



Atholton News



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Headmaster's Notice

The Power of Apologising

According to Kelsie Frizzel we have reached a day and an age where showing emotional vulnerability can be viewed as a positive rather than a negative.

People are becoming aware of ideas like empathy and sensitivity and we are being encouraged to talk about our feelings and to connect with others. We need to collaborate and not be confrontational. We are encouraged to talk to others rather than bottle it up inside, after all a problem shared is a problem halved. It is vital in moving forward that we are able to recognise our own mistakes and then offer a sincere apology.

Learning to apologise is the first and most important step in the healing process. Not only does it show the recipients that you acknowledge their rights to feel hurt but it opens the way to forgiveness.



We embark on a very short holiday before the 4th Term which is arguably the most demanding of all. If you are travelling, please travel safely.

Mr M Bursik
Headmaster

1. SCHOOL FEES

Quarterly payments are R5 900, due at the beginning of each Term. 4th Term fees are due at the beginning of October and the last monthly payment is due at the end of October.

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

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

Grade 1, 2 and 3 parents please take note that on Friday at 12h30 all children must be collected at the Grade 1 Gate in Kingston Drive, the Grade 1 and 2 playground, or the Campbell Drive Gate - across the field.

The main front gate in Kingston Drive is not open at 12h30. If your child is collected by private transport, please let them know that they are not to collect children at the main front gate in Kingston Drive.

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 in a private activity that is officially authorised by the school.

3. FOURTH TERM

School will re-open at 07h30 on Monday 9 October for the start of the last academic term and will close at 10h00 on Wednesday 6 December.

4. STAFF DEVELOPMENT Friday 13 and Saturday 14 October

School will close at 11h00 on Friday 13 October for our Staff Development Weekend. There will be no Homework Centre or After-Care facilities available. All children must be collected by 11h00.

5. SPORT

The Fourth Term is primarily a swimming and cricket term. Please consult the Extra-Curricular Timetable for next term. All sport will start on Monday 9 October.

Please note that pupils will swim during PE and will be assessed on their ability and effort. Pupils will receive a mark which is reflected on their final report. Kindly encourage your child to have his/ her kit at school on PE days. PE is a compulsory lesson and all pupils are expected to attend and participate.

6. JUNIOR PRIMARY CONCERT ~ CINDERELLA

Our Junior Primary pupils performed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening to packed audiences. Our children are to be congratulated on the wonderful show that they provided for us. Not only did they perform most professionally, but they sang beautifully and their costumes were magnificent. Well done to all our boys and girls.

Thank you to our JP teachers, Mrs McLeod, Mr Vall, Mrs Schafer, Mrs Brits and the Mothers' Committee and all those who were involved in painting the backdrops, working backstage, making props or assisting with makeup. Thank you to Mrs Grove for all the wonderful photographs.

DVD's of the concert are available. If you have not already ordered one, remember to return your order form at the beginning of next term.

7. PLANNING FOR 2018

A notice was sent home requesting those families who are leaving Atholton at the end of 2017 to advise us of this. This does not include our Grade 7's who we presume will be heading off to High School in 2018.

All other families, Grade 000 - Grade 6, are asked to complete the tear-off reply slip and return it to school as a matter of urgency. This information allows us to determine the number of available spaces we are able to fill for 2018.

8. UNIFORM SHOP

Please note that there will be a price increase from next term. Whilst every effort is made to ensure stock availability, parents are advised to try to purchase or order uniforms in advance.

If you require larger than usual sizes, you will need to order in advance as items can take up to 8 weeks for suppliers to manufacture.

Please ensure that orders for swimming kit and sandals are placed as soon as possible.

Orders can be emailed or whatsapped to atholtonuniforms@telkomsa.net or 0843492014.

There will be no card facilities from the 4th Term. You are advised to download Zapper if you want to make card payments.

Payment is Cash / Zapper / EFT. There are no credit facilities and no uniforms will be given without full payment.

9. BOOK FAIR

To promote reading and literacy at Atholton Primary we will be hosting a Book Fair on **Monday 16 October ~ 10h00 - 15h00** and **Tuesday 17 October ~ 07h30 - 13h00** in the Boardroom.

You are invited to visit the Fair to purchase books for your children. Each class will be allocated a time to browse the books at the Fair. If you are unable to pop in yourself, you may send the money in an envelope so that your child can purchase a book. The average price of a book is R70.

In appreciation for hosting the Book Fair, Books 2 You, gives us a buy back bonus. We will receive a percentage of the total sales in books. This is a wonderful way to add new titles to our library at no extra cost.

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. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Thej Moodley, Grade 1, played for Virginia Football Club this season. His team won the league, losing only 1 game the entire season.

Muhammad Zia Varachia received a trophy and medal for finishing 2nd in the Durban and Districts Football league, representing Virginia United U10.

Shreya Govender participated in the NDSA Gala and achieved the following:

Gold	~	100m Breaststroke; 50m Breaststroke
Silver	~	100m Butterfly
Bronze	~	50m Butterfly

Shreya also took part in the last of the Dolphin Mile Surf Swim Series. She has completed 7 of the 9 swims and was placed 1st overall in the 10 - 13 year age group.

Dashriya, Daneha and Dayika Naidoo took part in the KZN Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships and were awarded the following:

Dashriya ~ Gold; Daneha ~ Silver and Dayika ~ Bronze.

12. SPORTS RESULTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Atholton Primary School ~ Friday 8 September

U12 Boys	~	Scott Engelbrecht	3 rd
U12 Girls	~	Trinity Dove	10 th
U11 Boys	~	Akhil Maduray	4 th
		Sisekelo Kwini	7 th
U9 Girls	~	Narlady Mutambiranwa	4 th
	~	Maria King	8 th

Ashton College ~ Friday 15 September

U12 Boys	~	Scott Engelbrecht	3 rd
U11 Boys	~	Akhil Maduray	4 th
		Sisekelo Kwini	8 th
U9 Girls	~	Narlady Mutambiranwa	7 th

HOCKEY

vs Crawford North Coast ~ 6 and 7 September

Boys

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

Girls

U13A Atholton	0	Crawford LL	5	U13B Atholton	4	Crawford LL	0
U11A Atholton	0	Crawford LL	2	U11B Atholton	0	Crawford LL	1
U10A Atholton	0	Crawford LL	1	U10B Atholton	1	Crawford LL	0

vs Crawford North Coast ~ 14 and 15 September

Boys

U10A Atholton	9	Crawford NC	0	U10B Atholton	1	Crawford NC	5
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Girls

U13A Atholton	0	Crawford NC	3	U13B Atholton	1	Crawford NC	0
U11A Atholton	0	Crawford NC	2				
U10A Atholton	2	Crawford NC	3	U10B Atholton	5	Crawford NC	0

Grade 3 ~ Festival at La Lucia Junior Primary ~ Thursday 21 September

Boys

Atholton A	1	Chelsea	0	Atholton B	1	Chelsea	1
Atholton A	3	Glenashley	0	Atholton B	4	La Lucia JP	0
Atholton A	1	La Lucia JP	0	Atholton B	0	La Lucia JP	0

FOURTH TERM DIARY

October

Mon	09	07h30	School opens for the 4 th Term
Thurs	12	18h00	Grade 2 Spur Evening
Fri	13	11h00	Staff Development - School Closes early
		14h00	U11 Pro 8 Cricket Festival ~ Northlands Primary
Wed	18	14h30	U10A Cricket vs Durban North Primary ~ Home U11A Cricket vs Durban North Primary ~ Away U13A Cricket vs Durban North Primary ~ Home
Thurs	19		Diwali ~ School Closed
Fri	20	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs La Lucia JP ~ Home
Tues	24	11h00	Pre-School Orientation
		14h30	U10A Cricket vs Maidstone ~ Away U11A Cricket vs Maidstone ~ Home U13A Cricket vs Maidstone ~ Home
Wed	25	11h00	Grade 1 Orientation
		14h30	U13B Cricket vs Rodney Malaba XI
Thurs	26	18h00	Atholton Invitational Gala
Fri	27	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Ashton ~ Away
Sat	28	08h00	Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College

November

Wed	01	14h30	U10B Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Away U11B Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Away U13B Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Home
Fri	03	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Durban North Primary ~ Home
Sat	04	08h00	Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College U10A Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Away U11A Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Home U13A Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Home
Wed	08	14h30	U10A Cricket vs Crawford North Coast ~ Home U11A Cricket vs Crawford North Coast ~ Away U13A Cricket vs Crawford North Coast ~ Home
Thurs	09	14h30	U13C Cricket vs Rodney Malamba XI ~ Home
Fri	10	14h30	Graded 3 Hardball Cricket vs Reddam ~ Home
Sat	11	08h00	Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
Fri	17	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Chelsea
Sat	18	08h00	Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
Fri	24	18h00	Grade 7 Farewell
Tues	28	18h00	Carols' Evening
Wed	29	10h00	Senior Primary Inter-House Gala
		12h00~14h30	Waltons Back to School Stationery Collection
Thurs	30	09h00	Pre School Inflatables Day
		12h00~14h30	Waltons Back to School Stationery Collection

December

Fri	01	08h00	Inflatables Day
Mon	04	10h00	Junior Primary Prize Giving
Tues	05	10h00	Senior Primary Prize Giving
Wed	06	08h45	Final Assembly
		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 :