



Atholton News

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HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

In the last Newsletter I remarked how our boys and girls had punched above their weight when representing Atholton, little did I know that a week later our girls would win the D & D "C" League gala. Well done to all our swimmers for the long hours that they put into their training. To all our parents who have sacrificed so much time to support Atholton in our sporting endeavours.

To All our boys and girls who have been on day excursion, thank you for being such good ambassadors for our school. Special mention must be made of our Grade 6 pupils who were complimented on their exemplary manners and behaviour by a delegation of Swedish and German educators who were visiting South Africa.

Recently Mrs Aucamp and I attended the North Durban Principals' Conference, where we were addressed by a number of thought provoking speakers, who presented on a variety of subjects pertaining to education. A common thread in all presentations, whether they be on Technology in Education, School Governance, Curriculum and Department Politics, seems to be the overriding necessity to go back to basics. To give back to our children their childhood. To ensure that there is a balance between academics, sport and free time. To insist on those old fashioned values of good manners, care and respect whether it be from a child for an adult or vice versa. To care for one another unconditionally. It seems that once these practices have been instilled and have become a core value then we can add the bells and whistles one by one.

Our Pre - school interviews are upon us while our main school interviews begin next week. May I take this opportunity to encourage all our parents to come along even if it is only to meet and greet your child's teacher. Please may I ask that you do not bring your child to the interview and that you are punctual.

M Bursik
Headmaster

1. PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday 20 March ~ School Holiday
Tuesday 21 March ~ Human Rights Day

2. CLASS PHOTOS

Class and Individual photos will be taken on Friday 10 March. Please ensure that your child comes to school on Friday and that he / she is neatly dressed in a clean uniform with hair neatly combed and tied back.

3. OVERNIGHT EXCURSIONS ~ 18 - 21 APRIL

These Overnight Excursions are offered to all of our children from Grade 1 - 7. We believe that they are an invaluable opportunity for teachers and pupils to bond and experience time away from school and home and to interact in different learning environments that allow talent and potential to be seen.

Parents are encouraged to allow their children to participate in this wonderful experience.

If you have not already done so please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Please note that there is a non-refundable deposit which is needed to pay for the bus which has a rate that does not change if there are less passengers.

4. JUNIOR PRIMARY GALA Wednesday 29 March ~ 08h30

Parents are invited to join us on Wednesday 29 March to watch and to cheer on their children during our Annual Junior Primary Inter - House Gala. Parking will be available on the field, weather permitting.

All Junior Primary children are expected to arrive at school in their PE Kit / Tracksuit with their plain black costumes on underneath. Caps and towels in the House colours are to be brought to school.

Grade 1 parents are asked to provide a plate of eats. These should be sent in the morning.

The children must be collected from their classroom on completion of the Gala. You may not take your children home before the end of the Gala. Please avoid making other arrangements as we prefer to ensure your children are safely handed over to you from the classroom. The Gala should be over by 10h15. **There will be no After Care on Wednesday 29 March.**

Please take note Senior Primary children will not be allowed to go home at 10h15.

5. CHOIR MORNING Thursday 30 March

Our Annual Schools' Choir Festival will be held again this year. Choirs from neighbouring Durban North schools have been invited to join us at Atholton to enjoy a fun morning of sharing musical talent.

The morning is for **pupils only** and the idea is that each choir will be given the opportunity to sing a couple of songs whilst the others listen to what different schools are presenting. It is not a competition but simply an occasion when the children can enjoy listening to what other schools are showcasing.

We look forward to an enjoyable morning together.

6. REPORTS

All Senior Primary pupils will bring home an abridged report with marks only, on the last day of term.

Included with the Term Report will be the Second Term Extra-Curricular Timetable.

7. END OF TERM

School closes at 10h00 of Friday 31 March and will re-open on Tuesday 18 April.

Please note that there is no After-Care or Homework Centre on break-up day.

8. 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.

9. SPEECH AND DRAMA

The Speech and Drama Festival for the Senior Primary children takes place from 24 - 26 May. Entries close next Friday 17 March.

10. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENT

This weekend **Keira King** and **Ella Potterton** competed in the KZN Nippers Championships. Keira came 2nd in the Surf Swim and Ella came 3rd in the U13 Flags and 4th in the U13 Iron Nipper.

Shreya Govender participated in the KZN Aquatics Level 2 Champs and was awarded the following:

Gold ~ 200 IM; 100m Breaststroke; 100m Butterfly; 200m Breaststroke
Silver ~ 50m Breaststroke; 200m Freestyle; 50m Butterfly

Congratulations to **Dereesan Naidoo** and **Gabriel Croeser** who were selected as our 1st Team Cricket Captain and Vice Captain respectively.

11. SPORT

Cricket

vs Crawford North Coast ~ Thursday 2 March 2017

U13A Atholton 78 all out Crawford North Coast 144 for 5
Joshua Smeeton 21 not out.
Atholton lost by 66 runs

U11A Atholton 58 all out Crawford North Coast 144 for 7
Atholton lost by 86 runs

U10A Atholton 68 for 1 Crawford North Coast 65 for 7
Liam Terry 38 not out
Atholton won by 9 wickets

Grade 3 Hardball ~ Friday 3 March vs Glenashley

Atholton 31 all out Glenashley 32 for 1
Atholton lost by 9 wickets

Mini Cricket

Grade 3 ~ Saturday 25 February

Atholton 8,9 points Northcrest 4,9 points
Atholton won by 4 points

Grade 2 ~ Saturday 25 February

Atholton A 12 Points Penzance 4 points
Atholton won by 8 points

Atholton B 3 points Glenashley 13 points
Atholton lost by 10 points

Volleyball

Our girls played their first matches this year against Seatides.

Atholton	9	Seatides	15
Atholton	7	Seatides	15
Atholton	5	Seatides	15

FIRST TERM DIARY

March

Wed	08	14h00	U11, U12, U13 Zonal Netball Trials ~ Atholton
		14h30	U11A Cricket vs Durban North Primary
Thurs	09	14h30	U10A , 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 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	08h30	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 :

Father's Cell No :
Mother's Cell No:
Home No:
E-Mail :