



# Atholton News

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## HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

What an incredible and exciting start to 2017. The Atholton Family welcomed 84 Grade 1 pupils and a number of other new pupils from Grade 2 - 7, all of whom have settled in well.

A huge thank you to the staff and secretaries who gave up so much of their holiday time to ensure that we got off to a flying start. Well done to our parents who have been so supportive, ensuring that our children are confident, independent and ready for the new year, new class and new school.

To my staff and all the parents who attended the Parent Information Evenings, thank you. The purpose of these meetings is, apart from meeting the teacher, to inform you about procedures in the classroom, so that you are better able to assist your child. I do hope they were beneficial and you all feel better equipped to work together with the school to ensure that your child has a happy and successful 2017. I sincerely hope that you have found them informative.

Our pupil numbers have grown from the end of last year and we are at capacity in all Grades. Some parents are still however arriving in the foyer trying to enrol their children and we are simply unable to help them. I need to remind our existing parents who have younger children possibly needing to be at school in 2018, that Admission for Pre School and Grade 1 - 7 opens officially at Atholton on the first working day of March 2017. Please make a note of this date.

M Bursik  
Headmaster

## 1. SCHOOL FEES

Accounts will be sent out monthly and monthly payers should note that the first payment falls due on 01 January 2017, and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month thereafter.

Parents are reminded that a reduction of **R2 000** will be granted if the full annual fee is paid via EFT no later than 28 February 2017 : R21 600 and a reduction of **R1 200** if paid by Credit Card no later than 28 February 2017 : R22 400

Parents who have elected to pay monthly, should have already made their first monthly payment of R2 360.

Quarterly payers (R5900,00) should also have made their first payment by 11 January 2017.

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

## 2. MATRICS 2016

Atholton is very proud to announce just a few of our past pupils 2016 Matric Results.

The following are the names of pupils that have been published or forwarded to us by their schools. If we have left anyone out, please accept our apologies.

Sanam Daya	8 A's;	Shrivar Bhoora	7 A's
Taryn Gore	7 A's (and 100% for Visual Arts)		
Keshav Maharaj	7 A's	Divashen Moodley	7 A's

## 3. INSURANCE

Marsh & McLennan (033 341 9090) offers an excellent insurance policy for learners at Public Schools, covering any accident giving rise to personal injury which occurs while involved in any school-related activity.

### **This cover is effective from 1 January 2017 for an annual fee of R208**

It is highly recommended that parents take advantage of this offer. Payment should be made by the end of February 2017. If you wish to take advantage of this cover for your child, kindly complete the attached form and return it to school, together with proof of payment as soon as possible. Payments should be made directly into our Bank Account. Please use your child's name and INS as the reference.

**Banking Details:**

FNB : Atholton Primary School  
Account Number : 55010006233  
Code : 220629

**4. SENIOR PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIP GALA  
Thursday 26 January 2017 ~ 17h30 - 19h30**

Parents are invited to join us at the pool to cheer their children on at our Annual SP Championship Gala. Trials were held and the top 8 swimmers in each age group and per stroke have been selected to compete. This gala serves as a very good opportunity for us to select those swimmers who will represent their school in various galas throughout the year. Top swimmers are expected to attend Squad training and we expect 100% commitment from them.

SP pupils who are swimming in our Championship gala are expected to be at school by 17h00.

Full Atholton tracksuit, plain black swimming costumes and swimming caps are to be worn. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name.

The gala should be over by 19h30. The tuckshop will be open. Parking will be available on the field, weather permitting.

**5. GRADE 7 NEWS**

Parents of Grade 7 pupils wishing to enrol their children for High School next year will need to make application to the High School of their choice very early this year - usually before the end of March 2017.

**6. PARKING**

This is an urgent and desperate request to parents to please not park in the driveways of the houses around our school. We have managed to maintain a good, healthy relationship with our neighbours over the years because we show mutual respect to each other. Atholton is a community school and as such our neighbours are important to us.

Please do not destroy that relationship and create animosity by being discourteous when parking in their driveway.

If you plan to get out of your car to collect your child, please find a parking space demarcated along the front of the school, or park on the verge in such a way that nobody else is inconvenienced in any way.

**7. SQUAD SWIMMING**

Swimming is a tough sport which demands self-motivation and discipline and children need all the support they can get. Having said this and while being very appreciative of your support I ask that you leave the school coaching to our professional team of coaches.

Please could I appeal to the parents that they do not remain in the pool area during squad training.

## **8. UNIFORM SHOP**

Thank you to all the parents for their support and patience during this very busy back to school season.

Unfortunately some sizes in the school dresses did get sold out. More stock is expected mid February.

Jerseys are now in stock so please try to get them before winter as stock is not guaranteed. If you require larger than normal sizes please give at least 6 weeks' notice so that the larger sizes can be sourced.

Card facilities will no longer be available from February. The payment options are cash, Zapper or EFT. Please download the Zapper app if you have a smartphone. You do not have to physically be at the shop to effect payment as the shop's barcode can be sent to you. You can also load the banking details as a beneficiary and do electronic transfers if you prefer.

No items will be given without payment.

We do understand that you may have uniform emergencies but please call between 07h30 and 16h30. You are welcome to send an SMS, email and Whatsapp and we will respond as soon as possible.

## **9. SAFETY AT GATES**

Atholton pupils are not allowed to wait for their parents on the pavement outside the gates at 14h00. They will remain inside the school premises until such time as they see their parents arrive to collect them, or they are fetched.

Please refrain from hooting to attract your child's attention.

Please do not park across the road and expect your child to cross the road to you when there is a lot of traffic going back and forth.

Importantly, please note that pupils should not be waiting at the gate after 14h30. Parents who cannot collect their children by 14h30 are advised that we do offer a Homework Centre facility which they may send their children to for a small fee.

The only children who are permitted to be at the gate after this time are those who have attended an Extra-Curricular activity and finish after 15h00 or 15h30.

## **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 ACHIEVEMENT

**Sia Hooblal** and **Nikayla Moodley** participated in the Regional championships this weekend.

Sia was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in her division.

Nikayla was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for Kumite and will go on to participate in the KZN Tournament in February.

### FIRST TERM DIARY

#### January

Thurs	26	17h30	Senior Primary Championship Gala
Fri	27	14h30	U10 Cricket Festival ~ Crawford North Coast
Sat	28	08h00	U10 Cricket Festival ~ Crawford North Coast
		08h00	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
Tues	31	18h00	SGB Elections

#### February

Wed	01	14h30	U10B, U11B, U13B Cricket vs Umhlali
		1700	Danville Information Evening ~ Grade 6
Thurs	02	14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Durban North College
		18h00	SGB Elections
		1700	Danville Information Evening ~ Grade 7
Sat	04	08h00	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Umhlali
		08h00	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
Mon	06	14h30	U11 North Durban Cricket Trials - Northlands Primary
Wed	08	14h30	U10B, U11A, Cricket vs Northlands
Thurs	09	14h30	U13B Cricket vs Northlands Primary
		14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Crawford North Coast
Fri	10	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Ashton College ~ Home
		14h30	Valentine's Day Gala ~ Crawford North Coast
Sat	11	08h00	U11 North Durban Cricket Trials ~ Northlands Primary
		08h00	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
		08h00	U10A, U13A Cricket vs Northlands
		08h00	Midmar Mile
Sun	12	08h00	Midmar Mile
Mon	13	14h30	U13 North Durban Cricket Trials ~ Northlands Primary
Tues	14	14h30	North Durban "A" League Gala ~ Crawford La Lucia
Wed	15	14h30	U10B, U11B, U13B Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia
Thurs	16	14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Redham
		14h30	North Durban "B" League Gala ~ Crawford La Lucia
Fri	17	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Umhlali B ~ Home
		18h00	Valentine's Day Disco and Family Braai
Sat	18	08h00	U13 North Durban Cricket Trials ~ Northlands Primary
		08h00	U10A, U11A Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia
		08h00	U13 A Cricket vs Hurleyvale Primary School
		08h00	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
Mon	20	13h00	D & D "C" League Gala ~ Kings Park Pool

Thurs	23	14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Atholton
Fri	24	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Redham ~ Home
Sat	25	08h00	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Ashton College
		08h00	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College

**March**

Wed	01	14h30	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Crawford North Coast
Thurs	02	14h30	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Crawford North Coast
Fri	03	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Glenashley ~ Home
		14h30	Gala ~ Redham
Tues	07	14h00	U11, U12, U13 Zonal Netball Trials ~ Atholton
Wed	08	14h00	U11, U12, U13 Zonal Netball Trials ~ Atholton
		14h30	U13B Cricket vs Northcrest
		14h30	U10A, U11A, Cricket vs Durban North Primary
Thurs	09	14h30	U13A Cricket vs Durban North Primary
Fri	10	08h00	Class Photos
		14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Umhlali "A"

*Monday 13 March ~ Friday 17 March  
Parent / Teacher Interviews*

Mon	13	13h00	U12 & U13 Girls Phoenix Circuit Hockey Trials
Tues	14	13h00	U12 & U13 Boys Phoenix Circuit Hockey Trials
Wed	15	14h30	U10B, U11B, U13B Cricket vs Redham
Fri	17	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Redham ~ Home
Sat	18	08h00	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Redham
Mon	20		School Holiday
Tues	21		Public Holiday ~ Human Rights Day
Wed	29	09h30	Junior Primary Inter-House Gala
Thurs	30	10h15	Music Festival ~ Atholton Primary School
Fri	31	11h00	School Closes

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<b>Change of personal Details</b>	
Child's Name:	.....
Address :	.....
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Father's Cell No :	.....
Mother's Cell No:	.....
Home No:	.....
E-Mail :	.....