



Atholton News

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HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

Despite trying to reduce the number of activities on the calendar and give back to our children their childhood, we have hardly had time to catch our breath this term. We all know that life is about balance. Trying to balance academics and sport, playtime and structured time, homework and television. Easier said than done! I am not sure that we have got this balance right as a school. We need to replace quantity with quality both in the classroom and on the sports field. This will allow us to enjoy what we do and become more effective at whatever it is that we undertake.

I worry that we as a society and education department have a fixation with "marks". We as educators should be testing to teach and not teaching to test. A test should be a diagnostic tool and not an end result. It should not be feared by a child but rather be seen as a means of learning. The huge emphasis being placed on marks often results in the lack of importance of any form of work which is not for results. We must discourage our children's view that effort needs only be applied to tasks for which marks are assigned, this is not what education is about. Education aspires to developing attitudes and habits along with cognitive ability, something the Finns have perfected.

We are about to embark on a lovely holiday. May I take this opportunity to wish our Atholton family and staff a well deserved rest, doing things that bring restoration to mind, body and soul.

M Bursik
Headmaster

1. OVERNIGHT EXCURSIONS ~ 18 - 21 APRIL

We are nearly there. Parents are reminded that if full payment is not made by the day of departure, we cannot allow the child to accompany the group.

Please check to see what the payment options are.

We would ideally want every child to attend so that they can all benefit from this special time away together with their teachers and peers.

The table provides information regarding dates, times and the gates at which your child's bus will depart and return.

Please pay careful attention to the times and ensure that your child is at school well before the time indicated for departure.

The point of departure is the same place that the group will return to. Times for return are unfortunately flexible as one cannot always account for traffic or other possible delays but we will be in contact with the teachers and advise parents accordingly.

Parents will be advised via D6 when a group arrives safely at their destination.

Please assist your child with their packing and take note of the advice given in the provided list. The child should be able to carry his / her own bag.

Please note that Cell Phones are not permitted.

<i>Gr</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Destination</i>	<i>Gate ~ Depart and Arrive</i>
7	03/05/2017 05/05/2017	08h00 13h30	Baynesfield Estate	Campbell Drive ~ Top Gate
6	18/04/2017 20/04/2017	08h30 12h00	Club Venture	Kingston ~ Main Gate
5	19/04/2017 21/04/2017	07h30 12h30	Hella Hella	Kingston ~ North Gate
4	19/04/2017 21/04/2017	08h00 13h30	Berg Venture	Kingston ~ Main Gate
3	20/04/2017 21/04/2017	09h00 12h00	Seula	Kingston ~ North Gate
2	20/04/2017 21/04/2017	07h30 12h30	Glenrock	Kingston ~ Main Gate
1	20/04/2017 21/04/2017	08h00 13h00	Sweetdale	Kingston ~ South Gate

2. UNIFORMS

Girls are allowed to wear the green tights that are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Senior Primary boys no longer wear ties in the winter months. All pupils are permitted to wear the **full** Atholton Sport Tracksuit, if the weather is of such a nature that it is required. The Tracksuit top may not be worn without the pants. We would prefer our boys and girls to wear the Atholton jersey rather than the Tracksuit.

Please ensure that all items of your child's clothing are clearly labelled with their names.

3. SCHOOL FEES

The annual school fees for 2017 is R23 600 for all learners from Grade 1 to 7. All annual payers should have settled their school fee account.

Quarterly payments are R5 900 per quarter, due at the beginning of each Term. 2nd Term fees are due at the beginning of April.

Monthly payments are R2 360 a month, paid over a 10 month period, beginning in January and ending in October.

Accounts will be sent out monthly and monthly payers should note that payment is due on the 1st of each month.

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

4. EXTRA CURRICULAR

Kindly note the Term 2 Extra Curricular Timetable is included with this Newsletter .

Our primary sports in Term 2 will be Soccer for the boys and Netball for our girls.

Please take note of the days that your child will be involved next term and arrange any other private activities around these days.

All Sport and Extra Curricular Activities for Term 2 will commence on Monday 24 April 2016.

5. JUNIOR PRIMARY SWIMMING CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the following pupils who were selected as Swimming Captains and Vice Captains for their respective Sports Houses.

Campbell Captain Finn Marx Aimee Van Heerden	Campbell Vice Captain Alesandro Chambi-Rocha Olivia Da Costa
Hulett Captain Indie Van De Wall Jordan Crews	Hulett Vice Captain Muhammad Zia Varachia Maria King
Marshall Captain Eli Irvine Saxon Townsend	Marshall Vice Captain Finley Buttery Nandipha Shabalala
Morewood Captain Blake Brown Samone Vermeulen	Morewood Vice Captain Kewan Naidoo Amelia Vermeulen

6. JUNIOR PRIMARY INTER-HOUSE GALA

The results of our Junior Primary Inter-House gala held on Wednesday :

1 st	Morewood	~	114 points
2 nd	Campbell	~	104 points
3 rd	Marshall	~	78 points
4 th	Hulett	~	76 points

Hugh Ross Trophy for Grade 3 Boys' Relay Team	~	Campbell
Gwen Meijer for the Grade 3 Girls' Relay Team	~	Morewood
Coetzer Cup for the Winning House	~	Morewood

7. PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS

It has come to our attention that parents are not updating their personal details, despite our appeal and the notice in each week's Newsletter.

We have had a few cases where we have had children who are ill and we were unable to contact the parents because the contact numbers on our Data Base are incorrect.

Please it is essential that you update your Personal Details, should they change.

8. MY SCHOOL

Please remember to swipe your My School cards at all participating stores. Every time you swipe your card you are earning money for the school. Thank you for the wonderful support. We raised R4 296.56 in January and R4 204.11 in February.

Remember every swipe counts!

9. 2ND TERM 2017

School re-opens on Tuesday 18 April at 07h30 for the beginning of the Second Term. Please take note of the following holidays during the term.

Thursday	27 April	~	Freedom Day
Friday	28 April	~	School Holiday
Monday	1 May	~	Worker's Day
Friday	16 June	~	Youth Day

10. GARVS SPORTS ACADEMY ~ HOLIDAY CAMPS

Experience sports in a professional environment, learn new skills, make new friends and improve your level of play.

These Holiday Camps are a great way for children to be entertained in a safe and fun environment with the emphasis on making playing outdoors fashionable.

Garvlingz 2 - 5 years ~ Kings Park Stadium

Monday 3 April - Thursday 6 April and Monday 10 April - Wednesday 12 April
Friday 7 April and Thursday 13 April ~ Beach Fun Day at Durban Ski Boat Club

Garvs Kids 5 - 9 years ~ Multi Sports, Kings Park Stadium

Monday 3 April - Thursday 6 April and Monday 10 April - Wednesday 12 April
Friday 7 April ~ Beach Sports, Thursday 13 April ~ Beach Tournament at Durban Ski Boat Club.

Garvs School 9 - 13 years ~ Multi Sports, Kings Park Stadium

Monday 3 April - Thursday 6 April and Monday 10 April - Wednesday 12 April
Friday 7 April ~ Beach Sports, Thursday 13 April ~ Beach Tournament at Durban Ski Boat Club.

For more information and registration enrol on line at www.garvz.co.za .

11. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the following girls who participated in the Sub Zonal and Zonal Netball trials 3 weeks ago.

The following girls made it through the first round of trials:

- U11 Holly Marx; Rebecka Schoultz; Keira King and Spumelele Mncube
- U12 Nikayla Moodley; Vedna Dayaram
- U13 Nosipho Mbatha; Jordan Buys; Amanda Mkize and Ashley Viljoen

These girls participated in the Zonal trials and the following girls made it through to the Umlazi Regional District Trials to be held in April:

U11 Keira King

U13 Jordan Buys and Siyaphila Chono. Siyaphila goes straight through to the District Trials because she played in the KZN U12 Netball Team last year.

Congratulations to the following boys and girls who participated in the Phoenix Circuit Hockey trials 2 weeks ago and were selected for the Phoenix District Team to participate in the Pinetown and District Hockey Trials in April:

Boys
U12 Mpilo Hlongwa
U13 Joshua Smeeton

Girls
Ekta Singh
Trinity Dove
Siyaphila Chonco
Amanda Mkize

We wish all our boys and girls going forward to the Hockey and Netball trials next term, good luck, we are proud of your achievements.

Ella Potterton has been selected to participate in the KZN Team at the Inter Provincial Surf Lifesaving Championships at Kings Beach in Port Elizabeth in April.

Congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded belts in Karate Grading at the weekend.

Layla Koen ~ Purple 1
Mahomed Karodia ~ Green 2

Cruz Campos participated in the Dare Devil 5km Run.

12. HOMEWORK CENTRE ~ 2ND TERM

Please note that there will be **no** Homework Centre on **Thursday 20 April** and **Friday 21 April** as most children will be away on their Overnight Excursions.

13. SPORT

Cricket vs Durban North Primary

U11A Atholton 49 for 1
Atholton won by 9 wickets.

DN Primary 48 all out

SECOND TERM DIARY

APRIL

Tues	18	07h30	School opens for the 2 nd Term
		08h30	Grade 6 Depart for Club Venture
Wed	19	08h00	Grade 5 Depart for Hella Hella
			Grade 4 Depart for Berg Ventures
Thurs	20	07h30	Grade 2 Depart for Glenrock
		08h00	Grade 1 Depart for Sweetdale
		09h00	Grade 3 Depart for Seula
		12h00	Grade 6 Return to School
Fri	21	12h00	Grade 3 Return to school
		12h30	Grade 5 Return to school
		12h30	Grade 2 Return to school
		12h30	Grade 1 Return to school
		13h30	Grade 4 Return to school
Sat	22	08h00	U13 North Durban Soccer Trials ~ Crawford La Lucia
Thurs	27		Public Holiday ~ Freedom Day
Fri	28		School Holiday

MAY

Mon	01		Public Holiday ~ Workers Day
Wed	03	08h00	Grade 7 Depart for Baynesfield
		14h30	Netball vs Fatima ~ Atholton Primary
Fri	05	13h30	Grade 7 Return to School
Sat	06	08h00	Grade 3 Netball / Soccer ~ Northcrest Primary
Wed	10	14h30	Netball vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Atholton Primary
			Soccer vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Crawford La Lucia
Fri	12		Slipper Day
Sat	13	08h00	Grade 3 Netball / Soccer ~ Atholton Primary
Mon	15	14h30	U10 Age Group Tournament ~ DNP / DNC
			U11 Age Group Tournament ~ Reddam House
			U12 Age Group Tournament ~ Northlands Primary
			U13 Age Group Tournament ~ Atholton Primary
Wed	17	14h30	Netball vs Northcrest / DNP ~ Atholton Primary
			Soccer vs Northcrest / DNP ~ Atholton Primary
Sat	20	08h00	Grade 3 Netball / Soccer ~ Chelsea Prep

*Wednesday 24 ~ Friday 26 May
Senior Primary Speech and Drama*

Wed	24	14h30	Netball vs Ashton / DNC ~ Atholton Primary
			Soccer vs Ashton ~ Atholton Primary
Thurs	25	18h00	Grade 3 Spur Evening
Sat	27	08h00	Grade 3 Netball / Soccer ~ Ashton
Wed	31	14h30	Netball vs Northlands Primary ~ Atholton Primary

JUNE

Wed	07	14h30	Netball vs Crawford North Coast ~ Crawford North Coast
			Soccer vs Crawford North Coast ~ Atholton Primary
Wed	14	14h30	U10 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Virginia
			U11 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Reddam
			U12 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Atholton Primary

U13 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Atholton Primary
Soccer vs Reddam / Virginia

Fri 16
Wed 21 14h30
Thurs 29 10h00
18h00
Fri 30 10h00

Public Holiday ~ Youth Day
Netball vs Umhlali ~ Atholton Primary
Interhouse Cross Country
Grade 0 Spur Evening
School Closes

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Change of personal Details

Child's Name:

Address :
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Father's Cell No :

Mother's Cell No:

Home No:

E-Mail :