



UCA | TERM 3 2025 NEWSLETTER

A Ministry of HIS Church

Celebrating 21 years of teaching our children God's Words, Ways and Wisdom

AS WE END TERM 3 2025 – A MESSAGE FROM THE SGB:

Dear Parents,

As we prepare to close off the 3rd Term; we as the School Governing Board would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing commitment, engagement and valuable input.

At the same time, we would like to share a brief update with you on our talks with Eduration, following our initial release at our UCA General Parent info session which took place on the 13th May 2025. We are mindful that for some of you, planning for next year and beyond is difficult without a clear picture of the way forward in terms of UCA and any potential synergy with Eduration. However, our core focus at this point in time is to ensure the integrity and sustainability of any potential synergy. Negotiations in that regard therefore do take slightly longer.

We can confirm however, that due diligence has been carried out and we have now entered the next stage of talks. A further follow up meeting with Eduration is taking place later this month, where negotiations will continue. Shortly thereafter we should have a clearer picture on the way forward to communicate to you. Should negotiations be successful, we could see some exciting changes taking place as early as January 2026.

So until then, thank you for your support and patience as we deliberate strategically for the future; to align with God's blueprints for Umdoni Christian Academy and our children.

Have a wonderful rest during the school holidays and see you next term!

Yours sincerely,

DC Ackermann

LAINE ACKERMANN

Chair on behalf of the School Governing Board

THEME FOR TERM 4: Living in His Name

Key Scripture:

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:17 (NIV)





OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Term 3 Reflection and Term 4 Outlook

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their academic input and commitment during Term 3. As we look ahead to Term 4, we also thank them in advance for their continued efforts in reflecting on learner results to date and engaging in purposeful academic therapy to ensure outstanding outcomes at the end of the year.

A special word of gratitude goes to Mrs. Elaine Fourie for her leadership in preparing the training facilities at the Country Club as well as leading on the arrangements for coaching. This project required significant effort and personal time, and we are deeply appreciative of her dedication.

We also thank our parents for their involvement in events, supporting and transporting learners, and congratulate our learners who will be representing us at the Nationals at the end of September in Pietermaritzburg.

Our sincere appreciation goes to the Parent Fundraising Committee for their input in the recent Flower Decoration Fundraiser for the Matric dance and their preparations for the upcoming Umdoni Summer Festival Fundraiser on 11 October 2025, in collaboration with our learners' Entrepreneurs Day and thank you to Mr Govender as staff representative in this fundraiser. This is our main fundraiser for the year, and we warmly invite all families to support.

Lastly, please note our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday, 3 November 2025. Further details and communication from the SGB are included in this newsletter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William van de Venter', is written over a horizontal line.

Yours in Education,
William van de Venter





OUR HIGH SCHOOL HEAD

Term 3 has been a great success, with our weekly guest speakers inspiring our High School students through career talks. September brought excitement with our Matric Dance fundraiser, Artistry in Bloom, which included a delightful high tea. As we look forward to next term, we wish our Grade 10–12 students all the best for their Cambridge IGCSE and AS Level exams. Early preparation and diligent effort will be key to their success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mrs Subramoney".

Sincerely,
Mrs Subramoney

OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD

Term 3 has been an exciting and enriching period for our Primary School learners! Our focus this term was on learner well-being, helping learners develop resilience, confidence, and a positive mindset. A special highlight was the visit from 3RC, who came to share an inspiring presentation, encouraging our learners to explore new ideas and embrace challenges with courage.

Our Science Fair showcased an incredible array of learner projects, demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, and a love for discovery. It was truly wonderful to see our learners' curiosity and hard work come to life through their experiments and presentations.

We are proud of our learners' growth this term and look forward to building on their achievements in Term 4!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mrs Baijnath".

Yours in Learning,
Mrs Baijnath



OUR PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD

This term has been filled with exciting events and wonderful memories!

On **1 August**, our preschoolers had an adventurous field trip to **Dino Park**. The children loved exploring the trails to find dinosaurs and enjoyed the dino show where staff performed dances and poses inspired by prehistoric creatures. Parents and teachers especially appreciated the lively question-and-answer session, and the day ended perfectly with a picnic.

On **15 August**, we hosted our **Preschool Sports Day**, coordinated by Fun-X Kids. It was a joyful day of running races, cheering, and fun challenges. Parents also joined in with races of their own, and the highlight was the tug-of-war between children and parents, with the children taking the win!

Our final celebration was **Grandparents' Day** on **5 September**, themed "*Back to the 60s.*" Grandparents danced to 60s hits, took part in a "Best Dressed" competition, and proudly modelled across the stage. The children had a wonderful time decorating cupcakes with their grandparents. A heartfelt thank you to all the moms and dads who contributed a plate of eats, your support made the day extra special and memorable.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Davenee Govender". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Blessings,
Davenee Govender





SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

WELLDONE TO ALL ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATED

The recent athletics proved to be an incredible showcase of our learners' strength, speed, and spirit. From the youngest competitors to the senior athletes, our school proudly celebrates an outstanding group of children who achieved medals and qualified to higher levels of competition.

Below is a roundup of all our athletes' outstanding performances:

Jo-Anna Pratt

- **Gold** – Shotput (QS)
- **Bronze** – 80m Sprint (QS)
- Reached **Final 3 of 3** in the 80m (QS)

A powerful thrower and speedy sprinter, Jo-Anna showcased incredible all-around athletic ability & is in the top 30.

Grace Pratt

- **Gold** – Shotput (QS)
- **Bronze** – Turbo Javelin (QS)
- Finalist – Long Jump (QS)

Grace dominated the field events, bagging medals and qualifying in multiple disciplines & is in the top 30.

Olivia Cox

- **Gold** – Javelin (QS, WS, KZNR)
- **Silver** – Shotput (QS)
- **Silver** – High Jump (QS)

A field-event all-rounder, Olivia stood on the podium in **three** separate disciplines!

Isabella Van De Merwe

- **Silver** – 800m (QS)
- **Bronze** – 1500m (QS)

A rising middle-distance star, Isabella showed grit and endurance in both her races.

Reece Ruiter

- First for High Jump (U14 boys)
- **Bronze** – 100m (QS)
- Finalist – 200m (QS)
- Qualified – Javelin, 100m & 200m (QS)

Reece sprinted and threw his way into the top spots, qualifying in three different events.



SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

WELL DONE TO ALL ATHLETES WHO PARTICIPATED

Simphiwe Jiji

- First in High Jump (U14)
- Qualified – High Jump & Discus (QS)

A strong performance in discus secured Simphiwe a place in the next level of competition.

Angela Longmore

- **Silver** – Shotput (QS)

Angela's excellent throw earned her a silver and qualification spot.

Langelihle Miya

- **Second** – High Jump (QS)

Langelihle reached the final in the sprints and medaled in high jump — a versatile effort.

Grace Westerdale

- Qualified – High Jump (QS)

Grace cleared the mark to qualify in the high jump finals.

Joshua Scott-Dawkins

- **Bronze** – Cricket Ball Throw (QS)
- Finalist – 600m (QS)

Joshua displayed both throwing power and running endurance.

Levi Le Roux

- **Silver** – Cricket Ball Throw (QS)

An explosive performance earned Levi a silver medal and qualification.

Cruz Roberts

- Qualified – High Jump (QS)

Cruz jumped impressively to secure his qualification.

Bayanda Mkhize

- **Silver** – Long Jump (QS)
- Qualified – High Jump, Long Jump & Javelin (QS)

Bayanda made a strong impact in both track and field events.

Bernard Fourie

- Qualified – Javelin (QS)

Bernard's strong throw secured him a place in the next round.





SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Divan Van Rooy

- Qualified – High Jump (QS)

Divan reached the qualifying mark with an excellent jump.

Mthwazi Sithole

- Gold – Turbo Javelin (QS)

Mthwazi outperformed the competition with a dominant throw.

Jiselle Munien

- Silver – Long Jump
- Qualified – Javelin (QS)

A standout senior athlete, Jiselle represented the school with two strong performances.



Final Words of Praise

Our athletes achieved a total of:

- 4 Gold Medals
- 6 Silver Medals
- 6 Bronze Medals
- Over 20 Qualifying Standards (QS) across various disciplines!

Each athlete's performance speaks to the hard work, commitment, and team spirit that defines our athletics program. Their achievements bring pride not only to themselves but to the entire school community.

We look forward to supporting these talented individuals as they continue their athletic journeys — many now preparing to compete at provincial and national levels.

Kids that have qualified to go to Nationals

Tatum Cox
Charlotte Ruiters
Angela Longmore
Olivia Cox
Langelihle Miya
Grace Westerdale
Isabella Van De Merwe
Jiselle Munien
Grace Pratt
Jessica Ruiters

Levi Le Roux
Joshua Scott-Dawkins
Mthwazi Sithole
Divan Van Rooy
Cruz Roberts
Simpfiwe Jiji
Reece Ruiters
Bayanda Mkhize
Jo-Anna Pratt

Well done to all our champions! You've made us proud!



ATHLETICS HERO: ELAINE FOURIE

We don't often spotlight parent's but we are so grateful for Elaine and her vision for the Athletics program this term. Elaine Fourie spearheaded the Reboot of the athletics program, working with the Scottburgh club and rejuvenating the country club to accommodate not just our program but a first-class facility that will allow all athletes in our area to use to practice or train. When asked why Elaine put in the blood sweat and tears she humbly responds for the kids. Elaine is a wonderful role model for our athletes and their biggest cheer leader ensuring they are motivated to do better and remain consistent. A big and heartfelt thank you to Elaine, as well as all our volunteer staff and parents and all our side coaches: Serving as it is one of our Attributes and all of you are a great example to learners and the community at large.





THEME FOR TERM 4

Dear parents,

Term 3 kicked off with a powerful theme, "Unveiling His Name." As we explored this theme through Scripture and study, we encountered the richness of the different names of our God and how they reveal His character—our Provider, our Healer, our Peace, our Shepherd and so many more. Learners were encouraged not only to know these names but also to experience them personally. As the term concluded, many learner's testified to the evident power of God's names in their own lives.

As we step into Term 4, we will continue on this journey of discovery under a similar theme, but with a deeper dive. This term, we will reflect on the theme, "Living in His Name." Our focus will be on the Name of Jesus, His life, and His character.

Our prayer is that by the end of this year, every child will know Jesus personally through a living, real relationship with Him.

A word to parents: We invite you to journey alongside your children in this theme. Take moments at home to speak about Jesus, His name, and His character. Share testimonies of how you have seen Him at work in your own life, and pray together. As families, may we continue to grow in knowing Jesus personally and lifting high His name in our homes.

Kandasami

For His service
Mrs. Kandasami





ARTISTRY IN BLOOM | FUNDRAISING EVENT

New Beginnings Bloom at Floral Art Demonstration and High Tea

On September 6, 2025, we celebrated "New Beginnings" at a stunning Floral Art demonstration and high tea event from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Attendees reflected on life's fresh starts through the art of florals.

Led by talented floral artist Heila Groenewald, the demonstration showcased various flowers as she explained their symbolism and how they represent personal growth. Her artistic process was complemented by soothing music, creating a reflective atmosphere.

The event's theme resonated deeply, coinciding with the start of a new season. Heila reminded us that we have the power to shape our realities and embrace who we are, echoing the sentiment of a famous Chinese proverb.

The morning began with a warm welcome from Marion, followed by MC William guiding the program. Kelly Saint emphasized the theme's significance, and prizes were awarded for the best-laid tables, judged by Heila and her daughter, Burnie. Winners were Laine, Kirsty and Luan.

Guests enjoyed tea and refreshments while mingling, followed by a live auction and raffle with generous prizes from local businesses.

As the event concluded, the community spirit was strong. Guests reflected on the powerful messages shared, and Luan led a closing prayer, offering a peaceful end to a meaningful gathering.

The Floral Art Demonstration and High Tea celebrated the new beginnings we can all embrace, reminding us that each day brings a chance for renewal. Inspired to "let your light shine," attendees left with a renewed sense of possibility.

A special thank you:

Heila Groenewald – demonstration
Kyle Peverelli - donation for tables & flowers
Scottburgh family clinic - sponsor of a table & sugar
Blooms Health & Beauty Spa - vouchers
RnD Contractors - fetching & returning of Heila's equipment from Hibberdene

Spa Delux vouchers
Kayla-Anns Dinner Voucher for 2
Nelson Pillay- cameo & pearl earrings
Kyra Chrystal - Candlelight concert tickets
Kelly Saint – co-ordination & prizes



UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | SOCIAL UPDATE

ARTISTRY IN BLOOM | FUNDRAISING EVENT





3RC VISIT: LEARNERS EXPERIENCE ENGAGING THEATRE ON EMOTIONAL RESILIENCE

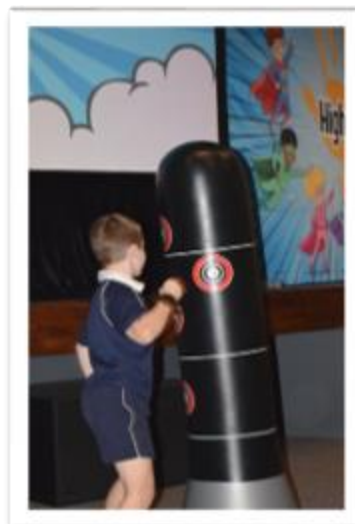
Umdoni Christian Academy hosted an inspiring event where Grade 1–6 learners were treated to a powerful and interactive theatre experience presented by the High 5 team from 3RC Education. This engaging programme focused on building emotional resilience and mental well-being, teaching student's essential values such as Kindness, Safety, Bravery, Resilience, and Self-Acceptance in a fun and captivating way. This collaboration has equipped students with necessary skills to navigate their emotional landscape, fostering a supportive environment where they can thrive.

At 3RC Education, motivation and inspiration drive daily efforts. For 25 years, the organization has dedicated itself to guiding Grade 12 learners in exploring their future studies. In 2024, the High 5 programme debuted in over 20 schools across Gauteng, and its overwhelming success has encouraged expansion into major city centers throughout South Africa.

The genesis of High 5 stems from a deeply personal experience of 3RC's owner, Kay Cheytanov, who faced challenges with her daughter, struggling with bullying and low self-image, which led to serious mental health issues. This experience ignited a passion to address the mental well-being of younger children, recognizing that Generation Alpha is currently facing a mental health crisis, with anxiety and depression rates alarmingly high due to societal pressures.

To combat these challenges, High 5 is built upon five core values: Kindness, Safety (both mental and physical), Bravery, Resilience, and Self-Acceptance. Through dynamic theatre productions, the programme guides children in understanding and embodying these values, equipping them with strategies to cope when these principles are challenged.

Umdoni Christian Academy is excited about the positive impact of the High 5 programme and looks forward to continuing its partnership with 3RC Education and Medihelp Medical Scheme to nurture the emotional resilience of its learners.





UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | TERM 4 CALENDAR

October 2025			November 2025			December 2025		
Mon	29-Sep	Week 1 Staff Start Cambridge Exam Start				Mon	1	Sport Prize Giving 18:00
Tue	30-Sep	Learners Start	Sat	1	Nationals Table Tennis	Tue	2	
Wed	1		Sun	2	Week 6	Wed	3	
Thur	2		Mon	3	AGM	Thur	4	
Fri	3		Tue	4	EXAMS START	Fri	5	Pre-School Prize Giving 8:30 Excursion Gr 9 - 12
Sat	4		Wed	5		Sat	6	
Sun	5	Week 2	Thur	6		Sun	7	Week 11
Mon	6	Parents Meeting Gr RRR - 3. Review Meetings Gr 4 -12	Fri	7	Orientation Day	Mon	8	Primary Gr 1 - 6 Prize Giving 17:00
Tue	7		Sat	8	Culture Evening 18:00	Tue	9	Secondary Gr 7 - 12 Prize Giving 18:00
Wed	8		Sun	9	Week 7	Wed	10	School Close Learners
Thur	9		Mon	10		Thur	11	
Fri	10		Tue	11		Fri	12	School Close Staff
Sat	11	UMDONI SUMMER FESTIVAL Entrepreneurs Day & Family Day	Wed	12	Career Day Primary	Sat	13	
Sun	12	Week 3	Thur	13		Sun	14	
Mon	13		Fri	14		Mon	15	
Tue	14		Sat	15	KZNCSSA AGM and Prize Giving	Tue	16	Admin Close
Wed	15		Sun	16	Week 8	Wed	17	
Thur	16		Mon	17		Thur	18	
Fri	17		Tue	18		Fri	19	
Sat	18	Nationals Chess	Wed	19		Sat	20	
Sun	19	Week 4	Thur	20		Sun	21	
Mon	20		Fri	21	Matric Dance	Mon	22	
Tue	21		Sat	22		Tue	23	
Wed	22		Sun	23	Week 9	Wed	24	
Thur	23		Mon	24	Primary Camp (TBC)	Thur	25	
Fri	24		Tue	25	Primary Camp (TBC)	Fri	26	
Sat	25	KZNCSSA Provincial Pickle Ball Soccer Tournament for Boys and Girls (Jnr and Snr)	Wed	26	Primary Camp (TBC)	Sat	27	
Sun	26	Week 5	Thur	27		Sun	28	
Mon	27		Fri	28		Mon	29	
Tue	28		Sat	29	Pre-School Play 18:00	Tue	30	
Wed	29		Sun	30	Week 10	Wed		
Thur	30					Thur		
Fri	31					Fri		



HOW TO IDENTIFY A BULLY:

Bullying is a behavior that seeks to control or harm another person. It's not just a one-time incident; it happens over-and-over again. It thrives on fear and intimidation, but we can stand strong together!



Repeated Actions:
Notice if someone is being targeted consistently.



Isolation:
Victims often feel alone; they might withdraw from friends.



Imbalance of Power:

Look for situations where one person feels powerless. If multiple people see it happening, it's likely bullying.



Watch the Impact on Others:
Bullying creates fear and anxiety in those involved. Notice how someone feels; bullying can lead to sadness and anxiety.



Fear of Reporting:
Many don't speak up because they fear retaliation.



Watch Patterns of Behavior:
Is someone repeatedly targeted?



Is there an Intent to Harm:
Bullying is deliberate and meant to hurt someone.

Stand up against bullying - Report any incidents with peace makers on campus.

UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | UPCOMING EVENTS



UMDONI SUMMER FESTIVAL: NEW FUNDRAISING EVENT EXPECTED TO BE A FUN-FILLED DAY FOR ALL AGES!

Umdoni Christian Academy and Umdoni Point are proud to announce the first ever Umdoni Summer festival and it's shaping up to be an unforgettable event! On October 11th, from 9am to 3pm (Colour Run starts at 4pm), Umdoni Point Sports & Leisure will come alive with a diverse range of activities that promise to entertain the whole family.

Traditionally Umdoni Christian Academy has had an Entrepreneurship Day, Christmas Market and Family day all separately on the premises to raise funds for their various initiatives, this year we are looking to collaborate with Umdoni Point to make the day bigger, better and even more fun!

The festival will include a Kids Entrepreneur Market, where young entrepreneurs can showcase their skills and products. The Kidzone will be buzzing with fun games and activities, Kids will love the "Make Your Own Pizza" activity, and the Jumping Castle will provide hours of entertainment. Sports enthusiasts can enjoy all the activities at Umdoni Point Pickleball, Padel, Bowls, and an Indoor Triathlon. Fitness enthusiasts can groove to the beats with Zumba, Line dancing, and Spinning. Creative adults can enjoy Painting activity.

Other highlights include a Shavathon & Hair Spray for fundraising for Cancer, a bigger market for vendors, an Ice Bath Challenge, and a thrilling Colour Run hosted by the Pre-School. There will also be music from a local DJ, and a 4x4 car display from Halfway too.

The Italian Club will be screening the 5pm Sharks Rugby game, accompanied by a rib & chips special for just R99. It's the perfect way to wrap up an action-packed day. As an added incentive, attendees can enter a raffle and stand a chance to win up to R20 000 in prizes!

Don't miss out on the fun! Proceeds are for fundraising for Umdoni Christian Academy initiatives like the School sports grounds and school yard enhancements. .

Tickets are available at the following rates:

Early Bird: R50 per person which includes access to all Umdoni Point activities and Parking (R100 on the day); Family Pack: R250 (5 people) - includes 2x Color Run entries, 2x Kid Zone (1hr each), full access to Umdoni Point Sports & Leisure, plus reserved parking (bookings essential)

If you're interested in booking a stall, contact Kelly Saint at +27 83 777 3632.

Mark your calendars for October 11th and get ready for an unforgettable UCA family day and a day to celebrate community spirit!



UMDONI SUMMER FESTIVAL

11 OCTOBER AT 9AM - 3PM

A day of fun for the whole family!

KIDS COMMERCE MARKET | KIDSZONE | PICKLEBALL | PADEL | BOWLS | TRIATHALON | ZUMBA
LINE DANCE | SPINNING | PIZZA MAKING FOR KIDS | SHAVATHON & HAIR SPRAY FOR CANCER
JUMPING CASTLE | BIGGER MARKET FOR ALL VENDORS | ICE BATH CHALLENGE | COLOUR RUN | MUSIC

Early Bird: R50 per person

Family Pack: R250 (5 people) - Includes 2x Color Run entries, 2x Kid Zone (1hr each), full access to Umdoni Point Sports & Leisure, plus reserved parking (bookings essential).



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UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Enter our raffle & stand a chance to **WIN R20 000!**



Tickets available from Umdoni Christian Academy or Umdoni Point Proshop.

UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | A SPECIAL THANK YOU



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UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | COMING UP & GIVING INITIATIVES

UPCOMING EVENTS & GIVING INITIATIVES

11 October
Summer
Festival

3 November
Annual General
Meeting (AGM)

21 November
Matric Ball
Dance

Phoebe'S
Pantry ♡

- Tinned goodies
- Personal Toiletries
- Pasta
- Sugar
- Flour ♡
- Coffee & Tea
- Juice
- Cereal
- Long life milk ♡

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