRA CURRICULAR

All Extra Curricular activities for the 3rd Term commenced at the beginning of this term.

Our main sport this term is Hockey. It is essential that all Senior Primary players have their own hockey sticks and balls. It is also a requirement that **all** players wear shinpads and a gumguard to practices and for matches.

Please consult the Third Term Extra Curricular Timetable for days and times of practices. Pupils should make every effort to attend both practices each week in order to benefit most from the coaching.

6. WINTER SPORTS DAY : SENIOR PRIMARY : FRIDAY 28 JULY

Our Annual Winter Sports Day will begin at 09h00 on Friday and should be over by 14h00.

Senior Primary pupils have been selected to represent their respective Sports' Houses and will play Soccer, Netball and Hockey during our Winter Sports Programme.

Team lists have been placed on the Sports' Notice Board and those boys and girls who have been selected to represent their house are to come to school dressed in the correct sports kit, with white takkies.

Parents are invited to attend and support from the sidelines and tea will be available throughout the morning.

School will close for Grade 1 - 3 as normal at 12h30 and for Senior Primary at 14h00.

7. SPELLATHON

All pupils should have received an information sheet and a sponsorship / donation form at the end of last term. This Spelling Competition is a major fund raiser for 2017 and it is expected that all pupils will participate.

Please assist and encourage your child to learn the words provided. Obviously, the more words that are spelt correctly, the larger the amount of money raised.

It is important that all forms are returned, whether they are completed or not. All pupils will be tested so they should all learn their words, whether they have managed to raise money or not.

As usual, there will be numerous incentive prizes available for children and classes who raise the most money.

8. INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Junior Primary	~	Friday 4 August	~	08h00
Senior Primary	~	Friday 4 August	~	11h00

Our Annual Inter-House Athletics meeting will be held on Friday 4 August, starting with the Junior Primary at 08h00 followed by the Senior Primary at 11h00.

Junior Primary pupils will be dismissed after completion of their meeting at about 10h00 and there will be **no After-Care or Homework Centre available.**

Senior Primary pupils will be finished at about 14h00 and will be dismissed as normal. **No Homework Centre.** All pupils will participate in at least one event and so they are to come to school in PE kit, hat and sports shoes. No pupils may come to school barefoot.

We look forward, as always to good parental support and you are reminded that we have a parents' race, so come ready to compete.

9. JUNIOR PRIMARY CONCERT ~ CINDERELLA Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 September

Tickets for the Junior Primary Concert will be on sale in the Boardroom at R40,00 per seat from Monday 11 September at the following times:

Monday ~ Friday : 07h30 ~ 08h30
12h30 ~ 13h00

No telephone bookings will be accepted and all tickets must be paid for in cash on the day of the purchase.

Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded after purchase, so we advise parents to book their own seats where possible.

Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for babies / children in arms / prams as we would like the audience to be able to enjoy the concert without unnecessary disturbance.

10. 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.

11. SPORTS RESULTS

INTER-HOUSE CHESS

Junior - Grade 3 and 4

4 th	Hulett	3 rd	Marshall
2 nd	Campbell	1 st	Morewood

Senior - Grade 5, 6 and 7

4 th	Campbell	3 rd	Hulett and Morewood
1 st	Marshall		

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

Junior	~	4 th	Morewood	3 rd	Marshall
		2 nd	Campbell	1 st	Hulett
Senior	~	4 th	Marshall	3 rd	Morewood
		2 nd	Hulett	1 st	Campbell

Individual Winners:

U9		Girls	Boys
	3 rd	Jordan Crews	Josh Bachoo
	2 nd	Maria King	Blake Brown
	1 st	Narlady Mutambiranwa	Eli Irvine
U10		Alina Marciniak	Liam Reddy
	3 rd	Samantha Grove	Gregory Bosman
	2 nd	Kaitlyn Mungaroo	Liam Terry
	1 st		
U11		Daniella Hitchins	Siseko Kwini
	3 rd	Holly Marx	Kairav Maduray
	2 nd	Daniella Campos	Akhil Maduray
	1 st		

U12	3 rd	Jade Brown	Mpilo Hlongwa
	2 nd	Shanae Rajagopal	Ruach Rungan
	1 st	Trinity Dove	Scott Engelbrecht
Open	3 rd	Amanda Mkize	Dereesan Naidoo
	2 nd	Nicolette Ramatshego	Hilton Muschamp
	1 st	Jordan Buys	Gabriel Croeser

12. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Nikayla Moodley participated in the South African Elite Karate Championships on 15 July. This tournament is open to the top 6 ranked athletes in each division. Nikayla was placed 3rd in Kumite and is now ranked No 3 in the country in her age and weight category.

Keira and **Maria King** took part in the 6km Umlhanga trail run during the holidays. Maria came 1st in the U10 age category in a time of 39 mins.

THIRD TERM DIARY

July

Thurs	27	18h00	Grade 4 Spur Evening
Fri	28	09h00	Winter Sports Day
Sat	29	08h00	U13 Hockey Festival ~Umhlali

August

Thurs	03	08h00	Pre-Primary Sports Day
Fri	04	08h00	Junior Primary Athletics Day
		11h00	Senior Primary Athletics Day
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Crawford La Lucia
Sat	05	08h00	Cross Country Trials ~ UKZN
Wed	09		Public Holiday ~ Women's Day
Thurs	10	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Northlands ~ Home
		18h00	Grade 5 Spur Evening
Fri	11	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Northlands ~ Home
		18h00	Matric Reunion
Sat	12	08h00	Grade 3 Hockey Festival ~ Crawford North Coast
		08h00	U10, U11 Girls' Hockey Festival ~ Fatima
		14h30	Umlazi District Cross Country Trials
Tues	15	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Fatima ~ Riverside
Wed	16	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Ashton ~ Away
Thurs	17	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Ashton ~ Away
Fri	18	14h30	Cross Country ~ Umhlali
Sat	19	08h00	Grade 3 Hockey Festival ~ Chelsea Preparatory
Wed	23	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Umhlali ~ Home
Thurs	24	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Umhlali ~ Home
Fri	25	08h00	Sports Photos
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Reddam
Sat	26	08h00	Grade 3 Hockey Festival ~ Atholton Primary
			U13 Girls' Hockey Festival ~ Fatima
Mon	28	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Reddam ~ Away
Thurs	31	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Reddam ~ Away
Thurs	31	18h00	Grade 7 pur Evening

September

Fri	01	08h00	Spring Day - Visit to Retirement Homes
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Chelsea / Fatima
		17h00	Spring Walk, Family Braai and Disco
Sat	02	08h00	Grade 3 Hockey Festival ~ Crawford La Lucia
Wed	06	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Away
Thurs	07	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Away
Fri	08	14h30	Cross Country ~ Atholton Primary School
Wed	13	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast ~ Away
Thurs	14	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast ~ Awat
Fri	15	14h30	Cross Country ~ Ashton

Tuesday 19 ~ Thursday 21
Junior Primary Concert ~ Cinderella

Mon 25 Public Holiday
Fri 29 School Closes



Change of personal Details	
Child's Name:
Address :

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