



Atholton News

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Headmaster's Notice

A school is only as good as its pupils, parents and teachers and the relationship which they share. I have had the privilege of interviewing prospective and current parents, all of whom share this view. Yes, we do have our differences and sometimes discussions are robust, but at the end of the day we all join hands for our wonderful Atholton. With these thoughts swimming in my mind I came across this poem, author unknown, which epitomises what I believe we are about.

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher, the tools he used
were books and music and art;
One a parent with a guiding hand
and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
with touch that was deft and sure,
while the parent laboured by his side
and polished and smoothed it o'er.
When at last their task was done,
they were proud of what they had wrought,
for the things they had moulded into the child
could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed he would have failed
if he had worked alone,
for behind the parent stood the school,
and behind the teacher, the home.

Mr M Bursik
Headmaster

1. MY SCHOOL

Thanks to parents for helping us to raise R3 777,51 for Atholton for April. Make every swipe count for your School.

2. COMRADES MARATHON

Good luck to any of our Atholton families who have someone running from Durban to Pietermaritzburg. The many hours of training and logged kilometres all come down to the big race on Sunday. I hope that you have a successful run and all your goals are achieved.

3. ABSENTEEISM

Parents are reminded that any absenteeism from school requires an explanation in writing upon the return of the child to school. Anyone absent for 3 or more days is required to produce a Doctor's Certificate when returning to school.

Any leave taken during a school day requires permission to be granted by the Principal. Any request for this leave must be made in writing.

Parents are requested to ensure that school days are not missed for frivolous reasons. The academic programme is intense and leave, even if only for one day, will result in the child being behind in his / her work. This additional pressure is something that must be avoided at all costs.

As a result, parents are asked to plan holidays and any additional time away to fall within the recognised school holidays.

4. END OF TERM EXAMS

Atholton Primary School is part of the Mafukuzela Gandhi Circuit which falls into the Pinetown District. As such, all schools in this Circuit were issued with a Timetable for the June 2017 Exams. We were instructed that we were to write to the last day of the 2nd Term. However we have approached the department and we have now been given the go ahead to write exams earlier.

Sincere apologies for the confusion that this has caused. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a Timetable for the June 2017 Examinations. Please take note of the dates set for the different subjects per Grade.

The enclosed Timetable replaces any other Timetable that may have already been sent home. Reports for Grade 1 - 7 will go out on the last day of this Term.

5. INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY Thursday 29 June 2017

Inter-House Cross Country will be run on Thursday 29 June at 10h00. All boys and girls are expected to participate. The course is a short distance of about 1½kms around the school and all our boys and girls are very capable of completing it without any problems at all.

Any child who is unable to run, for health reasons, will be expect to provide a letter written by the parents. These must be given to Mr Bursik by 08h00 on Friday.

The course is safe and well-marked. Teachers will act as marshalls around the course.

Boys and girls are to wear their PE Kit to school on Thursday 29 June, with their name badges attached to their sports shirts. Sport shoes and short white socks are to be worn.

Parents are, of course, invited to attend and support their children. Age groups will run separately with the first group, Grade 1 who will run a shorter course around the field. The last event should be finished by 13h00. Children whose parents are here may go home at 13h00, otherwise they are to go back to class to be dismissed as normal at 14h00.

Grade 1 and 2 children will be dismissed at 12h30 as normal.

6. LOST PROPERTY

School uniforms are expensive and need to be looked after. Unfortunately, some of our boys and girls do not appreciate the cost of their uniforms and leave them lying around. Items that are labelled will be returned but we have a lot of unlabelled items gathering dust. Please ensure that every item of clothing is labelled and that your child brings home the correct items.

7. SPORT

Boys and girls who have committed to a sport need to honour this commitment even during test time. It is so beneficial for a child to run around after an intense academic day before settling down to study and do homework. If your child has been revising there is no need for him / her to "crash" study a day or two before the test.

8. LONG WEEKEND

Friday 16 June is Youth day . School will close on Thursday 15 June at 14h00 and re-open on Monday 19 June.

9. 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.

10. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to **Hilton Muschamp** who has been selected for the U13 KZN Soccer Team.

Congratulations to **Nosipho Mbatha** and **Amanda Mkize** who have been selected for the Umlazi District Volleyball Team. They will participate in the KZN trials in June.

The following children received Certificates of Excellence from Umhlanga Rocks Surf Lifesaving Club for participating in the 2017 Lifesaving Championship Events for the club: **Eli Botes; Fynn and Holly Marx; Maria and Keira King; Amelia and Samone Vermeulen.**

Dhilan Govender, Shreya Govender and Yashan Moodley completed the Discovery East Coast Radio 10km Big walk.

Dhilan and Shreya Govender participated in the Dolphin Mile at uShaka Beach on 21 April.

Zonya Swart and **Keira Gerber** were selected to join SASAD Dance Company on their Grahamstown 2017 Festival Tour where they will perform in Mixed Motion 2.

Zonya Swart, Andrianna Tselentis, Yanga Duze, Spumi Mncube and Kaitlyn Mungaroo were selected for the Hype Squad Team Sharks to dance at Kings Park on Saturday 27 May and Saturday 15 July.

Dhilan and Shreya Govender were awarded the following at the Marine Surf Lifesaving Club's Annual Prizegiving.

Dhilan ~ Merit Award
~ U11 Boys' Club Champion
~ U11 Nipper of the Year

Shreya ~ U12 Girls' Club Champion

Dhilan Govender, Shreya Govender and Kaitlyn Mungaroo were awarded the following at their respective Swimming Club's Annual Awards:

Dhilan Govender:

- * Midmar Mile Finisher
- * Level 3 Times
- * Dolphin Mile Series 2016 - 1st Male in 10 - 12 age group
- * First Club Swimmer - Male
- * Level 3 Swimmer of the year
- * Club Swimmer of the year

Shreya Govender

- * Midmar Mile Finisher
- * Level 2 Times
- * Dolphin Mile Series 2016 - 1st Female in 10 - 12 age group
- * Level 2 Swimmer of the year
- * Club Swimmer of the year

Kaitlyn Mungaroo

- * Midmar Mile Finisher
- * Best Time for the first time Midmar Swim
- * Participation at the Sasolburg Championships
- * Achievement for reaching Level 2
- * Most improved swimmer in Level 2

Darina and Liana Terblanche participated at SAGF ~ (South African Gymnastics Federation) Coastal Competition for Rhythmic Gymnastics.

Darina received a Silver Medal Level 1 ~ U6 and Liana received a Gold Medal for Level 2 - Over 11 years. They both received additional prizes for getting the highest scores in their respective age groups.

11. SPORTS RESULTS

Netball

vs Ashton College ~ Wednesday 24 May

U13A	Atholton	10	Ashton	13	U13B	Atholton	13	Ashton	7
U12A	Atholton	1	Ashton	13	U12B	Atholton	3	Ashton	13
U11A	Atholton	3	Ashton	15	U11B	Atholton	0	Ashton	18
U10A	Atholton	1	Ashton	0	U10B	Atholton	0	Ashton	2

Soccer

vs Northcrest ~ Wednesday 17 May

U13A	Atholton	3	Northcrest	1	U13B	Atholton	0	Northcrest	2
U11A	Atholton	0	Northcrest	2	U11B	Atholton	2	Northcrest	2
U10A	Atholton	0	Northcrest	2	U10B	Atholton	0	Northcrest	1

vs Durban North Primary ~ Wednesday 7 May

U11B	Atholton	2	Durban North Primary	1
U10B	Atholton	0	Durban North Primary A	2

vs Ashton College ~ Monday 22 May

U13A	Atholton	4	Ashton	2
U11A	Atholton	1	Ashton	0
U10A	Atholton	8	Ashton	0

Grade 3 ~ Soccer / Netball

Festival at Chelsea ~ Saturday 20 May

Netball

Atholton A	1	Northlands	2	Atholton B	0	Crawford LL	1
Atholton A	1	Glenashley	1	Atholton B	1	Chelsea	3
Atholton A	3	Chelsea	5	Atholton B	2	Glenashley	1
Atholton	5	Crawford LL	4	Atholton B	0	Northlands	2

Soccer

Atholton A	0	Glenashley	1	Atholton B	0	Glenashley	0
Atholton A	1	Chelsea	0	Atholton B	1	Chelsea	0
Atholton A	0	Crawford LL	1	Atholton B	1	Crawford LL	1

Festival at Ashton College ~ Saturday 27 May

Netball

Atholton A	1	Crawford	1	Atholton B	0	Ashton	0
Atholton A	1	Umhlali	0	Atholton B	1	Fatima	0
Atholton A	0	Ashton	4	Atholton B	0	Umhlali	4
				Atholton B	0	Fatima	1
				Atholton B	0	Ashton	6

Soccer

Atholton A	2	Crawford	1	Atholton B	1	Crawford	1
Atholton A	0	Ashton	3	Atholton B	0	Ashton	3
Atholton A	1	Umhlali	2	Atholton B	2	Umhlali	0
Atholton A	0	Crawford	2	Atholton B	1	Crawford	1
Atholton A	0	Ashton	2	Atholton B	2	Umhlali	0

SECOND TERM DIARY

MAY

Wed 31 14h30 Netball vs Northlands Primary ~ Northlands Primary

JUNE

Sat 3 08h00 Grade 3 Netball / Soccer Festival ~ Atholton Primary

Wed 07 14h30 Netball vs Crawford North Coast ~ Atholton Primary

Soccer vs Crawford North Coast ~ Atholton Primary

Wed 14 14h30 U10 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Virginia

U11 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Virginia

U12 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Atholton Primary

U13 Netball vs Reddam / Virginia ~ Reddam

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 :

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