



Atholton News

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HEADMASTER'S NOTICE

At an Educational Conference I attended some time back a Keynote speaker used the term "Holiday Makers" for a certain group of pupils. By his definition, a holiday maker is a person who arrives at a venue or destination and enjoys themselves without making any contribution. He used this metaphor to explain the number of pupils at schools all over the world who arrive at school as the gates open, sit passively in class and then leave as soon as the final bell sounds, thus contributing very little to their own education. While I am excited to report that the number of children who are involving themselves in our Extra-Curricular programme has grown exponentially, I think that some of pupils rely too heavily on their teachers and parents for their education.

While teachers and parents play a key role in the education of their children it is ultimately up to the pupil to achieve. Every pupil needs to be attentive in class, to ask when they do not understand a concept, to complete all their tasks and assignments on time and to study without being nagged or incentivised. Our children must regard learning as an integral part of their lives and not something which is forced upon them by adults. We need to generate an actual love of learning in all our children.

Mr M Bursik
Headmaster

1. STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Ms J Tait ~ Grade 5 ~ on her recent marriage to Paul Raglan Smith. We wish them both every happiness in their future together.

Congratulations to Kirsty and Mark Strydom~ Grade 1 ~ on the birth of their little boy last Sunday.

2. MY SCHOOL

Thanks to parents around the country, MySchool has raised R77.3 million for schools and charities.

South African Shoppers - Make every swipe count for your community.

For over 7 200 schools, charities, animal and environmental organisations across South Africa you have made every swipe count. Through the R77,3 millions raised in 2016 MySchool supporters have helped build classrooms, train principals, support school feeding schemes and reading corners.

More children now have access to bursaries and lap desks, anti-poaching units have the equipment they need to protect our rhino and people with disabilities are getting the help they need. Visit www.myschool.co.za for more good news stories.

Help make a difference to your community by signing up for a MySchool, MyVillage, MyPlant card - where joining is easy and it won't cost a cent.

3. SPEECH AND DRAMA Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 May

Our Speech and Drama Festival is next week on Wednesday and Thursday. All the children have been working hard on their Choral Verses. Please ensure that all the children doing individual items are well prepared.

4. D6 COMMUNICATOR

A reminder to parents to update your child's Grade as well as the Extra-Curricular activities that he / she is involved in. This will ensure that you receive all pertinent communication.

5. 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.

Title	Cost
Junior Primary	
Cinderboy	R120
Explosive Adventures	R120
Geronimo Stilton Treasure of Easter Island	R150
Sir Scallywag and Golden Underpants	R145
Stepmonster	R120
Poetry Pie	R145
Senior Primary	
13 Storey Treehouse	R125
Bridge to Terabithia	R145
Life according to Alice B. Lovely	R190
Masterminds	R125
My Brother is a Superhero	R140
Poetry Pie	R145

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' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Siyaphila Chonco** who was selected for the U13 KZN Netball Team.

Congratulations to **Hilton Muschamp and Pavlos Tselentis** who have been selected for the U13 North Durban Soccer Team. They will participate in the KZN Soccer Trials at Crawford La Lucia.

Congratulations to Siyaphila Chonco and Jordan Buys for being appointed Captain and Vice Captain of the U13 A Netball Team.

Madison Stewart participated in a 5km run for Autism Awareness.

Dayika, Dashriya and Daneha Chetty participated in the Bluff Rhythmic Gymnastics Academy Competition. Dayika was awarded Gold for U11 Individual Category, Daneha a Gold for the U11 General Category and Dashriya a Silver in the General Category.

The following pupils participated in the Deloitte 5km Run:

Keira and Maria King; Holly and Finn Marx.

Dhilan and Shreya Govender participated in the South African Stillwater Champs and were awarded the following:

Shreya	~	Medley Rescue Relay	~	Silver
		Obstacle Relay	~	Silver
		Combined Medley Relay	~	Bronze
Dhilan	~	Board Relay	~	Silver
		200m Open Water Swim	~	Bronze

8. SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

vs Fatima ~ Wednesday 3 May

U10A Atholton	0	Fatima	4	U10B Atholton	0	Fatima	0
U11A Atholton	3	Fatima	5	U11B Atholton	2	Fatima	4
U12A Atholton	3	Fatima	15	U12B Atholton	3	Fatima	3

vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Wednesday 10 May

U10A Atholton	1	Crawford LL	9	U10B Atholton	0	Crawford LL	4
U11A Atholton	1	Crawford LL	5	U11B Atholton	11	Crawford LL	1
U12A Atholton	4	Crawford LL	20	U12B Atholton	4	Crawford LL	5
U13A Atholton	9	Crawford LL	14	U13B Atholton	5	Crawford LL	9

Soccer

vs Crawford La Lucia ~ Wednesday 10 May

U10A Atholton	0	Crawford LL	7	U10B Atholton	1	Crawford LL	1
U11A Atholton	1	Crawford LL	4	U11B Atholton	3	Crawford LL	1
U13A Atholton	0	Crawford LL	0	U13B Atholton	1	Crawford LL	0
U13C Atholton	2	Crawford LL	1	U13D Atholton	1	Crawford LL	0

Grade 3 Netball / Soccer Festival ~ Northcrest Primary

Netball

Atholton A	2	Northcrest	3	Atholton B	1	Northlands	5
Atholton A	1	Northlands	10	Atholton B	2	Northcrest	2
Atholton A	3	DNC	1	Atholton B	6	DNP	2
Atholton A	6	DNP	0	Atholton B	1	DNC	10

Soccer

Atholton A	0	DNP	0	Atholton B	1	DNC	0
Atholton A	2	DNC	1	Atholton B	0	Northcrest	0
Atholton A	2	Rosehill	0	Atholton B	3	DNP	0
Atholton A	0	Northcrest	3				

SECOND TERM DIARY

MAY

Wed	17	14h30	Netball vs DNC ~ Atholton Primary Soccer vs Northcrest / DNC ~ Atholton Primary
Sat	20	08h00	Grade 3 Netball / Soccer ~ Chelsea Prep

*Wednesday 24 & Thursday 25 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		Public Holiday ~ Youth Day
Wed	21	14h30	Netball vs Umhlali ~ Atholton Primary
Thurs	29	10h00	Interhouse Cross Country
		18h00	Grade 0 Spur Evening
Fri	30	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 :