



# Atholton News

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## HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

A belated but very warm welcome back to our Atholton Family from what seems like an extended holiday with the number of public holidays we have enjoyed. It is time to roll up our sleeves, put our shoulders to the wheel and get through a demanding term. Moms and Dads, please ensure that your child has a designated work space where he or she is able to work without any distractions. Every child must read every night. It is our collective responsibility to foster a love of reading which will serve them for the rest of their lives. A reminder too that Mathematics is a learning subject and the best way to learn Maths is by practising, "practice makes perfect."

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Our children from Grade 1 - 6 travelled to various parts of the province for their overnight excursions. We are proud of our tradition in making available such valuable, out of the classroom learning experiences, for our children.

My grateful thanks to all the staff who gave up their family time to look after the children. Thank you too, to the educators and admin staff who performed the extra duties required whilst our educators were away.

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Already this term, despite the disruptions, we have seen a fantastic turnout at all our sports practices. Well done to our sportsman and women. Keep it up.

Mr M Bursik  
Headmaster

## 1. STAFF NEWS

We congratulate Mrs Alison Daniell on the birth of her son Michael.

On Wednesday we said goodbye to Mrs Kirsty Strydom as she takes her maternity leave and welcomed back Mrs Nicole McDonagh, who is replacing Mrs Strydom while she is away.

## 2. 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 by now.

Quarterly payments are R5 900 per quarter, due at the beginning of each Term. 2<sup>nd</sup> Term fees were due at the beginning of May.

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## 3. 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.

## 4. SPORT

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

Some of our Extra-Curricular for this term is preparing our Junior Primary girls for next term's Hockey. If your child is playing Hockey, please provide her with a gumguard and shin pads. This is obviously for her own safety. We would be saddened if a child was discouraged from playing Hockey simply because she was injured in an incident that could have been avoided had she been correctly kitted out.

Cross Country is run at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Monday and Tuesday from 06h30, and as the **Wednesday morning run is a family run, it will start at 06h00**. All Grade 3 - 7 pupils are invited to attend. Not only will this activity help to improve general fitness for Soccer, Netball and Hockey, but everyone participates in our Inter-House Cross Country at the end of the term and the additional early morning runs will prepare them for that.

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

## **5. MY SCHOOL**

Did you know that our school is a part of SA's biggest fundraising programme, MySchool MyVillage, MyPlanet? You can help raise monthly funds for us by getting a free MySchool card in support of our school. All you need to do is swipe your card everytime you shop at one of their partner stores i.e. Woolworths, Bidvest Waltons, Loot.co.za, Flight Centre Red Label Holidays, Engen Foodstops and more.

Get your MySchool card today, and help us deliver quality education.

In March we raised R3 606, 65. Make Every Swipe Count!

## **6. HOOKED ON BOOKS**

"Hooked on Books" is visiting Atholton on Tuesday 23 May 2017. It is the only live performance that will get learners racing to read. Three young professional actors enact the story of 11 pre-selected books, never giving away how the story ends. Books and Books will be selling copies of the books after the show to those pupils who wish to purchase their own copy.

## **7. 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.**

## **8. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Siyaphila Chono** has been selected for the Umlazi District Netball team to participate in the KNZ Netball Trials on Saturday 6 May. Well done, Siyaphila.

## SECOND TERM DIARY

### MAY

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
<b>Fri</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>Public Holiday ~ Youth Day</b>
Wed	21	14h30	Netball vs Umhlali ~ Atholton Primary
Thurs	29	10h00	Interhouse Cross Country
		18h00	Grade 0 Spur Evening
<b>Fri</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10h00</b>	<b>School Closes</b>



**Change of personal Details**

Child's Name: .....

Address : .....  
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Father's Cell No : .....

Mother's Cell No: .....

Home No: .....

E-Mail : .....