



Atholton News

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HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

Secrets of Highly Happy Children

Recently I watched a group of our young boys and girls playing a game on our main field. Do not ask me what the game was, or who compiled the rule book, but each and everyone of them was having fun. They were laughing from the belly up. This undiluted fun made me think of an article written by Katie Hurley author of the Happy Kid Handbook.

She says that when we think about children we don't think about happiness enough. Instead we think about success, about comparisons, milestones, graduations and shiny trophies. We tend to think about all the obstacles that make parenting and teaching so exhausting.

Once upon a time childhood was filled with endless days spent outside and very little TV. Children's imaginations ran wild and kids made their own fun with nothing but a few Matchbox cars and an old cardboard box. They played, they learned, they socialised. But most of all, they had fun. This does not give our children leeway to do what they want when they want. Self-Discipline and motivation are just as important. Certain chores need to be done on a daily basis and those are non-negotiable.

The CAPS policy document has placed a huge demand on our teachers, pupils and parent and I just wonder if we are being asked to teach the subject and not the child, I sincerely hope not. We need to teach the child maths and not maths to the child.

Mr Steve Mack, an Educational Psychologist, is coming to do a workshop for our staff on how to teach and discipline with love and care thereby ensuring a happy environment.

M Bursik
Headmaster

1. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

At a By-Election last Thursday, 2 February, Mrs T Singh was elected onto the School Governing Body for a term of 1 year.

2. VALENTINE'S DAY

On Tuesday 14th February we will celebrate Valentine's Day at Atholton by inviting our boys and girls to wear red and white casual clothes to school. This is our first Civvies Day this year. They may not wear beach clothes but should still be respectably dressed with comfortable shoes on their feet. Make-up and jewellery that does not conform with our School's Dress Code is not allowed. To participate in our Valentine's Civvies Day pupils must pay R10 to the class teacher by Friday 10 February.

Any child who does not wish to participate is to wear the normal school uniform.

3. PRE-PRIMARY OPEN EVENING

Our Pre-Primary will be holding an Open Evening for all new parents wishing to enroll their children at our Pre-Primary in 2018. They need to reside in our zone area to apply at our school.

New parents are invited to visit the school on Wednesday, 22 February 2017 between 16h30 and 19h00 to view our facilities.

4. D6 COMMUNICATOR

You are reminded to click on the **Personalise** tab to update your child's Grade as well as the extra-curricular sports they are involved in. This will ensure that you receive useful and pertinent information.

New parents are encouraged to read the flyer included in this Newsletter.

5. FAMILY BRAAI / DISCO : FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

The evening programme begins at 17h30 for our Junior Primary pupils who will enjoy a Disco in the Hall until 19h00, when the Senior Primary pupils will take over until 22h00.

Cost : Junior Primary	:	R10,00
Senior Primary	:	R20,00

The disco is for the pupils only - parents are asked to remain outside the hall.

Please also note that Atholton Discos are for the enjoyment of existing Atholton pupils only. No past pupils, relatives or friends will be admitted into the hall.

Braais, tables and benches will be made available for parents on the quad and you are invited to come along and join us at our first Family Braai for 2017. We generally have large numbers in attendance and so parents may wish to bring their own tables and comfy chairs as well as braais.

Please do not braai on the field, or empty hot coals onto the Netball court or into our garden.

Weather permitting, parking will be available on the field.

Teachers will be on duty in the Hall, but parents are responsible for their own children's behaviour in the quad area. Pupils may not play on the field, in the school buildings, or up at the pool area.

Balls, skate boards, bikes and scooters are not permitted.

Please join us. We look forward to a lovely evening together.

6. SENIOR PRIMARY CHAMPIONSHIP GALA

Individual Trophies

Barns Trophy	:	<i>Girls U13 Individual Medley</i>	:	Ella Potterton
Barns Trophy	:	<i>Boys U13 Individual Medley</i>	:	Elliott Vermeulen
Mawdsley Trophy				
		<i>Most outstanding Girl Swimmer in Grade 4-6</i>	:	Kaitlyn Mungaroo
Scott Burdon Trophy				
		<i>Most outstanding Boy Swimmer in Grade 4-6</i>	:	Elliott Vermeulen / Dhilan Govender
Dudley Thompson Trophy				
		<i>Most outstanding Girl Swimmer in Grade 7 (U12 & U13)</i>	:	Ella Potterton
Pattie Trophy				
		<i>Most outstanding Boy Swimmer in Grade 7 (U12 & U13)</i>	:	Jevaon Govender

Medals:

	Girls	Boys
U10		
3 rd	Jaia-Lee Volschenk	Pranav Dayaram
2 nd	Imogen Lees	Gregory Bosman
1 st	Kaitlyn Mungaroo	Ashton Uren
U11		
3 rd	Daniella Hitchins	Leal Jensen
2 nd		Erik Marthinusen
1 st	Holly Marx / Keira King	Dhilan Govender
U12		
3 rd	Jade Brown	Alex Gordon
2 nd	Valma-Jean Hockly	Pavlos Tselentis
1 st	Trinity Dove	Elliott Vermeulen
U13		
3 rd	Zonya Swart	
2 nd	Shreya Govender	Alexander Lacher / Gabriel Croeser
1 st	Ella Potterton	Jevaon Govender

7. MIDMAR MILE

To all our teachers, pupils and parents who are swimming on Saturday or Sunday, we wish you well.

8. NEW COSTUMES FOR THE SWIM SQUAD

All squad swimmers will need to purchase a new Green and White Atholton Costume. These are available from Mrs Brits at a cost of R175 - Girls and R150 Boys.

9. SAFETY AT THE GATES

Despite our appeal in the previous Newsletter, we still have parents who are parking across the road and expecting their children to cross the road.

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.

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

Liam Terry was awarded Best Bowler at the U10 Crawford Cricket Festival.

12. SPORT

Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Saturday 28 January

Atholton A	1,5 points	Chelsea A	9,5 points
Atholton lost by 8 points			

Atholton B	4,1 points	Chelsea B	4,2 points
Atholton lost by .1 point			

Saturday 4 February

Atholton A	3,4 points	Ashton	10,2 points
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Atholton lost by 6.8 points

Atholton B	0,6 points	Clifton	93 points
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Atholton lost by 92,4 points

Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Saturday 4 February

Atholton	3.5 points	Durban North College	9,7 points
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Atholton lost by 6,2 points

CRICKET**U10 Festival ~ Crawford North Coast, Friday 27 and Sat 28 January**

vs Marist Brothers

Atholton	76 for 8	Marist Brothers	48 for 9
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Atholton won by 28 runs

vs Crawford North Coast

Atholton	46 for 2	Crawford North Coast	46 all out
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Atholton won by 8 wickets

vs Virginia

Atholton	78 for 8	Virginia	109 for 7
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Atholton lost by 31 runs

vs Durban North College ~ Tuesday 24 January

U13A Atholton	117 for 3	Durban North College	76 all out
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Atholton won by 41 runs

U11A Atholton 58 for 0

Durban North College	57 all out
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Atholton won by 10 wickets

vs Umhlali Preparatory ~ Wednesday 1 February

U13B Atholton	89 for 9	Umhlali Preparatory	90 for 0
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Atholton lost by 10 wickets

U11B Atholton 56 all out

Umhlali Preparatory	195 for 4
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Atholton lost by 139 runs

U10B Atholton 98 all out

Umhlali Preparatory	156 for 7
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Atholton lost by 58 runs

vs Umhlali Preparatory ~ Saturday 4 February

U13A Atholton	60 all out	Umhlali Preparatory	356 for 2
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Atholton lost by 296 runs

U11A Atholton 82 all out

Umhlali Preparatory	254 for 8
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Atholton lost by 172 runs

U10A Atholton 126 for 2

Umhlali Preparatory	125 for 6
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Atholton won by 8 wickets

SWIMMING

Grade 3 Gala ~ Durban North College ~ Thursday 2 February

Our Grade 3 squad swam in their first gala on Thursday. The boys and girls are to be congratulated on their excellent swimming and results. Special mention must be made of the girls who won the Breaststroke Relay. What a great start to our season.

FIRST TERM DIARY

February

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	07h30	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
		08h00	U11 North Durban Cricket Trials ~ Northlands Primary
		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
		17h30	Valentine's Day Disco and Family Braai
Sat	18	07h30	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
		08h00	U13 North Durban Cricket Trials ~ Northlands Primary
		08h00	U10A, U11A Cricket vs Crawford La Lucia
		08h00	U13 A Cricket vs Hurleyvale Primary School
Mon	20	13h00	D & D "C" League Gala ~ Kings Park Pool
Wed	22	16h30	Pre-Primary Open Evening
Thurs	23	14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Atholton
Fri	24	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Redham ~ Home
Sat	25	07h30	Grade 2 & 3 Mini Cricket ~ Durban North College
		08h00	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Ashton 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	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 :