



# Atholton News

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## HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

About 100 years ago Atholton opened its doors to 25 pupils and since then has grown steadily to our current enrolment of 588 pupils. Together with the School Governing Body we feel that this is the perfect size where every child can develop into the best that they can be. Up until a few years ago our neighbouring schools were of similar size but today this has changed. While we remain at 588 our neighbours have expanded, some to well over 1 000 pupils. We at Atholton chose to remain small and intimate.

With this in mind I need to praise our swimming and cricket teams. Our boys and girls are certainly punching above their weight. We have recorded some incredible wins over some very big schools. To all our sportsmen and women, you are all superstars and we are very proud of you. We will continue to support our boys and girls who are making us so proud.

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We received the sad news that after 24 years of outstanding service to Atholton, Mrs Alison Hack will be leaving us today. Her husband has taken ill and she has decided to spend time with him. While we are devastated by her news, she has made the right decision and she has our full support and love in the years ahead.

M Bursik  
Headmaster

## **1. ADMISSIONS : 2018**

Admissions for 2018 will open for all Grades on 1 March 2017.

Parents who already have children at Atholton and who wish to enrol a younger sibling must ensure that they apply in a similar fashion to any other parent. We cannot guarantee any placements if parents make late applications, even though we try to give preference to siblings who live in the area.

When application forms are submitted, it is expected that all the required documentation will be provided and that the form is filled in, in its entirety.

Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

## **2. PARENT INTERVIEWS ~ 13 - 17 MARCH**

Parents are invited to meet their child's class teacher in the week 13 - 17 March to discuss academic progress and matters pertaining to what happens in the classroom. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get to know the person who your child spends many hours with each day.

Forms have been sent home. If you have not already done so, kindly indicate 3 possible times which are convenient to you so that the teachers can arrange their Interview Timetables and return meeting times to you.

## **3. MIDMAR MILE**

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2017 our Atholton Swimmers participated in the aQuelle Midmar Mile. It was a wonderful two days and our swimmers made us very proud.

Some of our swimmers chose to swim for the CHOC Cows who raise funds for CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation South Africa). Together with their families, and our school support they were able to raise R42 000. Well done to all our boys and girls who swam so incredibly well. Hopefully next year can get a few more swimmers to join us in this wonderful event was recognised by the Guinness Book of Records in 2009 as the World's largest open water swimming event.

Well done to:

Trinity Dove; Valma Jean Hockly; Shreya Govender; Ella Potterton; Keira King; Holly Marx; Rebecka Schoultz; Kaitlyn Mungaro; Eric Marthinusen; Connor McLennan Yusuf Patel; Ashton Uren; Dhilan Govender; Finn Marx; Elliot Vermeulen.

## **4. 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 area to apply at our school.

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

## 5. TRAVELLING BOOKSHOP

The Travelling Bookshop is visiting Atholton next week on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 February. An amazing selection of well-priced books will be on sale in the SP Library on Monday from 10h30 to 15h00 and on Tuesday from 08h30 to 14h30.

## 6. 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.**

## 7. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENT

**Dhilan and Shreya Govender** participated in the Dolphin Mile Surf Swim and were both placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in their age groups.

**Indie Van De Wall** surfed in the Wave Wizards Surfing Competition. He was placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Novice Boys' Division.

**Nikayla Moodley** was placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the KZN Karate Tournament and will now compete in the SA Nationals in March. Nikayla was awarded her KZN Colours.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been selected for the North Durban U13 Cricket Team.

**Nduduzo Zikhali; Dereesan Naidoo; Nhlakanipho Mabaso**

## 8. SPORT

### Grade 2 Mini Cricket ~ Saturday 11 February

Atholton A 13 points                      Reddam House 6 points  
Atholton won by 7 points

Atholton B 5 points                      Crawford LL 20 points  
Atholton lost by 15 points

**Saturday 18 February**

Atholton A	11 points	Crawford LL	8 points
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Atholton won by 3 points

Atholton B	3.2 points	Ashton	15 points
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Atholton lost by 11.8 points

**Grade 3 Mini Cricket ~ Saturday 11 February**

Atholton	11.1 points	Penzance	4.1 points
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Atholton won by 7 points

**Saturday 18 February**

Atholton	11 points	La Lucia JP	3 points
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Atholton won by 8 points

**Grade 3 Hardball Cricket****Friday 10 February****vs Ashton**

Atholton	78 all out	Ashton	109 for 0
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Atholton lost by 31 runs

**Friday 17 February****vs Umhlali "B"**

Atholton	106 for 8	Umhlali "B"	101 for 7
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Atholton won by 5 runs

**CRICKET****vs Northlands Primary ~ Wednesday 8 and Saturday 11 February**

U13A Atholton	120 for 5	Northlands	121 for 3
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Atholton lost by 7 wickets  
*D. Naidoo 44; S Naidoo 26*

U11A Atholton	20 all out	Northlands	101 for 7
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Atholton lost by 81 runs

U10A Atholton	86 all out	Northlands	131 for 6
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Atholton lost by 45 runs

**vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Saturday 18 February**

U11A Atholton	58 all out	Crawford La Lucia	59 for 5
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Atholton lost by 5 wickets

U10A Atholton	56 all out	Crawford La Lucia	57 for 7
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Atholton lost by 3 wickets

**SWIMMING****Grade 3 Gala ~ Crawford North Coast ~ Thursday 9 February**

Our Grade 3 squad swam in a gala at Crawford North Coast on Thursday. The girls are to be congratulated on their excellent swimming and results.



## **Gala ~ Glenashley Preparatory ~ Wednesday 8 February**

We swam in a friendly "B" Relay Gala at Glenashley. All the races were 4 x 50m and some of our less regular swimmers discovered how unfit they were. It was a long gala, but a nice one to kick off the swimming season. No points were awarded but places were given and most of our age groups did extremely well, coming in the top two of all their races. Well done to the U10 girls and U11 boys who won all their races.

## **Gala ~ Crawford North Coast ~ Friday 10 February**

Our top 2 boy and girls swimmers in each stroke and age group, swam in the Valentine's Day Gala at Crawford North Coast. Points were not allocated but positions were and we swam well against 5 other schools, coming in the top 3 for most of the races. It is really encouraging to see a definite improvement in our swimming results. Keep it up swimmers!

## **North Durban "A" League Gala ~ Tuesday 14 February**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Atholton	114 points	7 <sup>th</sup>	Ashton College	165 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	Northlands	182 points	5 <sup>th</sup>	Chelsea Prep	212 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Reddam	213 points	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Crawford LL	219 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Virginia Prep	236 points	1 <sup>st</sup>	Umhlali Prep	244 points

## **North Durban "B" League Gala ~ Thursday 16 February**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Northlands	91 points	6 <sup>th</sup>	Reddam	107 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	Atholton	111 points	4 <sup>th</sup>	Glenashley	112 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chelsea Prep				
	Virginia Prep	182 points			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Umhlali Prep	200 points			

## **TENNIS**

Our Grade 3 boys and girls participated in a round robin tennis tournament on Wednesday against Fatima and Chelsea. They played a total of 9 games, winning 6 and losing only 3. Well done to our boys and girls.

## **FIRST TERM DIARY**

### **February**

Wed	22	16h30	Pre-Primary Open Evening
Thurs	23	14h30	Grade 3 Gala ~ Atholton
Fri	24	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Reddam ~ 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 ~ Reddam
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, Cricket vs Durban North Primary
Thurs	09	14h30	U13A, U11A 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 Reddam
Fri	17	14h30	Grade 3 Hardball Cricket vs Reddam ~ Home
Sat	18	08h00	U10A, U11A, U13A Cricket vs Reddam
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 : .....