



# UCA | TERM 4 2025 NEWSLETTER

A Ministry of HIS Church

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

## AS WE END 2025 – A MESSAGE FROM THE SGB:

Dear Parents,

As we come to the close of this school year, we celebrate all that God has done in our community. What a blessing it has been to watch our students grow—not only in knowledge, but in the deeper foundations that truly matter. In every classroom and every activity, we have seen our school's motto come to life: children's lives built on God's Word, wisdom, and ways.

Throughout these months, God's Word has guided our learning, His wisdom has shaped our decisions, and His ways have shown us how to love, serve, and persevere. Our students have discovered that true growth happens when Christ is at the centre—when Scripture anchors their hearts and God's truth lights their path.

As we go on holiday and Christmas approaches, we pray that each child continues to stand firm on the foundation that has been laid this year. May their hearts remain open to the Lord's leading, and we pray that you as family's are refreshed by His presence and peace.

We want to thank you, as parents for partnering with us in the beautiful work of building lives on God's Word, wisdom, and ways.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our precious HCSC congregation for their faithful service in leading devotional times with our children, and for carrying the UCA family so lovingly in their hearts and prayers.

We want to thank the UCA Staff for ALL their hard work, their prayers, their care and faithfulness in stewarding our precious children's lives.

May the Lord bless and keep you as we finish this year with grateful hearts. As Isaiah 43:19 reminds us, "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up." With this promise in mind, may we step into 2026 with hope, expectation, and confidence in all that God has prepared for us as Umdoni Christian Academy.

All our love

Yours in Jesus  
John & Kirst

### 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 PRINCIPAL

At the start of 2025, our then CEO, Mrs Poynter, had it on her heart that the theme for the year would be “**Reboot.**” The aim was to embrace a new, fresh start—returning to the basics and realigning with our core purpose.

Reflecting on the year, “Reboot” took on a deeper meaning than any of us anticipated. With redeployment and changes in the management structure, the introduction of Phase Coordinators, appointment of vacant Heads of School, and Department Coordinators marked an important step forward in strengthening leadership and establishing a more functional MANCO team and meetings.

As we near the end of another blessed year at UCA, we want to express our deep appreciation to every part of our school family.

To our **parents** involved in fundraising, sport support, organisation, and coaching—thank you for giving so generously of your time and energy. Your partnership strengthens our community in countless ways.

A huge thank you to our **Admin Team**, the very *bone structure of the UCA body*. Teaching and learning simply would not be possible without your steady guidance, commitment, and behind-the-scenes excellence that keeps our school moving forward each day.

To our **Pre-School**, the cradle of UCA—thank you for creating a joyful, play-rich environment where a love for learning is born and nurtured.

To our **Primary School staff**, thank you for opening doors of opportunity for our learners, helping them grow both inside and beyond the classroom.

To our **Secondary School team**, your hard work in preparing learners for external exams does not go unnoticed. We understand the pressure results bring, and we pray that the Lord will bless the labour of your hands and grant peace to both staff and learners.

And importantly—to our **learners**, who ARE UCA. Thank you for your commitment to hard work, for becoming confident and reflective learners, and for building strong character. Your willingness to serve and to participate wholeheartedly in sports and school activities inspires us daily.

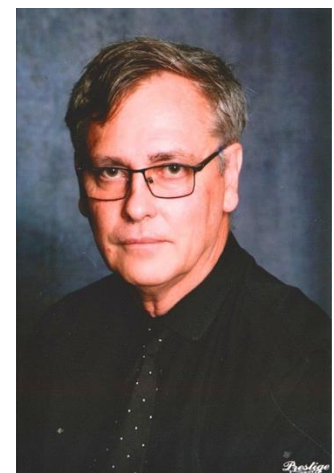
Lastly, thank you to our **Marketing Team** for keeping UCA visible and vibrant in the community through our social media presence.

May the Lord continue to guide, strengthen, and bless us as we journey together.

Yours in Education,

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William van de Venter





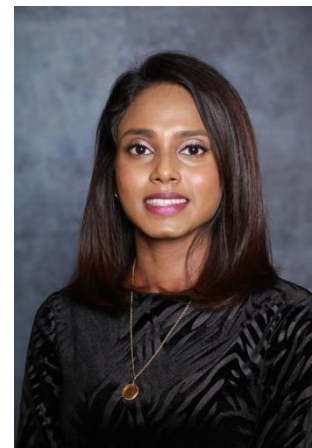
## OUR HIGH SCHOOL HEAD

It has been an eventful and rewarding year in the High School. We began with a fun-filled Prefect Outing, where our student leaders strengthened their bonds through team-building activities and enjoyed the opportunity to start the year with unity. Throughout the year, students participated in a range of programmes including Athletics, Pi Day and several sporting events, all of which added energy and excitement to our calendar. Academically, it has been a rigorous year, with a strong focus on preparing our Grade 10 and Grade 12 students for their Cambridge examinations. They have shown admirable resilience in meeting these challenges. A memorable highlight was our World Oceans Day celebration, featuring engaging and informative talks from the uShaka team. Term 3 brought a strong career focus, with weekly guest speakers inspiring students with stories of diverse and exciting professional paths. The Floral Demonstration Fundraiser, planned by Mrs van de Venter, parents and Grade 11 students, was another standout event and helped us provide a beautiful matric farewell for our Grade 12 class. Term 4 included participation in the Umdoni Summer Festival and the Great Southern Bioblitz, before we ended the year with a fun filled matric farewell. We look forward to another wonderful year ahead.

Yours in Excellence,

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Ms. Subramoney





## OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD

As I reflect on this school year, I am grateful for the dedication and unity of our Primary School team. Our staff have served with excellence, and I especially acknowledge my Phase Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Rungasamy, for his consistent support, guidance, and leadership throughout the year.

Our learners enjoyed several meaningful events, including Career Day, the Science Fair, and the Grade 3–6 camp, all of which enriched their learning experiences and strengthened our school community. Throughout every success and challenge, our school motto has continued to guide and anchor us: “Children’s lives built on God’s Word, ways and wisdom.” It remains the foundation of all we do and the heart behind every decision we make.

Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to continue building young leaders and expanding our school offerings. We look forward to hosting the Science Fair and Career Day once again, and we are exploring the possibility of a Parents’ Dinner as a fundraising event. We also anticipate launching an End-of-Year School Play to celebrate our learners’ creativity and talents.

Acts 17:28: “In Him I live and move and have my being.” These words have reminded us that every step forward, every achievement, and every moment of growth is rooted in God’s grace and guidance.

Yours in Learning,

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Mrs Baijnath





## OUR PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD

Highlights of the 2025 Preschool School Year:

The 2025 school year was filled with joy, growth, and unforgettable memories. Our children thrived through a range of exciting events, including our successful Tour de Preschool fundraiser, heart-warming Mother's and Father's Day celebrations, a splash-filled Water Fun Day at Rocky Bay, a lively and well-coordinated Sports Day, a special Grandparents Day filled with pride and laughter, a fantastic colour run at the Summer Festival and a Year-End Play where our children shone with confidence and creativity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our families for their unwavering support throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to announce exciting preschool renovations and new events planned for 2026, promising an even more enriching and memorable year for our children.

Blessings,

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Davenee Govender





# 2026 PREFECTS

OUR SELECTED LEADERS FOR 2026



Head boy: Lincoln Govender  
Head Girl: Mieke Senekal  
Deputy Head Prefect: Lyonie Smit

## PREFECT BODY:

Aimee Richtor  
Bayanda Mkhize  
Cassidy Cross  
Hannah Ledoux  
Isabelle van de Merwe  
Simone Nel  
Katy Jones

Chloe Rose  
Janna Miekeljohn  
Lenuel Munien  
Regan Dowsett



## SPORT SPECIAL MENTIONS

OUR ATHLETES ACHIEVED AMAZING ACCOLADES



As we wrap up another remarkable year, we celebrate the achievements, growth, and memories that have shaped our school community. From classrooms to sports fields, from creative projects to acts of kindness, each moment has contributed to the vibrant spirit that defines us.

We proudly celebrate the outstanding achievements of our students across every sporting discipline. Congratulations to our **Swimmers** Olivia Cox (Swimmer of the Year) and Joshua Le Doux (Most Dedicated Swimmer), and to our **Athletics stars** Jo-Anna Pratt (Athlete of the Year) and Regan Dowsett (Most Dedicated Athlete). A special mention goes to **Pickleball Player of the Year**, Grant Tedder.

On the soccer field, we applaud Matthew Miller (Best Junior), Lemuel Munien (Best Senior), Luke Singer & Caleb Turner (Most Improved), Jennifer-Jayne Miller (Best Girl), and Jema-Lee Adams (Most Improved Girl).

In **Netball**, Olivia Cox (Most Promising Senior), Siphesihle Myeza (Most Enthusiastic Senior), Jo-Anna Pratt (Most Promising Junior), and Hlelo Biyela (Most Enthusiastic Junior) shone brightly.

Our **Cricket Award** goes to Jennifer-Jayne Miller, while **Cross Country Runner of the Year** is Isabella van de Merwe. In the **Foundation Phase**, Matthew Pratt (Sportsboy of the year) and Tatum Cox (Sportsgirl of the year ) stood out, with Violet Marais recognized as the **Most Promising Grade R Sportsgirl**. Finally, we honor our overall **Sportsman and Sportswoman Awards**: Cruz Darbyshire Roberts (Junior Sportsboy), Jo-Anna Pratt (Junior Sportsgirl), Olivia Cox (Senior Sportsgirl), and Reece Ruitter (Senior Sportsboy).

Thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive families, and inspiring students for making this year one to remember. May the holiday season bring rest and joy, and may the new year open doors to fresh opportunities, continued learning, and shared success.

# UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | SOCIAL UPDATE



## FAREWELL TO OUR MATRICS

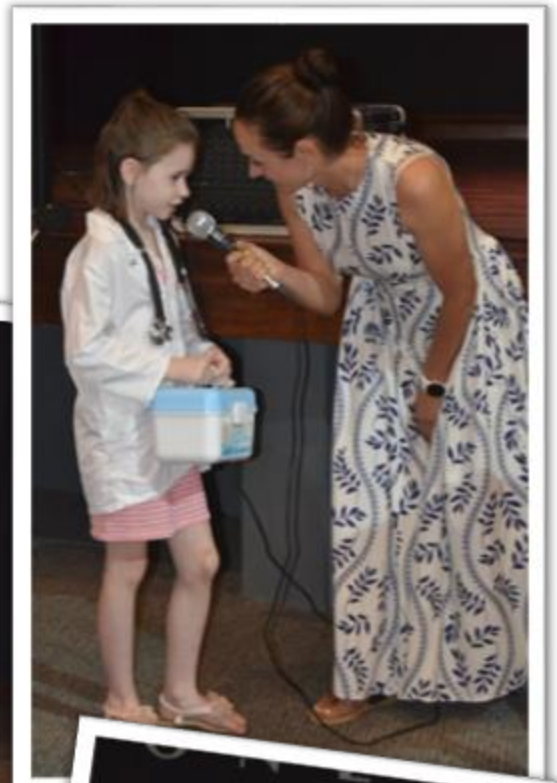




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### CAREER DAY

Thank you to our amazing parents who joined us on career day and making the day fun and engaging!





## GREAT SOUTHERN BIG BLITZ

**THE GREAT SOUTHERN BIOBLITZ**

**WHERE**  
Umdoni Christian Academy

**WHEN**  
Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
13:15 - 14:00

**WHY**  
Celebrate the diversity of life that makes our planet unique and help scientists record the distribution of species in the southern hemisphere.

**TO BRING**  
Takkies, water, a hat, a device (Phone/iPad/camera) and your curious mind!

Join us as we help scientists, conservationists and research communities document and update the distribution of species (plant, animal and fungi) in our half of the planet!  
Get ready to explore our campus, take pictures and appreciate God's beautiful creations with us.  
We look forward to being citizen scientists with you!



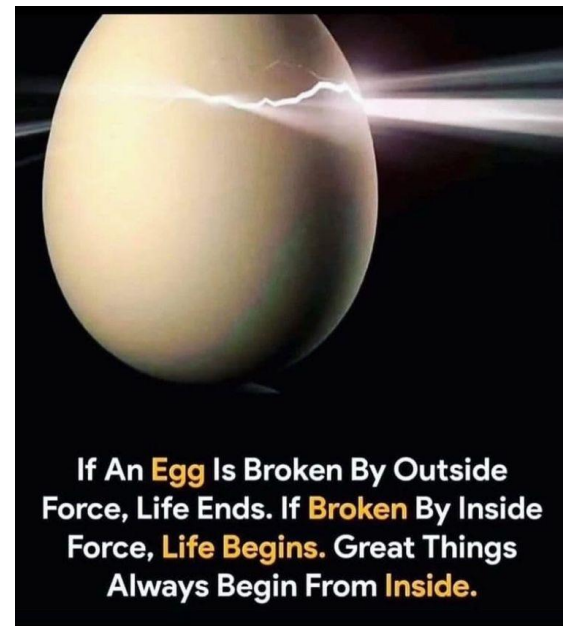


# THEME FOR 2026 **TRANSFORMATION: FROM THE INSIDE OUT!**

## KEY SCRIPTURE FOR THE YEAR :

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

**ROMANS 12:1-3**



## THEME FOR TERM 1:

# ***Empowered by His Name***

## ***Key scripture:***

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (NIV)

**2 Corinthians .13:14**



## YEAR TERM DATES

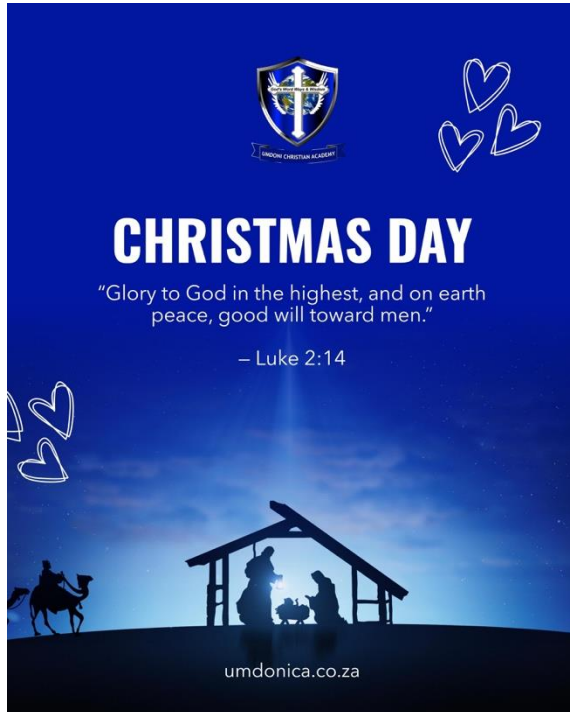
Term 1	14 Jan – 27 March
Term 2	8 April – 26 June
Term 3	21 July – 17 September
Term 4	6 October – 9 December
School Closed	14–15 May

## TERM 1 DATES

- 12 Jan School Open Staff
- 14 Jan School Open Learners
- 15 Jan General Parent Evening 18:00 (TBC)
- 19 Jan Meet the Teacher
- 4 Feb World Read Aloud Day
- 7 – 8 February Midmar Mile
- 13 Feb God is Love Day
- 14 Feb South Durban Zonal Gala & SACSSA Online Chess
- 19 – 21 Feb Prefect Camp
- 7 Mar SACSSA Online Chess & KZNCSSA Provincial Gala
- 9 – 18 Mar Test Series
- 13 Mar Pi-Day
- 14 Mar KZNCSSA Mini Cricket (TBC)
- 25 Mar World Maths Day
- 27 Mar School Closes
- 28 Mar SACSSA National Gala

# UMDONI CHRISTIAN ACADEMY | COMING UP & GIVING INITIATIVES

## UPCOMING EVENTS & GIVING INITIATIVES



Donate monthly for a family in need  
Drop your food stuffs at His Church any day of the week

## ADVERTISE WITH US

Email [admin@umdonica.co.za](mailto:admin@umdonica.co.za) for more information. All advertising goes to our school building fund.

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