



Atholton News

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Headmaster's Message

Positive Mental Health

Childhood should be a time for free, spontaneous expression within the rules and regulations as laid down by society.

Socialisation is the child's ability to relate positively to people in society in a manner appropriate to his or her age. Pro social skills give the child the necessary tools so that he / she may make the correct behavioural choices.

Children who have a larger number of alternative conflict resolution skills have more self-confidence in handling difficult situations and because they are effectively able to deal with these situations, they are happy children and thus effective learners.

Do not play the blame game with your children. Often, when a child comes home from school and somebody has "been horrible" to him or her, we tend to take our child's side and want to fly in guns-blazing and attack the child who has been horrible. Instead, listen to your child's whole story and be very sure that your child was not partly to blame and then focus on the **solution** to the dispute. Suggest possible alternatives, encourage and be supportive in the resolution of the conflict.

I have to admire our children when considering the fact that our pupils have 600 other little personalities as well as a staff of 45 to deal with on a daily basis and yet we have such a happy Atholton family. Laughter echoes down the corridors and groups of friends form and dissolve without any animosity. How lucky are we to live, work and play in such an environment. Maybe we should watch our children at play and take note of just how quickly they are able to resolve a conflict situation - seldom do they harbour a grudge for more than a day or two.

M Bursik
Headmaster

1. THIRD TERM REPORTS

We do not send a full, comprehensive report in the Third Term. Reports are only completed for those pupils who are new at Atholton or who are not achieving at the required standard. All Senior Primary children will receive an abridged report indicating the child's results for this term. Parents who wish to receive a full report are asked to make this request in writing to Mr Bursik before Friday 14 September.

2. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Please note that school closes today at 12h30- Grade 1 and 2 and at 14h00 Grade 3 - 7 and will re-open on Monday 13 August. Thursday is a Public Holiday ~ Womens' Day and Friday is a School Holiday.

3. LATE COMERS

Punctuality is a form of discipline which needs to be instilled in all our children from an early age. Being on time settles our children and gives them confidence, while showing respect for those who you are meeting. There are going to be times when an emergency or circumstances beyond our control will cause us to be late, but this is the exception rather than the rule. Despite our requests regarding late comers in previous newsletters, there are still a number of children arriving late at school.

As from the 17 July, the school gates will be locked at 07h30 every morning and all late comers will have to report to the office before going to their classrooms.

Parents we need your support!

Please take note of the following:

Pre-School - Grade 2	:	07h30 - 12h30	Monday to Friday
Grade 3	:	07h30 - 14h00	Monday to Thursday
Grade 3	:	07h30 - 12h30	Friday
Grade 4 - 7	:	07h30 - 14h00	Monday to Friday

Gates Open

06h45
12h25
14h00

Gates Close

07h30
12h40
On Completion of Private activities

4. LOST PROPERTY

We have an enormous amount of lost property that has not been claimed. Please ensure that you clearly mark all your child's clothing, either on the labels or on the inside of the clothing. In this way we can return lost items to the children.

Please encourage your children to check the lost property in the Homework Centre Room if they have lost clothing. We would appreciate your assistance in this regard.

5. INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Results:	Junior Primary		Senior Primary		
	4 th	Marshall	119	Marshall	~ 129
	3 rd	Morewood	123	Morewood	~ 136
	2 nd	Hulett	135	Hulett	~ 145
	1 st	Campbell	150	Campbell	~ 171

Swan Trophy	~	Grade 3 Girls' Relay Team	~	Campbell
William Richards Trophy	~	Grade 3 Boys' Relay Team	~	Campbell
Cath Sternberg Trophy	~	Winning House	~	Campbell

Van Aswegen Trophy	~	Victrix Ludorum	~	Jade Brown
Ken Alexander Trophy	~	Victor Ludorum	~	Kyan Moodie
Natal Estates Shield	~	Winning House	~	Campbell

6. SPRING DAY : FRIDAY 31 AUGUST

It has become customary for us at Atholton to bring bunches / bouquets of flowers to school on Spring Day. This year will be no exception and our Junior Primary boys and girls are invited to arrive at school on Friday 31 August laden with flowers.

These will be arranged and taken by our Junior Primary Choir when they visit the two Retirement Homes nearby - Twilanga and Pioneer Park. The residents of these homes really do appreciate our visit and I sincerely hope that we can continue to brighten their day as we have done in the past.

7. SPRING WALK ~ FAMILY BRAAI ~ DISCO Friday 31 August

On Friday 31 August we will have our Annual Spring Walk, followed by a Disco for the children and a social get together for parents. Braai fires will be available and parents are invited to come along and enjoy a relaxed walk before braaing in the quad.

The entry fee for all walkers will be a tin of cat or dog food which we will donate to the SPCA.

The walk will start at 17h00 and the evening's programme will then begin at 18h00 for our Junior Primary pupils, who will enjoy a Disco in the Hall until 19h30. The Senior Primary children will then take over until 22h00.

Braais, tables and benches will be made available for parents on the Quad and you are invited to come along and join us. We generally have large numbers in attendance - parents may wish to bring along their own tables and comfy chairs as well as braais.

Please do not braai on the field, or empty your hot coals onto the tar netball court, or in our gardens.

Parking will be available on the field, weather permitting.

Teachers will be on duty in the Hall but parents are responsible for their own children's behaviour in the Quad area. Pupils may not play on the field, in the school buildings or up at the pool area.

We look forward to a lovely evening together!

8. SENIOR PRIMARY CONCERT **Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 September**

Tickets for the Senior Primary Concert will be on sale in the Boardroom at R40,00 per seat from Wednesday 12 September at the following times:

Monday ~ Friday : 07h30 ~ 08h30
14h00 ~ 14h30

No telephone bookings will be accepted and all tickets must be paid for in cash on the day of the purchase.

Tickets cannot be exchanged or refunded after purchase, and we therefore advise parents to book their own seats where possible.

Parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for babies / children in arms / prams as we would like the audience to be able to enjoy the concert without unnecessary disturbance.

9. NORTH DURBAN ART EXHIBITION

The North Durban Art Exhibition is once again hosted by Virginia Preparatory School.

This year the theme is "Shine Bright Like a Diamond" and Atholton Primary has entered the works of artists from Grade R all the way up to Grade 7. Parents are invited to view the art on the following days:

Dates	~	Tuesday 28 - Saturday 1 September 2018
Times	~	Tuesday - Friday : 07h15 - 17h30 Saturday 08h00 - 13h00
Venue	~	Virginia School Hall

10. PERSONAL CONTACT DETAILS

We are appealing to parents to 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.

11. COMMUNICATION WITH OUR SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Your feedback is important to us whether it be positive or negative. Our Vice Chairperson, Mrs Tess Singh, will receive and circulate the emails accordingly.
sgb@atholtionschool.co.za

12. SPORTS PHOTOS

Friday 17 August

Sports Photos will be taken on Friday 17 August. Team lists will be placed on the Sports Notice Board indicating which photos will be taken and listing those children who are included in the various teams.

In order for the process to be handled efficiently, it is important for children who are in the teams to ensure that they bring with them all the necessary kit required for the different sports they are presenting. We want as far as possible, to avoid having to borrow and so delay the proceedings.

13. PUPILS' ACHIEVEMENTS

Mishka Gora participated in a Show Jumping Event and was placed 4th.

Declan and **Gregory Bosman** participated in the Crusaders Annual Mile. Greg came 2nd and Declan 7th overall.

Samantha Grove competed in the Belgotex 5's Hockey Challenge during the holidays. The U11 and U13 teams competed together and Samantha's team, the Mini Machines were placed 5th.

Cameron McLennan was awarded "The Most Committed Player" at Northwood Crusaders Mini Rugby U8.

Marine Surf Lifesaving Club held its Annual Prize Giving in July. **Dhilan Govender** was awarded the following:

- 1st U12 Boys' Iron Nipper
- 1st U12 Boys' Surf Swim
- 1st U12 Boys' Board
- 1st U12 Boys' Sprints
- U12 Boys Club Champion

Dhilan Govender completed the Dolphin Mile on Sunday 15 July 1st in his age group and 2nd on Sunday 22 July and he received a medal for completing his 20th mile.

14. SPORTS RESULTS

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 27 July ~ Northlands Primary ~ Riverside Sports

Boys			Girls		
U12	Akhiel Maduray	5 th	U9	Jenna Grove	3 ^d
	Siseko Kwini	6 th	U11	Samantha Grove	9 th
	Orrin Kisten	7 th			

Saturday 4 August ~ Durban Central Trials ~ UKZN

Boys			Girls		
U12	Orrin Kisten	~ 8 th	U10	Narlady Mutambariwana	10 th

Orrin Kisten has been selected as the non travelling reserve for the next round of trials.

HOCKEY

21 July ~ U13 Festival and Crawford North Coast and Crawford La Lucia

Our U13 Boys and Girls participated in the Hockey Festival at CNC and CLL . The girls were placed 3rd together with Glenashley Preparatory.

Our boys lost to Crawford La Lucia, Clifton and Crawford North Coast.

28 July ~ U10 and U11 Boys Festival at Reddam House

U10 ~ Won 2; Drew 1 and Lost 2

U11 ~ Drew 3; Lost 1

28 July ~ Festival Crawford North Coast

U13 Girls ~ Lost 3

vs Durban North Primary ~ Wednesday 1 August and Thursday 2 August

Boys

U10	Atholton	3	DNP	1
U11	Atholton	1	DNP	0
U13	Atholton	2	DNP	1

Girls

U10	Atholton	11	DNP	0
U11	Atholton	4	DNP	0
U13	Atholton	3	DNP	0

GRADE 3 HOCKEY

Festival ~ Reddam House ~ Friday 3 August

Girls

Atholton A	~	Won 2; Lost 1
Atholton B	~	Won 3

Boys

Atholton A	~	Won 2; Drew 1
Atholton B	~	Won 1; Drew 1; Lost 1

THIRD TERM CALENDAR

August

Thurs	09		Public Holiday ~ Womens' Day
Fri	10		School Holiday
Wed	15	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Boys' Hockey vs Ashton
Thurs	16	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Girls' Hockey vs Ashton
Fri	17	08h00	Sports Photos
		14h30	Grade 2 Hockey Festival ~ Reddam House
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Crawford La Lucia
		18h00	Matric Reunion
Sat	18	08h00	Grade 3 Boys' and Girls' Hockey ~ Reddam House
Fri	24	14h30	Cross Country ~ Danville Park / Virginia Soccer Grounds
Sat	25	08h00	Grade 3 Boys' and Girls' Hockey ~ Atholton Primary School
Fri	31	14h30	Grade 2 Hockey Festival ~ Reddam House
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Reddam House
		17h00	Spring Walk , Family Braai and Disco

September

Sat	01	08h00	Grade 3 Boys' and Girls' Hockey ~ Crawford La Lucia
Tues	04	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Hockey Festival ~ Girls Riverside ~ Boys Danville
Fri	07	10h00	Market Day
		14h30	Cross Country ~ Crusaders Sports Field
Sat	08	08h00	Grade 3 Boys' and Girls Hockey ~ Northlands Primary
Wed	12	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Boys' Hockey vs Reddam House
Thurs	13	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Girls' Hockey vs Reddam House
Fri	14	14h30	Cross Country ~ Umhlali Preparatory
Sat	15	08h00	U13 Girls' Hockey Festival ~ Reddam House
Tues	18	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Girls' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast
Wed	19	14h30	U10, U11, U13 Boys' Hockey vs Crawford North Coast
Mon	24		Public Holiday ~ Heritage Day

Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 ~ Senior Primary Concert

Fri	28	10h00	School closes for the end of the 3rd Term
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