



Atholton News

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Headmaster's Notice

Every child at Atholton is a superstar and how lucky are our educators that they get to spend so much time with them. A child's smile is enough to brighten any and every adults day. The energy and enthusiasm with which they tackle every day is awe-inspiring. Their willingness to help and to share knows no bounds. We are continually touched by the way our Senior pupils protect and care for our Juniors - there is something very special in the bond between children.

On Friday 11 August our Grade 7 class of 2012, who are now matriculants, attended a reunion. A number of our former members of staff also attended the function to exchange memories and lots of laughter with these young men and women.

We have our grand production of "Cinderella Kids" performed by our Junior Primary pupils this term as well as "The Gingerbread Man" performed by our Pre Primary pupils next term. We know that both of these will be spectacular performances given the high quality of the productions we have here at Atholton.

Such is the calibre of performers grown at Atholton that three of the lead roles in the Northwood Boys' Show were past Atholton pupils, Kiaav Sunderlall and Kiash and Harshil Arjun. Well done boys, on a brilliant performance.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a certain amount of confusion regarding Extra Lessons being given to some of our pupils at Atholton.

If a child is experiencing difficulty in a particular subject or has problems understanding that subject or concept, then that child may approach a teacher for assistance. The teacher may then give relevant advice and help, which may even result in the teacher offering the child a full additional lesson on the subject. If that is the case the teacher may not, under any circumstances, charge a fee for the additional lesson.

Mr M Bursik
Headmaster

1. THIRD TERM REPORTS

We do not send a full, comprehensive report in the Third Term. Reports are only completed for those pupils who are new at Atholton or who are not achieving at the required standard. All Senior Primary children will receive an abridged report indicating the child's results for this term. Parents who wish to receive a full report are asked to make this request in writing to Mr Bursik before Friday 15 September.

2. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ~ THIRD TERM

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.

3. KWIKSPAR GLENORE CENTRE

The Schools Community Project ~ Win for our school.

Get involved with the School Community Project, exclusive to Glenore Kwikspar. Every time you shop at Glenore Kwikspar, simply place your receipt into the Atholton Primary Pledge Box. The top 3 schools with the most receipts will win their share of R20 000.

4. PAST PUPILS

Congratulations to Isabelle Pattenden, Class of 2013, who has been appointed Deputy Head Girl at Durban Girls' College for 2018.

5. NORTH DURBAN ART EXHIBITION

The North Durban Art Exhibition is once again being hosted by Virginia Preparatory School.

This year the theme is "Whimsical" and Atholton Primary has entered the works of artists from Grade R all the way up to Grade 7. Parents are invited to view the art on the following days:

Dates	~	Tuesday 29 August - Saturday 2 September
Times	~	Tuesday - Friday : 07h15 - 17h30 Saturday : 08h00 - 13h00
Venue	~	Virginia School Hall

6. SPRING DAY : FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER

It has become customary for us at Atholton to bring bunches / bouquets of flowers to school on Spring Day. This year will be no exception and our Senior Primary boys and girls are invited to arrive at school on Friday 1 September laden with flowers.

These will be arranged and taken off by our Senior Primary Choir when they visit the two Retirement Homes nearby - Twilanga and Pioneer Park. The residents of these homes really do appreciate our visit and I sincerely hope that we can continue to brighten their day as we have done in the past.

7. SPRING WALK ~ FAMILY BRAAI Friday 1 September

On Friday 1 September we will have our Annual Spring Walk, followed by a social get together for parents. Braai fires will be available and parents are invited to come along and enjoy a relaxed walk before braaing.

The entry fee for all walkers will be a tin of dog food which we will donate to the SPCA.

The walk will start at 17h00. There will be no Disco in the hall but music will be provided in the quad.

Braais, tables and benches will be made available for parents and you are invited to come along and join us. We generally have large numbers in attendance and so parents may wish to bring along their own tables and comfy chairs as well as braais.

8. 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
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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.

9. SPORTS PHOTOS Friday 25 August

Sports Photos will be taken on Friday 25 August. Team lists will be placed on the Sports Notice Board indicating which photos will be taken and listing those children who are included in the various teams.

In order for the process to be handled efficiently, it is important for children who are in the teams to ensure that they bring with them all the necessary kit required for the different sports they are presenting. We want as far as possible, to avoid having to borrow and so delay the proceedings.

10. READATHON 2017 ~ TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

This year's Readathon will take place on **Tuesday 5 September**. On this day every pupil will be asked to dress up as a character from a book. All pupils are to bring a story book and a cushion / picnic blanket to school.

It must be noted that this is not a Civvies Day. Pupils may choose to dress up as a character (which is what we are encouraging) or they must wear their school uniform.

Every class will be buddied with another class. This will take place half an hour before break on the field and netball court area, where they will share a reading experience.

11. 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.

12. SPORTS RESULTS

HOCKEY

Grade 3 Festival ~ Crawford North Coast ~ Saturday 12 August

Boys

Atholton A	0	Crawford LL	0	Atholton B	1	Crawford NC	0
Atholton A	0	Crawford NC	2	Atholton B	0	Chelsea	1
Atholton A	0	Umhlali	0	Atholton B	0	Chelsea	1
Atholton A	0	Ashton	0	Atholton B	0	Umhlali	0

Girls

Atholton A	0	Crawford LL	0	Atholton B	0	Umhlali	2
Atholton A	0	Crawford NC	1	Atholton B	0	Chelsea	2
Atholton A	0	Umhlali	6	Atholton B	2	Chelsea	2
Atholton A	2	Ashton	4	Atholton B	0	Umhlali	2

Grade 3 Festival ~ Cheslea Preparatory

Boys

Atholton A	1	DBN Primary	0	Atholton B	0	DBN Primary	0
Atholton A	0	Chelsea	2	Atholton B	0	Ashton	4
Atholton A	1	Crawford NC	0	Atholton B	2	Glenashley	0
Atholton A	0	Ashton	1	Atholton B	1	Crawford NC	0

Girls

Atholton A	5	DBN Primary	0	Atholton B	1	DBN Primary	0
Atholton A	0	Chelsea	2	Atholton B	0	Ashton	1
Atholton A	1	Crawford NC	0	Atholton B	0	Glenashley	1
Atholton A	0	Ashton	0	Atholton B	0	Chelsea	2

Boys' Hockey

vs Northlands ~ Friday 11 August

U13A Atholton	0	Northlands	6	U13B Atholton	0	Northlands	2
U11A Atholton	0	Northlands	6	U11B Atholton	0	Northlands	3
U10A Atholton	0	Northlands	6	U10B Atholton	1	Northlands	6

vs Ashton ~ Wednesday 16 August

U13A Atholton	1	Ashton	3	U13B Atholton	0	Ashton	2
U11A Atholton	9	Ashton	2	U11B Atholton	2	Ashton	2
U10A Atholton	3	Ashton	2	U10B Atholton	2	Ashton	5

Girls' Hockey

vs Northlands ~ Thursday 10 August

U13A Atholton	0	Northlands	2	U13B Atholton	1	Northlands	0
U13C Atholton	0	Northlands	4				
U11A Atholton	0	Northlands	5	U11B Atholton	0	Northlands	3
U10A Atholton	1	Northlands	2	U10B Atholton	0	Northlands	3

Festival at Fatima ~ Saturday 12 August

U11A Atholton	0	Fatima	0
U11A Atholton	0	Reddam	1
U11A Atholton	1	Virginia	1
U11A Atholton	0	WSPS	2

vs Fatima ~ Tuesday 15 August

U13A Atholton	0	Fatima	3	U13B Atholton	1	Fatima	2
U11A Atholton	0	Fatima	5	U11B Atholton	1	Fatima	0
U10A Atholton	0	Fatima	2	U10B Atholton	0	Fatima	3

vs Ashton ~ Thursday 17 August

U13A	Atholton	1	Ashton	3	U13B	Atholton	1	Ashton	0
U11A	Atholton	0	Ashton	3	U11B	Atholton	1	Ashton	0
U10A	Atholton	1	Ashton	0	U10B	Atholton	0	Ashton	2

CROSS COUNTRY**Crawford La Lucia ~ Friday 4 August 2017**U12 Scott Engelbrecht ~ 10th**Crawford North Coast ~ Friday 12 August 2017**

U9	Narlady Mutambiranwa	~	3 rd
	Maria King	~	10 th
U11	Akhil Maduray	~	7 th
U12	Trinity Dove	~	9 th
U13	Ella Potterton	~	8 th

13. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Kaitlyn Mungaroo participated in the KZN NDSA Gala and achieved the following:

Silver ~ 100m Butterfly ; 50m Backstroke; 50m Butterfly; 200m IM

Bronze ~ 50m Breaststroke; 50m Freestyle; 100m Freestyle

THIRD TERM DIARY**August**

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	Grade 3 Boys' Hockey ~ Reddam
		14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Reddam ~ Away
Thurs	31	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Reddam ~ Away
Thurs	31	18h00	Grade 7 Spur Evening

September

Fri	01	08h00	Spring Day - Visit to Retirement Homes
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Chelsea / Fatima
		17h00	Spring Walk and Family Braai
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 ~ Virginia Soccer Ground
Sat	09	10h30	Grandparent's and Family Day
Wed	13	14h30	Boys' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast ~ Away
Thurs	14	14h30	Girls' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast ~ Away
Fri	15	14h30	Cross Country ~ Ashton

*Tuesday 19 ~ Thursday 21
Junior Primary Concert ~ Cinderella*

Mon	25		Public Holiday
Fri	29	10h00	School Closes



Change of personal Details

Child's Name:

Address :
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Father's Cell No :

Mother's Cell No:

Home No:

E-Mail :