

# UNION SCHOOLS

## 2025







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## *Our Vision*

“We are committed to creating a happy and safe environment where all students are afforded every opportunity for growth, and are encouraged to achieve their full potential in academic, cultural, sporting and spiritual activities under the guidance of professional educators, thereby enabling them to become fulfilled, self-reliant and responsible citizens.”

## *The Mission of the Union Schools is:*

To provide a high standard of all-round education to every student, thus making a significant contribution to nation building through the development of the human resources of our country;

To be accessible to students from the wider South African community,  
while maintaining English as the medium of instruction;

To inculcate the values of Truth, Loyalty and Justice as enshrined in our motto;

To use the opportunities provided by communal school and boarding life to develop in our students attitudes of tolerance towards others, and respect for their person and property;

To utilise fully the resources offered by the local community and opportunities presented by the school's unique situation to develop the interests and abilities of the students as widely as possible;

To foster an environment which will encourage students' spiritual development based upon Biblical Christianity, without prejudice to students from other religious backgrounds; and

To offer boys and girls the opportunity to develop together in a stable home-like environment.

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# MAGAZINE TEAM

As we turn the pages of this year's magazine, we invite you to pause with us and reflect on the moments, memories and milestones that shaped 2025. Each photograph, each story and each highlight captured here is a testament to the spirit of the Union Schools - a Karoo community bound by tradition, teamwork, courage and heart.

This edition is more than a record of events. It is a celebration of the people who make the schools what it is: our dedicated learners, passionate educators, supportive parents and loyal Old Unionites. Together, we've navigated challenges, embraced opportunities and created countless moments of pride and joy.

To everyone who contributed - by sharing stories, supporting events, cheering from the sidelines or simply being part of our daily life - thank you. Your presence and participation are what keep our school's legacy alive and thriving.

As you look back through these pages, we hope you'll feel the warmth of the memories, the strength of our community and the excitement of all that lies ahead.

Here's to another year well-lived and to many more chapters still to come. With gratitude,  
The Magazine Team

## STAFF

As we close the book on another year at the School, we pause to look back on a year filled with countless moments of joy. What makes our school truly special is not only the learners who fill our corridors, but the dedicated staff and their families whose stories, milestones and memories enrich our Union family in the most meaningful ways.

This year, we were delighted to welcome Miss Meriche Koeberg and Mr Brett Amsterdam to our staff. Their fresh energy brought a welcome spark to campus life. While Mr Amsterdam has chosen to pursue a new path and will be leaving us at the end of the year, we remain thankful for the time he shared with us and wish him every success as he steps into the next chapter of his journey.

Throughout 2025, our staff celebrated a tapestry of family achievements that filled our community with pride. Mrs Danelle Botes beamed as her daughter Gina was elected a prefect at Laer Volkskool for 2026, while Mrs Helane Keyser shared in her son Kian's joy at being named Deputy Head Boy of Hoër Volkskool. Mrs Sanette Brink's daughter Amanda (Class of 2018) said yes to her fiancé, Richter Swanevelder, beginning a beautiful new chapter of her own.

We were also thrilled that Mrs Hestie Clegg's son, Peter-Daniel, has been elected as a School Prefect for next year - a proud moment for their family and our school community. For Ms Jenny Nel, 2025 was a year overflowing with blessings. She welcomed a new grandson, baby Michael, born to her daughter Grace; celebrated the marriage of her son Gabriel to Nicole; and proudly witnessed Gabriel (Class of 2010) graduate as a paediatrician from the University of Pretoria and complete a Leadership in Health Care course through Oxford University.

Mrs Kiki Nel also entered 2025 with a full heart, celebrating the birth of her grandchild in late 2024.

Academic achievements within our families were plentiful. Mr and Mrs Pringle celebrated their son James (Class of 2021), who graduated from Stellenbosch University with a BA in Languages and Culture. Mrs Abigail Gedult celebrated her son Ethan's graduation from Stellenbosch University with a B Acc degree, along with his acceptance into an auditing internship at LDP for 2025, while her daughter, Erin, was announced as the School's Dux learner at the prizegiving ceremony. Miss Koeberg herself achieved her teaching degree from the University of the Free State in April.





**STAFF**

**BACK:** Mr A. Smit, Mrs T. Neill, Mr S. Van Zyl, Mrs Z. Oosthuizen, Mrs S. Marais, Mr J.P. Kruger, Mr A. Human, Mr E. Gouws, Mr S. Koeberg, Mr M. Njoloza, Mr E. Jantjies, Mrs H. Clegg, Mrs D. Botes, Ms S. Bosch  
**MIDDLE:** Mr B. Amsterdam, Ms N. Martin, Mrs S. Krige, Ms E. Moos, Mrs J. Heunis-Jones, Mrs S. Brink, Ms J. Nel, Ms J. Street, Mrs M. Burger, Mrs A. Ekkerd, Mrs J. Liebenberg, Ms J. Matthews, Mrs T. Chutu, Mrs C. Nell, Ms M Koeberg, Mrs M. Burger  
**FRONT:** Mr D. Kingwill, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Mr C. Beck, Mrs Y. Cloete, Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Principal), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs N. Read, Mrs B. Langmead, Mr H. Sparrius, Mrs C. Pringle, Mrs H. Keyser, Mrs L. Gerber





A number of our staff also experienced the tender pride of watching their children reach their matric year - Mrs Suzanne Marais bid farewell to her eldest, Daniel; Mrs Joline Liebenberg celebrated her youngest, Kyle; Mrs Tess Neill shared in a double milestone with twins, Kenza and Alex; Mrs Gedult marked her youngest Erin's turn and Mr and Mrs Ferreira supported their eldest, Tara, as she completed her school journey. A particularly special moment came when Mrs Marais, an Old Unionite from the Class of 1999, attended the A-10 Dinner with her son Daniel - the same iconic event she attended as a matric in her own school days.

More joyful family moments included Mrs Lizet Crankshaw welcoming her second grandson, Jackson Douglas Sirgel, in August, while also celebrating her son Jonathan (Class of 2016), who married Christelle Slabbert in July. Mr Albert Smit marked a personal milestone when he became engaged to Trevita Cona in November.

Amid these celebrations, we also honoured the faithful service of staff who have given years of dedication to the School. This year, we were privileged to celebrate the long-service milestones of Mrs Christina Nell (10 years), Deputy Principal Mrs Abigail Gedult (10 years) and Bursar Mrs

Joline Liebenberg (20 years). Their commitment, loyalty and unwavering passion for the school continue to shape the excellence and warmth that define our school experience.

Our year also carried moments of bittersweet appreciation. We said a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes, who retired early after 15 years of remarkable dedication, warmth and influence. Her son James (Class of 2021) also enjoyed a milestone year - graduating and getting married. We also prepare to wish Mr Donald Kingwill a fond farewell upon his retirement. His steady leadership, consistent care and unwavering support for generations of boarders have left a lasting legacy within Arthur Kingwill House. Replacing a figure of his calibre is no small task, but in Mr Hanno Sparrius, we are confident that AKH has found a compassionate, energetic and values-driven leader ready to guide its next chapter.

In every story shared this year - every celebration, achievement, new beginning and gentle farewell - we are reminded that Union High School is more than a school. It is a community deeply intertwined by love, loyalty and shared purpose. As we close the book on 2025, our hearts are full. Here's to a year rich in blessings and to the promise of all that awaits in 2026.

## FAREWELL TO MRS ROSE-INNES

The School bid a heartfelt and bittersweet farewell to one of its most beloved educators, Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes, who went on early retirement after celebrating her 15th remarkable year as a member of staff.

Mrs Rose-Innes was a stalwart of the school and brought an incredible mix of dedication, enthusiasm and warmth. She was the kind of teacher that every learner remembers with a smile. She was hard-working, incredibly organized and bursting with energy and she poured her heart into every lesson, every event and every child. As the Primary Department's Creative Arts teacher, Mrs Rose-Innes earned a reputation for her impeccable planning and unmatched creativity. Her lessons were not only engaging and imaginative, but also supported by next-level handouts and perfectly crafted rubrics - a dream for any learner and a treasure for her colleagues.

Mrs Rose-Innes made an impact that went far beyond the classroom. If you ever found yourself seated near her in the staff room, you were in for a treat. Laughter was guaranteed, and soon enough, her little corner became known affectionately as the 'naughty corner' - a hub of humour, stories and camaraderie. She had a talent for lifting spirits and creating a sense of community, one cup of Earl Grey tea at a time, her signature beverage of choice. Tea was such a part of her identity that she once gave a now-famous devotion on how to drink tea that left everyone smiling



and perhaps looking at their teacups with a little more reverence. She brought this same heart and thoughtfulness to her roles beyond the classroom, whether it was as a speaker at the school's Mother & Daughter Tea or the ever-gracious organiser of the annual Grade 7 Ladies' Tea.

Mrs Rose-Innes was never one to stand on the sidelines. Her involvement knew no bounds and she coached netball, launched the school's Philosophy Club, served on the School Governing Body and championed chess with unwavering devotion. She was always in the thick of things, pouring her passion into everything she did. As a teacher, she believed deeply in applied learning and she ensured her learners didn't just study concepts but experienced them. Her classroom was a place where fun met focus, where learners felt seen and heard and where

children found their spotlight.

She will be remembered not just for her professionalism, but for her deep care. Mrs Rose-Innes always had a trusty 'boere' remedy at the ready for anyone feeling unwell. For those who needed a smile, a warm chat with her did the trick. She had a way of making everyone feel special. Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes was more than an educator; she was the life, heart and soul of the School in so many ways. She leaves behind a legacy of laughter, learning and love and a void that cannot easily be filled.

We hope retirement brings her as much joy as she gave to the School. Always the belle of the ball, we know she will shine wherever she goes.



**SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**BACK:** Mrs N. Read (Head of Department), Mrs B. Langmead (Head of Culture), Mr C. Beck (Head of Sport)  
**FRONT:** Mrs Y. Cloete (Head of Department), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Mrs A. Gedult (Deputy Principal)



**GROUND STAFF**

**BACK:** Mr Jack Bezuidenhout, Mr Leon Witbooi, Mr Gavin Meyer, Mr Ashwin Japhta  
**FRONT:** Mr Neil Meyer, Mr Arnold du Plessis, Mrs Lillian Williams, Ms Delicia Solomons, Mr Joseph Oormeyer, Mr Gavin Malouw  
**ABSENT:** Mr Rayno Loxton



# HEADMASTER'S REPORT



It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities of the School. 2025 has been a very busy, constructive year for our school in its 106th year.

## STAFF

Each school year brings with it a change in staff and this year has been no exception. Change is good and new people bring fresh ideas and renewed energy. The following members of staff joined the school during the year: Ms Merischa Koeberg and Mr Brett Amsterdam – they have settled in well and are making a positive contribution.

Mr Beck was appointed Head of Sport from the start of the second term, succeeding Mrs Lou-Anne Gerber, who served the school with great dedication and grace.

We have had the privilege of paying tribute to long-serving staff members. Mrs Abigail Gedult was celebrated for her 10 years of committed service, along with Mrs Christina Nell (10 years) and Mrs Hanli Rose Innes (15 years), while Mrs Lillian Williams, our school cleaner, was recognised for 25 years of loyal service.

Mr Donald Kingwill, our Estate Manager retires at the end of the year, having served the school for an impressive 25 years. I often say to myself: What will we do without him? We thank Mr Kingwill for his dedicated service, for always being willing, for going the extra mile always, and we wish him a long and happy retirement.

## PREFECTS

I should like to extend the thanks of the entire school to Shaakir Kazi and Aaminah Steele and the prefect body of 2025 for their efforts this year. The job of the prefects is not always an easy one and their efforts are often overlooked. We do appreciate the job that the school and hostel prefects perform in helping with the smooth running of the school and of the hostels. Strong learner leadership is critical in the running of a school.

## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

Our RCL has functioned effectively this year, under the guidance of

Mr Jantjies. This year, the RCL was led by Trystan Hulleman and Milani Pongoma, and the body played an important role with regards to maintaining a tranquil environment for effective education to take place at the School. Important class matters were dealt with and communication between learners and educators was facilitated and maintained. The body is growing in strength and young leaders are developing into strong, principled members, coming to a full understanding of their very important role in representing their peers in the management sphere.

## ACADEMIC MATTERS

The academic pursuits of our learners remain the core of our business and receives the vast majority of our time and planning.

The academic performance of our children must be viewed as a team effort between the learner, educators and parents if the child is to be successful and we are constantly putting structures in place to strengthen this relationship.

Parent evenings play an important role in this and were well-attended this year. We continue to provide our educators with the very best teaching aids and trust that this will be of advantage to the learners.

## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Our cultural programme remains a busy one with many of our learners participating actively. While we thank all our teachers who involve themselves so willingly in cultural activities, a special word of thanks must go to Mrs Bronwen Langmead for her initiative and leadership in this department.

Our Music Department continues to offer Piano Adventures and Rock School, additions to our existing Royal Schools of Music syllabus. We are grateful to our music educators, Mrs Brink and Ms Oosthuizen for their wonderful efforts in helping our young musicians achieve their goals. Our choirs and marimba bands have provided so much enjoyment this year and have added so much to the many special events that we have held this year.

The Camdeboo Eisteddfod, a wonderful opportunity for local youngsters to showcase their talents and creativity - whether in music, drama, dance or visual arts took place in August. We extend our gratitude to the school's cultural department, and, in particular, Ms Zelda Oosthuizen for her commitment.

Chess remains popular and provides an opportunity for our learners to sharpen their strategic planning skills. We are grateful to Ms Martin for her commitment to chess.

## SCOUTS

Scouting remains an activity of value and, under the guidance of Mr Johan Vorster, and a parents' Committee, our boys have taken the opportunity to become involved in this valuable pursuit.

## GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

The Grade 10 Odyssey, which took place towards the end of Term 3, is a journey of self-discovery for these learners who are afforded the privilege of walking through some of the most pristine wilderness that the Karoo has to offer.

The grade emerges out of Odyssey bonded in a way that is noticeable, with camaraderie, encouragement and admiration of one another being key factors that become evident. They also learn that no matter how

difficult and painful things can be sometimes, giving up is not an option, and each participant is extremely proud to complete the 5-day challenge. Odyssey could not happen without the love and generosity of so many who give so much to make it a success. We are very grateful to all of our parents who make this a reality each year.

This year marked the tenth year that Mr and Mrs Langmead have led our Odyssey, and it was their final chapter. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to them for this innovative opportunity for our Grade 10 classes over the past decade.

## BOARDING HOUSES

Our boarding houses and our boarders are the engine room of our school and this area of the school receives continuous attention and we will keep working on improving our facilities. I feel confident that our hostels maintain a very high standard. Mr and Mrs Ferreira, Mr and Mrs Kingwill, and Mrs Sparks, and their teams have made it their mission to ensure that our hostels function effectively and efficiently and they deserve our grateful thanks. A very special word of thanks is extended to our duty staff for their services.

I would also like to thank all the members of the hostel committee for what they have done for the hostels this year, and in particular Mrs Jennifer Hope for her leadership.

## GROUND AND BUILDINGS

Mr Donald Kingwill and our maintenance staff work extremely hard in order to maintain the very high standards of our campus to which we have become accustomed.

We are proud of what we have and we are grateful to those who have made it possible for us to continue to look upon our facilities with pride. There can be few, if any, campuses which boast the setting, facilities and beauty of ours.

Our campus has been improved this year with new sound and lighting equipment that has been installed in the school hall; a junior girls' bathroom has been constructed; a new school bus acquired; our dedicated ground staff painted our main quad, restoring balustrades and varnishing doors, redoing notice boards and touching up ceilings and attending to every detail; a new electronic scoreboard has been acquired; a cast-iron signpost, erected, standing proudly at the entrance, its directional fingers pointing not to places, but to principles: Respect, Integrity, Responsibility, Kindness and Honesty; eight new spectator stands were built for the Puttick Field and provide much-needed seating for spectators; the Grade 12 Boys' bathroom has been revamped; and the School Library has been renovated.

I should also like to extend my thanks to members of our ground staff who drive school buses for us with such care and trustworthiness. Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Piet Plaatjies and Mr Arnold du Plessis are invaluable members of our team and I am deeply grateful to them for taking such care of our precious children.

## SPORTING MATTERS

Sport remains a valuable aspect of the all-round education provided by our school. Mr Calvin Beck has managed our sport efficiently. The Sports Department continues to evolve and to maximise the talent of our learners. Our sportsmen and women continue to challenge for provincial teams, and even representation at national level.

Cricket remains very popular, and our teams have achieved much success this year. The 1st XI participated in the Cape Schools' Cricket

Week hosted by Wynberg Boys' in Cape Town. Gary Kirsten, former Proteas player and respected coach, visited in March and September, and Carl Bradfield also in September. They have spent time analysing our programme and pointing out where we can improve. This did not happen by chance, but through the passion of the Old Unionite Committee and, in particular, Mr William Copeman. When our parents and past pupils collaborate with the school in a positive, supportive manner, great things happen. Junior cricket has done very well under the guidance of Mr Njoloza who manages the junior sports programme with passion and enthusiasm.

Athletics and Swimming continue to attract interest and Tennis has achieved satisfactory results this year. Thank you to all of our coaches for their commitment to these wonderful sports.

The winter season was tremendously positive and enjoyable, and the standard of rugby played at the school, and the levels of discipline so integral to this sport improved dramatically. The 1st Hockey Team defeated Hoër Volkskool 7-0 at Interschools, the highest winning margin in 60 years. The hockey, in general was spectacular. Eight girls – Sarah Jacobs, Leigh-Ann Murray, Misha Newton, Mecoli Vorster, Kenza Neill, Aaminah Steele, Tara Ferreira and Amy Waddelow – achieved the exceptional honour of receiving their 100th caps – a testament to years of hard work and unwavering passion for the game. They leave a tremendous legacy to which younger players must aspire.

Our hard-working First-Aiders truly deserve our thanks for their efforts. Sincere thanks also to all our local doctors for their willingness to help whenever called upon to do so.

Interschools was hosted at our school for the first time since the early 1970's, and was a wonderful community occasion, and an opportunity to showcase our school. Tight security was in place, and the atmosphere that prevailed was classy and calm. We were victorious by 64 points to 42.

This year's Cricket and Rugby and Hockey Festivals were a great success as they are every year. All who participated thoroughly enjoyed them, and we must thank Eyona Energy and Astron, in particular, as well as other sponsors who support our school so generously.

## DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

I have not often spoken of disciplinary matters in this report, but do so now. This year, we have received tremendous support from the School Governing Body Disciplinary Committee who are determined to root out poor behaviour. Learners have been suspended from school and boarding houses, and even permanently removed from the boarding houses and school this year.

Searches have been conducted during class time, and it is concerning to see that many learners continue to bring cell phones to school, despite this being prohibited, seemingly with their parents' approval to do so. Parents must take responsibility for their children's conduct.

## SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL CONNECTION

Tragically, the exchange programme with the Salisbury Cathedral School in England has come to an end. The previous visa arrangements that our students used to travel to the United Kingdom under no longer exist. They have been replaced by the Youth Mobility Scheme and South Africa is not part of this scheme. Therefore, very regrettably, the school cannot accommodate our students for their GAP year any longer as they would only be able to stay on 6-month visas.

## OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

The members of the Old Unionite Association have worked very hard behind the scenes this year and their passion and love for our school and the children is a wonderful example to all. The year has been characterised by tremendous growth and innovation and far better and more meaningful communication with our past pupils; but also unprecedented



challenges. In true Union fashion, they have not thrown in the towel, but have seen these challenges as opportunities for innovation and change.

We are grateful to Chairman, Mr Rhett Newton who has brought much energy and drive to the committee. I thank the Committee for their tremendous support of the school over the past year.

## DEVELOPMENT TRUST

The UHS Development Trust is a body which administers funds which over the past 50 or so years have been set aside and invested to ensure the long-term financial stability of the school. These funds are used primarily for infrastructural developments at the school, such things as the AstroTurf resurfacing, the purchase of a school bus and the renovation of classrooms. We are indebted to the Trustees who give so willingly of their time and expertise in the service of our school and community, and extend our thanks, in particular to Chairperson Mrs Wilmarie Spence.

## 2026

And so our school is looking forward to 2026 with hope in our hearts and with a love for the children in our care. While a new year always brings about an opportunity for a fresh start in those areas where this is necessary, it also brings with it opportunities for reflection and reminders of the greatness of this school and the richness of its history.

Some changes are due to take place within our staffing situation and we are grateful that we have been able to fill our vacancies with people who will contribute positively to our school. One or two internal staff moves also have the potential to lead to fresh enthusiasm and to improved teaching and administration. We are looking to 2026 to being a year of excellence in all spheres.

## THANK YOU TO TEACHING STAFF

As I approach the end of this report, I would like to thank our teaching staff once again, for their dedication and for their unselfish efforts on behalf of our learners. It is they who have made all that has taken place during this year possible. I am equally grateful to our secretaries and finance departments, and our maintenance staff who are absolutely indispensable to us.

Thank you, in particular to Mrs Abigail Gedult, who always provides me with wonderful support and to Mrs Nelia Read, Mrs Yvette Cloete, Mrs Bronwen Langmead and Mr Calvin Beck, for their guidance and support.

Thank you too to the office-based staff Mrs Mariette Burger, Mrs Hestie Clegg, Mrs Maritza Burger, Mrs Joline Liebenberg, Mrs Tess Neill, Administrative Secretary, Mrs Sharon Krige, Receptionist Mrs Elsebe Moos and Headmaster's Secretary Mrs Suzanne Marais for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

## PARENTS

This is a fitting occasion for me to thank a wonderful parent body for your support during this year. Many of you have travelled all over the Eastern Cape and beyond supporting your children and the school; many have assisted us in various obvious and not so obvious ways. We really do value you. Thank you to those of you who have made the effort to show your appreciation to staff who have spent many hours teaching, coaching or driving your children around.

As a school we remain committed to serving our community and we regard our partnership with you, as parents, as a priority. At a time like this, when educational matters in South Africa are becoming increasingly challenging, we need our parents even more. We are fortunate to have a parent body such as you. We look forward to your support and assistance again next year.

I would like to express my very sincere thanks to the church leaders in Graaff-Reinet. Our school appreciates the guidance and the help that they have offered our learners this year. We thank them for their prayers

and for the many other practical ways in which they have contributed to the School this past year.

Sincere thanks also to Mr Ross Hulleman for his support and that of the Union Preparatory School. We continue to work towards bringing our schools closer together, to have complimentary structures and to plan for the future of our family of schools.

I extend my gratitude to those parents who serve on our School Governing Body for the tremendous work, the personal, family and financial sacrifices that they are prepared to make. It has been incredibly rewarding working with this body this year; I extend my thanks to all our governors. I am grateful, in particular, to Mr Kelvin Kayster for his willingness to chair this body and for his leadership, integrity and commitment.

## LEARNERS

I extend my personal thanks to the learners of our school, not only those in leadership positions, but all of you, no matter how big or small your role in this school. I should like you always to know and remember that you are valued here and that every one of you matters very much to me and to this school.

## CONCLUSION

I have often quoted from one of my favourite authors, Roald Dahl in this speech: And I do so again: 'Well, maybe it started that way. As a dream, but doesn't everything. Those buildings. These lights. This whole city. Somebody had to dream about it first. And maybe that is what I did. I dreamed about coming here, but then I did it' - James and the Giant Peach.

How grateful I am to have been given the privilege of serving this school and community. Union is a school that hums with activity, loves the children in its care, and provides so many with a home they might otherwise not have had.

I think that, without realising it, tonight I have been paying tribute to all those who work quietly behind the scenes, making this school tick and hum, without any need for praise or recognition. I thank you all for your humility and kindness.

Let me also offer these wise words from David Landes, the American economic historian and author of *The Wealth and Poverty of Nations*: 'In this world the optimists have it, not because they are always right, but because they are positive. Even when they are wrong, they are positive, and that is the way of achievement, correction, improvement and success. Educated, eyes-open optimism pays; pessimism can only offer the empty consolation of being right.'

Our school offers our youngsters many, many opportunities in a variety of fields. I would like to thank the learners who have made the most of the opportunities offered. We value what they have done and are very proud of them. Their contributions have ensured that the name of our school remains respected throughout South Africa. For the few who do not use the chances that they get to grow and to develop, may I challenge them to do all that they can when they start afresh in 2026.

It is clear from my report that Union High School continues to build positively upon the foundations of the past, and that, with the continued support of our community, our parents and our learners, our school will deal with the challenges of 2026 with confidence.

Thank you to my wife, Catherine, for your quiet support and patience throughout the year. Lastly – I thank our Lord and Saviour – this is His school.

# SCHOOL DRIVERS



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*Mr Trevor Zali, Mr Melvin Kitchu, Mr Andrian Visagie, Mr Arnold du Plessis, Mr Piet Plaatjies*

We are most thankful for this group of gentlemen's hard work and commitment to ensuring our learners arrive safely and happily at their destinations.

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

As we look back on another remarkable year at the Union Schools, one truth stands out clearly: our parent community is extraordinary. Throughout the year, at every school event big or small, there was always a familiar sight - parents rolling up their sleeves, stepping in without hesitation and giving generously of their time and energy. Whether it was preparing food, organising décor, assisting at fundraisers, or simply being an extra pair of hands when needed, our parents showed up with enthusiasm, warmth and a sense of purpose that could be felt by everyone around them. It wasn't just teamwork. It was heartwork. And it's this very spirit that strengthens our school in ways that go far beyond the events themselves.

### **VOLUNTEERING IS AS MUCH FOR YOU AS IT IS FOR YOUR CHILD.**

What many parents discover - often unexpectedly - is that volunteering doesn't only benefit the school or its learners. It also enriches *you*. When you choose to get involved:

- **You rediscover community.**

There's something deeply comforting about standing alongside other parents, working toward a shared goal. In a world that often feels rushed and disconnected, these moments of laughter, conversation and shared effort remind you that you are part of something meaningful.

- **You build new friendships.**

Before long, familiar faces become friends. You stop feeling like a visitor on campus and start feeling like a valued part of the school's daily rhythm - because you are.

- **You restore your faith in what a school community can be.**

Seeing parents, staff, learners and volunteers pulling together gives

you hope. It reminds you that unity, kindness and generosity still thrive.

- **You feel connected to something bigger than yourself.**

Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose - the knowledge that your contribution, no matter how small, makes a tangible difference to the school experience of every child.

- **You set the example.**

Your children see what it means to give your time freely. They learn, quietly and powerfully, that service, participation and teamwork are values worth carrying into adulthood.

- **You make a difference - more than you realise.**

Every parent who has poured a cup of coffee, baked a cake, sold a raffle ticket, arranged flowers, moved tables, or worked behind the scenes has played a part in uplifting the school. Contributions throughout the year have helped us create real improvements - from small touches that bring joy to large projects that benefit generations of learners.

And the best part? You go home tired in the best possible way - not just from the physical work, but from feeling connected, appreciated and part of something worthwhile.

### **JOIN IN - YOU BELONG HERE.**

If you've ever thought, "*Maybe next time...*" let next time be now. Volunteer. Get involved. Meet people. Make memories. Be part of the heartbeat of our school. Because volunteering at the Union Schools isn't just about raising money. It's about raising community. It's about raising children who understand what belonging looks like. And it's about discovering that you, too, belong - right here, in the heart of it all.





# THE MATRIC CLASS 2025

BACK: Lwandile Memani, Jayden Odendaal, Janathen van den Berg, Alexander Neill

5TH ROW: Noah Edwards, Matthew Oosthuizen, Lebone Raula, Makukhanye de Beer, Jayden Eiman, Sonell Mduumani, Demi Kretzmann, Henk Hornveld, Aidan Marlouw

4TH ROW: Licham'lethu Kula, Xhanti Nazo, Uyintando Ziswana, Silindokuhle Khali, Megan Nortjé, Chloe Tainton, Zephaniah Maya, Olwethu Tsautse, Akhona Ngxekisa, Asive Dwane

3RD ROW: Lolwethu Dayimani, Chuma Koyi, Achuma Koyi, Aqhama Speelman, Zenande Mazana, Senamile Mwandaba, Khazimla Kula, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa, Uyathandwa Sidi, Alulutho Skade

2ND ROW: Leshay Fourie, Ambesiwe Tokwe, Xavier Barlow, Sarah Jacobs, Kyle Liebenberg, Farronique Booysen, Zelreth Frazenburg, Unam Vumazonke, Hlumelo Kwini

FRONT: Tara Ferreira, Daniel Marais, Milani Pongoma, Trystan Hulleman (Deputy Head Boy), Aaminah Steele (Head Girl), Shaakir Kazi (Head Boy), Kenza Neill (Deputy Head Girl), Muhammad Ahmed, Erin Gedult, Ndodana Speelman



# GRADE 12 RESULTS 2024

The School is very proud of the Grade 12 Class of 2024 who achieved a 100% pass rate in the NSC examinations. 64% achieved a Bachelor's Pass and 27% a Diploma Pass, while there was a total of 47 subject distinctions, indicating a strong overall performance across varying levels of academic achievement.

The top achievers demonstrated exceptional academic prowess and discipline, earning a multitude of distinctions between them that highlighted their dedication to their studies. Congratulations to the top ten candidates: Joy Merifield (6 distinctions, 88.29%); Na' eem Mahomed (3 distinctions, 80%); Sarah Wilmot (3 distinctions, 79.86%); Joshua Neill (3 distinctions, 77.14%); Charlize Vorster (3 distinctions, 77%); Tyra Binney (3 distinctions, 74.57%); Max Price (3 distinctions, 73.86%); Lelomso Ngceba (3 distinctions, 72.71 %); Bontle Mashiane (2 distinctions, 71.14%); Sobuhle Nyambali (2 distinctions, 70.57%)

The Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality's Mayoral Top Achievers award ceremony, held at the Drostdy Hotel, celebrated the exceptional accomplishments of the top learners in the municipal region. The School is immensely proud of Joy Merifield, who was announced as the top candidate, and Na'eem Mahomed, who secured 3rd place.



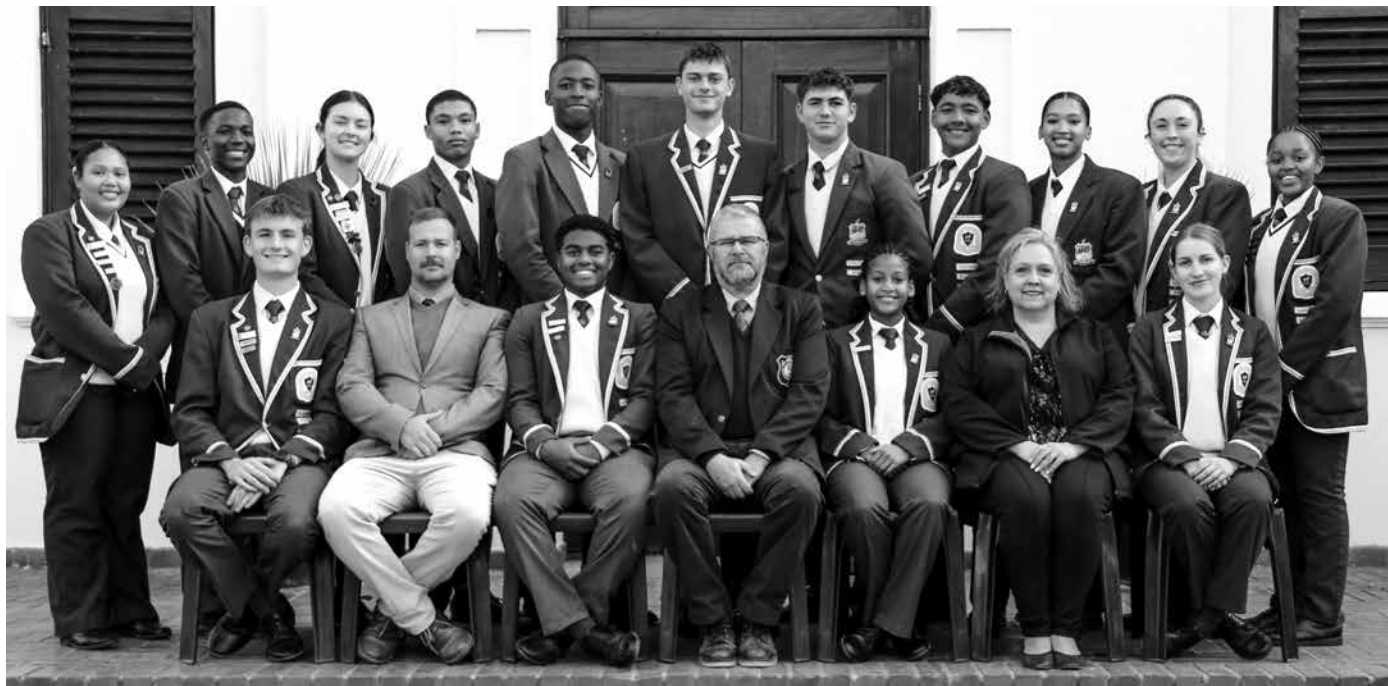
## PREFECTS

The year has been a memorable and rewarding one for the prefect body, led with dedication and enthusiasm by Head Prefects, Shaakir Kazi and Aaminah Steele, and supported by Deputy Head Prefects, Trystan Hulleman and Kenza Neill.

Their leadership journey began with an inspiring camp at Leaders in Life near Addo, setting the tone for a year filled with growth, teamwork and service. From assisting at major school events such as the Interhouse athletics, Interhouse gala and Interschools, hosted on our campus, to guiding and motivating their peers, the prefects have served with pride and commitment.

Being in a leadership position brings both challenges and growth. Balancing prefect duties with the demanding matric year required perseverance, organisation and teamwork – skills that will undoubtedly serve our student leaders well beyond school. As the prefects prepare to step into the world, we celebrate their journey, the lessons learned and the legacy they leave behind.

A special reflection shared by Head Girl, Aaminah Steele beautifully sums up the prefect's year of service; 'Carve your name on hearts, not tombstones. A legacy is etched into the minds of others and the stories they share about you.' - Shannon L. Alder



### PREFECTS

**BACK:** Erin Gedult, Uyintando Ziswana, Tara Ferreira, Xavier Barlow, Ndodana Speelman, Daniel Marais, Kyle Liebenberg, Muhammad Ahmed, Farronique Booysen, Sarah Jacobs, Milani Pongoma  
**FRONT:** Trystan Hulleman (Deputy Head Boy), Mr H. Sparrius, Shaakir Kazi (Head Boy), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster), Aaminah Steele (Head Girl), Mrs N. Read, Kenza Neill (Deputy Head Girl)



## MATRIC FAREWELL

As the curtain gently draws on another vibrant school year, we pause to celebrate the Matric Farewell Committee – unsung heroes behind one of the most anticipated events on the calendar, the Matric Farewell. With rolled-up sleeves and hearts set on creating magic, this dedicated group of learners and their parents turned fundraising into an art form, and fellowship into a legacy. From the first sizzle of breakfast buns at the Stoep Tasting to the final slow dance under fairy lights, every event was a testament to teamwork, creativity, and a shared vision of gifting the Grade 12s with an unforgettable send-off.

Various fundraising events were held during the year leading up to the dance, the first of these serving breakfast buns at the annual Stoep Tasting event. Who knew that a humble bun could bring such joy (and funds)! The committee served up golden, bacon-filled brilliance to early risers, proving that good food and good company are a recipe for success. At the Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival, the committee kept spirits high with refreshments, raffle tables, games and a warm welcome that made every visitor feel like part of the family. During Interschools, curry and rice was served on the Friday evening and this flavourful fundraiser added a delicious twist to the hype and excitement, with steaming plates flying off the tables faster than you could say “seconds, please!” The traditional

Tiekie Aand proved that big things come in small packages and with just a few coins and a whole lot of heart, this charming evening brought the community together, wrapped in music, games and generosity. The elegant Mother and Daughter Tea celebrated the bond between mothers and daughters with dainty treats and heartfelt speeches. Valentine’s Day was celebrated with roses and chocolates and a Valentine’s Dance that sparkled with joy, adding a touch of romance to the fundraising efforts.

The culmination of all the fundraising events was, of course, the 2025 Matric Farewell and the SA College for Tourism transformed into a dazzling Parisian dreamscape for this magical event. The Grade 12s and their partners were greeted by a canopy of twinkling fairy lights, velvet-draped tables and the Eiffel Tower silhouetted against an evening sky. Boys in sharp suits complemented the radiance of their dates, who glided gracefully in beautiful gowns, adding to the glamour of the event.

A heartfelt thank you to every parent who baked, stirred, decorated, and donated and to every learner who sold tickets, swept floors, and showed up with a smile – their dedication turned ideas into fun and dreams into reality. As the Grade 12s step into the next chapter of their lives, they do so with memories made possible by this team’s tireless efforts.



### MATRIC FAREWELL COMMITTEE

**BACK:** Xarah Hoffman, Misha Newton, Liso Booï, Ben Lemke  
**FRONT:** Josh Arends, Amy Waddelow, Mrs A. Ekkerd, Tristan Hope, Rebecca Copeman









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# VALEDICTORY SERVICE

This year's Valedictory Service, beautifully led by Head Prefects, Aaminah Steele and Shaakir Kazi, perfectly captured the essence of the School – one grounded in gratitude, faith, tradition and hope for the future.

Many staff members bade farewell to their own children in the Class of 2025. Mrs Suzanne Marais said goodbye to her eldest, Daniel; Mrs Joline Liebenberg to her youngest, Kyle; Mrs Tess Neill had a double farewell with twins, Kenza and Alex; Mrs Abigail Gedult celebrated her youngest, Erin while the Union Preparatory School Headmaster, Mr Ross Hulleman watched his eldest, Trystan, take this big step.

Headmaster Mr William Pringle addressed the gathering, delivering words that resonated deeply with both learners and parents as he reminded the Grade 12s of the values instilled in them by the school and the lifelong connections that they will always share with their alma mater.

This was followed by the Head Prefects' address, in which Shaakir and Aaminah reflected with warmth and sincerity on their journey through the school – one marked by laughter, challenges, growth and unbreakable friendships. Their words brought many in the audience to tears as they spoke of what the School has meant to them and of the teachers and friends who shaped their years here.

Adding to the emotional atmosphere, the matrices performed a moving rendition of 'I Lived' by One Republic, a song choice that beautifully summed up their school years. As the slideshow of memories played there was laughter, nostalgia and quiet tears – a vivid reminder of how quickly time passes and how much these young men and women have grown.

At the close of the ceremony the matrices made their way from the

hall, one after the other, taking their turn to pause and ring the Centenary Bell, a tradition that marks both an ending and a beginning. In that moment, surrounded by proud parents, staff and friends, the Class of 2025 stepped into the next chapter of their lives leaving behind not just a school, but a family and a home that will always welcome them back.



# REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

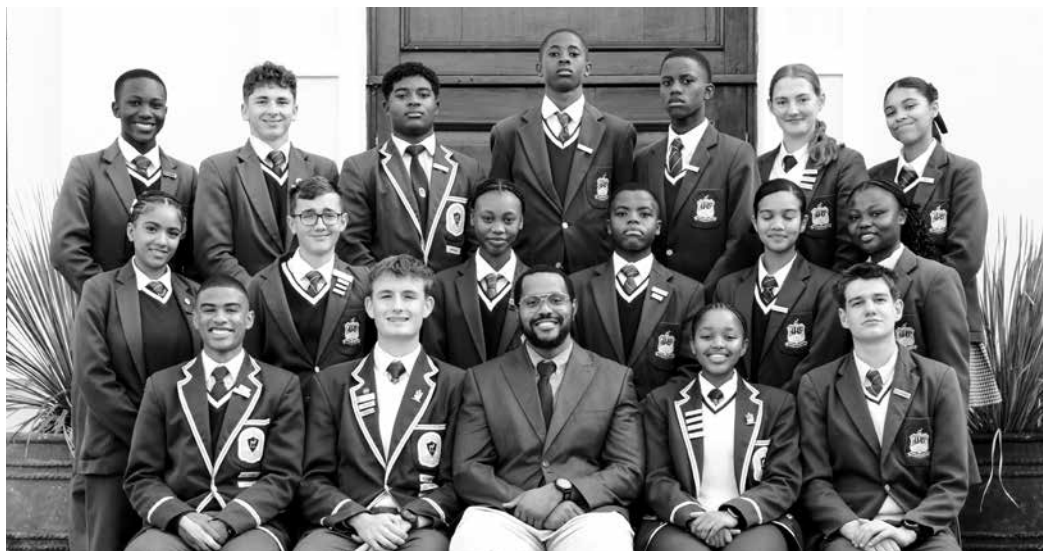
Leadership is not about titles, positions, or flowcharts. It is about one life influencing another.' - John C. Maxwell.

The RCL has had a successful year, driven by a dedicated team of student leaders. Led by Trystan Hulleman (Leader) and Milani Pongoma (Deputy Leader), alongside Alex Neill (Treasurer) and Josh Arends (Secretary), the RCL has worked tirelessly to promote a positive and supportive school environment.

The year began with a comprehensive leadership training workshop, which equipped the RCL members with essential skills and knowledge to excel in their roles. This training set the tone for a year of growth,

collaboration, and service. We prioritised creating a conducive learning environment, ensuring that all students had the opportunity to learn without disruptions. Through various initiatives and activities, we aimed to empower students to take ownership of their learning and develop a sense of social responsibility.

The RCL can be proud of the progress they have made this year and their positive impact on the school community. Their efforts will surely inspire and empower students to become active citizens and leaders in their communities. We look forward to continuing this journey of leadership, service, and growth in the years to come.



## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS

**BACK:** Leander Kraai, Alexander Hunter, Yaaseen Kazi, Luyolo Khali, Qhama Jacobs, Amber Slater, Kira Hector

**MIDDLE:** Shanica Abrahams, Aidan Ferreira, Hlelo Skotshi, Konke Gawula, Carlen Prinsloo, Lisa Vutula

**FRONT:** Josh Arends, Trystan Hulleman, Mr E. Jantjies, Milani Pongoma, Alexander Neill

# PRIMARY DEPARTMENT PRIZEGIVING

## ACADEMIC PRIZES

### GRADE 5

| CERTIFICATES OF MERIT                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diligence                                                    | Bethany Adams<br>Miah de Bruin<br>Cayley Brunette<br>Taylor Liesing<br>Hannah van der Walt<br>Anthony Blom                       | Zoey Buys<br>Othandwayo Dontsa<br>Angelique Fortuin<br>Alizwa Ngcangula<br>Scarlett Rand<br>Lienke Jansen van Rensburg      |
| Overall Progress                                             | Leah Abader<br>Imboyethu Nondlazi<br>Nicaaylin Pieterse                                                                          | Ayat Qaiser<br>Chidinma Ralepelle<br>Lunathi Wellman                                                                        |
| Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation                    | Lesedi Mphahlele                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                             |
| Language Prize                                               | Madison Tam                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                             |
| General Knowledge                                            | Saskia Strydom & Kirsten Trollip                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                             |
| Tables Champion                                              | Madison Tam                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                             |
| The Prize for Mathematics                                    | Madison Tam                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                             |
| Excellence in Languages                                      | Rosemary Brown<br>Cathryn Davenport<br>Iyana Magwentshu<br>Lesedi Mphahlele<br>Gemma Murray<br>Harlee Palmer<br>Mia Serfontein   | Ben Steynberg<br>Saskia Strydom<br>Madison Tam<br>Kirsten Trollip<br>Kelly van Rensburg<br>Uziah Willemse                   |
| Learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year | Rosemary Brown<br>Cathryn Davenport<br>Iyana Magwentshu<br>Lesedi Mphahlele<br>Gemma Murray<br>Harlee Palmer<br>Shiloh Plaatjies | Mia Serfontein<br>Ben Steynberg<br>Saskia Strydom<br>Madison Tam<br>Kirsten Trollip<br>Kelly van Rensburg<br>Uziah Willemse |
| 3rd                                                          | Madison Tam                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                             |
| 2nd                                                          | Lesedi Mphahlele                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                             |
| 1st                                                          | Kelly van Rensburg                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                             |

### GRADE 6

| CERTIFICATES OF MERIT                     |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diligence                                 | Khwezi Cona<br>Kim-Lynn Finnis<br>Lwandle Kubashe<br>Megan Meyer<br>Zona Nazo<br>Matthew Westraad                   |                                                                                                                    |
| Overall Progress                          | Edwin Holmes<br>Ziyamo Tsutsu<br>Hayley Hawkins<br>Brynmore Le Potha<br>Bhote Mussa<br>Ayat Roza<br>Phawoluhle Teka |                                                                                                                    |
| Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation | Kate Scott                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                    |
| Language Prize                            | Taylor Jacobs                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |
| General Knowledge                         | Mia Labuschagne                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                    |
| Tables Champion                           | Noah Greene                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                    |
| The Prize for Mathematics                 | Taylor Jacobs                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                    |
| Excellence in Languages                   | Tiyanah Abader<br>Emma Burger<br>Aaron Dyter<br>Carlie George<br>Reece Gibbons<br>Isabel Hyldig<br>Matthew Jacobs   | Taylor Jacobs<br>Sintayo Kaitro<br>Mia Labuschagne<br>Layla Ott<br>Kate Scott<br>Shana Theron<br>Ray-Lynne Visagie |

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| Learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year | Chloe Burton-Moore<br>Aaron Dyter<br>Matthew Jacobs<br>Taylor Jacobs<br>Sintayo Kaitro<br>Mia Labuschagne<br>Mackenzie Preston<br>Kate Scott<br>Tiyanah Abader | Emma Burger<br>Carlie George<br>Reece Gibbons<br>Jameson Houseman<br>Isabel Hyldig<br>Lisa McEwan<br>Layla Ott<br>Shana Theron<br>Ray-Lynne Visagie |
| 3rd                                                          | Kate Scott                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 2nd                                                          | Shana Theron                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1st                                                          | Taylor Jacobs                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                     |

### GRADE 7

| CERTIFICATES OF MERIT                                                          |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Diligence                                                                      | Matthew Christoffels<br>Kendel Kruger<br>Caron Goliath<br>Jayline Swartz<br>Kungawo Naki       |                                                                                                                                  |
| Overall Progress                                                               | Bubukho Jack<br>Dante Mills                                                                    |                                                                                                                                  |
| General Knowledge Prize                                                        | Kari Stern                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| Chookie Geard Prize for Work Presentation                                      | Jayline Swartz                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                  |
| Learners who achieved an average of 80% or more for the year                   | Adam Clark<br>Ryan Collett<br>Lwandle Dali<br>Lilly Hunter<br>Joshua Kingwill<br>Mason Knoesen | Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza<br>Mellissa Marais<br>Noël Shakane<br>Kari Stern<br>Luchaé Thomas<br>Nieke van Jaarsveld<br>Hermon Wolde |
| SUBJECT PRIZES                                                                 |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| Life Orientation                                                               | Luchaé Thomas                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                  |
| Afrikaans Technology                                                           | Kari Stern                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| Natural Sciences<br>Social Sciences English<br>Economic Management<br>Sciences | Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza                                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |
| Mathematics                                                                    | Ryan Collett                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                  |
| Creative Arts                                                                  | Mellissa Marais                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |
| 3rd                                                                            | Adam Clark                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| 2nd                                                                            | Kari Stern                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                  |
| 1st - Old Unionite Shield for the Dux Student                                  | Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza                                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |

### CULTURAL AWARDS

| ART                                                                                                  |                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Gordonville Art Prize                                                                                | Mellissa Marais |
| CHESS                                                                                                |                 |
| Harwood Dixon Trophy for the Chess Champion                                                          | Caron Goliath   |
| MUSIC                                                                                                |                 |
| Merit Certificate for Progress in Music                                                              | Mia Labuschagne |
| Merit Certificate for Excellence in Music                                                            | Shana Theron    |
| Merit Certificate for Distinction in an external examination                                         | Shana Theron    |
| The Leon Fouche/Joan Kramer Cup for the pupil who gained the highest mark in the external piano exam | Tiyanah Abader  |
| The Leon Fouche Cup for the most outstanding Music Pupil                                             | Emily Raath     |





## *Prizegiving – 2025*



| DRAMA                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Best Supporting Actress                        | Layla Ott   |
| Best Supporting Actor                          | Cuen Roman  |
| The Bernadette Palmer Cup for the Best Actress | Emily Raath |
| The Alistair Kingwill Cup for the Best Actor   | Adam Clark  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| The Ron Dugmore Cup for the Best Speaker                                                                  | Layla Ott  |
| The Brink Family trophy for the learner who contributed the most to all Cultural activities of the School | Adam Clark |

## SPORT AWARDS

| ATHLETICS           |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| U11 Victor Ludorum  | Samuel Wakoyo            |
| U11 Victrix Ludorum | Gemma Murray             |
| U12 Victor Ludorum  | Raydon Hendricks         |
| U12 Victrix Ludorum | Taylor Jacobs            |
| U13 Victor Ludorum  | Lukhona Bulembu          |
| U13 Victrix Ludorum | Angelique Kayanda-Kaboza |

| CROSS-COUNTRY                                   |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| The Hofmeyer/Mclaren Cup for U11 Boys' Champion | Samuel Wakoyo    |
| UHS Trophy for U11 Girls' Champion              | Cayley Brunette  |
| UHS Trophy for U13 Boys' Champion               | Liyabona Magqabi |
| UHS Trophy for U13 Girls' Champion              | Taylor Jacobs    |

| CRICKET                                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| UHS Trophy for Best U11 Fielder                         | Matthew Bosch      |
| UHS Trophy for the U11 Batsman who scored the most runs | Michael Maritz     |
| UHS Trophy for the U11 Bowler who took the most wickets | Kevin de Klerk     |
| UHS Shield for the Best U13 Fielder                     | Lwandle Dali       |
| UHS Trophy for the Most Promising Cricketer             | Joshua Kingwill    |
| UHS Shield for the U13 Batsman who scored the most runs | Joshua Kingwill    |
| UHS Shield for the U13 Bowler who took the most wickets | Edwin Holmes       |
| Justin Kingwill Trophy for the Best All-Round Cricketer | Nathaneal Phillips |

| HOCKEY                                                   |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Certificate of Merit for the Most Improved Hockey Player | Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza                 |
| Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Hockey Performance  | Hayley Krige, Kari Stern & Hermon Wolde |
| UHS Trophy for the Most Promising Hockey Player          | Kungawo Lisa                            |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| UHS Hockey Trophy for the Best All-Round Team Player                                                                                 | Emma Burger |
| Montego Player of the Year Trophy                                                                                                    | Kari Stern  |
| Montego Work Ethic Certificate for the player who demonstrated the most determination, effort and commitment in training and matches | Lisa McEwan |

| RUGBY                                                  |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Certificate of Merit for the best U11 forward player   | Michael Maritz              |
| Certificate of Merit for the best U11 back line player | Lunathi Wellman             |
| Certificate of Merit for the best U13 forward player   | Noël Shakane & Lwandle Dali |
| Certificate of Merit for the best U13 back line player | Liyabona Magqabi            |
| Certificate of Merit for the best U13 all-round player | Lukhona Bulembu             |
| UHS Trophy for the most promising U13 player           | Lukhona Bulembu             |
| Mickleburgh Cup for the most improved U13 player       | Dante Mills & Ryan Collett  |

| SWIMMING                                            |                                         |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Certificate of Merit for the most improved swimmer  | Kate Scott                              |
| Certificate of Merit for the most promising swimmer | Catie Davenport & Jameson Houseman      |
| Victor Ludorum                                      | Uziah Willemse                          |
| Victrix Ludorum                                     | Taylor Jacobs & Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza |

| TENNIS                                             |                               |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Certificate of Merit for progress in Tennis        | Michael Maritz                |
| Certificate of Merit for Boys' Doubles Champions   | Dante Mills & Joshua Kingwill |
| Certificate of Merit for Girls' Doubles Champions  | Taylor Jacobs & Emily Marais  |
| Gilbert Biggs Trophy for the Junior Boys' Champion | Joshua Kingwill               |
| UHS Trophy for the Girls' Champion                 | Taylor Jacobs                 |

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| Gerber/Van Zyl special award for helpfulness in sport | Clark Labuschagne |
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| ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT                                                                                                                                            |                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportsman                                                                                                              | Dante Mills                            |
| Oxenham Cup for the Most Promising All-Round Junior Sportswoman -                                                                                                          | Taylor Jacobs                          |
| UHS Trophy for Sportsmanship                                                                                                                                               | Joshua Kingwill                        |
| SPECIAL AWARDS                                                                                                                                                             |                                        |
| Hazel van Niekerk Award for All-Round Achievement in Academic, Sport and Culture to a Grade 7 (boy or girl or both) who will continue their education at Union High School | Noël Shakane & Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza |

## SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

### ACADEMIC PRIZES

#### GRADE 8

|                                                                            |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6th                                                                        | Aidan Ferreira      |
| 5th                                                                        | Rachel Wenham       |
| 4th                                                                        | Miley Burger        |
| 3rd                                                                        | Isabelle Tadesse    |
| St. James' School prize for English 2nd                                    | Chante Bezuidenhout |
| Vrede Award for Bilingualism<br>UHS Prize for Mathematics<br>1st UHS Prize | Clea Clark          |

#### GRADE 9

|                                                                        |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6th                                                                    | Alyssa Trollip    |
| 5th                                                                    | Avuya Tsutsu      |
| 4th                                                                    | Zunaida Deyssel   |
| 3rd                                                                    | Cayla Newton      |
| Vrede Award for Bilingualism<br>St James' School Prize for English 2nd | Antonia Adams     |
| UHS Prize for Mathematics<br>1st GSC Rubidge Memorial Prize            | Isabella Hulleman |



## GRADE 10

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 6th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Jasmine Abercrombie |
| 5th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Lina Tadesse        |
| Sue Wynford Trofee vir die beste leerder in Afrikaans<br>4th                                                                                                                                                                                      | Jade Slater         |
| GBG Prize for Accounting<br>3rd                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Richard Murray      |
| 2nd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Kirsten Collett     |
| Joan Thornton / Bobs Bremner Memorial Prize for the student obtaining the highest marks in Mathematics, Life Sciences and Physical Sciences<br>Vrede Award for Bilingualism<br>St. James' School prize for English<br>1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize | Amber Slater        |

## GRADE 11

|                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Fergusson Family Prize for the Best Geography pupil                                                                                                                                                   | Megan Putter       |
| 6th                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Jade Palmer        |
| UHS Prize for Music<br>UHS Prize for Business Studies<br>5th                                                                                                                                          | Taegen Hamid       |
| UHS Prize for Computer Applications Technology<br>4th                                                                                                                                                 | Amber Bezuidenhout |
| Vrede Award for Bilingualism<br>UHS Prize for Life Orientation<br>UHS Prize for English<br>3rd                                                                                                        | Katelyn Trollip    |
| UHS Prize for Mathematical Literacy<br>UHS Prize for Business Studies<br>UHS Prize for Tourism<br>ACVV Prize for Afrikaans 1st Additional Language<br>UHS Prize for History<br>2nd                    | Misha Newton       |
| GBG Prize for Accounting<br>Lauren Weyer Prize for Mathematics<br>Kroon Family Prize for Physical Sciences<br>W.A.A. Shield for the most promising Life Sciences pupil<br>1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize | Samantha Charles   |

## GRADE 12

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| UHS Prize for Business Studies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Unam Vumazonke                                          |
| FNB Cup for Computer Applications Technology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Aqhama Speelman                                         |
| UHS Prize for Mathematical Literacy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Shaakir Kazi                                            |
| UHS Prize for Tourism                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Chloe Tainton                                           |
| 6th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Demi Kretzmann                                          |
| 5th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tara Ferreira                                           |
| UHS Prize for History<br>4th                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Someleze Ntshuca                                        |
| UHS Prize for Life Orientation<br>Zoetvlei Prize for Geography<br>3rd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Trystan Hulleman                                        |
| 2nd                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Milani Pongoma                                          |
| UHS Prize for Advance Mathematics<br>UHS Prize for English<br>McGaffin Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language<br>Vrede Award for Bilingualism<br>GBG Prize for Accounting<br>Bloemhof Prize for Life Sciences<br>Max Kroon Prize for Mathematics<br>Old Unionite Prize for Physical Sciences<br>1st Luckhoff Memorial Prize | Erin Gedult                                             |
| James Look Cup – Academic Interhouse: to be collected by House Captains                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Arnott House:<br>Someleze Ntshuca &<br>Ndodana Speelman |

## CULTURAL AWARDS

| ART                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Langmead Family Art Prize awarded to a Grade 11 or 12 pupil who has been a committed member of the Art Club and who shows great artistic aptitude, creativity and talent in the visual arts                                                                    | Jesse Taylor-Freeme              |
| BEST SPEAKERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                  |
| Monks Cup for Grade 8 and 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Rachel Wenham                    |
| NCW Cup for Grade 10-12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Asive Dwane                      |
| CHESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                  |
| Geoffrey Kingwill Trophy for Chess Champion                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Neelon Fourie                    |
| FIRST-AID                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                  |
| The Fanie Bezuidenhout Memorial Trophy for the Best First-Aider                                                                                                                                                                                                | Erin Gedult                      |
| GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                  |
| UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Junior(Gr 8 & 9)                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Gerda Clarke                     |
| UHS Prize for General Knowledge – Senior(Gr 10 - 12)                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Tara Ferreira & Trystan Hulleman |
| MUSIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                  |
| Merit Certificate for Progress in Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Gerda Clarke                     |
| Merit Certificate for Excellence in Music                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Kwakhanya Ntlonti                |
| Leon Fouche Floating Trophy for Progress in Music                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Erin Gedult                      |
| Pierre van der Merwe Floating Trophy for the most outstanding Music pupil                                                                                                                                                                                      | Taegen Hamid                     |
| UHS Marimba Prize awarded to a Grade 12 pupil who has been a punctual, reliable and committed member of the marimba group for 4 years and who shows the utmost precision, attention to detail, heart in their performance and works well in a team environment | Erin Gedult                      |
| UHS Choir Prize awarded to a Grade 12 pupil who has been a punctual, reliable and committed member of the choir for 5 years and who shows excellent interpersonal skills, attentiveness, listening skills and consideration for others in a choir environment  | Asive Dwane                      |
| ALL-ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                  |
| All Round Excellence in Culture Award                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Erin Gedult                      |
| Marlene Rubidge Cultural Award for the Grade 11 who contributed most to the Cultural Activities of the School                                                                                                                                                  | Taegen Hamid                     |

## SPORTS AWARDS

| ATHLETICS                                                                                                                             |                    |
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| Senior Victrix Ludorum: UHS Trophy                                                                                                    | Sarah Jacobs       |
| Senior Victor Ludorum: The Radium Cleaners Trophy                                                                                     | Xavier Barlow      |
| Most Creditable performance on Sportsday: E. Brodie Trophy                                                                            | Demi Kretzmann     |
| CROSS-COUNTRY                                                                                                                         |                    |
| UHS Trophy U15 Girls                                                                                                                  | Nadine Murray      |
| Temlett Hockley Trophy U15 Boys                                                                                                       | Natnael Wakoyo     |
| Herby Arnott Trophy Open Girls                                                                                                        | Leigh-Ann Murray   |
| UHS Trophy Open Boys                                                                                                                  | Callum Jacobs      |
| CRICKET                                                                                                                               |                    |
| Brian Bands Sports Prize for the MOST PROMISING U15 CRICKETER                                                                         | Thimna Qomfo       |
| CC Prinsloo Floating Trophy for the BEST FIELDER in the 1st TEAM                                                                      | Makukhanye de Beer |
| Wally Kingwill Trophy for the BEST BATSMAN                                                                                            | Shaakir Kazi       |
| Robert Leak Shield for the BOWLER who took the most wickets during the season<br>Alan McCabe Memorial Trophy for the BEST ALL ROUNDER | Yaseen Kazi        |

| HOCKEY                                                                                             |                                 |
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| Tallies Agencies Sulette Damons Prize for the MOST OUTSTANDING HOCKEY PLAYER                       | Kenza Neill                     |
| Wagner / Wright Cup for the MOST PROMISING HOCKEY PLAYER                                           | Leigh-Ann Murray                |
| Gail McArthur Trophy for the player showing the BEST SPORTSMANSHIP                                 | Sarah Jacobs                    |
| SWIMMING                                                                                           |                                 |
| The Maryanne Pringle Trophy for the Victrix Ludorum                                                | Alyssa Trollip                  |
| The Allistair Wallis Trophy for the Victor Ludorum                                                 | Ben Lemke                       |
| RUGBY                                                                                              |                                 |
| Donald Kingwill Trophy for the MOST PROMISING U16 Rugby Player                                     | Qhama Solomon                   |
| UHS Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE U16 FORWARD                                                       | Lulonke Vumazonke               |
| UHS Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE U16 BACKLINE Rugby Player                                         | Luvela Makahula                 |
| Andre du Plessis Floating Trophy for the MOST DEDICATED 2ND XV player                              | Masixole Bhayi                  |
| Chumani Booï Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE BACK                                                     | Makukhanye de Beer              |
| Sullivan / Light Trophy for the most DEDICATED 1st XV PLAYER                                       | Kyle Liebenberg                 |
| Cecil Murray Trophy for the MOST OUTSTANDING RUGBY PLAYER of the season                            | Elvandre Meyer                  |
| Gordon Gilfillan Trophy for the MOST VALUABLE FORWARD                                              | Muhammad Ahmed                  |
| Meyburgh Floating Trophy for the MAN OF THE MATCH AT INTERSCHOOLS                                  | Peter-Daniel Clegg              |
| TENNIS                                                                                             |                                 |
| Herby Arnott Cup for the most promising U15A Girl                                                  | Cayla Newton                    |
| Melody Charles Memorial Trophy for the U15 Girls' Singles Champion                                 |                                 |
| Garry Sullivan Memorial Trophy for the U15 Boys' Singles Champion                                  | Jordan Maritz                   |
| Pienaar Trophy for Open Girls' Doubles Champions                                                   | Tara Ferreira & Amber Slater    |
| Ludwig van Coppenhagen Trophy for the Open Boys' Doubles Champions                                 | Richard Murray & Vincent Clarke |
| Fergusson Family Trophy for Open Mixed Doubles Champions                                           | Misha Newton & Richard Murray   |
| A Levy and Dulcie Bekker-Smith Memorial Trophy and Prize for the Girls' Singles Champion           | Tara Ferreira                   |
| George Wiehahn Cup for the Boys' Singles Champion                                                  | Richard Murray                  |
| Nora van Niekerk Trophy for the 1st Team Girl who has shown the Most Sportsmanship during the year | Misha Newton                    |
| Louise Vorster Trophy for Tenacity and Commitment to Tennis                                        | Peter-Daniel Clegg              |
| ALL ROUND ACHIEVEMENTS IN SPORT                                                                    |                                 |
| Lex Bremner Trophy for Sporting Endeavour                                                          | Liso Booï                       |
| Clive van Niekerk Memorial Trophy for True Sportsmanship                                           | Makukhanye de Beer              |
| Edie Brodie Trophy - Junior Girl                                                                   | Nadine Murray                   |
| Norman Dodd Trophy - Junior Boy                                                                    | Callum Jacobs                   |
| Mortimer Floating Trophy - Senior Girl                                                             | Tara Ferreira                   |
| Smith-Mack Trophy - Senior Boy                                                                     | Daniel Marais                   |

## SERVICE PRIZES

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| FPJ van Rensburg School Service Prize                    | Erin Gedult        |
| Elizabeth Knott-Craig Service Prize                      | Amber Bezuidenhout |
| Karoo Development Foundation Prize for Unselfish Service | Josh Arends        |

## SPECIAL AWARDS

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| Dickie van Rensburg Shield for overall Interhouse points to be collected by House Captains                                                                                                                                         | Daly House:<br>Jayden Eiman & Uyintando Ziswana |
| The Serman Family Prize for Matrics, excluding prefects, who through example, made a particularly valuable contribution to the school by maintaining the qualities of truth, loyalty and justice as enshrined in the school motto. | Makukhanye de Beer                              |
| Warmenhoven – Goodwill Shield awarded to a Grade 11 or 12 pupil living out his/her Christian faith and by showing goodwill and tolerance to all.                                                                                   | Athayanda Mahlati                               |
| The Melda and Gordon Wright Award is awarded to the pupil whose personal development and attitude has developed most positively.                                                                                                   | Makukhanye de Beer                              |
| The Denise Pierce Bursary for the pupil in Grade 11 who through a cheerful, positive personality and participation in many aspects of school life has contributed most greatly to the life and spirit of the school.               | Misha Newton                                    |
| The PG Badenhorst Memorial Shield for Helpfulness in Sport.                                                                                                                                                                        | Mecoli Vorster                                  |
| Gieter Muller Trophy presented to the pupil who best exemplifies moral courage, consideration for and helpfulness to others.                                                                                                       | Liso Booï                                       |
| The Puttick Prize awarded to the Prefect(s) (not heads or deputies) who through force of character and devotion to duty has contributed most to the smooth running of the school.                                                  | Ndodana Speelman                                |
| The Tony Burrell Award for Outstanding Academic / Cultural Achievement                                                                                                                                                             | Erin Gedult                                     |
| FA Kingwill Cup for All-Round Achievement.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tara Ferreira                                   |
| Edwin & Susan Bosch Prize for Leadership in the RCL                                                                                                                                                                                | Trystan Hulleman                                |
| RCL Deputy Prize for Leadership                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Milani Pongoma                                  |

## BURSARIES

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| Irene & Robert Prinsloo Accounting Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                           | Erin Gedult        |
| Rayfield Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Kenza Neill        |
| Laing Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Farronique Booysen |
| William Lawrie Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                                               | Alex Neill         |
| Old Unionite Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Chloe Tainton      |
| Old Unionite Bursary for further study                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Daniel Marais      |
| John Brodie Prize for the runners-up in the Helen Watermeyer/Joy Arnott and Way Memorial Bursaries                                                                                                                                     | Milani Pongoma     |
| Joy Arnott / Helen Watermeyer Trust Bursary to the Headgirl of the school, as a present pure and simple, for her to do with as she liked as a memory of Helen Watermeyer, from whose little school in 1896, this big school had grown. | Aaminah Steele     |
| Way Memorial Bursary to the boy in Matric, who, by his character, conduct, spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the life of the school – Headboy                                                          | Shaakir Kazi       |



# SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

## Chairman's Report

The School Governing Body remains ever mindful that our responsibility extends far beyond governance. Governance is not merely about policies and procedures; it is about vision, stewardship, and the safeguarding of values that define who we are. We live in a world where geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, and rapid technological change are reshaping the way societies function. Nations rise and fall on the strength of their education systems, and communities thrive or falter depending on the values they instil in their young. In such times, education becomes not only a tool for personal advancement but also a safeguard for democracy, peace, and community resilience.

The School, with its old-school values and growing popularity, stands as a reminder that tradition and modernity can coexist. Strong roots allow us to withstand the storms of change, and our heritage provides the stability from which innovation can flourish. Families are drawn to our school not only for academic excellence but for the ethos of discipline, respect, and community spirit that has become our hallmark.

Education today must prepare learners for a global stage. They will face challenges that demand critical thinking, empathy, and adaptability. The world they inherit will be complex, interconnected, and often unpredictable. While the headlines may speak of division and conflict, our school remains committed to nurturing young people who will be bridge-builders, innovators, and ambassadors of integrity.

We emphasize not only academic excellence but also emotional resilience, kindness, and social responsibility. These values are timeless, and they are what will equip our learners to thrive in uncertain times. Knowledge without character is hollow; achievement without empathy is incomplete. Our mission is to ensure that every learner leaves our school,

not only with skills, but with a moral compass to guide them through life.

Let us remember that this school belongs to the community. Parents are not passive observers; they are custodians of a legacy. Parent involvement, whether through attending meetings, supporting events, or offering feedback, is vital. The SGB exists because of parents' voices, and the school thrives because of their commitment. Together, we ensure that our learners receive not only education but also the values that will guide them through life. When parents step forward, they strengthen the very fabric of the school, ensuring that it remains a place where tradition and progress walk hand in hand. The partnership between parents and educators is not a convenience. It is a shared responsibility to shape the future.

As learners, you are ambassadors of this school. Every action you take, every word you speak, should reflect the ethos of our institution. Carry with you the values of respect, integrity, and perseverance. Remember that success is not only measured by accolades but by the impact you have on others. The world beyond these walls is waiting for you. Step into it with confidence, discipline, and pride in where you come from. You are the living testimony of the School's values, and the reputation of our school rests not only on academic results but on the character of its students.

A matter of great importance is the sustainability of our school. School fees are not just financial obligations; they are investments in the future of our children and in the continued excellence of our institution. These funds allow us to maintain manageable class sizes, employ dedicated teachers, and provide resources that keep our school at the forefront of education.

I should like to wish our departing matric class a prosperous future. Whether you pursue tertiary studies or enter the workforce, aim high. Strive for excellence, not only for personal success but for the betterment of society. Carry forward the values you have learned here, and let them guide you as you step into adulthood. Your journey will not always be easy, but remember: resilience, discipline, and integrity will carry you through. The habits you have formed here - the perseverance, the respect, the commitment - will serve you well in every sphere of life.

Our school's strength lies in its ability to balance tradition with modernity. While we embrace innovation in teaching and curriculum, we remain rooted in values that have stood the test of time: discipline, respect, and community spirit. These are the qualities that make our school unique and increasingly sought after. In a world that often prefers speed over substance, our school reminds us that true education is about character as much as knowledge. It is about cultivating wisdom, not just information; resilience, not just achievement. Our school is more than classrooms and textbooks. It is a living community built on shared responsibility, tradition, and vision. In a world that often feels uncertain, our strength lies in unity. Parents, learners, and staff together form the backbone of this institution.

Let us continue to nurture excellence, uphold our values, and ensure that our school remains a place where children grow not only in knowledge but in character. Let us be vigilant in protecting the ethos that makes the School a beacon of hope and a pillar of strength in our community.

Thank you to the entire Union Schools family for your unwavering support, your commitment, and your belief in the power of education. Together, we will continue to build a bright future for our learners and for the community we serve.

Be kind and be safe.

~ *Kelvin Kayster*



# ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Mr D.G. Kingwill

**SENIOR MASTER IN CHARGE:**

Mr M. Njoloza

**HEAD MATRON:**

Mrs M. Sparks

**MATRONS:**

Mrs M. Sparks (Housekeeping), Mrs C. Swartz (Senior Admin Matron & Kitchen), Mrs F. Buffels (Laundry)

**CULINARY:**

Mr I. Hunter, Mrs N. Hunter, Mrs S. Prinsloo

**DUTY TEACHERS:**

Mr M. Njoloza, Mr E. Gouws, Mr S. Koeberg, Mr A. Smit, Mr C. Chutu, Mrs A. Gedult, Mrs M. Sparks, Mrs N. Martin, Mrs T. Chutu, Ms N. November

**PREFECT BODY:**

Milani Pongoma (Head Girl), Matthew Oosthuizen (Deputy Head Boy), Chloe Tainton (Deputy Head Girl), Demi Kretzmann, Senamile Mvandaba, Megan Nortje, Someleza Ntshuca, Masixole Bhayi, Athayanda Mahlati

On the weekend before the school year started a successful camp in Nieu-Bethesda was organized for the prefects where team building and opinions of house rules were discussed. Guidance on how to deal with different situations, while being a leader amongst your peers, was given. Donkey cart rides, fun games, slow walks after sunset, Balderdash challenges and going out for a delicious supper made for a memorable weekend. The prefects all learnt something from one another and a positive approach to the year ahead was embraced.

Apart from sport and cultural commitments and support thereof, weekend activities at Arthur Kingwill House included: attending the local Park Run; visiting the Reinet House Museum and the Kitching

Fossil Centre; organizing an Art-in-the-Park where everyone showcased their creative sides; game evenings; learning how to play Canasta; and puzzle building evenings for the juniors. Boarders assisted with DIY in the hostel, enjoyed stargazing evenings and made their own flapjacks in the AKH kitchen. The Grade 12s learned how to bake bread which honed their culinary skills. Other memorable occasions included the traditional bonfire, Interschools cheering, assisting with Tri-the Karoo and Gravel Burn, traditional touch rugby in the sunset and Mountain Drive walks on wintery Sunday afternoons. Boarders also served on a regular basis at the Freedom Church on Sundays.

The AKH kitchen and dining room remain a hive of activity. Under the professional guidance of Mr and Mrs Hunter, our kitchen staff have successfully run the Senior Cricket Festival, the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey festivals, home and away fixtures and the hostel supper. Mrs Samantha Prinsloo was welcomed to the AKH kitchen at the beginning of Term 4. Gratitude must go to Mr and Mrs Hunter for the professional way in which they provided the boarders with the most delicious and wholesome meals. We wish them everything of the best in their new ventures.

The Village Moms initiative, launched last year, continued to be a great support in praise and prayer requests for the young ladies of Arthur Kingwill.

The annual AKH Dinner was held off campus this year at the picturesque venue of Buccara, to which we owe a big thank you to Mr Chris Nortje. This year's dinner was definitely one for the books. The prefects ran the evening and all the guests were treated to a very special event glittering with special guests, fine food and a beautiful venue under Karoo stars. The annual prizegiving took place at this event and the



## ARTHUR KINGWILL HOUSE PREFECTS

**BACK:** Demi Kretzmann, Masixole Bhayi, Athayanda Mahlati, Senamile Mvandaba

**FRONT:** Chloe Tainton (Deputy Head Girl), Milani Pongoma (Head Girl), Mr D. Kingwill, Matthew Oosthuizen (Deputy Head Boy), Megan Nortje



following boarders were acknowledged:

**Academic Achievements:**

- Grade 6 & 7: Lwandle Dali & Sange Mtati; Grade 8 & 9: Konke Gawula & Kwakhanya Ntlonti; Grade 10: Angus Kretzmann & Zakithi Sishi; Grade 11 & 12: Masixole Bhayi & Milani Pongoma

**Special Prizes:**

- The Donald & Alet Kingwill Shield for the boarder living out his Christian faith and by showing goodwill and tolerance to all at AKH: Athayanda Mahlati;
- The AKH prize awarded to the boarder/s who best exemplifies kindness as well as consideration for, and helpfulness to others: Esethu Mabula & Konke Gawula;
- Bridget Stander Memorial Bursary for praiseworthy conduct in general: Athayanda Mahlati & Masixole Bhayi;
- Bridget Stander Memorial Trophy for the lady who by her character, conduct, spiritedness and qualities of leadership, has contributed most to the life of AKH: Milani Pongoma

The prefect body for 2026 was also announced at the hostel dinner: Athayanda Mhlali (Head Boy), Nombulelo Ncombo (Head Girl), Masixole Bhayi (Deputy Head Boy), Amahle Ngonyama (Deputy Head Girl), Christopher Ngumashe, Endinako Jadezweni

Arthur Kingwill House bids farewell to Mr Donald Kingwill as Superintendent this year. Together with Mrs Alet Kingwill, he has provided a home away from home for our long-term boarders. Mr Kingwill's firm constancy as an exemplary mentor and father-figure, and Mrs Kingwill's creativity and motherly love for our boarders over the past years, will be sorely missed.

**A message from Mr Kingwill:**

"As we have come to the end of our service at Arthur Kingwill House, where memories reside, we've laughed, we've learned – side by side. We've had the privilege of working alongside some truly amazing people, and have rubbed shoulders with fine young gents and ladies. AKH has been more than just a job, it has been a place filled with teamwork, friendships and genuine relationships. But now the time has come for us to move on. AKH will always have a special place in our hearts. We would like to congratulate Mr Hanno Sparrius on his appointment as the new superintendent. We are delighted to be able to say that we are leaving Arthur Kingwill House in very good hands. May God bless him and his family on their new venture. I would like to thank Mr Kelvin Kayster, Mr Pringle, Mr and Mrs Hope, Matron Mandy Sparks, Mrs Corrie Swartz, Mrs Frances Buffels, Mrs Samantha Prinsloo, the duty teachers and the prefect body for their assistance in the running of AKH. It is much appreciated."



# HERBY ARNOTT HOUSE

**SUPERINTENDENTS:** Mr J. Ferreira, Mrs B. Ferreira

As another exciting year draws to a close, it brings cause for reflection on the collective memories and experiences of those residing in the Herby Arnott boarding house. From fun-filled events to academic and sporting achievements the year has been an incredible journey.

The annual hostel supper is always a highlight and this year the event was hosted at Profcon Resort. Music and dancing bridged age differences and good company and delicious food was the order of the evening.

For the first time since becoming a weekly co-ed boarding facility, prefects for Herby Arnott House were elected. Congratulations go to Head Prefect, Anèbel Norval, Deputy Head Prefect, Rebecca Copeman and prefects, Elcardiyano Afrika, Tristan Hope, Leigh-Ann Murray and Katelyn Trollip. We look forward to working with this leadership team in 2026 and together making the boarders time at the hostel an enjoyable one.

There were many academic, cultural, sporting and leadership

achievements by the boarders this year and we are proud of these learners and the personal efforts they have made. We aim to provide a nurturing environment where every boarder can thrive and reach their full potential and are committed to supporting the academic, personal and social growth of all boarders.

We always aim to improve our hostel facilities and would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to the fundraising committee and the wonderful parents for their tireless efforts and support throughout the year. Their impact on the hostel community is significant, particularly that of Mrs Jennifer Hope, who runs the Hostel Portfolio on the SGB, offering support, guidance and hours of her time.

We are excited to welcome an increasing number of boarders to the Herby Arnott House community. With numbers on the rise, we look forward to building on this year's momentum and to continue creating a home away from home where boarders can feel safe, supported and inspired to succeed.



## HERBY ARNOTT HOUSE PREFECTS FOR 2026

*For the very first time since becoming a co-ed weekly boarding establishment, Herby Arnott House has elected its prefects for 2026. We are so proud to introduce its new leaders – who are ready to serve, guide, and inspire their fellow boarders.*

*Rebecca Copeman, Leigh-Ann Murray, Elcardiyano Afrika, Tristan Hope, Katelyn Trollip and Anèbel Norval*



*A snapshot of our 2025 Herby Arnott House family - where friendships grow, memories are made and every week feels like coming home.*



# FOUNDERS' WEEKEND

The School hosted its annual Founders' Weekend, celebrating an incredible 106 years of rich history and tradition, during the last weekend of January.

The festivities started with a warm assembly led by Headmaster Mr William Pringle. His uplifting words set a reflective tone for the day, as learners filled the hall with a heartfelt rendition of the school song, followed by a prayer led by Deputy Head Girl Milani Pongoma. Special messages from learners, including Head Girl Aaminah Steele and younger learners Kari Stern and Grace Kitching, added a personal touch, reinforcing the spirit of unity. After the ceremonial cake presentation and candle lighting, the learners excitedly left the hall to enjoy delicious doughnuts and take part in a variety of fun activities planned for the weekend.

The AstroTurf transformed into a lively battleground where young hockey players faced off against their moms, dads and Old Unionites. The laughter and support from the sidelines perfectly captured the essence of the school community. In the much-anticipated hockey match between the Old Girls and the 1st team, it was the schoolgirls who claimed victory with an 8-3 scoreline.

Saturday brought more festivities, starting with the Gisela Kingwill Mother and Daughter Morning, themed 'Floral PositiviTEA'. The school garden was beautifully transformed into a floral haven, thanks to the

creativity of Mrs Anélle Ekkard and the matric farewell committee, and flowers were everywhere, adding a touch of vibrancy and joy to the atmosphere. Local musician Archie Pienaar provided a lovely soundtrack, enhancing the atmosphere as attendees savoured delicious treats and participated in exciting lucky draw giveaways. A highlight of the morning was the inspiring talks from Deputy Minister of Electricity and Energy, Samantha Graham, and educator, Mrs Hanli Rose-Innes, who both resonated deeply with the audience.

As the day progressed, the annual Dads vs Lads cricket matches took centre stage, filled with laughter and friendly competition. Old Boys also joined in the fun, playing against the 1st, 2nd and U15A teams. In addition to the cricket, the inaugural Founders' Weekend tennis matches were also greatly enjoyed by all those who participated. The day culminated in a trophy presentation for the cricketers, celebrating the achievements of our talented learners and emphasizing the school's commitment to excellence.

As the weekend drew to a close, the Union Schools' community reflected on the wonderful blend of tradition and celebration that characterized the occasion. The legacy of our founders continues to inspire, reminding us that we stand on the shoulders of remarkable individuals.



# RENOVATIONS AND BUILDINGS

This year has been one of exciting transformations across our school campus, as we continue to enhance our facilities for the benefit of our learners and staff.

At the start of the year, the school's main quad received a well-deserved refresh. From restoring balustrades and varnishing doors to painting, updating notice boards and touching up ceilings, every detail was thoughtfully attended to, leaving the space looking better than ever.

The Grade 12 boys' bathroom has undergone a complete transformation. Everything has been newly redone to create a fresh, modern and comfortable space, reflecting the pride we take in their final year at the School. Similarly, at the start of Term 3, our junior girls' bathroom was completed - a special space for our Grade 5 to 7 girls that has already made a positive difference to their daily school experience. We are truly grateful to Montego Pet Nutrition for their generous support in making this addition possible.

Thanks to a small raffle held earlier in the year and the enthusiastic support of our learners, our school library was given a beautiful makeover. The old carpet was removed, the wooden floors sanded and varnished, the walls freshly painted and new blinds fitted, creating a warm and cosy reading corner filled with wondrous books - a perfect little haven for our learners.

We also welcomed a team from Staccato Music to upgrade the school hall's audio and lighting systems, creating an even more dynamic and engaging environment for our learners and community. The enhancements include a brand-new sound desk, high-performance amplifiers and bass subs, as well as hanging microphones and wireless belt packs, ensuring rich, full-bodied sound for all performances. The lighting system has also been completely overhauled, now allowing lights to be synchronized with music and controlled from a computer at the back of the hall. These upgrades provide our learners with a fantastic platform for creative expression, allowing them to showcase their talents in a stunning setting, and will take the school's productions and cultural

events to new heights.

Sporting facilities have also seen exciting enhancements this year. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Dentists at Health for the incredible gift of a brand-new, fully digital scoreboard for our beloved cricket and rugby fields. This exciting addition brings a new level of pride and energy to our sporting events and was seen in action for the very first time during Interschools. A special word of gratitude also goes to the Class of 1984 and Richard Nash for their generous contributions towards making this acquisition a reality. In addition, five brand-new 60-seater spectator stands have been added to our terrain, providing comfortable seating for parents, friends and supporters at every match and event. Together, these upgrades ensure that our sports facilities are as welcoming and inspiring as the spirit of our learners themselves.

In addition to these major projects, several classrooms were repainted and had their floors restored, the debtors' clerk office was freshly painted and the staff kitchen underwent a full overhaul, ensuring that every corner of our school continues to reflect care and attention.

We look forward to continuously improving our school through initiatives such as these, creating spaces that inspire, support, and delight our learners and staff in the years to come





# OLD UNIONITE ASSOCIATION

The 2025 year has been one of both challenges and cautious optimism for the Old Unionite Association. While several initiatives have shown promise, overall income streams have shifted significantly, most notably due to the impact of the liquor ban by the Eastern Cape Department of Education, which has affected the key traditional revenue source, as well as the ability to gather as a connected community of Old Unionites.

The introduction of the new fundraising platform has been moderately successful, though not to the extent that was hoped for. Uptake has been slow, with most sign-ups only achieved through direct, one-on-one engagement during Interschools. Clearly, the alumni base responds best to personal connection rather than broad-based appeals – an important lesson for future fundraising approaches.

Despite the challenges, the OUA has made a total investment back into the school, during the year, of R220 000, excluding bursaries and the Class of 1975's donation, which was very significant.

A major highlight this year has been the investment into the School's cricket programme, driven directly and largely funded by William Copeman (Class of 1998). His contribution has made a tangible difference to the development of the sport at the school, and we are incredibly grateful. Through this investment we have again been able to host Gary Kirsten and his team for valuable insights and lessons for parents, learners and coaching staff. The school's coaching staff has been upskilled by funding CoachEd level 1 and level 2 courses. In addition, Carl Bradfield, a former first-class cricketer and one of South Africa's most meticulous schoolboy coaches, has hosted 5 coaching sessions at the school.

The incredibly generous Van Schalkwyk Family have created an ongoing life-changing bursary fund. The current learner who has been awarded the bursary is an avid sportsman, and a true Unionite in every sense of the word. The bursary has facilitated the removal of some overwhelming obstacles from his path, and he is absolutely flourishing with the opportunity.

The Class of 1975 generously donated R50 000 towards the refurbishment of the school's pianos. This investment has been warmly received by the Culture Department, who have expressed sincere appreciation for the support, and the Class of 1975 is applauded for their incredible commitment to the school.

Interschools was a wonderful highlight as it was hosted on home soil. This has not happened since the early 1970s. Financially, it was not a huge money spinner as, due to the government school liquor ban, all festivities and hosting of the reunion groups had to be moved to an alternative venue. This resulted in many expenses that were not previously incurred such as renting an alternative facility and security but we were nonetheless very grateful to be able to host this event, and reconnect with everyone.

Gravel Burn proved to be an absolute lifesaver this year, generating a net profit of R85 916. This event quite literally kept us afloat financially in 2025. The dedication of everyone involved cannot be overstated, and we look forward to partnering with the event for a number of years to come.

While 2025 has been a testing year, it has also reaffirmed the strength and commitment of the Old Unionite community. The financial challenges have forced us to think differently, collaborate more closely, and recommit to the purpose of the Association – to support the School and its learners, who still have the privilege of walking the halls.

We are grateful to all who contributed time, effort, and resources this year and we look forward to rebuilding, reinvesting, and refocusing in 2026.



## GRADE 5 EXCURSION

The Grade 5 class, accompanied by their teachers, enjoyed a day of team building at the Camdeboo Outdoor Education Centre where they were guided by San Parks through many fun and interesting activities.

With team work being the focus the learners, who came up with their own team names, were divided into six teams: 'The Songololos', 'The Springbucks', 'The Ostriches', 'The Buffaloes', 'The Meercats' and 'The Baboons'. The highlight of the day was the self-guided group hike. Each group was taught orientation skills and armed with a map. They had to follow the map and find the tokens which helped them to complete a worksheet. Luckily, no teams misread the map and landed up at Shoprite!

On returning to base, the groups enjoyed the refreshments they had brought along.

The food pyramid was a popular game that was played indoors, emphasizing the sensitive role humans play at the top of the food chain. A variety of active games were played outside, giving the children plenty of exercise. The tug of war drew an enthusiastic crowd, but left many hands sore and red. The final activity was a group test on the food pyramid, where a number of groups received full marks. Grateful thanks must go to the San Parks team and the school drivers who brought everyone safely back to school after a fun and busy day out in the bush.

## GRADE 7 MARKET DAY

The school grounds came alive with laughter, delicious aromas, and the unmistakable buzz of excitement as the Grade 7 learners hosted their much-anticipated Market Day. With sunshine overhead and smiles all around, the event proved to be most successful.

Prospective customers were greeted by a vibrant array of stalls offering everything from mouthwatering boerewors rolls and handcrafted biltong to sticky-sweet toffee apples that disappeared almost as quickly as they were made. Creative learners set up gaming stations, including the wildly popular 'Sponge Toss', where brave staff members volunteered to be the soggy targets of learner laughter. It was all in good fun, and the joy was contagious.

What truly made the day unforgettable was the overwhelming support from the Union family. Parents, siblings, fellow learners, and friends showed up in full force, cheering on the Grade 7s and celebrating their entrepreneurial spirit. Their presence, enthusiasm, encouragement, pride and generosity turned a school event into a cherished memory.

Beyond the fun and festivities, Market Day was a powerful learning experience. Learners practiced teamwork, budgeting, customer

service, and creative problem solving. They committed to the project wholeheartedly and walked away with more than just profits, gaining confidence and a variety of skills.







## GRADE 8 ORIENTATION

As a new year unfolded, fresh beginnings and exciting opportunities awaited the Schools' Grade 8 learners. They started their journey with an unforgettable orientation outing to the Environmental Education Centre in the Camdeboo National Park. Perfect weather greeted the learners as they embarked on their scenic 8 km hike through the park, accompanied by experienced park rangers, staff members and the prefects.

This outing aims to create positive interactions among the Grade 8 learners, while also encouraging personal growth and building a foundation of respect and collaboration between the grade and the prefects. It is not just about hiking a tough trail, but about creating bonds and friendships that will guide these young learners through their new experiences at the school.

Upon reaching their destination, learners took a moment to refuel with some snacks. The break was followed by fun and engaging teambuilding activities led by the park's educational officer and the prefects. These activities were designed to enrich the Grade 8 learners' understanding of the environment while encouraging teamwork. A highlight was the tug of war which saw prefects and even staff members jumping in to help the winning side. Through the laughter and friendly competitiveness, the grade formed new friendships while interacting with their senior mentors.

By the end of the day, the exhausted group of learners returned to campus with a renewed sense of excitement and anticipation for the academic year to come. Although tired, they were filled with eagerness to embrace the journey of becoming seniors.

## GRADE 10 ODYSSEY

Over the past ten years approximately 700 Unionites have donned heavy backpacks, hiking shoes and a good dollop of trepidation, embarking on their five-day Odyssey in the Gats River Canyon between Nieu-Bethesda and Graaff-Reinet. The stories and anecdotes from year to year are varied and wonderful with one thing in common – young people come out changed.

This year was no different.

Due to an external Physical Science exam set on the very morning that they were due to leave, the Grade 10s left in 2 batches and were safely delivered to their starting point at Aasvogelkrans just outside Nieu-Bethesda. Odyssey would not happen without the generous buy-in by landowners, Peter Plumstead, Dale and Kelly Jackson and Julian Murray who allowed the group to explore their beautiful farms. The School is grateful to them, as well as farm manager Derek Anderson who was helpful in so many respects.

The first day's hike is flanked by the orange canyon walls of the

Gats confluence. Getting accustomed to their extremely heavy packs, shoulders ached and calves burned and the walkers trudged onwards. There were a few moments of hilarity as more than one hiker fell into the river, but before long, everyone began to balance a little better and relaxed into a good rhythm. Day one was long – all 18 km of it. Lunch stops at beautiful pools with some entertaining rock slides were much appreciated before burning, blistered feet continued on towards the campsite at Riverdene farm. Everyone started to 'look up', black eagles soared above and klipspringers sprung.

It is always a sight to behold as one walks into a camp filled with young people creating a pop-up village in their natural environment. More than half the group had never camped in the wilderness before. Some had never slept away from home. It is beautiful to observe the bliss and utter contentment that descends as the sun slips into evening, backlighting the tents into comfortable little glowing homes complete with 'wasbakke', clothes lines and pantries. Tent sites were raked, bushes clipped back, this year white mud packs were the order of the day, toes were soaked, blisters seen to, wood collected and new friends made. "Peace came dropping slow" as the evening settled down and the team of adults braaied delicious wors for everyone, donated by the Gibbons family, which was much appreciated. Xhosa songs resonated around the fire, accompanied by a creative shadow puppet show against the smooth cliff face – a delightful first for Odyssey.

Everyone rose early the next morning as rain was predicted and the hikers were anxious to put up tents at the next stopover before that. The canyon opens up on the path towards Schoonberg and they stomped past ancient walls and ruins, marveling that people once lived in such isolated places. The day was cool and bodies ached, but no one gave up despite many river crossings (the idea of removing shoes while doing so was abandoned). Schoonberg pools were met with gasps of wonder. The



water level was high this year and the pools crisp and clear. The campsite was established up a small tributary and before long some of the brave had set up camp and went exploring the incredible secret pool upstream. They returned with shiny-eyed stories of puffadder skeletons, deep pools and amazement that such a place exists. Gentle rain fell throughout the day and tents were reinforced with sheets of black plastic that Mr Langmead had thought to bring. A glorious stew miraculously arrived per kind favour of Bronwen and Jason Jacobs. Thank you also to Amy and Jaco Loots, Richard Collett, Graeme and Brenda Murray, Mrs Tracy-Lee Chutu and her husband, Chulumanco. Jennifer Rubidge, Kevin and Lisa Watermeyer and Anna Clark. We are extremely grateful to parents and friends of Odyssey, who volunteered to walk, drop food and assist in so many ways. Odyssey could not happen without you.

An impressive bonfire was built that evening with flotsam from the recent flood – more memories were made and songs sung. While the cloud cover kept the campers fairly warm, the rain found its way into a few tents overnight, and hilarious stories of suffering were shared the next morning. The group was debriefed before heading off on a challenging hike down towards one of the wonders of this area – a huge waterfall 5 km downstream. On arriving there, the massive expanse of

water drew some brave swimmers and cliff-jumpers in, and a picnic lunch was enjoyed by all. It dawned on a few that they hadn't looked at a screen for 3 solid days, and none of them missed it! Most walked back to their tented 'homes' quite quickly and everyone convened mid-afternoon when Mr and Mrs Pringle arrived, to the delight of the group who were eager and proud to show off their campsites. Mr Pringle's speech on the individual 'Odysseys' or trials that everyone is bound to face in life was met with appreciation and contemplation.

Mr and Mrs Langmead then demonstrated how to roast a whole chicken over the coals and bake a loaf of bread from scratch before culinary chaos set in. An evening of fires, kneading dough, making outdoor ovens, slowly seasoning whole chickens with lemon juice and spices ensued. Many exclaimed that this was the best food they had ever tasted! The evening wrapped up with a talk by Mr Langmead about the following day's solitaire. He spoke of the addictive nature of screen time and how we need to take time out in our lives to be free of it.

The camp was awakened before dawn and set out with a sleeping bag and a special letter from parents and guardians. The Grade 10s were placed in solitude where they enjoyed time totally alone and wrote letters to their future selves to be opened at their Valedictory assembly in 2 years'







time. This alone time was also a first for many – with some raw emotion coming to the fore. Little homesteads for two days were dismantled and the class set off on a physically challenging, mostly uphill 13 km hike to Magnum farmhouse. As they crested the final rise, sounds of delight were expressed at the sight of the lush green campsite under the willow trees at Magnum. There was a poignant peace that night as mixed emotions were expressed – delight at going home the next day to the comforts of family, but sadness at the loss of all the memories that had been made. This was a particularly poignant Odyssey, being the 10th that Mr and Mrs Langmead have organized. The School is extremely grateful to Mr Langmead for the lives that he has touched by making Odyssey possible over all these years.

Another short uphill on the final day led to the spot where the buses would collect everyone. Mr Langmead encouraged the group to write any hurt that they might like to leave behind, in the sand, before everyone headed off, singing and ululating to their heroes welcome at school.

## GRADE 12 CAREERS DAY

A group of receptive and enthusiastic Grade 12s, coupled with experts from various higher education institutions and professionals from the community, made for an inspiring Careers Day this year.

During the morning session, the Grade 12s were given informative half-hour presentations by private institutions including Eduvos, Varsity College, The International Hotel School and UXI Sport. The presenters imparted valuable information on various degrees, diplomas and qualifications available to our learners, who also interacted with them, asking poignant questions regarding career decisions they are in the process of making. Lucky draw prizes and some lovely handouts, added to the excitement of the day.

The evening event was less formal but equally informative. Mr Jamion

Booyesen spoke to the Grade 12s about his career journey in the field of accounting; Mrs Moira Light delved into the field of law and answered some fascinating questions; Constable Gwyneth du Plessis gave an enlightening talk on how our lives sometimes take 180° turns – often for the better – encouraging the Grade 12s to join the police force. The talks ended with Dr Adri Mentz, a local physiotherapist, who engaged the group on a discussion on the medical field, focusing on her specialization. The School is extremely grateful to these members of the community who gave up of their time so willingly.

The evening ended with a convivial grade-building feast where the Grade 12s forgot about life's pressures for an hour or so and enjoyed sharing prospects of what their future lives may hold.



## TOP LEVEL CLUB

The top six academic achievers from Grade 10 to 12 – based on their final results from the previous academic year – are invited to join the Top Level Club. The club aims to foster connections among high-performing learners across grades, while also linking them with newly qualified Old Unionites to encourage mentorship and inspiration.

In Term 1 a highly successful Interhouse quiz evening was held, which culminated in a well-deserved victory for Arnott House. Several learners participated in Mathematics and Accounting Olympiads, embracing the challenge and stepping beyond their academic comfort zones. Two of our Grade 12 members, Milani Pongoma and Erin Gedult,

enrolled in Admath—an IEB Further Studies Mathematics program – and they sat for their final examination in October. This rigorous program significantly enhances mathematical proficiency and provides a strong foundation for tertiary studies in fields such as Actuarial Science, Engineering, and other mathematics intensive degrees. The highlight of the club's activities this year was undoubtedly the visit to the Karoo Origins Fossil Centre at the end of Term 3—a memorable and enriching experience for all involved.

We look forward to many more exciting adventures and academic pursuits together in the coming year.



#### TOP LEVEL CLUB

**BACK:** Misha Newton, Samantha Charles, Richard Murray, Katelyn Trollip, Jade Slater

**MIDDLE:** Amber Bezuidenhout, Jasmine Abercrombie, Amber Slater, Taegen Hamid, Lina Tadesse, Kirsten Collett, Anébel Norval

**FRONT:** Megan Nortje, Tara Ferreira, Erin Gedult, Mrs A, Gedult, Milani Pongoma, Sarah Jacobs, Aminah Steele, Kenza Neill

## SALISBURY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

The 900 year history of the Salisbury Cathedral School, combined with its incomparable setting beneath the famous spire of Salisbury Cathedral, provides a unique atmosphere of tradition in which pupils are educated. One of the oldest educational establishments in the world, the school was founded in 1091 by St Osmund, nephew of William the Conqueror and Bishop of Salisbury, to educate the choristers of his Cathedral at Old Sarum, a mile away from the present site. After 150 years at Old Sarum, the choristers' school moved to Salisbury, following the building of the new Cathedral and in 1947 the school finally came to its present home, based in the 13th century buildings and grounds of the Bishop's Palace.

In August 1992, Billy Teeton (Head Boy 1991), called Mr Bruce Maree to enquire whether the School had a Gap student for the following year. Rhett Newton was hastily arranged as the first Gap at the Salisbury Cathedral School, starting in January 1993. In June of that year, a pupil exchange was put together. The first Standard 5 pupil chosen to be part of the exchange was John Finlaison and from the Cathedral School, James Mc Killop, son of a prominent businessman in Salisbury. And so, the first pupil exchange began in January 1994.

It was decided that if the Standard 5 scholar remained at the School

until the end of his matric year, he would receive first choice as the Gap for his post matric year (January to December), another wonderful opportunity. As the years have rolled on, improvements have been made to the programme in that girls have been included in both the junior and gap programmes.

Many of our scholars have continued to visit as have their scholars and families visited South Africa, some several times. Several of our exchanges have settled in the UK permanently. Many of the Gaps meet up with their fellow classmates of 5 years before and arrange tours to the Greek islands in the summer, attend cricket, rugby and tennis at the various stadiums together, and just have a great time, now as students.

This programme was a programme of opportunity and networking, which makes a big world very small. Tragically, the exchange programme has come to an end, and the 2025 Gap students, Caytah-Leigh Koeberg and Max Price, will be our last. The previous visa arrangements that our students used to travel to the United Kingdom under no longer exist. They have been replaced by the Youth Mobility Scheme and South Africa is not part of this scheme. Therefore, very regrettably, the school cannot accommodate our students for their GAP year any longer as they would only be able to stay on 6-month visas.





# MUSIC

## Primary Music Department

This year, 21 learners took advantage of the wonderful opportunity to receive individual piano and group theory lessons as an extracurricular activity, fostering their musical growth. Learning an instrument is a rewarding journey that offers numerous benefits. It builds discipline through regular practice, enhances cognitive skills that are beneficial for subjects such as Mathematics and Science and provides a powerful outlet for creativity and emotional expression.

Most of our learners made exceptional progress this year, a testament to their hard work and dedication. We are grateful to offer this wonderful opportunity to the learners which allows them to discover the joy of playing the piano.

## Senior Music

The Senior Music Department celebrated a year full of growth, creativity, and unforgettable performances from the senior piano and vocal students. From solo recitals to ensemble showcases, this year proved that music is not just something to perform – it is something to live, feel, and share. Musicians had the opportunity to perform at the Founders Day assembly, the Interschools Cultural Evening and assembly, the Camdeboo Eisteddfod, the Senior Music Evening and the Senior Prizegiving.

The vocal students made incredible strides this year. Through daily rehearsals, performances, and a growing sense of musical unity, the solo vocalists brought powerful storytelling to every stage they graced. Many vocal students completed their RSL Graded and Performance Examinations. Beyond performances, the senior singers focused on vocal health, breath support, and musical phrasing – building not only their voices but also their confidence and discipline.

The senior piano students demonstrated remarkable dedication this year, with many preparing solo pieces, and collaborative performances with vocalists and instrumentalists. From classical etudes and jazz improvisation to modern arrangements, the variety of repertoire reflected both the technical skill and creative spirit of the senior

pianists. Many piano students completed their ABRSM and RSL Graded and Performance Examinations. In addition to solo work, pianists also supported the vocal program by accompanying vocalists – an experience that strengthened their musicianship and deepened their understanding of collaborative performance.

To the seniors: thank you for the music, the leadership, and the legacy you leave behind. Your talent and dedication have helped shape the music department, and your impact will be felt for years to come. To the returning students: keep practicing, keep listening, and keep challenging yourselves. Next year holds new opportunities, new repertoire, and new chances to grow. As we close the book on this musical chapter, we carry with us the melodies, memories, and moments that made this year truly special.



### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT MUSIC PUPILS

**BACK:** Gemma Murray, Kirsten Trollip, Emma Burger, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Noël Shakane, Kate Scott, Mellissa Marais, Tiyana Abader, Shana Theron, Hayley Krige, Cathryn Davenport  
**FRONT:** Layla Ott, Leyanah Koeberg, Adam Clark, Mia Labuscagne, Mrs S. Brink, Carlie George, Madison Tam, Mackenzie Preston, Emily Raath



#### SENIOR MUSIC PUPILS

**BACK:** Gerda Clarke, Kira Hector, Taegen Hamid, Liso Sobantu, Katelyn Trollip, Jenelle Theron, Lethabo Ledwaba, Samantha Charles, Allison Seekoei, Jade Slater, Erinn Andersen, Micha Murray  
**FRONT:** Alison Jacobs, Antonia Adams, Chloe-Anne Fourie, Kirsten Collett, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Curen Willemse, Erin Gedult, Aaliyah Jaftha

## STEM CAMP

The annual Grade 11 STEM camp, held at the end of August, was hosted by Mr and Mrs Alleman at the Nieu Bethesda Backpackers. Learners from the Grade 11 Mathematics and Physical Sciences classes attended the camp, accompanied by Mr Jantjies, the co-ordinator, and Mrs Pringle. This year's guest speaker was Mr Gerrit Brink, a former Unionite, who was joined by Mr Kruger.

The focus of the camp was on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its wide range of applications. Learners were introduced to different AI tools and explored how these tools can be used creatively. Throughout the camp, participants designed and built websites, developed simple games, and

even experimented with the connection between music and AI.

A highlight of the camp was the traditional 'code challenge'. This year's group became the first ever to successfully crack the code, demonstrating impressive teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Beyond the technical learning, the experience promoted collaboration, inclusion, and friendship among students. The camp environment fostered teamwork and helped learners feel more comfortable with one another, building confidence and a sense of belonging that will benefit their academic and personal growth.





# IMIBALA BOOK CHALLENGE

With the launch of Imibala’s first official book the School was proud to have been selected to be a part of it. ‘Voices from the Heartland’ consists of poems, stories and artwork created by young South Africans aged 9 to 20.

This book is more than just a creative showcase. It is a platform for young voices and a celebration of identity, pride and community. The book formed part of a broader celebration of culture and heritage

at the 2025 Indie authors’ Rise Up - Fire Fringe Book Festival earlier in the year.

The School is very proud of the learners whose work was selected to be published. Each winner was presented with a copy of the book as well as a delightful goodie bag from Imibala. Congratulations go to Lina Tadesse, Amber Slater, Jade Slater, Clea Clark, Gerda Clarke, Saskia Strydom and Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg.



# LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTRE

*‘Today a reader, tomorrow a leader’  
– Nelson Mandela*

The importance of fostering reading habits in young minds, cannot be over emphasized. Reading offers numerous benefits: it enhances vocabulary, improves concentration, and stimulates imagination. As such, our school library and media centre play a vital role in the educational development of our students and serve as gateways to knowledge, fostering a love for learning and reading through access to a wide collection of books, digital resources, and research materials. Our learners are offered daily access to the media centre and participate in weekly class visits to the library, in line with research that shows that students who regularly visit their school library tend to perform better academically.



## JUNIOR LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

**BACK:** Kari Stern, Mellissa Marais, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Hermon Wolde, Kungawo Naki  
**FRONT:** Kwandiwe Skenjana, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Luchaé Thomas



#### SENIOR LIBRARY MONITORS & ASSISTANTS

**BACK:** Rachel Wenham, Elizabeth van Rooyen, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Zakithi Sishi, Lina Tadesse, Jannat Qaiser, Emihle Mateza, Zunaida Deysel  
**FRONT:** Hlelo Skotshi, Ogiyonke Sizila, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Endinako Jabezweni, Nikitha Ntshakazana

## JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHESS

The year has been one of growth and grand moves for the junior (Grade 5-7) and senior (Grade 8-12) chess teams. It has been filled with weekly practices, friendly matches and individual milestones that deserve celebration.

Several players were chosen to join the Sarah Baartman District Chess Union. Congratulations to junior players: Caron Goliath, Mason Knoesen, Layla Petrus and Gia Scheepers and senior players: Isabella Tadesse, Gerda Clarke, Lina Tadesse, Jasmine Abercrombie, Nina Japtha, Stephan Vorster and Neelon Fourie. Their commitment to training, willingness to learn and talent at problem solving showed in every match they played to earn their place. Their achievement set the tone for the rest of the season and encouraged younger players to push themselves further.

In August a special chess themed movie night was held to build excitement for Interschools and players gathered to watch 'Queen of Katwe'. The movie reminded them that champions are not born in comfort, but rise from adversity, preparation, and trust in their own ability.

For many of the players, Interschools felt like stepping into the middle game of a tough match. The room was filled with sharp minds ready to compete amidst high stakes and intense pressure. Although the atmosphere was intimidating at first, the players settled in quickly and found the experience both thrilling and rewarding. They learned that every game, win or lose, teaches a lesson worth remembering.

#### The results were as follows:

|                    | Union Schools | Volkskool |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Preparatory School | 11            | 9         |
| Primary School     | 11            | 17        |
| High School        | 13            | 15        |
| TOTAL              | 35            | 41        |

September brought another proud moment. Players who had already earned places in the Sarah Baartman District Chess Union were selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the Mzantsi Chess Tournament taking place in December. These players were:

U14 Boys Caron Goliath  
 U16 Girls Isabelle Tadesse, Gerda Clarke, Lina Tadesse, Jasmine Abercrombie  
 U18 Girls Nina Japtha  
 U20 Boys Neelon Fourie

Both the junior and senior divisions have proven that chess is not only about the result on the board. It is about thinking ahead, staying calm under pressure, and seeing opportunities others might miss. Like any skilled player preparing for the endgame, our chess players understand that every match is part of a larger strategy. The board is set for the future, and our players are ready to keep making strong moves, proving that the future of chess at the School is anything but a stalemate.







#### JUNIOR CHESS

**BACK:** Gia Scheepers, Clark Labuschagne, Mahruf Hawladar, Layla Petrus, Sinako Magwentshu, Isabel Hyldig, Keith Hudson.  
**FRONT:** Caron Goliath, Shana Theron, Mia Labuschagne, Ms N. Martin, Matthew Jacobs, Simosendyebo Mcinga, Anthony Blom.



#### SENIOR CHESS

**BACK:** Letago Mphahlele, Zaheeda Thys, Avuya Tsutsu, Mihle Nkohl, Stephan Vorster, Lina Tadesse, Jasmine Abercrombie, Asakhula Nkomo.  
**FRONT:** Gerda Clarke, Isabella Tadesse, Neelon Fourie, Ms N. Martin, Nina Japtha, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Konke Gawula.

# PRIMARY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL SPEECH COMPETITION

Eighteen learners (five from Grade 5, six from Grade 6 and seven from Grade 7) participated in the annual Primary Department Speech Competition. The learners spoke bravely on interesting topics of their own choices, ranging from 'The Hunger Games' to 'Education and Training' to 'Our Teachers'. We are grateful to Mrs Kiki Nell, Mrs Jenny Nel and Ms Jenny Street for adjudicating and to all the parents who attended this successful event.



Kelly van Rensburg, who spoke about 'Animals' was the runner-up in the Grade 5 division and, beating her by just one point, Saskia Strydom's speech on 'Reading' earned her first place. In Grade 6, Taylor Jacobs spoke about 'My Dream Career' and Layla Ott about 'What is a Dog?'. They were awarded second and first place respectively. Runner-up in Grade 7 was Muhammad Abdullah, who entertained the audience with his humorous speech about 'Siblings' while Iminathi Jaxa's speech on 'Bullying' saw her winning the Grade 7 division.

The Grade 6G class performed their choral verses for the audience in between speeches. These entertaining poems, titled 'Mr Right', 'The Crocodile', 'I need to do my homework', 'Mr Nobody' and 'Wouldn't it be funny if you didn't have a nose', formed the oral part of their poetry project. They had much fun working in groups and incorporating the elements of choral verse into their cleverly choreographed performances.

## SENIOR SPEECH

The Senior Speech Competition was a celebration of the spoken word with some extra spice thrown in due to the fact that for the first time in a while, Arnott and Daly were pitted against one another. This year was also unusual in that the Head Prefects of the School and Arthur Kingwill House were invited to participate. With a wide range of topics to choose from, the Grade 11s and 12s spent a week writing and preparing their speeches - an admirable feat considering the many other activities that were on the go.

Adjudicators Ms Bosch, Mr Langmead and Mrs Neill found the speeches of an extremely high level but the top three speakers stood out substantially on their content and presentation. Milani Pongoma's poignant speech on 'Choosing the Middle Seat' was inspirational and earned her third place. Tara Ferreira's 'last minute' speech on 'Procrastination' took a well-deserved second place while Asive Dwane's brilliantly executed speech on the 'Power of Storytelling' earned him a standout first position.

Mr Langmead concluded the evening by sharing some valuable tips on speechmaking and all that was left was to announce the winning house which was Daly who pipped Arnott by 4 points.

The Junior Speech Competition for Grade 8 and 9 learners proved to be a delightful showcase of the learners' talent, confidence and public speaking skills. After a series of outstanding performances, the judges

awarded third place to Konke Gawula, whose speech captivated the audience with its depth and clarity. Rachel Wenham secured second place with her compelling delivery and strong stage presence. Taking first place was Chanté Bezuidenhout with her beautifully articulated speech on 'What Makes a Great Leader', leaving a lasting impression on both the judges and the audience. The evening was a true celebration of young talent, highlighting the bright future of public speaking at the School.

Following the speech competitions, our speakers were invited to the Collegiate Derby Day where Asive Dwane did the School proud by winning the senior speech section.







### SENIOR SPEAKERS

**BACK:** Mrs B. Langmead, Asive Dwane  
**FRONT:** Milani Pongoma, Tara Ferreira

### 'THE MOST POWERFUL PERSON IN THE WORLD IS THE STORYTELLER'

#### ASIVE DWANE – BEST SENIOR SPEAKER 2025

An old Native American once said: *"Tell me the facts and I'll learn. Tell me the truth and I'll believe. But tell me a story and it will live in my heart forever."* Just hang on for a second, I will make you understand as to what journey am I taking you on.

If the circle of life includes a bunch of animals dancing and singing, does that mean my routine of scrolling through 'TikTok' counts as my contribution to the circle? And if Mufasa can appear in the sky as a ghost, does that mean he is also the one responsible for the dramatic weather changes every time there's a family drama?

Movies such as 'The Lion King' are great examples for me to use in my attempt at convincing you all that the most powerful person in the world is not the Black Panther, not our beloved President Cyril Ramaphosa, and not even our mothers who, to be quite honest, are still in control of our lives no matter how old we get... Oops I take that back because I am certain that after hearing this, my own mother will surely eliminate me from existence and a majority of you might receive VIP invites to my funeral next week –

But rather, it is the storyteller!

Now you might be thinking, "Wait a minute, thee storyteller!" Is Asive really going to preach to us about the person who writes bedtime stories such as 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'Snow White'? Well, he'd better huff and puff and blow my mind which is made of straws and kiss me from my eternal slumber because today has been a long day. That is my main agenda for this evening's speech as you will learn why I consider the storyteller the invisible hero of our time and the rock of all ages.

So, ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, adjudicators, teachers and fellow learners, all protocol observed - I greet you all in the name of storytelling!

It has come to my attention that South Africa is in need of a reality check and until you asked for change, leadership listened. As a high school student with a deep-rooted passion for creative expression, I've come to understand that the storyteller carries a phenomenal form of influence that connects us on an incredible level. Imagine a world without stories: no more Netflix, no more 'Harry Potter' and no more 'Things Fall Apart'. Life would just be one dull and HUMUNGOUS catastrophe of a play where



### JUNIOR SPEAKERS

**BACK:** Mrs B. Langmead, Chanté Bezuidenhout  
**FRONT:** Rachel Wenham, Konke Gawula

everyone forgets their lines! As William Shakespeare beautifully says it, *"All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players..."*.

Let me share a little secret with you all. From the moment I first laid eyes on a South African telenovela called 'The River', created by the talented mind of Phathu Makwarela, the gears of my story-driven soul started changing, and for a second, I realized that I had found the love of my life – storytelling. As an aspiring screenwriter, author, singer, songwriter, poet and theatre performer, my love for storytelling knows no boundaries. Much like Phathu, I too found my own spark in the art of storytelling at the young age of 12, petrified by an unknown passion to captivate hearts and minds. The power of storytelling isn't just in the spectacular narratives; it's in the everyday moments we share.

Think about the family gatherings: there's always that one uncle who is under the influence of too much beverage consumption who you meet at such events. He always confronts you as if you have done the worst crime in the world only to ask you if you know him and if you say "no" then he tells you that he is your father or your mother's brother from the cousin of that long lost grandmother who cheated on your grandfather many years ago; who your own parents have never even told you about either. He always has a sharp tongue towards others but you have always been his 'favourite' and he insists on telling you the same same-old story of that one particular embarrassing moment of you when you were a toddler, expecting you of all people to remember it. These stories create bonds, laughter and a lot of awkwardness, dare I say. But that's what makes them special - they remind us that we have our stories such as these to tell the world; well maybe not these kinds of stories. Sorry Uncle Nimrod!

As we're only 2km from reaching our destination on this wonderful journey tonight, I'd love to leave you with the wise words of Phathu Makwarela in an interview when he says, *"One's goal as a storyteller is simple yet profound: to make people enjoy the end of their evenings, to take them to worlds beyond their wildest dreams, and to remind them that they are a story waiting to be told"*.

In conclusion to this sermon, I'd just say that: a storyteller always makes sure that no citizen is left without their daily dose of flavour and is undoubtedly the most powerful person in the world. But overall, I say, long live storytelling, long live!

## FULL MOON WALK

The Full Moon Walk, organised by the Cultural Department, was all it promised and more.

After a few weeks of co-ordinating with Sanparks, the organisers welcomed an enthusiastic group of walkers at the park gates, and everyone was transported up to the platform at the Valley of Desolation. A spectacular sunset, dripping with gold, greeted everyone, creating a perfect backdrop for the evening.

While waiting for everyone to arrive, many took a short hike to the viewing area. From the deck, participants enjoyed breath-taking views which left them in awe of the beauty that surrounds our town. More than 100 people joined the event, young and old alike.

As the moon rose in the eastern sky, the world was transformed into a seldom-seen night-scape. Walkers were wowed by the sight of the night lights of Graaff-Reinet twinkling far below. Night sounds of nature accompanied the walkers as their legs pounded the 9km, steep downhill road to the end.

An hour and a half later, everyone had completed the route. The Full Moon walk was an unforgettable and unusual event, filled with laughter,

camaraderie and appreciation of the beauty of the natural world that surrounds our town. Funds raised went towards the restoration of the school's grand piano.



## INTERSCHOOLS CULTURAL EVENING

This year's Cultural Evening, hosted by the School, proved to be a celebration of song, speech, quiz and music. Everyone was ushered into the hall to the tunes of the Junior Marimba band who welcomed our guests.

The evening opened with a mass choir from the preparatory and the high school singing, 'Our God is an Awesome God', which truly set the tone for the rest of the programme. The junior speakers followed with Rachel Wenham's speech, 'There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you' taking first place, while Chanté Bezuidenhout's speech, 'Life is like riding a bicycle: to keep your balance you must keep moving', earned her second place.

One of the most memorable moments came from Volkskool's, Anna-May Hayes whose winning speech left the audience deeply moved. With poise and insight, she reminded us that while our schools are different according to the language of teaching, the two schools are in fact two sides of the same coin, highlighting how each school's strength is vital to the other's success and how the wider Graaff-Reinet community flourishes when both schools thrive.

The quiz was a gripping affair with Mr Jantjies holding the floor as quizmaster with humorous aplomb. The School's team, consisting of

Trystan Hulleman, Tara Ferreira, Muhammad Ahmed and Josh Arends took the honours in a closely contested competition.







#### QUIZ TEAM

**BACK:** Muhammad Ahmed, Trystan Hulleman  
**FRONT:** Tara Ferreira, Mrs B. Langmead, Josh Arends



#### INTERSCHOOLS SPEECH TEAM

**BACK:** Rachel Wenham, Mrs B. Langmead, Chanté Bezuidenhout  
**FRONT:** Tara Ferreira, Asive Dwane

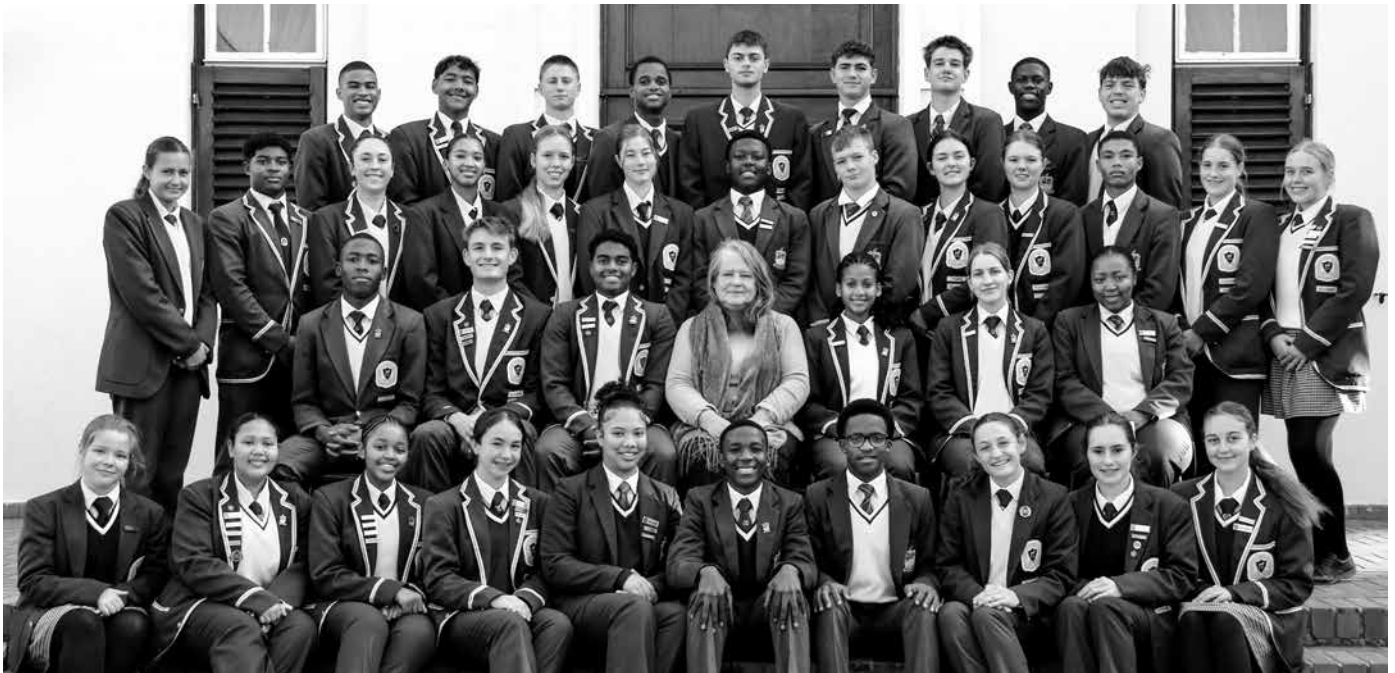
## MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

The criteria for choosing the mentors are trustworthiness, integrity, the ability to relate to younger learners, a willingness and desire to guide the younger learners, and a commitment to develop their own values and principles. This year, the mentors chose the theme *'Building pride in our school and in ourselves through discipline, respect and effective management of time and situations'*.

The role of the mentors is to get to know the learners and to foster a 'big sisterly/brotherly' relationship with them. Mentors are expected to be role models and to guide by example. Each Wednesday the mentors visited their allocated classes and spent a short time connecting with

the learners. Each mentoring session had a topic based on the theme for the year, Examples of topics discussed were 'Sportsmanship' and 'Self-respect'. Topics were introduced by the mentors, and then opened for discussion in their classes.

Mentors needed to become familiar with the concepts they aimed to impart to others by reading, discussing and exposure to inspirational coaches through podcasts. Their mission throughout the year was to reinforce the idea of a Union family, and ensuring that every learner is noticed, appreciated and connected. The mentorship programme is thriving and the School is proud of these caring learners.



#### MENTORS

**BACK:** Josh Arends, Muhammed Ahmed, Ben Lemke, Liso Boo, Daniel Marais, Kyle Liebenberg, Alexander Neill, Masixole Bhayi, Matthew Oosthuizen  
**3RD ROW:** Mecoli Vorster, Yaseen Kazi, Sarah Jacobs, Farronique Booysen, Katelyn Trollip, Anna Bouwer, Athayanda Mahlati, Henk Homveld, Tara Ferreira, Samantha Charles, Xavier Barlow, Misha Newton, Megan Nortjé  
**2ND ROW:** Ndodana Speelman, Trystan Hulleman, Shaakir Khazi, Ms J. Nel, Aaminah Steele, Kenza Neill, Olwethu Tsautse  
**FRONT:** Ashleigh Shell, Erin Gedult, Milani Pongoma, Amber Bezuidenhout, Jemae-Mari Davids, Uyintando Ziswana, Zephaniah Kallies, Leigh-Ann Murray, Rebecca Copeman, Anébel Norval

## ECO-REPRESENTATIVES

The main focus this year has been dealing with litter, an ongoing but vitally important battle. Keeping the school campus litter-free requires the participation of every single learner and motivating them is a constant duty.

In a world full of plastic and packaging, visits to the tuck shop and learners bringing snacks to school has become the source of much of the playground litter. The Eco-Reps made it their mission to raise awareness amongst the learners, encouraging them to cultivate a personal pride in their surroundings and to develop a proper respect for the environment.

Encouraging each individual to become conscious of the fact that they do play a role and that they each make an impact is extremely important and as such Eco-Reps had a duty to promote environmental awareness in their respective classrooms.

Fundraising earned enough money to be able to purchase several monkey proof refuse bins, after the 'Bin Team' had researched available bins and searched for the best affordable solutions. Many thanks to the hard-working and enthusiastic eco-reps for the important role that they fulfil in the school.



### ECO-REPRESENTATIVES

**BACK:** Lisa McEwan, Taylor Jacobs, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Cuen Roman, Amyoli Sizila, Layla Petrus, Hlelo Skotshi, Asakhula Nkomo, Iviwe Gcinisa

**MIDDLE:** Mackenzie Preston, Khwezi Cona, Lesedi Mphahlele, Benjamin Munzvenga, Ashleigh Shell, Alive Mayekiso, Rebecca Copeman, Lechem Lamont, Rosemary Brown, Layla Ott, Clashay Lamont

**FRONT:** Ambesiwe Tokwe, Chloe Tainton, Megan Nortjé, Ms J. Nel, Tara Ferreira, Olwethu Tsautse, Jemae-Mari Davids

## ECO CLUB

A small group of nature enthusiasts met once a week to learn more about plants, animals, soil, chemical elements such as carbon, frequencies, constellations, our local national park and aspects of weather. We also did practical gardening such as thinning out and replanting of bulbinella, aloes and spekboom plants and learning about their medicinal value. We had fun and a good workout helping the school's Trees for Fees project and, on another occasion, pruning the roses to stimulate new growth. We were amazed to see so much new growth appearing after the rain. Prior to the practical gardening activities we studied how to identify plants by their leaves and leaf patterns and Chanté Bezuidenhout presented an excellent lesson on primary and secondary growth in plants.

We discussed aspects of mini wildlife in the garden and went on an

investigative walk, exploring different ecosystems and the mini wildlife which inhabit and support these areas of our school grounds. We learnt more about earthworms and their role in nature's soil. Not so mini was the discovery of a pack of white-tailed mongooses who have made their den in our school's front garden. This discovery led to an interesting study on mongooses and even an art lesson. We revisited trees and found interesting facts about some of our indigenous trees on campus.

The group explored and tasted nutritious recipes made with our local spekboom plant and, when we studied seaweed, kelp and sargassum, we enjoyed exploring the ingredients, tastes and nutritional value of sushi. We enjoyed an interesting lesson on elephants and spekboom and it was fascinating to learn how frequencies and sound waves affect plants and animals and how important it is to create natural spaces, free from all sorts



of pollution. We looked over a map of our local Camdeboo National Park; its layout, fauna, flora and water supply. We watched captivating videos about networks in nature and the role of fungi and carbon.

Considering our local weather, we studied how frost is formed and all about its benefits. The learners enjoyed a practical lesson upcycling plastic bottles into rain gauges. Since we'd been earthbound for a while, we ventured into space and studied a few constellations; their myths, components and when to spot them in our night sky.

As a group, the Eco Club tries to learn about and enhance our school environment and local national park. We explore various interesting topics as they occur in and around us and we love exploring, learning and creating a better environment together.



**ECO CLUB**

**BACK:** Mia Labuschagne, Scarlett Rand, Hayley Hawkins, Chloe Burton-Moore, Shiloh Plaatjies  
**FRONT:** Layla Ott, Mrs J. Nel, Ms J. Street, Saskia Strydom

## MEDIA TEAM



Just three years ago, the Media Team began as a small initiative with the simple goal of filming the 1st XV rugby matches. It has since grown into a dynamic and essential part of school life, capturing nearly every rugby and hockey fixture and meeting the growing demand from supporters eager to relive the action.

This remarkable expansion was never anticipated at the outset. The team has evolved, not only in size but in capability, ensuring smooth and professional coverage of weekend events. One of the standout moments for the learners remains their collaboration with SuperSport Schools at both the Senior and Junior Rugby and Hockey Festivals. These experiences have provided invaluable learning opportunities, allowing students to gain insight from seasoned professionals in the field.

A highlight this year was the Interschools event, where a production company from East London was invited to stream the Saturday fixtures. With Friday's games left in the hands of our learners, they rose to the challenge with confidence and skill and their efforts resulted in one of the most streamed events on our calendar. On Saturday the learners experienced the production company's ability to manage large-scale productions, operate complex camera setups, communicate effectively, and even commentate live.

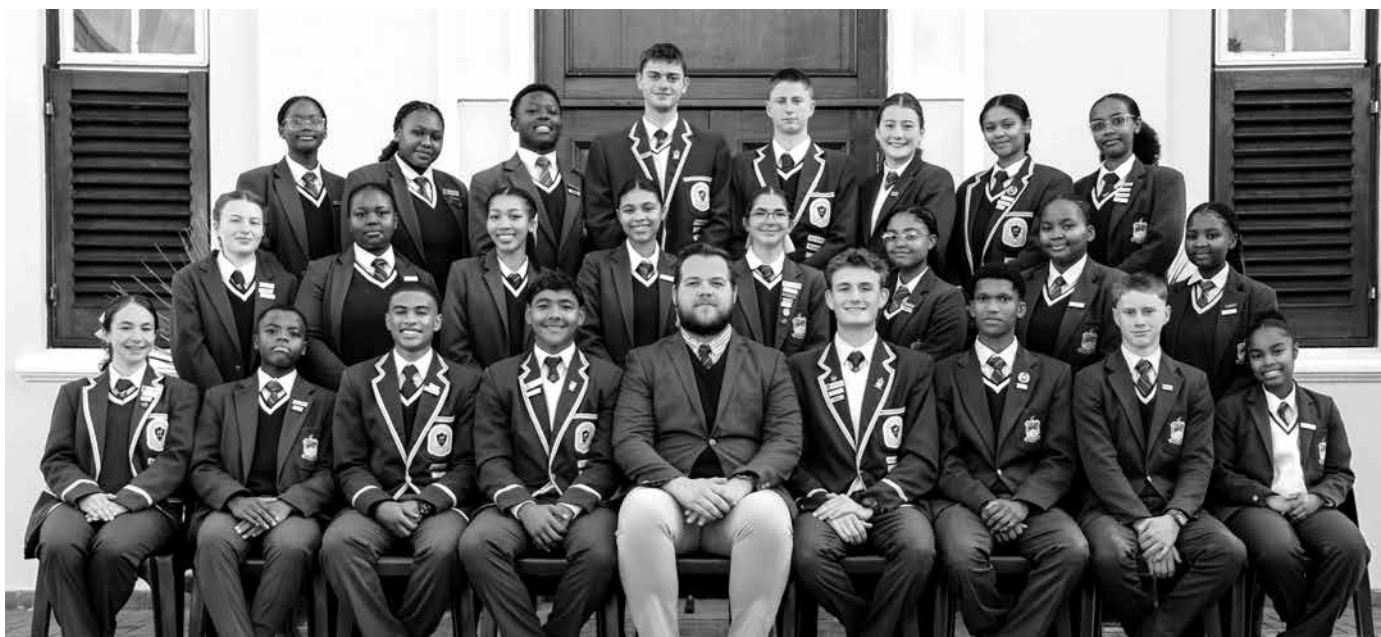
Special recognition goes to Josh Arends, who, after sustaining a rugby

injury, stepped up to assist with the management of the Media Team. He became the go-to person for troubleshooting and was instrumental in mentoring new team members. His dedication and leadership were truly commendable. Another standout contributor was Amber Bezuidenhout, who took it upon herself to learn videography in her own time. Her beautifully crafted video of the Interschools event is available on the school's YouTube channel and stands as a testament to her creativity and initiative.

Another milestone for the Media Team was the significant upgrade to the school hall. Ahead of the Junior School production, new lighting and audio systems were installed to enhance the quality of future events. This installation was expertly handled by Staccato Music from George and has opened up new possibilities for school productions and events. Learners, Konke Gawula and Mark Lemke, have been undergoing continuous training to master these new systems and ensure seamless operation during events.

This year also saw the installation of a new scoreboard at the rugby field; proudly sponsored by Dentists at Health. This exciting addition will be incorporated into the Media Team's responsibilities, adding a new layer of professionalism and engagement to match days.

As the Media Team continues to grow, so does its impact. With ongoing discussions and plans for further development, the journey ahead promises even more innovation, collaboration, and excellence.



### MEDIA TEAM

**BACK:** Avuya Tsutsu, Endinako Jadezweni, Athayanda Mahlati, Daniel Marais, Ben Lemke, Amy Waddelow, Taegen Hamid, Lina Tadesse  
**MIDDLE:** Kirsten Collett, Khayila Grootboom, Jasmine Abercrombie, Kira Hector, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Sintle Mdlulwa, Nikita Mtshakazana  
**FRONT:** Amber Bezuidenhout, Konke Gawula, Josh Arends, Muhammad Ahmed, Mr J.P. Kruger, Trystan Hulleman, Dwayne Koeberg, Mark Lemke, Leshay Fourie



# ART CLUB

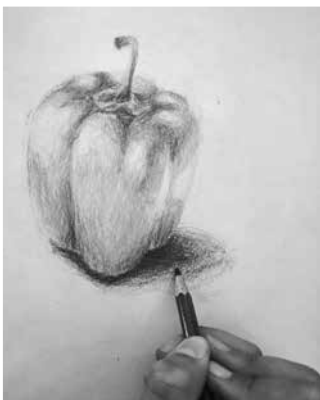
This year the Art Club has grown in number with young creatives meeting twice a week to engage in the complex and beautiful creative process of ART. Each week, learners are given a task to engage in, some lasting one lesson and others as long as a term. Some tasks are individual and some are collaborative. All involve focus, freedom and a time to let go of the pressures of everyday life.

Inspired by the art of the Aboriginal people of Australia, the club engaged in creating collaborative paintings based on 'Songlines' or 'Dreamings' in the second term. Working collaboratively, our learners created their own large format paintings – a meaningful way to honour an ancient tradition while making their own marks as young artists. Many individuals took part in the Eisteddfod, with Jesse Taylor-Freeme's exceptional cartoon winning him Cum Laude. Art Club submitted works into various competitions including the Heritage Art Competition, the Wool in Art Competition and the Gravel Burn Recycling competition – stand out works were created by Ashleigh Shell, Anna Bouwer, Lisa McEwan and Emma Burger.

The Art Club submitted work to the Imibala Book competition, and is proud of Clea Clark and Gerda Clarke whose artworks were chosen to be published in the beautiful book that Imibala published. At Art Club,

students were taught about portraits, landscapes and still lives, worked inside and outside, and were exposed to a variety of materials such as gouache, watercolour, charcoal and pencil.

This year we congratulate Viwe Ngxekisa and Endinako Jadezweni on achieving their team awards for Art Club. Art Club is a place for young people to learn to trust in their ideas and themselves and to explore what is possible. While engaged in the creative process, children are allowed to become like themselves instead of being like everyone else.



## ART CLUB

**BACK:** Chanté Bezuidenhout, Kate Scott, Asive Dwane, Jesse Taylor-Freeme, Anna Bouwer, Mihle Nkhola, Okuhle Mahuza, Endinako Jadezweni, Ogiyonke Sizila  
**MIDDLE:** Kate Charles, Chloe Burton-Moore, Bohlale Ralepele, Hayley Hawkins, Kiera Raley, Letago Mphahlele, Viwe Ngxekisa, Emma Burger, Samia Naidoo, Iviwe Gcinisa, Zaheeda Thys, Sinoyolo Pantsi, Gerda Clarke, Ayanda Magwentshu, Scarlet Rand, Clea Clark

**FRONT:** Saskia Strydom, Kwandiwe Skenjana, Madison Tam, Anébel Norval, Ashleigh Shell, Mrs B. Langmead, Amber Bezuidenhout, Liyema Sodlaka, Ayatt Qaiser, Nicaylin Pieterse, Mackenzie Preston

**ABSENT:** Lisa McEwan, Megan Meyer, Cathryn Davenport, Abigail Loots

## POETRY CLUB

The newly established Poetry Club, the brainchild of Ms Jenny Street, was started to support the English development of the primary department learners. The club meets once a week and includes activities such as the development of reading and vocabulary, comprehension and punctuation, figures of speech, dramatization and plenty of writing. The learners, only girls so far, who have been part of the club since the beginning of the year have benefitted enormously. Their language skills and confidence have visibly improved and this has, in turn, enhanced their English learning.

The learners have explored serious poems, including 'The Call of Africa' and 'Who am I?'. They enjoyed several Roald Dahl poems, which are filled with clever figures of speech, including tantalizing rhythm and fabulous rhyme, and they had fun practicing choral verse with these poems. Odes can be serious, but the girls had great fun writing their own

funny odes, such as an 'Ode to Pizzas'. Humorous poems, such as 'The Aliens Have Landed', and limericks provided good entertainment and writing experiences for the group.

Supporting English as a subject more directly, the group covered poems such as 'The Parts of Speech' and other poems based on metaphors and similes and even adverbs. They did well to write their own adverb poems, which included titles such as 'Silently', 'Gently' and 'Loudly'. Interschools is a major event on the calendar and the girls wrote beautiful poems, which included many poetry elements they had acquired during the year, about the event. Their poems were proudly displayed on one of the school notice boards during Interschools.

The Poetry Club has proved to be a fun cultural activity which will hopefully continue to be of value to learners in the years ahead.



### POETRY CLUB

**BACK:** Saskia Strydom, Uyathandwa Teka, Kungawo Naki, Rosemary Brown, Lesedi Mphahlele, Leyanah Koeberg, Zoey Buys  
**FRONT:** Lienke Jansen van Rensburg, Zizo Nazo, Ms J. Street, Elizabeth Fourie, Zona Nazo

## PHILOSOPHY CLUB

The Philosophy Club provides a unique opportunity for members to engage with fundamental questions regarding knowledge, values and reality. Since its inception the club has maintained good attendance and promoted discussions, debates and reflections, explored various philosophical ideas and fostered critical thinking, empathy, and self-awareness.

This year's philosophical journey began with the discussion of utilitarianism actions that maximise happiness and wellbeing for affected individuals, presented by Mrs Rose-Innes. This presentation laid the foundation for succeeding discussions, which included:

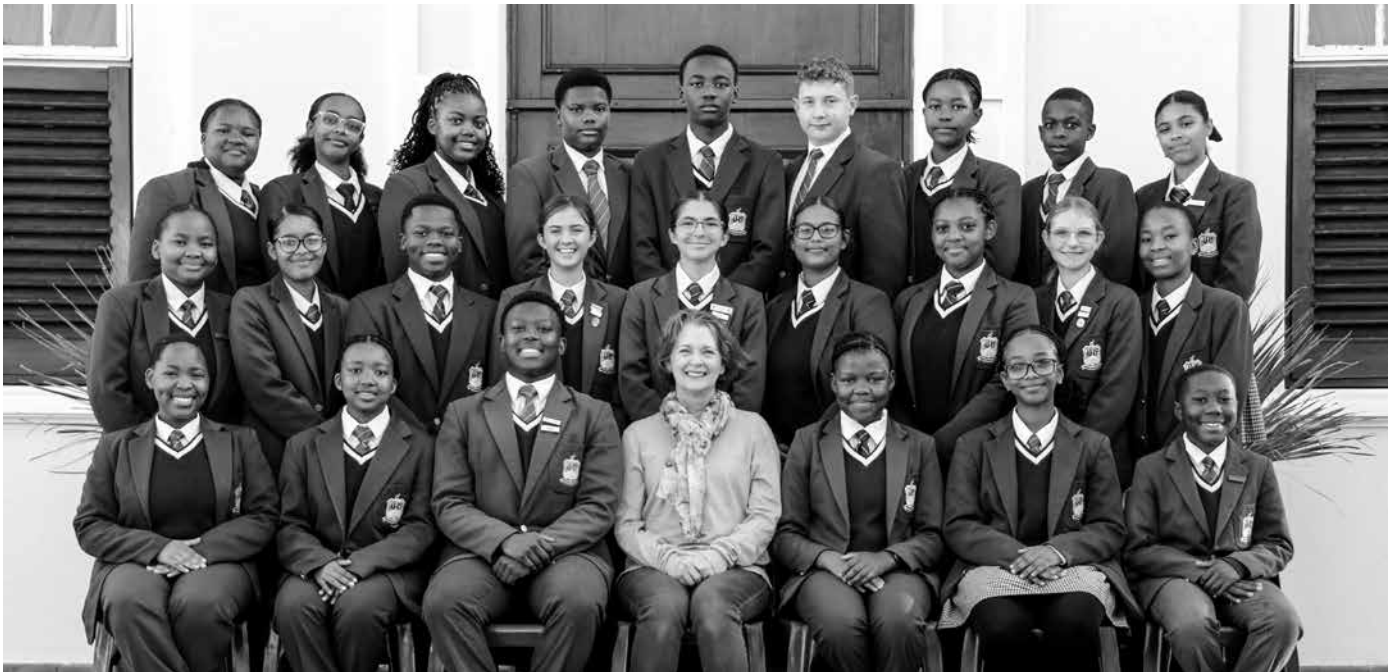
- 'Philosophy of Law' – investigating the nature of law, and its relation to human values – presented by Mr Carl Fisher.
- 'Socrates Philosophy' – discussing Socrates epistemology, and examining the Socratic method – presented by Athayanda Mahlati.
- 'How Media Affects Your Perception of the World' – examining the effects of media and how it can have an impact on one's perception of the world – presented by Max Wright.
- 'Plato's Philosophy' – discussing Plato's theory of forms and the idea of a material world – presented by Athayanda Mahlati.
- 'Aristotle's Philosophy' – examining Aristotle's theory of logic and the combination of logic and observation to make general claims – presented by Skye Meyers.

- 'Theory of Stupidity' – uncovering the surprising nature, causes, and dangers of stupidity from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's perspective – presented by Mrs Rose-Innes.
- 'Emmanuel Kant's Moral Philosophy' – examining the judgment of actions according to whether they adhere to valid morals – presented by Athayanda Mahlati.

By delving into these topics, members were able to cultivate essential thinking skills, such as using logic to evaluate arguments, decision making by weighing options, considering consequences and making informed choices and reflective, systematic thinking. Ultimately, members were able to develop a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them, becoming more thoughtful, informed and critically thinking individuals.

The Philosophy Club is dedicated to providing members with a unique and enriching experience. As a community of like-minded individuals, the club looks forward to fostering intellectual curiosity, encouraging critical thinking, and promoting a deeper understanding of philosophical concepts. By showcasing the club's unique atmosphere, the Philosophy Club aims to attract all individuals to join the club in its enlightening journey.





**PHILOSOPHY CLUB**

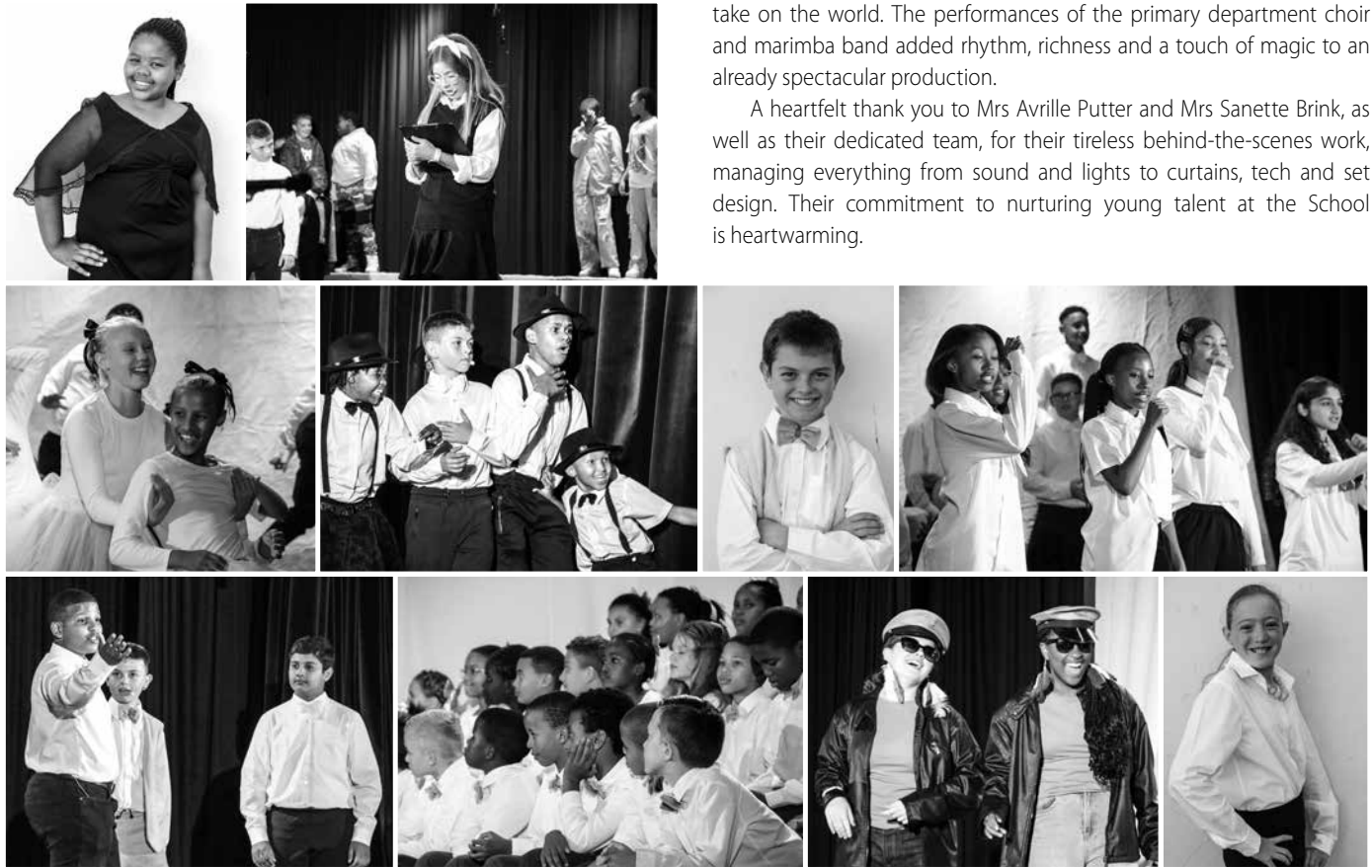
**BACK:** Duvallene Fass, Lina Tadesse, Mihle Nkohla, Sean Musakasa, Imitha Mtati, Lee Martin, Lethabo Ledwaba, Mpho Majola, Kira Hector  
**MIDDLE:** Sintle Mdlulwa, Reese Boggenpoel, Asakhula Nkomo, Rachel Wenham, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Skye Meyers, Richere Cudjoe, Clea Clarke, Ntando Mtshali  
**FRONT:** Entle Mdlulwa, Imange Khala, Athayanda Mahlati, Mrs H. Rose-Innes, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Isabelle Tadesse, Benjamin Munzvenga

**HAPPY FEET**

The primary department’s production of ‘Happy Feet’ brought the Antarctic to life with toe-tapping tunes, dazzling dance moves, heartwarming harmonies and an inspiring message about being true to yourself.

The Grade 5-7 learners certainly rose to the occasion and their ability to memorise lines, perform full musical numbers and embrace the spotlight was nothing short of exceptional. Many surprised with their powerhouse vocals and stage presence, showing that beneath those school shoes, beat the hearts of confident, creative penguins ready to take on the world. The performances of the primary department choir and marimba band added rhythm, richness and a touch of magic to an already spectacular production.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Avrille Putter and Mrs Sanette Brink, as well as their dedicated team, for their tireless behind-the-scenes work, managing everything from sound and lights to curtains, tech and set design. Their commitment to nurturing young talent at the School is heartwarming.



# CAMDEBOO EISTEDDFOD

As the stage lights dimmed, the grand piano lid was closed and the final contestant left the hall, the organisers and adjudicators breathed a collective sigh of happiness as the third annual Camdeboo Eisteddfod concluded after a three-day celebration of the arts.

Sponsored by Montego Feeds, the eisteddfod has grown exponentially since its first year with 496 entries being received in the categories of Creative Writing, Dance, Art, Drama, Vocal, Choral and Instrumental.

An eisteddfod is defined as 'a non-competitive, adjudicated festival of the arts, designed to foster personal growth and showcase talent across diverse communities'. Participation is treated with reverence and comments from the adjudicators give an opportunity for development and growth. For some, this was the first time on the stage and the nerves were sometimes evident. The eisteddfod provides a platform for young people to showcase their skills as well as a safe space to overcome fear and grow in confidence.

Our adjudicators – Lynne Gouws, Kelly Westraat, David Langmead, Belinda Grewar and Bronwynne Kingwill – carefully evaluated each

participant, considering creativity and technique. A carefully thought-through programme and slick system of evaluation allowed for each contestant to immediately be provided with their certificate and report. The highly sought-after and elusive Cum-Laude awards were received with much excitement and joy.

A huge event such as this could not happen without the assistance of so many. Gratitude must go to each teacher, coach and parent who encouraged and guided each performer. Thank you to Mrs Gedult, Karen Scott and her team of moms who decorated the hall so beautifully. Marsha Bouwer and Marie-Louise Oosthuizen assisted each adjudicator with certificates and provided gentle support throughout the week. Thanks to Elsona catering for delicious meals and to Suliza van Wyk for assistance with spelling and translation.

The 2025 Camdeboo Eisteddfod was a resounding success and could not have happened without the passion and hard work of Eisteddfod Director, Zelda Oosthuizen. With the backing of Mrs Mariette Burger and the magic she works, a spark of creativity and excellence has been ignited for which the Cultural Department at the School is extremely grateful.





# MUSIC EVENING

## Primary Department Music Evening

Disney magic filled the hall at the annual music evening. It began on a perfect note as the primary choir opened the show with the iconic 'When You Wish Upon a Star', the timeless melody that personifies the heart of every Disney movie. The audience was then treated to a showcase of wonderful piano and vocal performances.

A particularly heartwarming highlight of the evening was a series of family collaborations that celebrated making music together. Pianist, Adam Clark was joined by his father, Mr. Bradley Clark, on guitar, Tiyaana Abader's performance was beautifully complemented by the vocals of her mother, Mrs Edwardine Abader and Shana Theron shared the stage with her sister, Jenelle Theron and friend, Asive Dwane, in a delightful piano-vocal trio.

Injecting a vibrant, toe-tapping rhythm into the middle of the program, the Marimba ensemble performed an energetic Disney medley that had everyone smiling. Bringing the night to a powerful conclusion, the choir returned to tell the story of the latest movie *Mufasa* and his brother with the poignant song, 'I Always Wanted a Brother'.

Adding to the enchantment of the event was the magical Disney backdrop, elegantly designed and created by our wonderfully creative parents, Mrs Karin Scott and Mrs Amori van Jaarsveld. Their efforts created the perfect setting for a warm and memorable evening where our music students could share their music and shine brightly.

## Senior Music Evening

The Senior Music Evening, this year themed 'Back to Jazz', brought the 2025 school year to a beautiful close. This annual event is a tribute to the dedication, growth, and talent of the senior music students. Beautiful décor by Mrs Gedult, mother of Grade 12 musician Erin, set the perfect stage for a night filled with harmony and heart, while music teacher Ms Oosthuizen's dedication and passion shone through every polished performance by pianists, vocalists, marimba ensemble, and choir.

The evening opened with solo piano performances that set the tone for the night. Each senior pianist delivered pieces that reflected not only technical mastery but also personal style and emotional depth. From lyrical classical works to expressive contemporary and jazz selections, the pianists demonstrated the discipline and artistry they have cultivated over their high school years.

Vocalists took the stage next, performing a variety of pieces that highlighted both range and emotion. Whether singing powerful ballads or musical theatre favorites, each vocalist brought authenticity and heart to their performance. Several seniors chose songs that held personal meaning, creating moments of genuine connection between the performer and audience.

The four marimba ensembles delivered rhythmic energy with musical cohesion. Their performances showed off the range of the instrument – from resonant bass lines to melodic solos. The choir's voices blended with warmth, confidence, and clarity, filling the school hall with the kind of unity that comes from years singing side by side.

The evening ended with the presentation of trophies and awards – a fitting finale to a night that celebrated artistry, hard work and the School's rich musical spirit.



# PRIMARY CHOIR

A harmony of 45 voices from our Grade 5, 6, and 7 learners formed the Primary Choir this year. Participation in the choir is a rewarding experience that develops more than just vocal talent – it is proven to boost students' confidence and discipline, while teaching them the invaluable skill of working together towards a single, beautiful goal.

The choir showed off their progress and spirit at several key events. They brought infectious energy to the Interschools assembly with a dynamic performance of 'Waka Waka', complete with impressive choreography that captured the celebratory mood of the weekend. Later in the year, they delivered a heartfelt and technically polished rendition of 'I Always Wanted a Brother' at the Camdeboo Eisteddfod, earning an outstanding Gold Plus award for their performance. To cap off a year of song and success, the choir performed this same poignant song at the junior prizegiving, ending their year on a high note.



## PRIMARY CHOIR

**BACK:** Hayley Hawkins, Kari Stern, Kate Scott, Mellissa Marais, Noël Shakane, Isabel Hyldig, Layla Petrus, Thomas Krige, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Hermon Wolde, Taylor Jacobs, Gemma Murray

**3RD ROW:** Imboyethu Nondlazi, Iyana Magwentshu, Lilly Hunter, Ben Steynberg, Kungawo Lisa, Iminathi Jaxa, Keira Raley, Siyolise Mateza, Olothando Desha, Hayley Krige, Mia Labuscagne, Gia Scheepers, Angelique Fortuin, Nieke van Jaarsveld

**2ND ROW:** Lechem Lamont, Carlie George, Benjamin Munzvenga, Luphiwo Maloyi, Othandwayo Dontsa, Mrs S. Brink, Wanique Kruger, Monalisa Jika Jika, Kungawo Naki, Sarah Hampton, Realeboga Basiele

**FRONT:** Elizabeth Fourie, Reece Gibbons, Mackenzie Preston, Layla Ott, Jayline Swarts, Nicaylin Pieterse, Kwandiwe Skenjana, Kate Daley, Leyanah Koeberg, Zoey Buys, Liyanda Bodlani, Ben Daley, Emily Raath, Lwandle Kubashe



# SENIOR CHOIR

From the first day of warm-ups to the last standing ovation, the 2025 year has been one of harmony, hard work and heart. Performances spanned a wide range of styles, from classical choral pieces and spirituals to pop hits and African arrangements. Each concert brought its own challenges and rewards, and the singers rose to the occasion with dedication and passion.

Some standout moments included performances at the Karoo Festival of Choirs, the Interschools Cultural Evening and assembly, the Camdeboo Eisteddfod, the Senior Music Evening and the Senior Prizegiving. Behind every performance were hours of rehearsals, sectionals, and personal practice. However, it was not just about the music but the connections

made along the way, whether at early morning rehearsals, or sharing laughs before stepping on stage.

Thank you to the seniors for their leadership, kindness and unwavering commitment to the choir. They have been role models both musically and personally, and their presence will be deeply missed. The traditions they helped build and the tone they set will carry on through those following in their footsteps.

The voice of the choir continues to grow – stronger, braver, and more united than ever. We look forward to welcoming new members, exploring new music, and continuing to share our voices with the school community.



## SENIOR CHOIR

- BACK:** Anna Bouwer, Jenelle Theron, Chulumanco Xhamela, Linathi Kula, Onako Funani, Noah Edwards, Tara Ferreira
- 5TH ROW:** Duvallene Fass, Lina Tadesse, Jasmine Abercrombie, Liyabona Nkomo, Unako Tyanese, Elcardiyano Afrika, Allison Seekoei, Lutholwethu Bottoman, Lethabo Ledwaba, Henk Homveld, Mihle Nkohl, Asive Dwane, Okuhle Mahuza, Taegen Hamid, Avuya Tsutsu, Kay-Leigh Hartley, Chloe Davids, Ogiyonke Sizila
- 4TH ROW:** Emihle Vuthuza, Zaheeda Thys, Senamile Mvandaba, Kuhle Nqumashe, Sinoyolo Pantsi, Jemma Grootboom, Zenande Mazana, Achuma Kayi, Chuma Kayi, Silindokuhle Khali, Akhona Ngxekisa, Zakithi Sishi, Ciara Kivedo, Lolwethu Dayimani, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa, Khayila Grootboom, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Lisa Vutula, Asemahle Manona, Kira Hector
- 3RD ROW:** Erinn Andersen, Chloe-Anne Fourie, Sintle Mdlulwa, Maribel April, Olwethu Koeberg, Sovuyiswa Sefa, Rachel Wenham, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Richere Cudjoe, Elizabeth van Rooyen, Annabelle Nel, Gerda Clarke, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Micha Murray
- 2ND ROW:** Mbasa Soyizwaphi, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Anébel Norval, Esethu Mabula, Ashleigh Shell, Lynique Grimsell, Brenlin Memani, Erin Gedult, Clea Clark, Sakeenah Hajie, Kelsey Horn, Isabelle Tadesse, Hlumelo Kwini, Ambesiwe Tokwe, Megan Miller
- FRONT:** Shanica Abrahams, Halyn Wessels, Alison Jacobs, Amber Bezuidenhout, Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Kate Charles, Asandivuyisile Jonas, Cu-Shan Hoffman, Rebecca Copeman, Entle Mdlulwa, Simamkele Ngqele



## PRIMARY MARIMBA BAND

The infectious, joyful sound of the Primary Marimba Band was a highlight of the year's music activities. This talented ensemble of 11 learners from Grades 5-7 showed an impressive ability to weave together multiple, intricate rhythms at the same time.

Playing in the marimba band is a wonderful experience that develops unique skills. It significantly improves a student's ambidexterity and coordination, and it teaches the invaluable lesson of collaboration, as

each player must listen intently to create one cohesive, beautiful sound.

The band brought their wonderful energy to several key events. They provided a lively, welcoming performance for guests arriving at the Interschools assembly, lit up the stage during the annual Music Evening, and their dedication was rewarded with a Gold award at the Camdeboo Eisteddfod. In short, it was a year of rhythmic excellence for our Primary Marimba Band.



### PRIMARY MARIMBA BAND

**BACK:** Sibusiso Jantjies, Faith Hoffman, Noël Shakane, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Tiyanah Abader, Taylor Jacobs, Carlie George  
**FRONT:** Kwandiwe Skenjana, Sarah Hampton, Mrs S. Brink, Benjamin Munzvenga, Layla Ott

## SENIOR MARIMBA

As the final bars of the school year fade out, we look back on an incredible journey filled with rhythm, teamwork, and unforgettable moments in the senior marimba program. This year has been one of remarkable growth, innovation, and inspiration, from groundbreaking performances and fresh compositions to the development of new talent and deepening school community connections. It has been a year of growth, creativity, and passion for music from the first warm-ups in January to the final performance in October.

The four marimba groups, Eish & Echo, Mallet Master, Da XII Sounds of Music and Mallets United, did not just play notes, they told stories. This year's repertoire, featuring everything from classical to contemporary arrangements, challenged them to step out of their comfort zones. Each performance showed not just technical improvement, but musical maturity, expression, and connection with the audiences.

Highlights included performing at the pre-school's Grandparents Tea, the Interschools assembly, the Camdeboo Eisteddfod, the Senior Music Evening, the Senior Prizegiving, the Graaff-Reinet Museum Heritage High Tea, and the start of Stage 3 of the Gravel Burn cycle race.

Behind the spotlight, countless hours of hard work went into each piece. Early morning rehearsals, sectionals, and solo practice time paid off – not only in cleaner runs and tighter transitions – but also in stronger friendships and teamwork. Many students took on leadership roles this year, mentoring other players and organizing practice schedules. Seniors passed the torch to younger and new students and helped them to take their first steps on the instrument.

The marimba ensemble continues to be a place where students find their rhythm, build confidence, and discover the power of collaboration. To returning members, keep striking the right notes and dream big – the next season is just around the corner, and the best is yet to come.







#### **SENIOR MARIMBA BAND – EISH & ECHO**

**BACK:** Achuma Kayi, Chuma Kayi,  
Taegen Hamid, Asive Dwane,  
Akhona Ngxekisa, Lolwethu  
Dayimani, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa  
**FRONT:** Kwakhanya Buyiselo,  
Ambesiwe Tokwe, Ms Z. Oosthuizen,  
Lisa Vutula, Erin Gedult



#### **SENIOR MARIMBA BAND – MALLETS UNITED**

**BACK:** Asemahle Manona,  
Micha Murray, Kira Hector,  
Linathi Kula, Lethabo Ledwaba,  
Richere Cudjoe, Erinn Andersen,  
Lynique Grimsell  
**FRONT:** Alison Jacobs,  
Sesona Klaasen, Ms Z. Oosthuizen,  
Kelsey Horn, Isabelle Tadesse



#### **SENIOR MARIMBA BAND – MALLET MASTERS**

**BACK:** Sovuyiswa Sefa, Kuhle  
Ngumashe, Lutholwethu Bottoman,  
Mihle Nkohla, Okuhle Mahuza,  
Imivuyo Nondlazi, Sinoyolo Pantsi  
**FRONT:** Azile Vanqa, Olwethu  
Koeberg, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Shanica  
Abrahams, Simamkele Ngqele



#### SENIOR MARIMBA BAND – DA XII SOUNDS OF MUSIC

**BACK:** Mpho Majola, Landile Petela, Philip Kayster, Imitha Mtati, Amyoli Sizila, Avuya Tsutsu, Asakhula Nkomo  
**FRONT:** Entle Mdlulwa, Sintle Mdlulwa, Ms Z. Oosthuizen, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Asandivuyisile Jonas

## SCA

The SCA has experienced significant growth and spiritual development this year, evident in the increasing number of students participating. Five groups were formed, catering to different grade levels and spiritual needs. Two of these groups – the Junior Bible Study Grade 5s and 6s – met during second break and focused on exploring the life of Jesus through a gospel-based study. The Junior (Grade 7-9) and Senior (Grade 10-12) SCA groups met weekly in the afternoons, engaging in in-depth discussions and reflections on their faith, delving into the Gospels to learn from the examples Jesus set before us, the book of Revelation, and exploring the worthiness and glory of Jesus Christ. A notable highlight has been the growth of the Prayer Group. Students from various grade levels have come together to pray, share their hearts, and support one another. This group has become a source of comfort, strength, and encouragement for many students.

What has been particularly encouraging to see is the growth in numbers across all five groups. Students are not only attending regularly but are also showing a genuine interest in deepening their understanding of God's Word. The SCA groups have become a place where students can belong, grow in their faith, and develop meaningful relationships with peers and mentors.

Reflecting on the past year, we are reminded of the power of community and prayer. We are grateful for the students who have been committed to the SCA and the Prayer Group and we pray that God will continue to work in their lives. As the Bible says in Hebrews 10:25: 'And let us not forget to meet together, as some people have made a habit of doing. Instead, let us encourage each other all the more, since we can see the day approaching'. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the coming year.



#### JUNIOR BIBLE STUDY

**BACK:** Leah Abader, Mia Labuschagne, Lisa McEwan, Taylor Jacobs, Kate Scott, Matthew Jacobs, Chumasande Tsweu, Onga Solomon, Nicaylin Pieterse  
**MIDDLE:** Antonique Adams, Jianna Hardine, Mia Serfontein, Othandwayo Donsa, Liyanda Bodlani, Simosendyebo Mcinga, Iyana Magwetsu, Lesedi Mphahlele, Zoey Buys, Chevonne Vena, Leyanah Koeberg, Rosemary Brown, Mackenzie Preston  
**FRONT:** Lienke Jansen van Rensburg, Uziah Willemse, Brynmore Le Potha, Taylor Liesing, Mr E. Jantjies, Saskia Strydom, Elizabeth Fourie, Zachary Mostert, Taymor Toring





**PRAYER GROUP**

**BACK:** Isabella Tadesse, Maribel April, Annabel Nel, Richere Cudjoe, Kira Hector, Lethabo Ledwaba, Samiah Naidoo, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Micha Murray, Brenlin Memani  
**FRONT:** Ashleigh Shell, Anna Bouwer, Amber Bezuidenhout, Mr E. Jantjies, Taegan Hamid, Liso Booï, Similo Mvandaba



**SCA**

**BACK:** Asive Dwane, Alyssa Trollip, Mihle Nkohl, Lethabo Ledwaba, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Richard Murray, Katelyn Trollip, Samantha Charles, Athayanda Mahlati  
**MIDDLE:** Jasmine Abercrombie, Richere Cudjoe, Zaheeda Thys, Zakithi Sishi, Kira Hector, Jade Slater, Samiah Naidoo, Amber Slater, Lina Tadesse, Duvalene Fass, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Khayila Grootboom  
**FRONT:** Erinn Andersen, Kwandiwe Skenjana, Simamkele Ngqele, Isabella Tadesse, Gerda Clarke, Mr E. Jantjies, Micha Murray, Konke Gawula, Anébel Norval, Entle Mdluluwa, Rachel Wenham

# FIRST AID

**W**e congratulate our First Aiders on their fine achievements and unselfish dedication to the sportsmen and women of the school, under the leadership of Mrs Moos.

The First Aid emergency room was manned on a roster basis for all

home games and the girls often sacrificed their weekends and part of their holidays to attend to their duties. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of them. Our mission remains to deliver emergency medical care to all our sports teams, striving towards excellent and efficient service.



## FIRST AID

**BACK:** Viwe Ngxekisa, Jemae-Mari Davids, Taegan Hamid, Nombulelo Ncombo, Brogan Koeberg, Lina Tadesse

**FRONT:** Lolwethu Dayimani, Zelreech Frazenburg, Erin Gedult, Mrs E. Moos, Milani Pongoma, Sarah Jacobs, Ciara Kivedo

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for  
your room here on earth." – Muhammad Ali*



# BLOOD DONATION

Donating blood is a vital act of community service that saves millions of lives each year. A single donation can save up to three lives by providing essential components such as red blood cells, plasma, and platelets to patients in need. Blood donation is a simple, safe, and selfless act that can have a profound impact on both individuals and communities. Maintaining an adequate blood supply is crucial for healthcare systems, and this can only be achieved through regular and voluntary donations.

At the School, we are committed to fostering a culture of compassion and service. To support this mission, we host termly Blood Drives, making it safe and convenient for our learners to participate in this life-saving cause. Through these efforts, we aim to raise awareness and encourage more learners to become regular donors and active contributors to society.



**PEER PROMOTERS**  
**BACK:** Anna Bouwer, Ben Lemke, Mrs L. Crankshaw, Jenelle Theron, Endinako Jadezweni  
**FRONT:** Jemae-Mari Davids, Anébel Norval, Rebecca Copeman, Amber Bezuidenhout

## *'One year. One mission. Compassion in action, community in motion.'*

This year was defined by empathy, unity, and celebration at the School. Through the dedicated efforts of the Interact club, the social well-being of our learners was nurtured and care extended to the broader community.

The year began with Interact hosting a serene sunset picnic on the school fields. Learners gathered under a golden sky, accompanied by soothing music and warm conversations. It was a moment of peace, connection, and shared joy and made for a perfect start to a year of meaningful engagement.

The end of September brought a burst of colour and creativity. The Cancer Drive was launched with a vibrant civies day, raising awareness and support for those affected by cancer. The highlight of the month was the Heritage Meets Talent show, a dazzling celebration of culture and creativity. The evening featured solo and duet vocal performances, instrumental pieces, poetry and a powerful monologue. The crowd-favourite modelling show and a reimagined Sarafina cultural dance act was delightful. This event continues to grow as a cherished tradition, honouring our diverse heritage while spotlighting the incredible talents within our school.

In the final week of October, the Interact unveiled the Board of Honor – a moving tribute adorned with multicoloured ribbons, each representing a personal story of how cancer has touched lives. This visual tapestry of remembrance and hope served as a powerful reminder of the

importance of awareness and early detection.

The Interact club remains committed to fostering compassion, celebrating culture, and building a stronger, more caring community – one heartfelt initiative at a time. 'Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter.' - Brian Solis



### INTERACT

**BACK:** Nikita Mtshakaza, Akhona Ngxekisa, Okuhle Mahuza, Endinako Jadezweni, Sonell Mdudumani, Mihle Nkohla, Nombulelo Ncombo, Silindokuhle Khali, Jemae-Mari Davids, Jannat Qaiser,

**MIDDLE:** Megan Miller, Brenlin Memani, Esethu Mabula, Aqhama Speelman, Oginyonke Sizila, Lina Tadesse, Achuma Kayi, Chuma Kayi, Viwe Ngxekisa, Unam Vumazonke, Phelo Klaas. Ambesiwe Tokwe

**FRONT:** Zenande Mazana, Sbusisiwe Gcinisa (Treasurer), Olwethu Tsautse (Chairperson), Mrs A. Gedult, Milani Pongoma (Vice-Chairperson), Erin Gedult (Secretary), Lolwethu Dayimani (Vice-Secretary)



# JUNIOR ATHLETICS

The energy was electric and the competition fierce as our school hosted its annual Junior Interhouse Athletics Meeting. After a day of thrilling performances and passionate cheering, Arnott House emerged victorious, claiming the coveted trophy. The Victrix and Victor Ludorum winners, based on their performances at this event were as follows:

- Gemma Murray – U11 Girls
- Samuel Wakayo – U11 Boys
- Taylor Jacobs – U12 Girls
- Raydon Hendricks – U12 Boys
- Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza – U13 Girls
- Lukhona Bulembu – U13 Boys

A number of athletes qualified to represent the school at the Graaff-Reinet Zonal Athletics Meeting, held at the Botanics. Their dedication and hard work paid off as they competed in a range of events. Following the zonal meeting, Leah Abader (U11 High Jump), Hayley Krige (U13 800 m), Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza (U13 High Jump), Hermon Wolde (U13 High Jump) and Dante Mills (U13 Shot Put), qualified for the next round at the PE Oval. Here, Dante Mills and Leah Abader both clinched first place in their respective events, while Hermon Wolde proudly secured third place in the High Jump. Dante and Leah qualified for the next round in Komani where Dante did exceptionally well to secure a second place in the Boys’ U13 Shot Put. We are extremely proud of all of our athletes.



**JUNIOR ATHLETICS**  
**BACK:** Lisa McEwan, Emma Burger, Kate Scott, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Dante Mills, Matthew Westraad, Layla Petrus, Mahruf Hawladar, Hermon Wolde, Taylor Jacobs  
**MIDDLE:** Leah Abader, Gia Scheepers, Chloe Burton-Moore, Hayley Krige, Jameson Houseman, Kungawo Lisa, Gemma Murray  
**FRONT:** Samuel Wakoyo, Mackenzie Preston, Hannah van der Walt, Mrs L. Gerber, Layla Ott, Zoey Buys

# SENIOR ATHLETICS



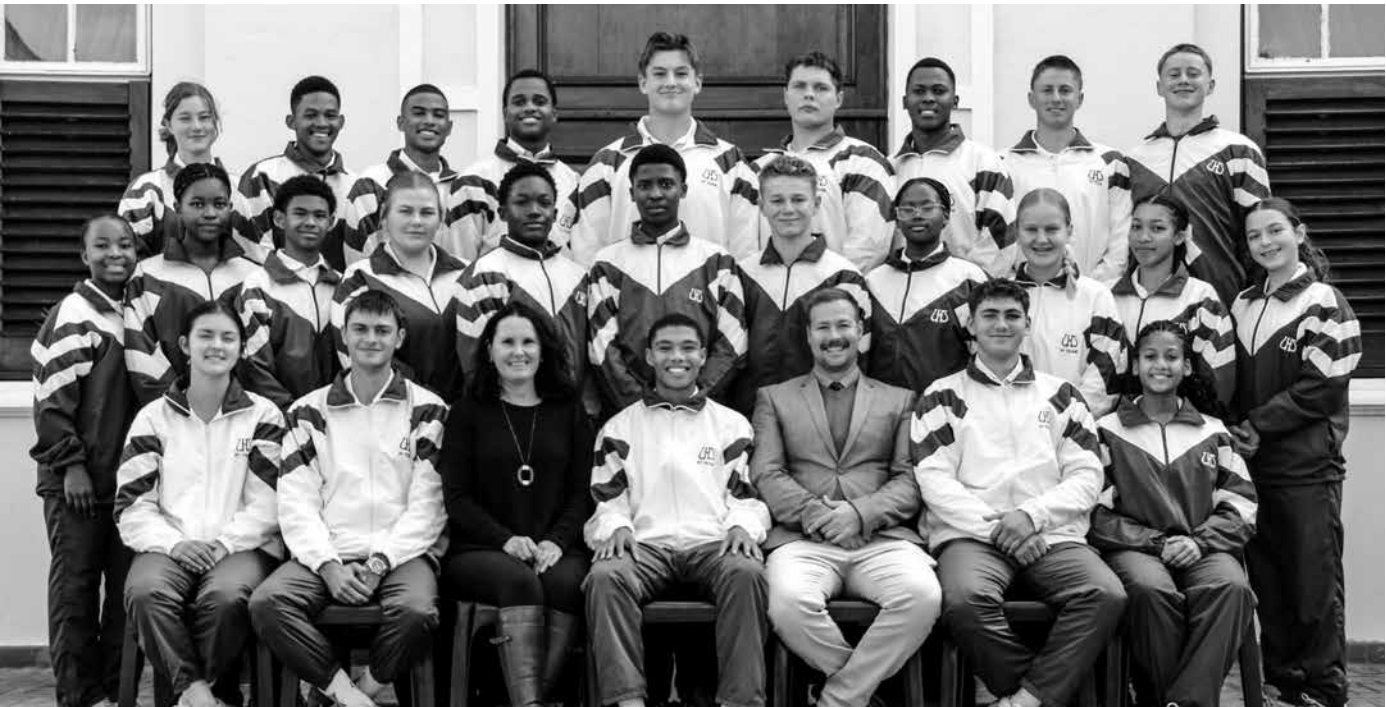
The annual Senior Interhouse Athletics Meeting, held at the start of the year, had droves of enthusiastic Arnot and Daly athletes displaying their talents in the disciplines of running, jumping and throwing. After a sun-soaked day of competition Daly was triumphant, with a final score of 584 points to Arnot’s 561, breaking the latter’s impressive winning streak of more than ten years.

The following athletes must be commended on their outstanding performances:

Xavier Barlow (U19) dominated the field with 1st place finishes in the 100 m, High Jump and Long Jump, 2nd place in the 200 m and 3rd place in the 400 m. Liso Booi (U17) was victorious in the 100 m, 400 m and 200 m, placed 2nd in the High Jump and 5th in the Long Jump. Brothers, Ben and Mark Lemke (U17 and U15 respectively) claimed 1st places in exactly the same events in their respective age groups – the 800 m, 1500 m and 3000 m. Misha Newton (U17) was 1st in the 800 m, 1500 m and Shot Put, showing off her endurance and strength.

The following trophies were awarded:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| U15 Victrix Ludorum         | Cayla Newton    |
| U15 Victor Ludorum          | Jordan Maritz   |
| U17 Victrix Ludorum         | Tara Ferreira   |
| U17 Victor Ludorum          | Liso Booi       |
| Open Boys’ Jumping Events   | Xavier Barlow   |
| Open Girls’ Throwing Events | Demi Kretzmann  |
| Open Boys’ Throwing Events  | Jayden Odendaal |
| Open Girls’ Field Events    | Demi Kretzmann  |
| Open Boys’ Field Events     | Xavier Barlow   |
| Open Girls’ Long Distances  | Sarah Jacobs    |
| Open Boys’ Long Distances   | Alex Neill      |
| Open Boys’ Sprints          | Daniel Marais   |
| Senior Victrix Ludorum      | Sarah Jacobs    |



## SENIOR ATHLETICS

**BACK:** Anna Bouwer, Janathen van der Berg, Josh Arends, Liso Booi, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Jayden Odendaal, Yonela Wana, Ben Lemke, Mark Lemke  
**MIDDLE:** Ntando Mtshali, Lethabo Ledwaba, Philip Kayster, Demi Kretzmann, Qhama Solomon, Luvela Makaula, Jordan Maritz, Avuya Tsutsu, Mia Botha, Jasmine Abercrombie, Anna-Rose de Wet  
**FRONT:** Tara Ferreira, Daniel Marais, Mrs H. Keyser, Xavier Barlow, Mr H. Sparrius, Kyle Liebenberg, Aaminah Steele



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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Senior Victor Ludorum                 | Xavier Barlow  |
| Most credible performance of the day  | Demi Kretzmann |
| Interhouse relays                     | Daly           |
| Interhouse Shield Competition Winners | Daly           |

The Interschools Athletics Meeting took place at Volkskool. Xavier Barlow was recognised as the Victor Ludorum clinching 1st place in both the Long Jump, with a distance of 6,24 m, and the 200 m, with a time of 25,55 s in the Boys' U19 age group. He also achieved 2nd places in the 100 m and the High Jump. Farronique Booysen achieved two 1st places – in the Girls' U19 Long Jump and 100 m. Despite an early lead, the School was eventually defeated, claiming 757 points to Volkskool's 860 points.

Twenty-five athletes took part in the Graaff-Reinet CMC meeting held at Hoër Volkskool in February, with the following learners receiving podium places:

- Mark Lemke – 1st in the Boys' U15 3 000 m
- Avuya Tsutsu – 1st in the Girls' U15 Discus Girls u15 and 2nd in Shot Put
- Jordan Maritz – 1st in the Boys' U14 Shot Put
- Jayden Odendaal – 1st in the Boys' U19 Shot Put
- Anna Bouwer – 1st in the Girls' U17 High Jump
- Qhama Solomon – 1st in the Boys' U16 High Jump
- Kyle Liebenberg – 2nd in the Boys' U19 Discus
- Josh Arends – 3rd in Boys' U17 100 m
- Demi Kretzmann – 3rd in Girls' U19 Shot Put and 2nd in Javelin

The following learners were selected to represent Graaff-Reinet CMC at the Sarah Baartman meeting in Gqeberha: Mark Lemke, Jordan Maritz, Jayden Odendaal, Anna Bouwer and Qhama Solomon.

#### ATHLETICS AWARDS 2025

- Junior Team Recognition Award: Mark Lemke
- Team Award: Qhama Solomon, Jayden Odendaal.



## U13B CRICKET

Although the U13B Cricket Team did not play many matches this season, the improvement shown by the players was a significant highlight. The team became increasingly competitive as the year progressed, reflecting their growing confidence and understanding of the game.

Simosendyebo Mcinga displayed great promise with the bat, while Raydon Hendricks, Noël Shakane, and Bthote Mussa were consistent performers with the ball. One of the main challenges remained the



number of extras conceded, which at times affected the team's overall competitiveness. This is an area that will undoubtedly improve with continued focus and practice.

A sincere thank you goes to Mr Njoloza for his guidance and assistance throughout the season.

#### Results:

vs Volkskool U13A lost by 51 runs (LVS 83/8: Raydon Hendricks 3/7, Noël Shakane 3/13; UHS 32 all out), vs Graeme lost by 6 wickets (UHS 71 all out: Simosendyebo Mcinga 24; Graeme 73/4: Bthote Mussa 3/10)



#### U13B CRICKET

**BACK:** Mphumzi Runeyi, Yolo Vutula, Likhazi Qomfo, Clark Labuschagne, Liyabona Magqabi, Isiphile Galela, Bthote Mussa  
**FRONT:** Kendel Kruger, Adam Clark (Captain), Mr D. Kingwill, Noël Shakane, Simosendyebo Mcinga

# U13A CRICKET



The 2025 season will be remembered as one of brilliance and character building for the U13A Cricket Team. In a year where the boys and girl punched well above their weight, the team recorded an exceptional run, winning 14 of their 20 matches against quality opposition from across the country.

The season began in style at the Woodridge Pro20 Festival, where the team remained unbeaten, setting the tone for what would become a campaign defined by teamwork, discipline, and a fearless approach to competition. The early league fixtures produced more outstanding results, and in February, the team headed to Bloemfontein for their much-anticipated tour. Facing strong opposition, the team displayed composure and determination and returned home with results to be proud of.

Their momentum continued into the third term, where the U13A team achieved a historic feat – back-to-back victories over both Queen's College and Graeme College, something that few sides have ever managed before. Their cohesion and fighting spirit were once again on display during the Cretchley Series in Knysna in September, where they narrowly lost two matches and won the other two, capping off a memorable tour with performances that reflected maturity and unity.

With the bat, Joshua Kingwill led the charge, compiling a remarkable 582 runs, including two centuries, proving his consistency and class at the top of the order. He was ably supported by the dependable

Nathanael Phillips, who amassed 342 runs and also claimed 30 wickets, demonstrating his value as a true all-rounder.

With the ball, Edwin Holmes stood out as the team's strike bowler, taking 35 wickets and leading the attack with aggression and precision. Grant Murray established himself as a promising all-rounder, contributing vital runs and key breakthroughs throughout the season. In the field, Lwandle Dali was electric and his energy, speed, and safe hands made him a standout performer and a vital link in the team's success.

Behind the stumps, Ryan Collett was consistent and reliable, taking several sharp catches, including a few spectacular 'blinders'. One of the season's most heartwarming highlights was Kari Stern's brilliant 55 not out against Graeme College – a knock that not only boosted her confidence but also showed her growing presence as a batter.

As the season progressed, Dante Mills found his stride with the bat, displaying great promise and maturity. Sintayu Kaitro, Muhammed Steele, Raydon Hendricks, and Simosendyebo Mcinga gained valuable experience and will no doubt form the backbone of next year's squad as they step up as seniors.

The School is extremely proud of Nathanael Phillips and Kari Stern who have been selected for the Eastern Province U13A Boys' and Girls' teams respectively. Kari is the first ever representative from the School to be selected for the U13A Girls' Team and she has achieved a double



## U13A CRICKET

**BACK:** Raydon Hendricks, Edwin Holmes, Ryan Collett, Grant Murray, Kari Stern, Noël Shakane, Sintayu Kaitro, Muhammed Steele, Simosendyebo Mcinga

**FRONT:** Dante Mills, Joshua Kingwill (Captain), Mr M. Njoloza, Nathanael Phillips (Vice-Captain), Lwandle Dali





honour as she has also been elected as the team captain. Nathaneal and Kari will be playing in Johannesburg in the December holidays.

The final record of the season – 15 wins and only 7 losses – is a reflection not just of skill, but of dedication, belief, and teamwork. This team has set a high standard, showing that with hard work, self-belief, and team spirit, great things can be achieved. The future of cricket at the School is indeed bright.

#### Results:

vs Hangklip won by 87 runs, vs St Georges won by 10 wickets, vs Westering won by 77 runs, vs Hangklip lost by 2 wickets, vs Herbert Hurd lost by 3

wickets, vs Grey College Primary (Bloemfontein) lost by 88 runs, vs Willem Postma won by 18 runs, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) won by 17 runs, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) lost by 65 runs, vs St Andrews Prep won by 37 runs, vs Summerwood won by 169 runs, vs Queens Junior won by 21 runs, vs Queens Junior won by 8 runs, vs Graeme College won by 125 runs, vs Graeme College won by 113 runs, vs Kenridge lost by 2 runs, vs Welgemoed, won by 96 runs, vs Elkanah House won by 99 runs, vs De Hoop lost by 2 wickets, vs Cradock won by 100 runs, vs Volkskool won by 159 runs, vs Grey Junior U13B won by 11 runs, vs Woodridge (Pro20) won by 15 runs, vs Woodridge (40 over) lost by 134 runs

## U15A CRICKET

The 2025 season presented a unique and exciting challenge for the U15A cricket team, which featured a notably young group of players – comprising just three senior U15s and ten U14 boys. Despite their youth, the team displayed tremendous potential, character, and commitment throughout the year.

The season began on a positive note with a well-earned victory over Volkskool, followed by a standout performance against Muir College, where the team recorded a memorable win. Special mention must go to Thimna Qomfo and Khwezi Molonga who made a significant impact with the ball, collectively claiming 15 wickets across these two matches. Their efforts were a testament to the skill and promise within this young squad.

As the season progressed, the team encountered tough opposition in Pearson, Woodridge, and Framesby. While the results did not always go their way, the players frequently rose to the occasion and consistently

punched above their weight. Importantly, the squad demonstrated resilience, a strong work ethic, and an eagerness to improve. They often attended additional practice sessions on Friday afternoons, a reflection of their collective dedication.

The year concluded with matches against St Andrew's School (Bloemfontein) and St Andrews College, with Khwezi Molonga delivering an outstanding bowling performance in the former, taking 6 wickets for 82 runs in 15 overs, 2 of these being maidens.

There is a great sense of optimism surrounding this group and something special brewing within them. With another year of development and match experience ahead of them, these players are well-positioned to achieve strong results in the upcoming season. We look forward to seeing the continued growth of these talented young cricketers as they move forward in their journey.





#### U15A CRICKET

**BACK:** Khwezi Molonga, Alchano Japhta, Aidan Ferreira, Alejandro Mentoar, Midange Nazo, Muhammed Steele, Curen Willemse, Thimna Qomfo

**FRONT:** Imitha Mtati, Jordan Maritz (Vice-Captain), Mr J. Vers, Murray Hope (Captain), Qhamasande Jacobs

## 2ND XI CRICKET

The 2nd XI impressed this season with consistent performances and exceptional team spirit. The squad, captained by Neelon Fourie, showed depth, skill, and a positive approach in every fixture.

The first match of the year was against the Old Boys' during Founders' Weekend in January, where Dwayne Koeberg was awarded the trophy for the Best Schoolboy Performer in the 2nd XI. Thereafter, the team played Cradock in an away match. They delivered a solid all-round performance, with good bowling and impressive fielding, securing a victory for the 2nd XI by 29 runs. The team recorded yet another win against Muir College in an away match. Vincent Clarke played a key role in scoring a composed half-century and his innings anchored the team, laying the foundation for a confident run chase.

In the second half of the season, the 2nd XI played matches against Pearson and Volkskool's 1st XI. Pearson were formidable opponents, winning by 10 wickets, and the match served as a valuable learning experience. The boys bounced back in the match against Volkskool's 1st XI and rose to the challenge with maturity, executing the game plan effectively in all departments. The batting innings was anchored by Neelon Fourie, who impressed with a top score of 48 runs off 38 balls. The standout bowler was Dwayne Koeberg, who took 3 wickets in 4 overs. The final result was a comprehensive 80 run victory.

Well done to the 2nd XI for their efforts and professionalism throughout the season.



#### 2ND XI CRICKET

**BACK:** Iminathi Koneit, Masixole Bhayi, Christian Boshoff, Luyolo Khali, Christopher Nqumashe, Luvula Makaula, Liyabona Noveve

**FRONT:** Warren Barlow, Athayanda Mahlali (Captain), Mr B. Amsterdam, Neelon Fourie (Vice-Captain), Declan Lewis



# 1ST XI CRICKET

The season has been an exciting and competitive one for the 1st XI who played a full complement of matches and festivals. It was filled with brilliant individual performances and a strong team effort across all cricketing formats and fixtures.

The year began, as always, with the Union High School Cricket Festival. The 1st XI began their campaign with a T20 warmup match against Daniel Pienaar followed by a 50 over match against Victoria Park. Losing both these matches, they bounced back in spectacular fashion in a declaration match against DF Malherbe, securing a nail-biting and memorable first innings victory, with Trystan Hulleman taking the final wicket in the last ball of the day. Richard Murray scored a well-deserved 75 runs, batting for 29 overs and anchoring the innings. The final match of the festival was against DF Malan in a 45 over game, where the 1st XI recorded another victory, winning by 94 runs. Standout performances came from Makukhanye de Beer who scored 57 runs and Yaseen Kazi who took 2 wickets for 15 runs in 9 overs, bowling 3 maidens.

During Term 1, matches were played against the Old Boys' (Founders Day), Cradock and Muir College. The team beat Cradock by 38 runs and recorded a resounding victory against Muir by 100 runs. After the winter break, the first matches of the new cricket season were played against Pearson, in both T20 and 50 over formats. Despite losing both these matches, the boys took several positives away, especially in the bowling and fielding departments, which showed good intensity and teamwork. The 50 over match saw Yaseen Kazi celebrate the personal milestone of a 100 wickets.

The 1st XI participated in the Pearson Cricket Festival, always a highlight on the cricketing calendar. Matches were played against Victoria Park (T20) and Daniel Pienaar (declaration match), with the scheduled fixture against Alexander Road abandoned due to rain. The team showed good fielding prowess throughout the festival but the batting showed that hard work lay ahead, with key areas for improvement being identified.

Just prior to the October holidays, the 1st XI took on Queens College at home as a warmup for the Cape Schools Cricket Week. Chasing

down a target of 143 all out, they secured victory by 3 wickets. Standout performances came from Shaakir Kazi who scored a composed 53 runs and Yonela Wana who played a crucial role in the close match, taking 3 wickets for 23 runs in a key spell of 6 overs.

The 1st XI were one of twelve participating schools from the Western Cape, Eastern Cape and Free State at the Cape Schools Cricket Week. The School is immensely grateful to Tyremart Graaff-Reinet for their generous sponsorship of new warm-up kit, T20 sets and whites ahead of the cricket week. The first two days of the festival were played under a one-day, two innings format, in which 120 overs were played over the whole day. Days three and four were standard 50-over fixtures. Playing matches against Selborne College, SACS, Wynberg and St Andrew's College there were some standout performances, notably from Trystan Hulleman, who was the team's top wicket-taker, taking 6 wickets in 12 overs against Selborne and 4 wickets in the match against Wynberg. Other notable highlights were Richard Murray's half-century in a challenging encounter against Selborne and Yaseen Kazi's 5 wicket haul against SACS.

The year concluded with a declaration match against St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) where Yaseen Kazi once again showed off his talents with the ball and the bat, taking 6 wickets in total and scoring a well-played 90 runs. The match ended in a winning draw.

A number of boys had the honour of receiving their 50th cap during the year and congratulations must go to Yaseen Kazi, Makukhanye de Beer, Yonela Wana, Daniel Marais, Xavier Barlow and Trystan Hulleman on this well-deserved achievement.

Well done to Yaseen Kazi and Yonela Wana on their selection to the Eastern Province U17 Rural Team. They participated in the SA National U17 Rural Week in Mbombela, accompanied by Mr Edorique Gouws, who was selected as Head Coach, and Mr Jason Vers, the Assistant Coach.

To top off the season, Yaseen Kazi was called up to represent the Eastern Cape at the 2026 Khaya Majola Cricket Week, South Africa's premier U19 schools cricket tournament, held from 16 to 21 December in Bloemfontein.



## 1ST XI CRICKET

**BACK:** Leander Kraai, Alexander Hunter, Xavier Barlow, Richard Murray, Trystan Hulleman, Callum Jacobs, Lee Martin, Vincent Clarke  
**FRONT:** Daniel Marais (Vice-Captain), Yonela Wana, Mr E. Gouws (Coach), Shaakir Kazi, Mr C. Beck (Manager), Yaseen Kazi, Makukhanye de Beer





# UNION HIGH SCHOOL CRICKET FESTIVAL

The School was proud to host its 18th annual Senior Cricket Festival, welcoming teams from across the country to the heart of the Karoo. Visiting schools included Stirling, Marlow Agricultural High, Daniël Pienaar, DF Malan, DF Malherbe, Rand Park, Edgemead, Victoria Park, Cradock, Westering, Lilyfontein, Nico Malan and Muir College.

Matches were played across a range of scenic venues: the Murray and Puttick fields, the Botanics Sports Grounds, Hoër Volkskool, Asante Sana Private Game Reserve and Wheatlands Farm. Each location offered a

picturesque backdrop, showcasing the unique beauty of Graaff-Reinet – the Gem of the Karoo.

The festival officially commenced with a cocktail function at the Tony Burrell Union. Headmaster Mr William Pringle welcomed guests and extended heartfelt thanks to the participating teams for their continued support. He also acknowledged Standard Bank, the festival's title sponsor, for their substantial contribution to the event's success. Mr Pringle further recognised the tireless efforts of the staff, the support of the cricketing mothers, and the dedication of the ground staff in preparing top-class facilities. Gratitude was also expressed to the external venues for generously making their grounds available.

The School's 1st XI competed in four formats during the festival, gaining valuable experience and producing moments of real promise. While results were mixed, the team showed resilience and some strong individual performances. Starting off with two losses in the warm-up T20 match against Daniel Pienaar and the 50-over match against Victoria Park, the 1st XI went on to secure a memorable outright win in the declaration game against DF Malherbe. Here, there were standout performances from Yaseen Kazi who took 4 wickets for 30 runs in 11 overs and a superb 75 runs from Richard Murray. In the final match of the festival, playing a 45-over game against DF Malan, the 1st XI posted an impressive 231 runs, highlighted by a half-century from Makukhanya de Beer, which was enough to see them record another win.





# CROSS COUNTRY

This year was a meaningful one for cross country at the School with three events giving our junior and senior runners the opportunity to compete, improve, and represent the school.

The first fixture on the calendar was a friendly and well-run meet at Collegiate Girls' High School. With comfortable weather and good support from the sidelines, our athletes produced solid performances. The junior athletes dominated in their fast-paced 2 km race, taking the top five positions. Hayley Krige finished first with a time of 07:47,8, closely followed by Mackenzie Preston in 07:48,5, while Taylor Jacobs took third place. In the senior 4km event, Katelyn Trollip was the School's frontrunner with a 5th place finish, while Kenza Neill and Sarah Jacobs followed in 6th and 7th place.

A significant development this year was the inclusion of cross country in the Interschools programme. This addition aimed to broaden the range of activities during Interschools week and to provide more learners with opportunities to participate. It is an initiative that the school hopes to continue building on in future years. The race followed a clearly marked route around the school campus and was well-supported by staff, learners, and families. Both junior and senior runners approached the event with determination and demonstrated encouraging effort throughout.

The year concluded with the school's annual Interhouse Cross

Country, an event enjoyed by staff and learners alike. As always, the finish line was a lively point of support, with spectators encouraging every participant through their final stretch. Effort levels were high across all age groups, and the event provided a good opportunity for pupils to challenge themselves in a supportive environment.

Well done to all who took part and supported the programme this year.





# U13D HOCKEY

The girls in the U13D team brought boundless enthusiasm to every practice session and match. They worked wonderfully together as a team and coaching them during the season was a delight. While they faced some tough opposition they never gave up and always fought to the very end, displaying a fierce fighting spirit. For the majority of the girls this was their first season playing full field hockey and the team performed admirably, winning five games out of seven.

It has been inspiring to watch the girls grow in confidence and to see the development in their hockey skills. We are immensely proud of their efforts throughout the season.



**U13D HOCKEY**  
*BACK: Cathryn Davenport, Chidinma Ralepelle, Kelly van Rensburg, Ayat Qaiser, Iyana Magwentshu, Micela Stern*  
*FRONT: Minentle Pink, Leyanah Koeberg, Ray-Lynne Visagie, Ms S. May (Coach), Zizo Nazo, Kim-Lynn Finnis, Nicalyn Pieterse*

# U13C HOCKEY

The U13C hockey team had a successful season, winning 6 out of 10 games. They showed excellent spirit, strong teamwork and steady improvement throughout the season.

The team was committed to their hockey and always showed up

with a positive attitude. The girls worked hard, supported one another and represented their school with great pride. Their growth and determination made the season truly rewarding.



**U13C HOCKEY**  
*BACK: Sispho Matolengwe, Olothando Desha, Mellissa Marais, Kate Scott, Layla Petrus, Siyolise Mateza, Chumasande Tsewu*  
*FRONT: Caren Bantom, Leah Abader, Nareece Wessels, Ms L. Trutter (Coach), Sarah Hampton, Uyathandwa Tiyo, Madison Tam*

## U13B HOCKEY

The U13B team enjoyed a successful season, built on a foundation of good sportsmanship and strong teamwork. This group of dedicated girls gave their all in every match, showing determination and enthusiasm throughout. Their individual skills and overall team play improved tremendously over the course of the season, reflecting their hard work and commitment.

A highlight of the year was the opportunity to participate in the annual Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival at the start of the June holidays. Facing mostly first teams, our girls rose to the challenge and produced outstanding results. The season's standout moment came with a hard-fought and memorable victory against Volkskool during this year's Interschools encounter.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Mariaan Marais, who brought an incredible mix of fun, encouragement, and expertise to the team. Her enthusiasm and positivity were infectious and her coaching lifted the girls' skills and confidence to new heights. We are so grateful for the countless kilometres she travelled to coach and umpire, and for the care and sparkle she brought to every practice and match - with her signature glitter of course!

A big thank you must also go to Montego for their generous sponsorship of a goalkeeper kit and kit bags for all the players and coaches. Their support truly made a difference and added an extra touch of pride to an already special season.

### Results:

#### Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival:

vs Stirling Invitation 3-0, vs Sonop 4-1, vs Westering Invitation 1-2, vs Sunridge 0-4, vs Cradock 0-1

#### Season's Fixtures:

vs Aliwal North 1-1, vs Kingswood 4-0, vs Sunridge 2-1, vs Herbert Hurd 2-1, vs Collegiate 2-0, vs Hangklip 0-0, vs Gill 4-0, vs Cradock 4-0, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 2-0



### U13B HOCKEY

**BACK:** Luphiwo Maloyi, Gemma Murray, Imboyethu Nondlazi, Lisa McEwan, Tiyana Abader, Nieke van Jaarsveld, Kirsten Trollip, Carlie George, Monalisa Jika Jika  
**FRONT:** Zoey Buys, Mackenzie Preston, Mrs M. Marais (Coach), Mrs J. Heunis-Jones (Assistant Coach), Emily Raath, Bethany Adams



# U13A HOCKEY



The 2025 season was packed with achievements and memorable moments, beginning with the Alan Lones Hockey & Rugby Festival, hosted by Clarendon Park Primary. Here the team achieved an impressive 80% success rate, quickly establishing themselves as a force to be reckoned with.

In April the team travelled to Bloemfontein to play in the ECHS Coaching Tournament. Playing in the U14 division they claimed the overall winners' title displaying outstanding teamwork and spirit. Special

recognition went to Kari Stern and Hannah van der Walt (who scored four goals against much bigger opponents) as they were named U14 'Defender of the Tournament' and 'Best Player' respectively.

The season saw the team dominate in most of their derby fixtures, losing only two matches to Collegiate (0-2) and Hangklip (0-1). At the Anne Beagley Junior Rugby and Hockey Festival new juniors stepped up in the absence of some of the senior players who were unable to participate due to EP commitments. The team won four games and drew two.



## U13A HOCKEY

**BACK:** Emily Marais, Cayley Brunette, Emma Burger, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Taylor Jacobs, Carlie George, Layla Ott  
**MIDDLE:** Kungawo Lisa, Hayley Krige, Mrs I Botha (Coach), Kari Stern, Hermon Wolde, Luchaé Thomas  
**FRONT:** Hannah van der Walt



In the Interschools clash against Volkskool the girls played constructive hockey and secured a 1-0 win. The season concluded with the Pietie Coetzee U13A Tournament in Bloemfontein, where the team bravely competed against the top U13 schools in South Africa, placing 10th out of 12 teams.

A highlight of the season was the selection of five players to Eastern Province teams. Congratulations go to Kari Stern, Hayley Krige and Hermon Wolde who represented Eastern Province U13A and Kungawo Lisa and Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza who represented Eastern Province U13B.

Coaching this dedicated, hardworking, and spirited team was a true pleasure. Their commitment and resilience made this season one to remember.



## U14A HOCKEY

This year was the third with a team in the U14 division, albeit with a smaller number of players than is normally the case. The season was a busy one, filled with hard training, many matches and travelling. The team was made up of a most enthusiastic and keen group of girls, who love hockey, and put maximum effort into practices and matches.

The team participated in the preseason Balling Festival held in Bethlehem at the end of February. Prior to the tournament there was intensive preseason training in anticipation of the tough matches that lay ahead. The festival was a wonderful experience for the girls and they enjoyed not only top-quality hockey games but the chance to tour with the 1st team. Playing 4 matches, the team secured a win in their first game against Witteberg. This was an incredible boost to their confidence

and set the tone for a tournament filled with excitement and competitive hockey. Although they did not win their remaining three matches against Eunice, Oranje Meisies and Menlo Park, they nevertheless always put up a spirited performance, motivating each other on and off the turf. They returned full of energy and brimming with enthusiasm for the season ahead.

The team continued their momentum at the EP Trials in March, recording two wins in two short games and while they worked hard in their fixture against Pearson, they lost 0-3. The first match of Term 2 was played against Collegiate in an away game which proved to be a challenge and they were outplayed. The team, however, bounced back and tackled the rest of their fixtures in Term 2 with vigour.







Term 3 had its setbacks with numbers low due to injury and sickness. The highlights were the matches played against Woodridge where the girls played incredibly well against a strong side, narrowly losing 1-2. Another highlight was Interschools, where the team staged the comeback performance of the year. After being 0-3 down at the end of the first quarter, a resolute team talk saw the girls put their heads down and take control. The rest of the game was a thrilling encounter and the U14A team scored 5 goals with only 1 more in reply, leading to the final score of 5-4. This match was the perfect start to an exciting day which saw the school dominate in the hockey matches.

On their best days, the team put together an exciting blend of skill, hard running and satisfying goals. While results did not always go their way, the season was a learning curve for many of the girls and this should serve to benefit their hockey next year. Many of the games lost were contested on fairly even terms. Lapses in defence, however, caused

them to go down in games where the score line could have been more reflective of the contest. The matches were hard and fast and it was good to see the girls stepping up and trying their hardest, oftentimes left with no substitutes or regular team players available.

Congratulations to Miley Burger and Logan Marais who were selected for the Eastern Province U14B Team, while Asaneli Mayekiso was selected as a non-travelling reserve.

#### Results:

- **Balling Festival:** vs Witteberg 2-1, vs Eunice 0-2, vs OMS 0-6, vs Menlo Park 0-3
- **EP Trials:** vs Victoria Girls 6-0, vs Victoria Park 3-0
- **Season Fixtures:** vs Pearson 0-3, vs Collegiate 0-9, vs St Dominics Priory 5-1, vs Framesby 0-0, vs GHS 2-5, vs Kingswood 0-3, vs St Michaels 0-2, vs Woodridge 1-2, vs York 1-4, vs Volkskool 2nd Team (Interschools) 5-4, vs Victoria Park 0-1



#### U14A HOCKEY

**BACK:** Maribel April, Erinn Andersen, Kira Hector, Lethabo Ledwaba, Kayla Norval, Rachel Wenham, Clea Clark

**FRONT:** Halyn Wessels, Chanté Bezuidenhout (Vice-Captain), Mrs C. Pringle (Coach), Miley Burger (Captain), Mbasa Soyizwaphi

**ABSENT:** Asanele Mayekiso, Logan Marais

## U16B HOCKEY

The U16B team had a good season under the guidance of Mr Lee Jaftha. The girls learnt a great deal from each match, becoming a cohesive and effective team. They faced difficult opposition but showed heart and commitment during all their fixtures.

The highlight of the season was their away win against St Michaels where they had to play without their coach, but managed to secure a

2–0 win.

These girls displayed character and spirit throughout the season and we are very proud of them.

### Results:

vs Cradock 4-0, vs Collegiate 0-4, vs Framesby 1-4, vs St Dominics Priory 0-0, vs Woodridge 0-2, vs St Michaels 2-0, vs York 0-5, vs Victoria Park 1-0



### U16B HOCKEY

**BACK:** Sovuyiswa Sefa, Kuhle Nqumashe, Imivuyo Nondlazi, Kyla Putter, Liyabona Nkomo, Sinead Christoffels, Anna-Rose de Wet  
**FRONT:** Chloe-Anne Fourie, Kwakhanya Buyiselo, Brogan Koeberg, Mr L. Jaftha (Coach), Elizabeth van Rooyen, Zoë Liesing, Hlelo Skotshi

## U16A HOCKEY

The U16A hockey team started off their season with a challenging match against a strong Collegiate side. It was a tough introduction to the season, and the team quickly realised that success would require a great deal of hard work and commitment. Through determination and consistent effort, the girls began to find their rhythm, showing significant improvement in their next match against St Dominic's Priory with a 9-0 victory

A highlight of the season was the incredible opportunity to accompany the 1st team at the ECHS hockey tournament held in Bloemfontein in April. During this tour, the girls learned many new skills, gained exposure to different styles of play, and grew in both experience and confidence.

By the start of the third term, the effects of the tour were evident.

The team played with greater assurance and a stronger sense of unity. Although they still had a few losses, the girls showed remarkable resilience - learning from their mistakes and using every game as an opportunity to improve. One of the season's most memorable moments was the highly anticipated Interschools fixture where the team secured a 1–0 victory against Volkskool. The team ended their season on a high note, defeating Victoria Park 2–0 in a confident display of teamwork and skill.

While the season was not without its challenges, the U16A girls never gave up. Their perseverance, dedication, and growing team spirit were evident in every match they played. Their hard work truly paid off in the end, both in their results and in the unbreakable bond they built as a team.







**U16A HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Aaliyah Jaftha, Carlen Prinsloo, Zakithi Sishi, Jade Slater, Alyssa Trollip, Zoë Mills, Isabella Hulleman, Jasmine Abercrombie, Kirsten Collett, Antonia Adams.  
**FRONT:** Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Sinalo Khali, Cayla Newton, Mrs T. Chutu (Coach), Onika Jantjies (Captain), Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Cu-Shan Hoffman

**3RD TEAM HOCKEY**

The third team had a wonderful season filled with teamwork, growth, and determination. They played three matches, beating Gill 2nd Team 1-0 and losing 0-5 to Woodridge and 0-4 to Collegiate.

The players showed steady improvement in their skills and worked well together in every match. Their positive spirit and sportsmanship stood out, and they represented the school proudly.



**3RD TEAM HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Olwethu Koeberg, Sesona Klaasen, Duvallene Fass, Chulumanco Xhamela, Onako Funani, Asemahle Manona, Zaheeda Thys, Isabelle Tadesse  
**FRONT:** Emihle Mateza, Aqhama Speelman, Ms S. Bosch (Coach), Olwethu Tsautse, Unam Futshane

## 2ND TEAM HOCKEY

While some teams are remembered for their trophies, the 2nd Team will be remembered for their heart. They were the epitome of dedication and spirit, playing every single match with an infectious energy and a relentless drive to be the best. The season was a true test of their determination, with the team facing seventeen matches in total. Their performance in the derby fixtures stood out and they dominated these contests with an impressive seven wins out of eleven matches. Each victory was hard-earned and showcased their incredible teamwork and skill.

Among the many wonderful moments, two matches were particularly memorable. The first was the unforgettable 4-0 win over Volkskool at Interschools, with the match providing a masterclass in precision and teamwork. The second was a stunning 5-0 victory against Victoria Park in the final match and this made for the perfect ending to a tremendous season. Another highlight was the selection of Chavene Lamont to the Eastern Province U18B Team.

The team was well supported by a special group of parents who made for a marvellous support system, cheering from the sideline and bringing a wonderful sense of humour to every game. Their laughter and presence created a fun and supportive atmosphere that lifted everyone's spirits, regardless of the result.

The second team showed the true measure of a team lies not just with the scoreline, but with the passion, spirit, and sportsmanship on the field and it was truly wonderful to work with this tightknit and determined group of girls.



### 2ND TEAM HOCKEY

**BACK:** Lisa Vutula, Ciara Kivedo, Megan Putter, Jemae-Mari Davids, Xarah Hoffman, Jemma Grootboom, Amber Bezuidenhout, Rebecca Copeman, Ashleigh Shell  
**FRONT:** Anébel Norval, Hlumelo Kwini, Alulutho Skade, Mrs H. Keyser (Coach), Chavene Lamont (Captain), Megan Nortjé, Ambesiwe Tokwe



# 1ST TEAM HOCKEY



## 1ST TEAM HOCKEY

**BACK:** Mecoli Vorster, Misha Newton, Amy Waddelow, Tara Ferreira, Katelyn Trollip, Farronique Booysen, Amber Slater  
**MIDDLE:** Nadine Murray, Mia Botha, Unabantu Maneli, Abonani Matushe, Leigh-Ann Murray, Aaminah Steele, Leshay Fourie  
**FRONT:** Mrs C. Pringle (Manager), Sarah Jacobs (Vice-Captain), Mr C. Beck (Coach), Kenza Neill (Captain), Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster)









# 1ST TEAM HOCKEY

*Conquer the mind. Command the moment. Change the story.*

There are seasons we play...and there are seasons that change us and this unforgettable season was shaped by the extraordinary efforts of each member of the 1st Team.

The year began with an electric 8-3 victory over the Old Girls at Founders' Day, a sign of the storm to come. At the Balling Hockey Festival in Bethlehem matches were played against Wykeham College, Witteberg and Oranje Meisies. This preseason festival is always a humbling experience, with tough opposition, and each match played strengthened the team's unity. The 1st term fixture against Pearson saw the girls go down 1-5, despite taking an early 1-0 lead, and a painful lesson was learnt – take your opportunities or the moment will pass you by. The girls carried this lesson with them and at the Greg Beling Hockey Festival in East London, they played with dignity and fearlessness under the steady guidance of Mrs Gerber and Mrs Pringle. This while Mr Beck was recovering from concussion, received during an early morning bus collision with a kudu, enroute to Gqeberha for the final round of EP trials, and solid proof that nothing, not even the wild, could slow the team down.

At the Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival, the team delivered and displayed quality hockey. Eight heart-breaking seconds in a shootout in the match against Sasolburg denied them a place in the final and they finished 3rd overall. A week later they showed their mettle by lifting the trophy for the second year in a row at the ECHS tournament in Bloemfontein. Thereafter the team went on a rampage, winning every game they played with the exception of the matches against Collegiate, Oranje Meisies and York. These losses ignited a quiet fire within the team which will surely burn fiercely in 2026.

Some victories are simply recorded on a score board. Others, however, are recorded in history and the 7-0 victory against Volkskool at Interschools, every goal being scored from open play, was a masterpiece in hockey. It was the largest Interschools victory since 1966 and one of the greatest exhibitions a 1st team of the School has ever produced, earning this year's 1st team a place in the history books.

An extraordinary highlight of 2025 was the number of players reaching 100 caps, a testament to the hockey program at the School and the devotion, passion and loyalty of the players. Eight girls – Leigh-Ann Murray, Misha Newton, Mecoli Vorster, Sarah Jacobs, Aaminah Steele, Tara Ferreira, Kenza Neill and Amy Waddelow – achieved this exceptional honour and are recognised with a plaque in the Derick Light Technical Area. In addition, three more girls – Katelyn Trollip, Mia Botha and Amber Slater – received their 50 caps, a reflection of their commitment and growth.

The season would not have been possible without the generous backing of sponsor Pick n Pay whose support gave the girls not only high-quality kit, but immense pride in the knowledge that their community stood behind them. Pick n Pay's investment inspired confidence, identity and belonging and the School is immensely grateful for the part they played in making the season unforgettable.

We bid farewell to six remarkable matrices – Kenza Neill, Sarah Jacobs, Tara Ferreira, Aaminah Steele, Leshay Fourie and Farronique Booysen – who helped define the heart of the team. They served as role models, inspiring younger players and will be missed.

The 2025 season was a reminder that hockey is not simply a sport but a mirror reflecting courage, friendship, sacrifice and success. Hockey teaches one to rise when tired, to fight when doubtful, to value unity over glory, bravery over comfort and to play with a heart that beats not individually but for the team. The 1st Team was all of this, trusting in the

entire process completely. Coaching this team was never just a job but a heartfelt commitment to a unified team of girls, sharing challenges and triumphs and forging an indelible bond.

## A message from Mr Beck to the 2025 1st Team:

"Thank you for trusting me, for fighting for one another and for giving everything through each bruise, sprint, tear and moment of magic. You carried the Union legacy with honour and left it richer and deeper than you found it. As this chapter closes, the story does not end here but continues into 2026 where there is a new adventure awaiting, one which promises new dreams to chase, new challenges and new memories. The best stories do not finish; they simply turn the page."

## Results:

Played 43; Won 29; Drew 6; Lost 8; Goals for 120; Goals against 50

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| UHS | 8  | vs | Old Girls                | 3 | WON  | Founders Day     |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Wykeham College          | 4 | LOST | Balling Festival |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Witteberg                | 4 | LOST | Balling Festival |
| UHS | 1  | vs | OMS 2                    | 0 | WON  | Balling Festival |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Volkskool Potchefstroom  | 0 | WON  | Balling Festival |
| UHS | 1  | vs | St Dominics              | 1 | DREW | Balling Festival |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Pearson                  | 5 | LOST | Fixture          |
| UHS | 0  | vs | Pearson                  | 0 | DREW | EP Trials        |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Westering                | 0 | WON  | EP Trials        |
| UHS | 0  | vs | DSG                      | 2 | LOST | EP Trials        |
| UHS | 8  | vs | Cambridge                | 1 | WON  | Greg Beling      |
| UHS | 3  | vs | GHS                      | 3 | DREW | Greg Beling      |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Jim Fouche               | 0 | WON  | Greg Beling      |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Sasolburg                | 3 | LOST | Greg Beling      |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Duineveld                | 0 | WON  | Greg Beling      |
| UHS | 6  | vs | Lilyfontein              | 1 | WON  | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 6  | vs | Langenhoven Gym          | 0 | WON  | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 3  | vs | Nico Malan               | 0 | WON  | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 11 | vs | Clarendon 2              | 0 | WON  | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 0  | vs | Sasolburg                | 0 | DREW | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 3  | vs | Fichard Park             | 2 | WON  | Senior Festival  |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Kimberly Girls High      | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 3  | vs | Bergsig                  | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Merrifield               | 1 | DREW | ECHS             |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Lydenburg                | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Marais Viljoen           | 1 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Volkskool                | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Dinamika                 | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Merrifield               | 0 | WON  | ECHS             |
| UHS | 8  | vs | Cradock                  | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 0  | vs | Collegiate               | 9 | LOST | Fixture          |
| UHS | 5  | vs | Framesby                 | 2 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 2  | vs | St Dominics Priory       | 1 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 4  | vs | GHS                      | 1 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 3  | vs | Victoria Girls           | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 1  | vs | Kingswood                | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 2  | vs | Woodridge                | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 1  | vs | OMS                      | 4 | LOST | Fixture          |
| UHS | 2  | vs | St Michaels              | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 0  | vs | York                     | 2 | LOST | Fixture          |
| UHS | 7  | vs | Volkskool (Interschools) | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |
| UHS | 10 | vs | Victoria Park            | 0 | WON  | Fixture          |

## U13C RUGBY

The U13C team has demonstrated commendable growth and enthusiasm throughout the season. From a player development perspective, it is encouraging to observe the number of players within this age group that made meaningful contributions across various positions. The team's progress was evident in several key areas. Players showed confidence and strength when taking the ball into contact, reflecting improved decision making and physical presence. Defensive performances were consistent, with players exhibiting solid tackling technique and commitment. The team displayed creativity and flair on attack, resulting in several well-constructed tries. The boys also maintained excellent camaraderie and sportsmanship both on and off the field, contributing positively to the team culture.

Season highlights included the matches played against Woodridge,

Craddock and Volkskool at Interschools. The Woodridge fixture was a closely contested encounter in which the team showed their resilience and composure under pressure. Although the team narrowly fell short in the game against Craddock, they gave a spirited performance and showed great determination and teamwork with the match providing wonderful entertainment for the home supporters. Interschools was a thrilling match that ended in a narrow 26-28 defeat. This fixture highlighted the team's fighting spirit, discipline and commitment to fair play.

The U13C team has made significant strides this season, both in individual skill development and collective performance. Their commitment to training, teamwork, and the values of the game has been exemplary. With continued dedication and enthusiasm, this group is well positioned to contribute meaningfully to the future of rugby at the School.



### U13C RUGBY

**BACK:** Leighton Malefo, Matthew Westraad, Ayanda Mkwambi, Aaron Dyter, Muhammad Abdullah, Inam April, Sandile Anga, Liam Meyer, Mr M. Fletcher

**MIDDLE:** Bthote Mussa, Sibabalwe Silimeni, Alexander Olivier, Adam Clark

**FRONT:** Benjamin Munzvenga, El-Rico van der Merwe, Rhyno Homveld, Bonolo Raula

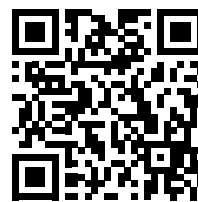


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# U13B RUGBY



The U13B team had a wonderful year, achieving notable successes and growth. There was an increase in team numbers, allowing for the formation of an U13C team. The highlights of the season were the win secured against Kingswood College and the triumph against

Aliwal North in an away fixture. The game played against Volkskool at Interschools showed off the team's good structure, skills and teamwork. Next year's season promises to be exciting and it is hoped that the team will build on the momentum and successes achieved in 2025.



**U13B RUGBY**  
**BACK:** Simosendyebo Mcinga, Jameson Houseman, Noah Greene, Cuen Roman, Matthew Westraad, Mahruf Hawladar, Sintayu Kaitro, Likhazi Qomfo, Kendel Kruger  
**FRONT:** Benjamin Munzvenga, Aaron Dyter, Isiphile Galela, Mr M. Fletcher, Matthew Christoffels, Adam Clark, Alzano Japhta



## U13A RUGBY



The U13A Rugby Team will be remembered as one of the strongest and most exciting age-group sides to represent the school in recent years. Playing an expansive, high-tempo brand of rugby built on skill, courage, and unity, this talented group of players produced a string of outstanding performances, against quality opposition, throughout a demanding season.

Up front, the forward pack set the platform for success. The front row trio of Avethandwa Jack, Sibusiso Jantjies, and Yolo Vutula may have been small in stature, but they made up for it with heart and determination, consistently punching above their weight and holding their own against bigger opponents. The lock pairing of Dante Mills and Grant Murray added both height and physicality to the tight five, providing solid set-piece work and strong carries around the field.

In the loose forwards, Joshua Kingwill proved to be a hard-working and reliable flanker, while Lwandle Dali and Noël Shakane stood out as the team's enforcers. Lwandle's explosive ball-carrying and defensive work rate, combined with Noël's athleticism and pace from eighthman,

gave the team crucial go-forward and balance across the park.

The halfback combination of Raydon Hendricks and Mphumzi Runeyi provided stability and direction throughout the season, keeping the team organized and linking well with the dynamic backline. In the backline, Lukhona Bulembu and Liyabona Magqabi formed a devastating centre pairing that dominated opposition defences all season. Their blend of power, pace, and instinct made them almost unstoppable, with Lukhona crossing the try line an incredible 46 times, despite missing several fixtures due to his Eastern Province Craven Week commitments. Liyabona was equally outstanding, scoring 38 tries of his own – a true reflection of his speed and finishing ability. At fullback, Muhammed Steele provided dependable defence and counter-attack options, while Iyapha Mazana and Ryan Collett were consistent and dangerous on the wings, both contributing a number of crucial tries over the course of the season.

A major highlight for the School was Lukhona Bulembu's selection for the Eastern Province Craven Week team, where he represented the



### U13A RUGBY

**BACK:** Raydon Hendricks, Yolo Vutula, Sibusiso Jantjies, Ryan Collett, Liyabona Magqabi, Grant Murray, Iyapha Mazana, Muhammed Steele, Mphumzi Runeyi  
**FRONT:** Avethandwa Jack, Noël Shakane, Dante Mills (Vice-Captain), Mr M. Njoloza, (Coach), Lukhona Bulembu (Captain), Lwandle Dali, Joshua Kingwill



school with pride at the national tournament held in East London, a well-deserved recognition of his exceptional season.

This team's record speaks for itself, a collection of strong performances and narrow losses against top opposition, but always with a competitive edge and the hallmark Union spirit. Their season reflected the values of teamwork, discipline, and determination, and they can all be proud of what they accomplished together.

**Results:**

vs Zastron (Grens Day) 29-0, vs Gonubie (Grens Day) 5-17, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) (Away) 61-0, vs St Andrews Prep (Graeme Day)

53-5, vs Brackenfell (Marlow Festival) 0-49, vs Charlo (Marlow Festival) 40-21, vs Vredenburg (Marlow Festival) 5-19, vs Oakwood (Home) 53-5, vs Aliwal North (Away) 12-5, vs Karel Theron (Home) 52-7, vs Muir (Home) 38-36, vs Kingswood (Away) 50-7, vs Graaff-Reinet Primér (Home) 50-3, vs Herbert Hurd (Home) 38-24, vs Kroonvale (Home) 52-5, vs Hangklip (Away) 31-34, vs Queens Invitational (Away) 21-42, vs Graeme (Home) 19-22, vs Clarendon Park (Junior Festival) 15-17, vs Grey Bulldogs (Junior Festival) 12-40, vs Westering (Junior Festival) 33-19, vs Woodridge (Home) 19-24, vs Gill (Home) 26-34, vs Cradock (Home) 36-29, vs Ryneveld (Home) 56-0, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 14-5



U14A RUGBY

Throughout the 2025 season, development, team cohesion and the strengthening of core values were prioritised. The squad generally trained with excellent consistency and the boys approached each session with enthusiasm and determination. The focus during practices was on developing the players into skilled young rugby men whose conduct, sportsmanship and perseverance were placed above results.

The skills and structures worked on during the week became increasingly visible on match days. Although many fixtures proved challenging, the boys showed steady growth in confidence and game understanding as the season progressed. Considering that this was the group's first year of high-school rugby, they adapted admirably to the physical and tactical demands of the U14 age group. Players were asked to step into new roles and positions throughout the season, and they did so with commendable willingness.

Values played a central role in the team's development. Being on time, working hard, staying positive and always putting the team first

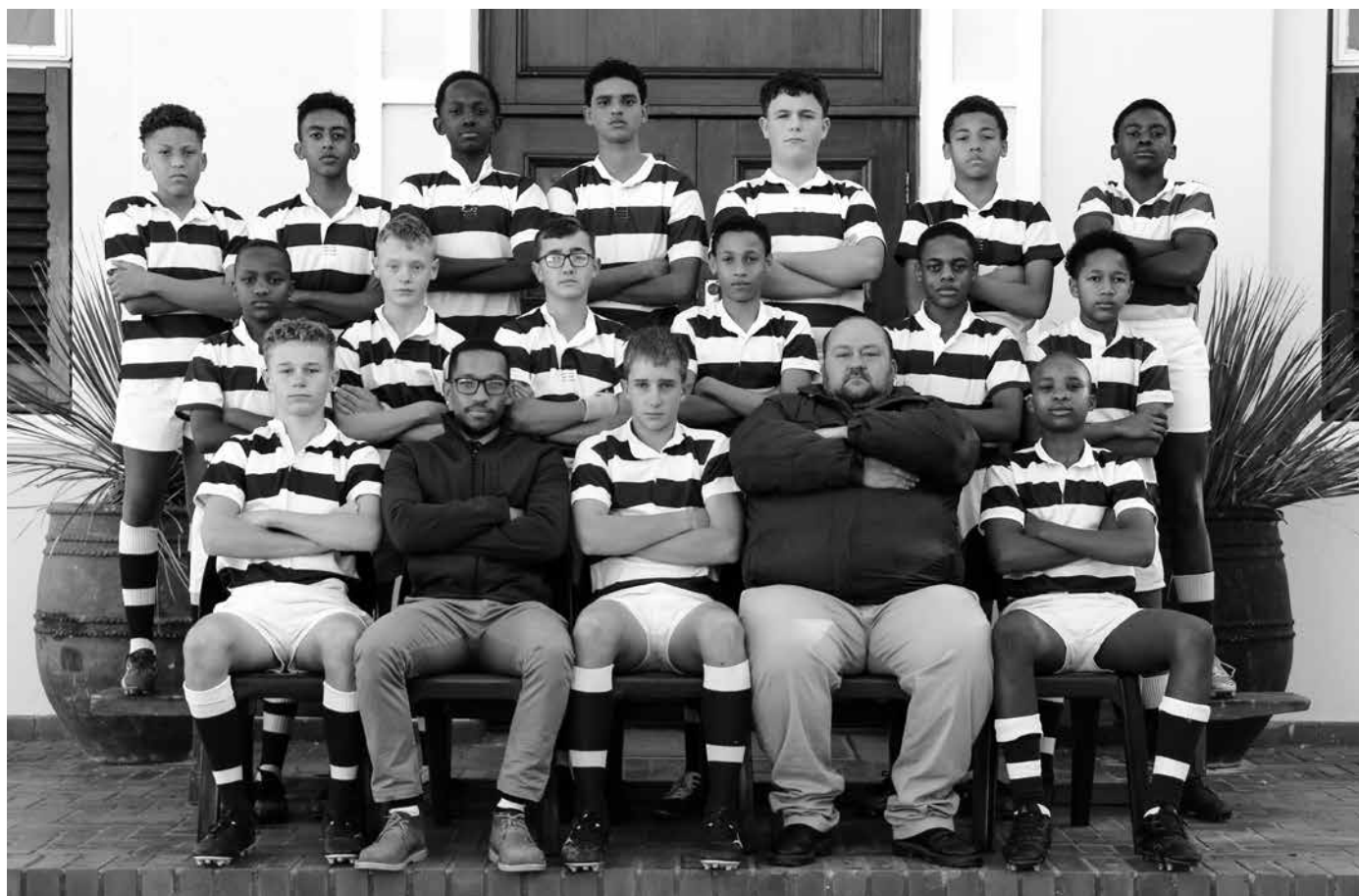
were emphasised week in and week out. The final weeks of the season demonstrated the full extent of the growth of the team. Their defensive discipline had improved, their attacking structures were more fluent, and several standout team performances reflected their commitment to improvement. The boys finished the season proud of their journey, knowing they had given their all for their teammates and their school.

**Results:**

vs Ooskus Gimnasium 0-35, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 12-29, vs Port Rex 0-48, vs Bonzai 24-0, vs Cradock 5-25, vs Muir College 7-17, vs Spandau 28-5, vs Hangklip 10-38, vs Andrew Rabie 21-24, vs Woodridge College 0-38, vs Graeme College 3-41, vs Asherville 21-0, vs Gill College 14-24, vs Middelburg 42-12, vs York 17-17, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 3-3, vs Victoria Park 14-17

Played 16; Won 4; Lost 10; Drew 2





#### U14A RUGBY

**BACK:** Jordan Lamont, Natnael Wakoyo, Mbuso Tini, Ulrick Speelman, Connor Te Water Naudé, Muhammed Steele, Khazimla Jantjies.

**MIDDLE:** Kungawo Marawu, Sven Norman, Aidan Ferreira, Caleb Reid, Curen Willemse, Carlin Pieterse.

**FRONT:** Jordan Maritz, Mr B. Amsterdam (Coach), Murray Hope, Mr A. Smit (Coach), Midange Nazo.

## U15A RUGBY

The 2025 rugby season marked a period of steady progress for the U15A team. With 19 fixtures scheduled, the players began the season with a clear focus on building upon the previous year's efforts. Although the team continued to face challenges with player numbers, they remained committed to improving their performance and working together.

Over the course of the season, the team's dedication to development became increasingly noticeable. Their efforts began to draw attention from a broader group of supporters, and their overall gameplay showed signs of refinement. Compared to the previous year, their execution and teamwork demonstrated measurable improvement.

The team recorded 7 wins, reflecting a positive step forward. This progress was supported by the leadership of captain, Imitha Mtati and vice-captain, Luyolo Khali, who led by example and contributed consistently both on and off the field.

Recognition is also due to Asakhula Nkomo, Imitha Mtati, and Keenan Jafta, who were selected to represent Eastern Province at Iqhawe Week. Their inclusion highlights their commitment and growth, and the experience gained will undoubtedly be beneficial for their continued development.

As the U15A team moves ahead, they continue to show that heart, grit and teamwork play a key role in achieving success. This approach remains central to the Schools' values.



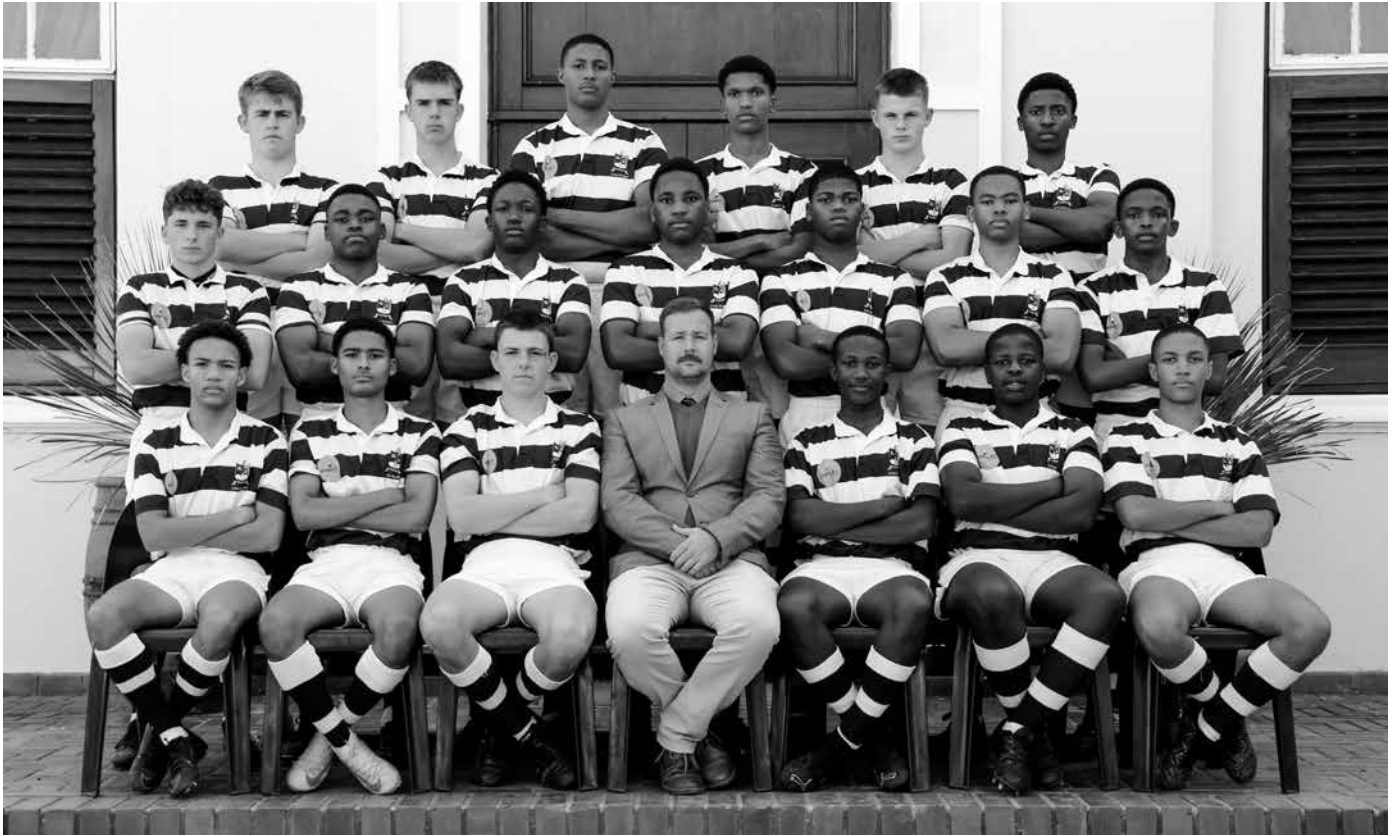




#### U15A RUGBY

**BACK:** Alchano Japhta, Ongezile Matolengwe, Leagan Katzen, Lemarr van Wyk, Landile Petela, Amyoli Sizila, Aiden Jaftha, Philip Kayster, Mpho Majola, Sonwabiso Kula, Lithala Qambata  
**FRONT:** Asakhula Nkomo, Alejandro Mentoer, Mr J.P. Kruger, Imitha Mtati, Mr C. Chutu, Luyolo Khali, Qhamasande Jacobs

#### U16A RUGBY



#### U16A RUGBY

**BACK:** Vincent Clarke, Christian Boshoff, Hayden August, Dwayne Koeberg, Angus Kretzmann, Luvela Makaula.  
**MIDDLE:** Alexander Hunter, Lulonke Vumazonke, Qhama Solomon, Khazimla Mbulawa, Liyabona Noveve, Leynton Nhlabati, Lumko Ngqameni.  
**FRONT:** Warren Barlow, Declan Lewis, Callum Jacobs, Mr H. Sparrius, Leander Kraai, Junior De Bruin, Kyle Finnis





The U16A rugby team had an exceptional season, finishing with 14 wins from 20 matches and a 70% win rate. Led by Captain, Leander Kraai and Vice-Captain, Callum Jacobs, the squad demonstrated discipline, resilience, and unity throughout the demanding season. The highlight was a historic Interschools victory, played on our home field for the first time since 1971. The team triumphed 39-10, setting a new record for the highest U16 score in Interschools history. This is an achievement that will be remembered for years to come.

The team scored 543 points and conceded 264, with standout wins against Spandau (57-16), a Middelburg combined 2nd/U16 team (76-5), and York (36-12). Losses to strong opponents provided valuable learning experiences and helped shape the team's growth.

Special thanks must go to Mr Terrance Siyaya, an old Unionite, who volunteered as the forwards coach, traveling with the team and dedicating his time to their development. We extend our sincere

gratitude to sponsors, Stanley Accounting Services and Karoo360, and to all parents and guardians for their unwavering support. This season was not just about rugby—it was about building character, leadership, and lifelong memories.

#### Results:

vs Oos Kus Gimnasium (A) 34-5, vs Westering (A) 19-3, vs St Andrews School (A) 12-0, vs Port Rex (A) 0-5, vs Alexander Road (A) 29-5, vs DF Malan (A) 22-5, vs Bergsig (H) 14-7, vs Cradock (A) 32-5, vs Muir College (H) 15-45, vs Spandau (H) 57-16, vs Hangklip (A) 26-14, vs Andrew Rabie (H) 22-29, vs Woodridge College (H) 17-19, vs Graeme College (H) 9-20, vs Swellendam (H) 19-32, vs Gill College (A) 17-12, vs Middelburg 2nd/U16 (H) 76-5, vs York (H) 36-12, vs Volkskool (Interschools) (H) 39-10, vs Victoria Park (H) 48-15

Points for 543, Points against 264, Wins 14 (6 home, 8 away), Losses 6 (5 home, 1 away)





## 2ND XV RUGBY



The 2025 season for the 2nd XV was one of steady growth, grit, and energetic team spirit. With a strong squad, comprising a blend of upcoming talent and experienced players, the team showed great improvement throughout the year and provided valuable depth to the senior rugby programme.

The first game was against St Andrew's School where the boys had a brilliant performance, laying the foundation for the rest of the season. Under the leadership of Uyintando Ziswana and Masixole Bhayi, the team went from strength to strength in each game. The boys had good wins against Cradock, Spandau, Hangklip, Andrew Rabie, Woodridge, Gill, York and Volkskool, finishing the season with nine wins, four losses and one draw out of fourteen games, a sign of the hard work put in by the players and coaching staff.

The season proved to be a valuable stepping stone for many of the

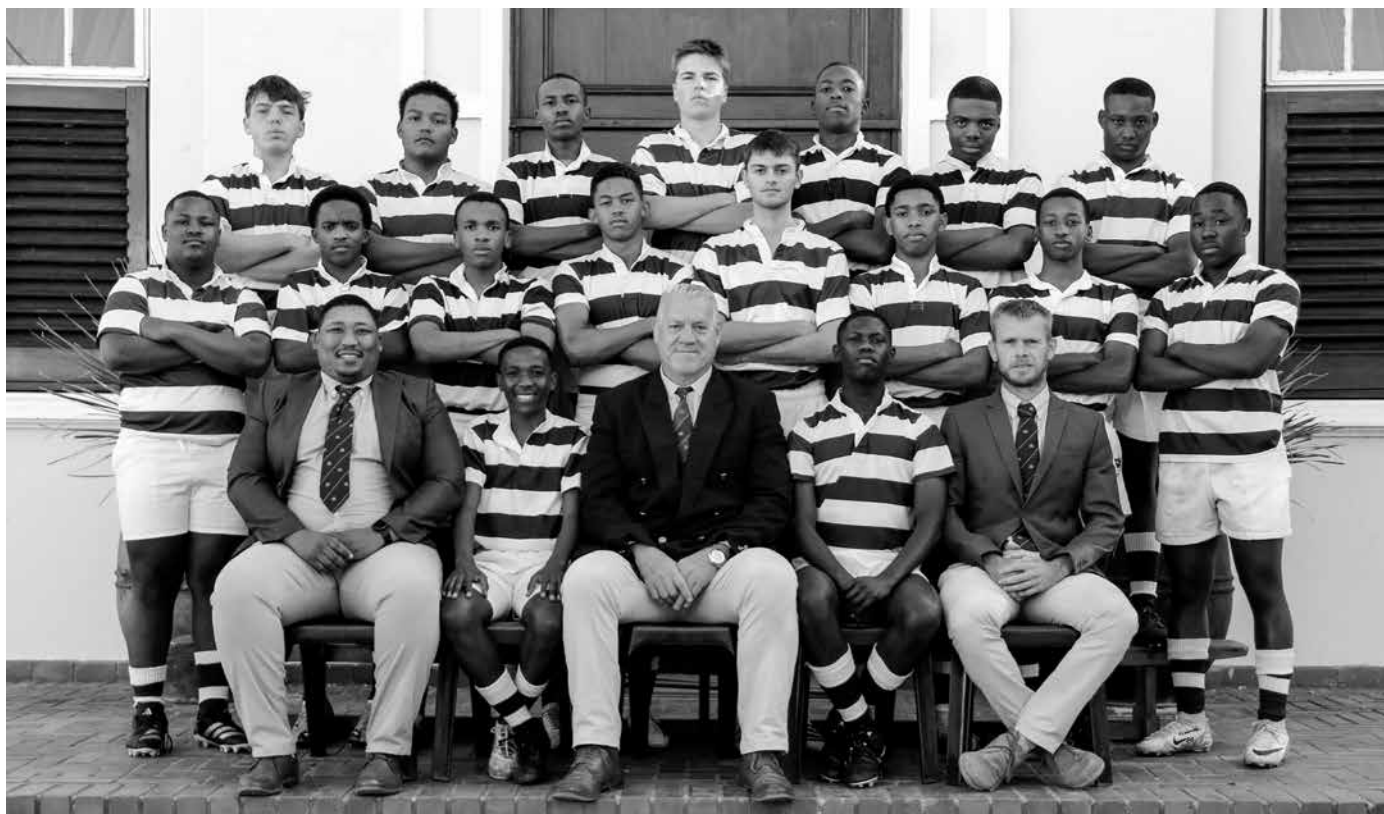
2nd XV players and several earned call-ups to the 1st XV, a testament to the depth and talent in the squad. No doubt many of these players will become key figures in the 1st XV squad of 2026. The foundation laid this year will serve the team well as they continue to grow individually and collectively.

Thank you to all the players, coaches, and supporters who made this season possible. We look forward to seeing these young men take their rugby to the next level.

### Results:

vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 44-0, vs Bergsig 7-37, vs Cradock 13-7, vs Muir College 17-35, vs Spandau 29-5, vs Hangklip 14-10, vs Andrew Rabie 14-10, vs Woodridge College 44-0, vs Graeme College 13-43, vs Asherville 1st XV 25-10, vs Gill College 24-14, vs York 31-5, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 12-10, vs Victoria Park 12-12

Played 14; Won 9; Lost 4; Drew 1



### 2ND XV RUGBY

**BACK:** Matthew Oosthuizen, Noah Edwards, Aluyolo Kula, Cody Slater, Ndodana Speelman, Ahlangene Nonyongo, Devandre Andrews

**MIDDLE:** Maghawe Norman, Zephaniah Maya, Hlanganisa Gcebe, Janathen van der Bergh, Daniel Marais, Ronan Ewers, Iminathi Koneit, Tafadzwa Munzenga

**FRONT:** Mr S. Koeberg (Coach), Uyintando Ziswana (Captain), Mr A. Human (Coach), Masixole Bhayi (Vice-Captain), Mr S. van Zyl (Coach)

# 1ST XV RUGBY

The 2025 rugby season kicked off early for the 1st XV with the opening fixture of the year on March 1 at the Gill Sports Day against Lilyfontein from East London. The boys made a strong start, securing their first win of the season. The ensuing weeks saw a loss against Ooskus Gimnasium and a win against St Andrew's School from Bloemfontein. The Graeme College Festival in Makhanda followed and here the team faced a tough Daniel Pienaar side. Despite having chances, they were unable to convert them into points, resulting in their second defeat.

At the annual Senior Rugby and Hockey Festival, two competitive matches were played, against Stirling and Cambridge, with a victory and a narrow defeat respectively. The festival was followed by a second term filled with touring and tough matches. The team travelled to Oudtshoorn for the Langenhoven Gimnasium Sports Festival where they took on the hosts and Bridgeton Secondary School. Despite leading for most of both matches, they lost narrowly due to lapses in concentration in the final minutes.

At home, the 1st XV faced Bergsig Special Skills School where they showed resilience and managed a draw, scoring in the final minutes. This was followed by one of the best performances of the year, a dominant 51-7 win over Cradock. In a tense encounter against Muir College, the boys fought hard but lost by just one point. A strong showing followed against Spandau Secondary School, where the team again passed the 50-point mark. Unfortunately, history repeated itself against Hangklip, and the 1st XV lost once again in the dying moments of the match. Andrew Rabie proved too strong on the day, handing out another defeat. The team regained momentum with a home win against Woodridge College and this led into a mega highlight of the season – beating Graeme College at home for the first time since 2013. Term 2 wrapped up with a comfortable defeat over Swellendam in a one-sided game.

The final stretch began in Term 3 with the annual derby against Gill College, a challenging away fixture, which the team won, regaining their

form and confidence. This was followed with solid wins over Middelburg and York, building momentum towards the much-anticipated Interschools fixture against Volkskool. Despite dominating large portions of this game, it couldn't be converted into points and a 10-21 loss was recorded. However, the team bounced back and ended the season on a high, defeating Victoria Park in their final fixture.

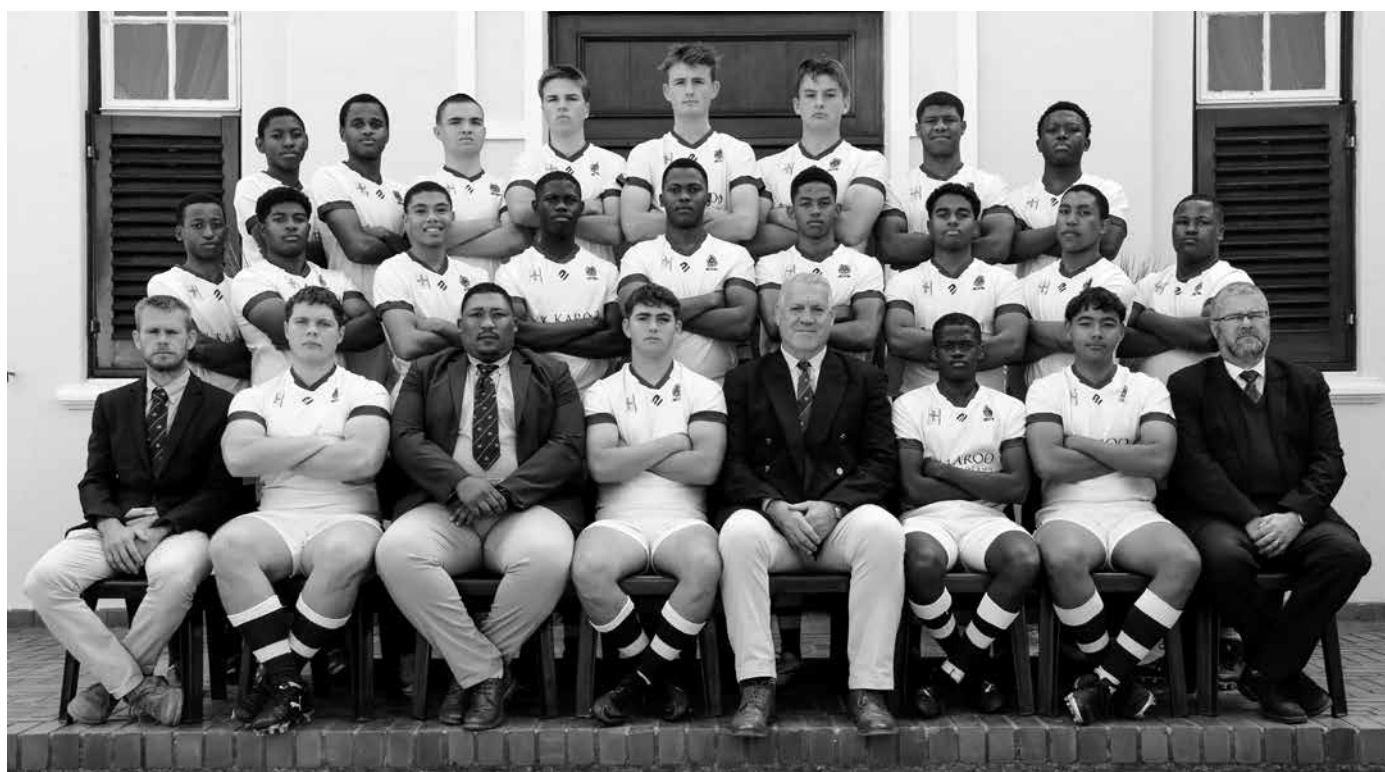
Under the excellent leadership of Kyle Liebenberg and Makukhanye de Beer, the team grew stronger with each match, often falling just short in closely contested games. Special mention must be made of Jayden Odendaal, who reached a milestone of 50 games for the 1st XV, doing so in the high-stakes Interschools match. Elvandre Meyer was the top try scorer with 13 tries, followed closely by Yaaseen Kazi who scored 12 tries. Congratulations to Muhammed Ahmed who made the school proud by reaching the final round of trials for the Eastern Province team.

This season was a testament to the grit, talent, and heart of the 1st XV. Narrow losses in several games showed their potential and room for growth, while historic victories such as the win against Graeme College highlighted the team's capability when firing on all cylinders. We are proud of the boys and excited to see what the future holds for rugby at the School.

## Results:

vs Lilyfontein 31-0, vs Ooskus Gimnasium 14-20, vs St Andrews School (Bloemfontein) 41-10, vs Daniel Pienaar 14-24, vs Stirling 17-14, vs Cambridge 24-27, vs Bergsig 29-29, vs Langenhoven Gimnasium 23-31, vs Bridgeton Secondary 28-29, vs Cradock 51-7, vs Muir College 30-31, vs Spandau 53-7, vs Hangklip 28-29, vs Andrew Rabie 21-29, vs Woodridge College 25-19, vs Graeme College 19-14, vs Swellendam 76-0, vs Gill College 34-24, vs Middelburg 41-20, vs York 34-12, vs Volkskool (Interschools) 10-21, vs Victoria Park 39-24

Played 22; Won 12; Lost 9; Drew 1



## 1ST XV RUGBY

**BACK:** Similo Mvandaba, Liso Booi, Liam Hornabrook, Cody Slater, Trystan Hulleman, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Elvandre Meyer, Athayanda Mahlati  
**MIDDLE:** Iminathi Koneit, Yaaseen Kazi, Xavier Barlow, Masixole Bhayi, Yonela Wana, Janathen van der Bergh, Shaakir Kazi, Sibabalwe Mbutye, Maqhawe Norman  
**FRONT:** Mr S. van Zyl (Coach), Jayden Odendaal, Mr S. Koeberg (Coach), Kyle Liebenberg (Captain), Mr A. Human (Coach), Makukhanye de Beer (Vice-Captain), Muhammed Ahmed, Mr W.E. Pringle (Headmaster)





# JUNIOR SWIMMING

*'Once you have learned to swim, you will never forget the feeling of strength and freedom the water gives you.'*

Our talented junior swimmers certainly showed off their strength this year and they made a splash right from the start, diving headfirst into a series of exciting competitions. From the high-energy lanes of the Interhouse Gala to the spirited rivalry of the Inter-District Gala hosted in our pool, our young athletes swam with determination and spirit, recording personal bests, winning medals and forging new friendships along the way.

Many junior swimmers participated in the B-Age Gala held in Gqeberha. Our swimmers delivered exceptional performances, many achieving multiple personal bests. Notably, Lisa McEwan improved her times in the 100m Freestyle by 1.62 seconds and 50m Freestyle by 2.49 seconds, Kate Scott achieved a personal best in the 50m Backstroke and Uziah Willemse recorded personal bests in all four of his events.

The School proudly hosted the Inter-District Gala, welcoming swimmers from the Karoo, Albany, and Amathola districts for a day of spirited competition. The event was a resounding success, culminating in a victory for the Karoo team, who retained the trophy. Swimmers who stood out included Cathryn Davenport (1st in 50m Backstroke, 3rd in 50m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly), Gemma Murray (1st in 50m Freestyle, 2nd in 50m Butterfly), Taylor Jacobs (1st in 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke)

and Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza (3rd in 50m Backstroke). A special mention must go to Mackenzie Preston and Lisa McEwan for their valuable contributions to the winning relay teams.

The SSA Level 1 Gala was a highlight of the season, with swimmers competing against some of the best in the province and delivering wonderful performances. Cathryn Davenport dominated with four medals – 1st in 50m and 100m Breaststroke, 2nd in 50m Backstroke, and 3rd in the 13 and Under 100m Freestyle – while Kate Scott secured 3rd place in the 100m Breaststroke and placed in the top 7 across all her events. Uziah Willemse continued his consistent form with multiple top 7 finishes, including 5th in the 100m Freestyle and 6th in the 50m Breaststroke.

As a school we are proud to celebrate the remarkable achievements of Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, who qualified for the Swimming South Africa (SSA) Level 2 Swim Meet. Competing in the Women 19 and Under category, Angelique – only 13 years old – demonstrated exceptional talent and determination. She earned multiple top finishes - notably a 1st place in the 50 m Freestyle, 50 m Backstroke and 100 m Freestyle events and 3rd place in the 200 m Freestyle.



## JUNIOR SWIMMING

**BACK:** Emma Burger, Kate Scott, Isabel Hyldig, Cayden Thompson, Dante Mills, Tom Krige, Angelique Kyanda-Kaboza, Nieke Van Jaarsveld, Kari Stern  
**3RD ROW:** Gemma Murray, Hayley Krige, Lilly Hunter, Keira Raley, Kelly Van Rensburg, Matthew Jacobs, Clark Labuschagne, Taylor Jacobs, Lisa McEwan, Jameson Houseman, Chloe Burton-Moore, Sarah Hampton, Matthew Bosch  
**2ND ROW:** Mia Labuschagne, Leah Abader, Yolo Vutula, Layla Ott, Uziah Willemse, Mrs N. Davenport, Saskia Strydom, Mackenzie Preston, Emily Marais, Mia Serfontein  
**FRONT:** Cathryn Davenport, Hannah van der Walt



# SENIOR SWIMMING

The 2025 swimming season has been nothing short of outstanding for the School. Our swimmers have shown exceptional determination, sportsmanship, and growth throughout the year, representing the school with pride at every gala and competition.

Many swimmers participated in the B Age Group Gala held in Gqeberha. Standout performances came from Rebecca Copeman, who secured a personal best in the 50m Breaststroke, Zoë Mills, who placed in the top 10 for all five of her events, claiming bronze in both the 100m Breaststroke and the 200m Freestyle, and Alyssa Trollip, who achieved top 8 placings in five events, including 3rd place in the 100m Backstroke and a personal best in the 100m Freestyle, lowering her time by 2,26 s.

The SSA Level 1 Gala was a highlight of the season, with our swimmers competing against some of the best in the province. Rebecca Copeman achieved multiple personal bests, including slashing 3.39 s

off her time in the 100m Freestyle, where she was placed 5th. She also took 3rd place in the 50m Breaststroke, 4th in the 50m Backstroke, and 5th in the 50m Freestyle. Gerda Clarke shone as the standout swimmer, earning four 1st place ribbons, achieving huge time improvements in all her events including 4.99 s for the 50m Butterfly and an impressive 8.35 s decrease in the 100m Freestyle. In competitive swimming, even small time reductions reflect immense progress and these swimmers certainly reaped the rewards of hard work and perseverance.

Throughout the season, the senior swimmers have grown not only in skill but also in character. Their achievements reflect countless hours of dedication from early morning practices to long hours spent at galas over weekends and we look forward to continued success in the years to come.



## SENIOR SWIMMING:

**BACK:** Muhammad Ahmed, Mark Lemke, Kyle Liebenberg, Peter-Daniel Clegg, Tristan Hope, Ben Lemke, Jordan Maritz

**MIDDLE:** Nadine Murray, Bella Hawkins, Aidan Ferreira, Kayla Norval, Miley Burger, Alyssa Trollip, Brogan Koeberg, Misha Newton, Zoë Mills, Jade Slater, Megan Putter, Cayla Newton

**FRONT:** Tara Ferreira, Jourdan-Bethany Koeberg, Esethu Mabula, Mecoli Vorster, Mrs J. Heunis-Jones (Coach), Daniel Marais, Clea Clark, Rebecca Copeman, Sarah Jacobs

**ABSENT:** Mrs N. Davenport (Coach), Gerda Clarke, Callum Jacobs

# JUNIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

This year has been an exciting and productive one for the junior tennis team. A notable highlight was Lente Mostert joining her husband, Tiaan, as a coach, bringing additional energy and fresh insights. Together they focused on sharpening both the physical and mental aspects of the game. Drills and tactical training were emphasized, aimed at improving each player's decision-making and strategic thinking on the court. Special attention was given to mastering the mental side of tennis – players were taught how to stay focused and perform under pressure, essential skills for competitive play.

The first match of the season against Cradock provided the perfect opportunity for the team to put their newly developed skills into action and the players stepped onto the court with confidence and determination. The game against Collegiate proved to be a tough challenge, yet it clearly showed the resilience and fighting spirit of the players. Despite the competition, they showed that they had what it takes to make the school proud. Another exciting fixture was the match against Kingswood. It was a competitive and intense game, with strong opposition testing our team's limits. It was an enjoyable and spirited encounter that highlighted the team's progress and ability to handle

high-level play.

The team eagerly prepared for the highly anticipated Interschools competition against Volkskool. Despite the friendly relationship between players from both schools, the competition on the day was intense and fiercely contested, making for an exciting and thrilling display of skill and determination. The matches kept spectators on the edge of their seats and they were treated to excellent tennis and sportsmanship from all participants.

Players enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Quadrangular Tennis Day held in September where they competed against Volkskool, Gill Primary and an Invitation team. The event was marked by laughter, camaraderie, and a spirit of healthy competition and the junior team enjoyed a wonderful day, filled with memorable matches and joyful interactions. We look forward to more of these events which foster friendship, fun, and sporting excellence.

Throughout the year, every player has shown remarkable growth in their tennis abilities. The improvements in both individual performance and team cohesion have been truly impressive and we look forward to building on this momentum, taking junior tennis to even greater heights.



## 1ST JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Madison Tam, Lisa McEwan, Emma Burger, Mia Labuschagne  
**FRONT:** Emily Marais, Mr T. Mostert (Coach), Taylor Jacobs



## 1ST JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Michael Maritz, Ryan Collett, Edwin Holmes  
**FRONT:** Joshua Kingwill, Mr T. Mostert (Coach), Dante Mills  
**ABSENT:** Grant Murray



## 2ND JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Kari Stern, Isabel Hyldig, Hermon Wolde  
**FRONT:** Gemma Murray, Ms J. Matthews, Kirsten Trollip



## 2ND JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Bthote Mussa, Keith Hudson, Matthew Jacobs, Ben Wormald  
**FRONT:** Ongezile Matolengwe, Ms J. Matthews, Clark Labuschagne





# SENIOR BOYS' AND GIRLS' TENNIS

The season started with the annual Quadrangular and Settler's Cup in Makhandia, always a highlight on the tennis calendar. Sixteen of our players contested matches against Graeme College, St Andrew's College, Victoria Girls, DSG and Kingswood. With a mix of returning players and fresh talent, this year's squad showed promise in both skill and team spirit. The boys fought hard against very strong competition while the girls ended in 3rd place overall. We are grateful for the opportunity and exposure provided to them at this tournament.

In February, our top 4 boys and girls travelled to Burgersdorp for the Van Niekerk and Koen Tennis Tournament. Despite a forecast predicting rain, the weather turned out to be perfect for tennis. Our team played with great determination and skill, making it all the way to the finals. Although we did not secure the win, the players displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the tournament—supporting, motivating, and praising each other both on and off the court – and this was a proud performance by the entire team.

On a very hot afternoon later in the month, our 1st team competed in a fast-paced singles fixture against Middelburg, with each game limited to 30 minutes. The girls dominated in their matches, ultimately claiming an overall victory against our visitors by 20 games. The Graaff-Reinet and District summer league matches also took place in February with our boys and girls playing their hearts out. Ultimately, the older players dominated the score boards. Nonetheless, we are always thankful for this valuable learning experience.

In May, the Girls' 1st team travelled to Gqeberha to play against Collegiate. They delivered an outstanding performance, dominating their opponents and only dropping 2 matches in the entire fixture. During the winter season, matches were also played against Volkskool on Wednesday afternoons. Unfortunately, several fixtures were cancelled as our opponents often struggled to field a full team. Despite this, our players remained committed by showing up and displaying good sportsmanship each week.

In the highly-anticipated Interschools clash against Volkskool, our teams gave it their all. The boys faced tough competition, while the girls

delivered a strong performance to record a resounding victory, with the School recording an overall win. A big thank you to the 1st team captains, Peter-Daniel Clegg and Tara Ferreira, whose example on and off the court inspired the team and created a positive and united spirit.

Owing to the cancellation of this year's Marco Wasserman Tournament, Middelburg invited the School to a mini triangular fixture, along with De Aar. Players were allowed to create their own format, giving them an opportunity to strategise and take advantage of the opponents' weaknesses, as well as their own strengths. Our team placed second, losing against De Aar by 20 games.

This year's senior championships saw 18 players participating and the 2025 champions are as follows:

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| U15 Girls' Singles  | Cayla Newton                      |
| U15 Boys' Singles   | Jordan Maritz                     |
| Open Girls' Singles | Tara Ferreira                     |
| Open Boys' Singles  | Richard Murray                    |
| Open Boys' Doubles  | Richard Murray and Vincent Clarke |
| Open Girls' Doubles | Tara Ferreira and Amber Slater    |
| Open Mixed Doubles  | Misha Newton and Richard Murray   |

Two of our players, Cayla Newton (U15) and Tara Ferreira (U19), represented the Eastern Cape at the Interprovincial Tennis tournament this year and the School is very proud of these fine ambassadors.

During the year, the tennis clubhouse received a much-needed upgrade, courtesy of the incredible support, time and generosity of parents. New furnishings, fresh paint, and personal touches that elevated the clubhouse into a more welcoming and functional hub for our tennis teams and visitors, were provided. A special word of thanks is also extended to the anonymous sponsor who generously donated a full set of new tennis kit for the 1st team. Finally, we are grateful for the dedication and encouragement of 1st team coaches, Tiaan and Lente Mostert of the Born to Play tennis academy. They helped our players grow in skill, confidence, and sportsmanship. Practise sessions throughout the year, even at 5am in the summer, had strong attendance and there were noticeable improvements in match play, fitness, and teamwork.



## 1ST SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Nadine Murray, Misha Newton, Samantha Charles, Amber Slater, Cayla Newton  
**FRONT:** Mr T. Mostert (Head Coach), Tara Ferreira (Captain), Mrs D. Botes (Assistant Coach)



## 1ST SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

**BACK:** Vincent Clarke, Mark Lemke, Stephan Vorster, Tristan Hope, Richard Murray  
**FRONT:** Mr T. Mostert (Head Coach), Peter-Daniel Clegg (Captain), Mrs D. Botes (Assistant Coach)





#### **2ND SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS**

**BACK:** Kirsten Collett, Mecoli Vorster, Alyssa Trollip, Miley Burger, Jourdon-Bethany Koeberg  
**FRONT:** Leigh-Ann Murray, Mr T. Mostert, Melissa Naudé



#### **2ND SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS**

**BACK:** Aidan Ferreira, Jordan Maritz, Callum Jacobs, Leander Kraai  
**FRONT:** Murray Hope, Shaakir Kazi, Mrs L. Gerber, Makukhanye de Beer, Yaaseen Kazi



#### **3RD AND 4TH SENIOR TENNIS**

**BACK:** Esethu Mabuala, Annabelle Nel, Richere Cudjoe, Raneesha Julies, Chanté Bezuidenhout, Kwakhanya Ntlonti, Kiana Pietersen  
**FRONT:** Elizabeth van Rooyen, Mrs E.L. Gerber, Konke Gawula, Mrs B. Langmead, Zoë Liesing



## ANNE BEAGLEY JUNIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL

The 24th edition, once again sponsored by Astron Energy Eastern Cape and Botha's Garage, brought together excited learners, infectious energy and unforgettable moments on and off the field.

The School proudly kicked off the annual festival with its traditional welcoming cocktail function, setting a warm and festive tone for the days ahead. The evening was formally opened by Headmaster, Mr William Pringle, who extended a heartfelt welcome to all in attendance. He expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone who played a role in bringing the festival to life, especially the coaches for their commitment and enthusiasm. Mr Dewald Niemand, Cluster Manager at Astron Energy Eastern Cape – the festival's anchor sponsor – echoed the excitement and importance of events like these in supporting young talent.

The School's U13A hockey girls brought their A-game to this year's festival. Missing key players, who were away representing Eastern Province at

the interprovincial tournament, the girls showed they were more than up to the challenge. They charged through the festival with a 4-0 win over Sonop, a 6-0 victory against Gonubie, suffered a narrow 2-1 loss against Sunridge, drew 1-1 with a tough Lorraine side and ended on a high with a 7-0 win against Clarendon's 2nd team, rounding off what was truly an impressive showing, highlighting the depth and resilience of this talented squad.

The School's U13A rugby side faced a challenging lineup of opponents over the three-day event. The boys put in a determined effort in their opening match, narrowly losing 15-17 to their Clarendon Park counterparts. The second encounter proved even tougher as they came up against the Grey Bulldogs, eventually going down 14-40 despite some spirited moments of play. The team ended the festival on a high note with a well-deserved 33-17 victory over Westering, showcasing their fighting spirit in front of the home crowd.



# SENIOR RUGBY AND HOCKEY FESTIVAL

This year's festival, which began its journey back in 1987 on the school's campus in Graaff-Reinet, witnessed an impressive turnout with over 600 enthusiastic hockey and rugby players participating. We welcomed back familiar festival favourites alongside schools competing for the first time, enriching the spirit of camaraderie and competition that defines this event.

The 4-day festival began with a cocktail function held in the Tony Burrell Union. Despite starting the day with a torrential downpour, the evening transformed into a stunning spectacle as the sky cleared, providing a breathtaking backdrop for teams to mingle and connect on the sports field, enjoying the social camaraderie that is the essence of the festival. Coaches and managers relished the opportunity to network while savouring the delicious offerings supplied by the dedicated group of festival moms. A heartfelt thank you was also extended to sponsors, Botha's Garage and Astron Energy Eastern Cape, along with the devoted individuals working behind the scenes, whose efforts made the festival possible.

The following three days brought beautiful weather, allowing teams to take full advantage of the AstroTurf at both the School and Volkskool, while rugby enthusiasts cheered on the action unfolding on the Puttick field. This year marked the second consecutive tournament format for the hockey competition. While the School's 1st team had previously clinched the title, they faced a challenging match against Sasolburg, which ended in a nail-biting shootout that saw Sasolburg emerge victorious, ultimately placing the host's in third place. Congratulations to Oranje Meisieskool's 2nd team for taking the trophy this year.

With the exception of the Sasolburg game, the 1st team girls secured victories in all their other matches, triumphing over Lilyfontein 6-1, Langenhoven 6-0, Nico Malan 3-0, Clarendon's 2nd Team 10-0 and Fichardtpark 3-2.

On the rugby field, the 1st XV played two matches during the festival. Day 2 saw them victorious against Stirling with a score of 17-14, while the final match on Day 4 was a tough contest against Cambridge, resulting in a close loss of 24-27.







# INTERSCHOOLS 2025







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# INTERSCHOOLS

Interschools 2025 was nothing short of unforgettable as we proudly hosted on home soil for the first time since 1971. It was a long-awaited and deeply cherished moment, steeped in tradition yet alive with fresh spirit.

The School is incredibly proud to have claimed the overall Interschools trophy this year with a final score of 64-42. But more than the score, what made this victory so special is what it represented. Interschools has never been about one team or one game – it is a collective effort. It is chess, speech, tennis, hockey, rugby, cross country and so much more. It is every learner, coach, parent and supporter doing their part to add to something far bigger than themselves. This win was a true testament to our learners – their dedication, resilience and pride in their school.

The week began with the chess competition which proved to be a resounding success. One of the evening's standout moments came from Grade 9 learner Gerda Clarke, who executed a flawless Scholar's Mate – checkmating her opponent in under two minutes with just five moves. Although Volkskool clinched the overall win with a tight 41-35 score, our players can be immensely proud of their performance.

For the first time in recent memory, cross country proudly took its place on the Interschools programme and it proved to be a wonderful addition. The event, held on a route cleverly demarcated around our beautiful campus, was filled with energy, determination and plenty of smiles. Both senior and junior runners rose to the challenge, pushing themselves and each other to deliver outstanding performances.

Midweek brought the highly anticipated tennis matches. In the junior matches, the girls claimed a well-deserved victory. A special mention goes to No. 1 player, Taylor Jacobs, whose incredible grit and sportsmanship saw her win all her matches – all while playing with a broken arm! The 1st and 2nd senior girls shone with flawless 9-0 wins and the School secured an outstanding overall result of 35 matches to 13 in the senior section, a proud moment for our players and supporters alike.

The Interschools Cultural Evening was another highlight. The School's quiz team won their section while special mention must go to the junior speakers, Rachel Wenham and Chante Bezuidenhout who impressed with their eloquence and secured the win in their category.

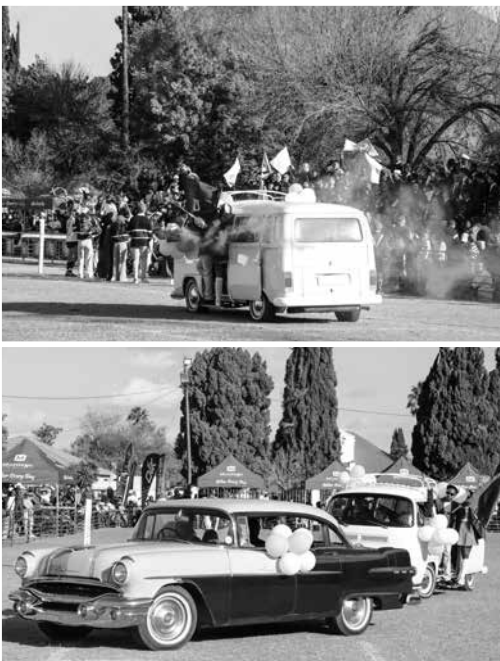
The Friday morning of Interschools week saw the community gather for the traditional assembly. This was a morning that captured the very

best of the Union spirit. Guest speaker, Mr Lloyd Collett (Class of 2000) spoke passionately about the power of positive body language and it was wonderful to see his message resonate through the remainder of the weekend with the senior hockey girls gathering before and during every match with hands in the air, beaming smiles and radiant energy. Their infectious positivity carried into the games and paid off with victories all round.

The final events of the week culminated in the rugby and hockey matches. This year's 1st team hockey match is one that will go down in the school's proud history. Clinical finishing, ruthless pressing, teamwork that left no gaps on the field and a hunger that could not be matched saw the team deliver an unforgettable performance, coming away with a breathtaking 7-0 victory. In the 1st team rugby game, the 1st XV dominated both territory and possession throughout the first half but struggled to convert their efforts into points, thanks to a resilient defensive display from Volkskool. However, in the second half our opponents proved clinical, extended their half-time lead and secured a 21-10 victory.

Beyond the scoreboards and results, Interschools was a celebration of friendship, community and pride in our schools and of young people giving their all. It was about laughter, cheers, embraces and memories that will last a lifetime. Interschools 2025 was never just about competition, it was about coming together and writing another beautiful chapter in a tradition that binds us all.

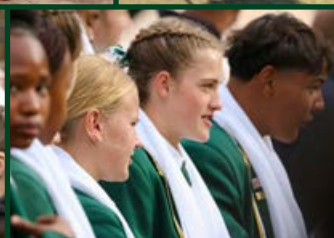
| Results:          |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Rugby             | Hockey           |
| U11B lost 5-20    | U13C won 4-0     |
| U11A lost 5-38    | U13B won 2-0     |
| U13C lost 26-28   | U13A won 1-0     |
| U13B lost 5-31    | U14A won 5-4     |
| U13A won 14-5     | U16A won 1-0     |
| U14A drew 3-3     | 2nd Team won 4-0 |
| U15A lost 8-48    | 1st Team won 7-0 |
| U16A won 39-10    |                  |
| 2nd XV won 12-10  |                  |
| 1st XV lost 10-21 |                  |







# INTERSCHOOLS 2025







# Union Preparatory School

## 2025



2025 has been an exceptional year in the life of Union Preparatory School — a year marked by growth, connection, achievement and a deepening sense of community pride. As I reflect on the past year, I am moved by how much we have accomplished together, not only in academics and sport, but in the culture, spirit and heart of our school.

### Fundraising & Infrastructure Improvements

One of the most significant achievements of the year has been the overwhelming support shown through our fundraising initiatives. Thanks to the dedication of our parents, staff, Old Unionites, and greater community, we were able to undertake one of the most important capital projects in recent years — **the replacement of the school roof.**

This was both a practical necessity and a long-term investment in the safety, comfort, and future of our learners. The generosity and commitment shown towards this project reflect the remarkable spirit that defines UPS. Our fundraising events throughout the year were not only successful financially, but also deeply enjoyable and unifying, reminding us once again what can be achieved when a community stands together.

### Academic Excellence

Academically, our learners have shown strong progress across all grades. Our teachers have continued to uphold the high standards expected of Union Preparatory School, ensuring that each child receives individual attention, encouragement, and challenge.

Our termly recognitions, including academic Top 10s and individual improvement awards, reflect both excellence and perseverance. The continued integration of effective teaching strategies, early intervention programmes, and supportive classroom environments has strengthened our culture of academic care and achievement.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our educators, whose passion, expertise and unwavering dedication have made this progress possible.

### Sporting Achievement

Our sports programme continues to play a vital role in the holistic development of our learners. This year our athletes participated with enthusiasm, determination and remarkable sportsmanship across multiple disciplines.

Whether it was on the rugby field, hockey turf, athletics track or in the swimming pool, our learners represented Union Preparatory School with pride. The improvement and commitment shown by our teams, as well as individual athletes, is a testament to their hard work and our coaching staff's dedication.

What stood out most this year was not only the results, but the **spirit** — the encouragement from fellow teammates, the growth in confidence, and the joy of participation. These qualities matter long after the final whistle is blown.



### School Culture & Community

One of the most defining features of UPS is the warmth and sense of belonging felt by our families. This year, that spirit was on full display. Events such as our Grandparents' Tea, cultural celebrations, classroom showcases, assemblies, and community gatherings created moments of joy and reminded us that school is not only a place of learning, but a home of memories.

Our staff have continued to offer unwavering support to each child, ensuring that every learner feels seen, valued and encouraged. The character of our school — caring, disciplined, joyful and child-centred — has shone through in every aspect of daily life.

### Governance & Strategic Leadership

The School Governing Body has provided strong oversight and visionary leadership throughout the year. Their guidance has been instrumental in the successful execution of our infrastructure projects, financial management, and long-term planning.

I extend special thanks to the SGB Chairperson and all members for the hours they have committed, the challenges they have navigated with us, and the confidence they have consistently shown in the leadership and direction of the school.

### Looking Ahead

As we carry the momentum of 2025 forward, our focus remains clear:

- Strengthening academic excellence and learner support
- Expanding opportunities in sport and cultural activities
- Continuing to upgrade and maintain our school facilities
- Enhancing our pastoral and values-driven programmes
- Deepening partnerships with parents, Old Unionites, and the broader community

It has been a privilege to lead Union Preparatory School through such an extraordinary year. Our achievements belong to every learner, teacher, parent, governor and supporter who has contributed to the school's success.

### Final Word

To our learners — your enthusiasm and hard work are the heartbeat of this school. To our parents — thank you for your trust and partnership. To our staff — your dedication defines the excellence of UPS. To our SGB and community — your support enables everything we do.

Together, we have made 2025 a year to remember. I look forward with excitement and confidence to the continued growth of the school we all love so dearly.

~ *Ross Hulleman*  
*Principal*  
*Union Preparatory School*



#### STAFF:

**BACK:** Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill, Miss Judy van Heerden, Mr Marcell Madeley, Mr Mpilo Njoloza, Miss Ilze Nortje, Mrs Natasha Burger  
**MIDDLE:** Mrs Alet Kingwill, Mrs Merisha Snyman, Mrs Moyra Marais, Mr Luther Rogers, Mrs Robyn Bellingan, Mrs Gweny van Deventer, Mrs Charne Minnie, Miss Melani Burger  
**FRONT:** Mrs Linda Greyling, Mrs Katie Kotze, Mr Ross Hulleman, Mrs Chanzelle Heunis-Jones, Mrs Corrie Potgieter



#### UPS GROUNDS MEN

Melvin Afrika, Trevor Zali



#### UPS CLEANING STAFF

Celesti Makonie, Sarah Willemse



**Mrs Linda Greyling**  
 My teacher drives a:  
*A kor*  
 My teacher's favourite food is:  
*Cish*  
 How old is your teacher?  
*19 years old*  
 If my teacher was not a  
 teacher, she would be a:  
*A dogtu*  
 Written by: Rachel Kingwill

## Message from the editor

Welcome to another bright and cheerful edition of our Union Preparatory School Magazine! Each term brings fresh stories, new adventures, and moments that remind us just how magical our school truly is. This magazine celebrates all of that - the giggles in the corridors, the proud "I did it!" moments, the creative masterpieces, and the friendships that make every day special.

As you turn each page, I hope you feel the excitement and wonder that our learners bring to school. From classroom discoveries to sports field triumphs and artistic surprises, this edition captures the heart of who we are: a joyful community that learns, grows, and shines together.



A big thank you to our dedicated teachers, enthusiastic learners, hardworking coaches and supportive parents who help make our school a place filled with warmth and possibility. Your contributions - whether a story, a photo, a drawing, or simply your everyday positivity - make this magazine come alive.

So find a comfy spot, settle in, and enjoy the colourful journey through our school's latest memories. May it bring a smile to your face and remind you just how special our Union Preparatory School family is.

Happy reading! Warmest regards

~ **Merisha Snyman**





**Mr Marcell Madeley**



**Miss Melani Burger**



**Miss Jamie Birch**



**Ms Magda Michaels**



**Aunty Linda**

### Hello new UPS Teachers

We are delighted to welcome our new teachers to the Prep school community. Mr Marcell Madeley – Grade 4. Miss Melani Burger – Grade 1. Miss Jamie Birch – Teacher's Assistant. Each of you brings fresh energy, unique talents, and a passion for education that will enrich our learners' lives. As you settled in, we hope you quickly feel the warmth, support, and teamwork that make our school such a special place.

We look forward to learning, growing, and achieving great things together!

### Farewell Ms Michaels

At the end of Term 2, we bid farewell to Ms Magda Michaels, a cherished member of the Union Prep family for the past four and a half years. During her time with us, Ms Michaels played an integral role in our Grade 1 classroom, where her warmth, patience and nurturing approach left a lasting impression on the hearts of so many young learners.

While we are sad to see her go, we are immensely grateful for the

time, care and love she poured into her role. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Michaels for her years of service and wish her every success, joy and fulfilment as she embarks on her next chapter. She will be missed!

### Farewell to Our Superhero Secretary

This year, we say goodbye to someone truly special - our very own superhero secretary, Aunty Linda. With her warm smile, calm spirit, and incredible ability to keep everything running smoothly, she has been the heartbeat of our school office. No challenge was ever too big, no problem too small, and she always managed it all with grace and kindness.

As she begins a new chapter, we want to thank her for her dedication, hard work, and the countless moments where she made our days brighter. She leaves behind a legacy of excellence, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our school community.

Although we are sad to see her go, we are excited for the journey ahead of her. May it be filled with joy, rest, and endless new opportunities.

You will always be part of our school family. We will miss you dearly.







#### SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

**BACK:** Heunis-Jones, Raoul Strydom, Mpilo Njoloza, Katie Kotzé

**FRONT:** Edwardine Abader, Ross Hulleman, Justin Kingwill, André van Deventer

**ABSENT:** Lara van der Walt

### UPS School Governing Body Chairman's report

Each year at Union Preparatory School tells its own story — a story of growth, resilience, and community. This year has been no exception. It has been a year filled with purpose, hard work, and progress; a year in which we have continued to raise the standard, not only in academics, but in every sphere of school life.

Union Preparatory has always represented more than just a school. I believe it represents family and togetherness — one deeply woven into the fabric of Graaff-Reinet, a town built on heritage, perseverance, and pride. A community that prides itself on platteland values. The past year has once again proven that the success of our school lies not only in what happens inside the classrooms or on the sports field, but in the unity of the parents who support it.

One of the many functions allocated to the Governing Body in terms of Section 20 of the South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 (as amended) is to promote the best interests of the school and ensure its development through the provision of quality education for all learners. Our fundraising initiatives form part of fulfilling this function.

I am pleased to report that our fundraising efforts this year have been hugely successful. It is estimated that these efforts may amount to a staggering sum of R650 000. This includes our Wild Karoo Auction, which brought in just under R500 000, and our Stoep Tasting food stall, which raised just over R90 000. A number of other initiatives also contributed, including our inaugural choir festival, Flaggie Dag, and still to come, the Tri-Karoo and Carols food stalls.

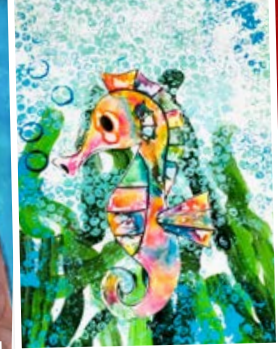
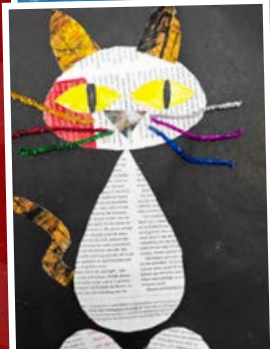
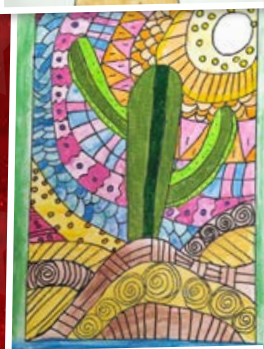
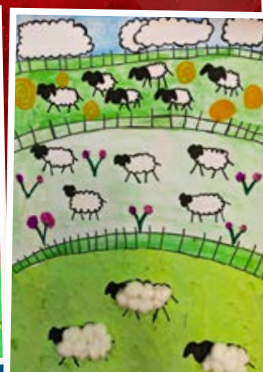
This is a monumental achievement and will go a long way in ensuring our school can continue with capital improvements that promote the best interests of the school and our learners. Of course, fundraisers on this scale



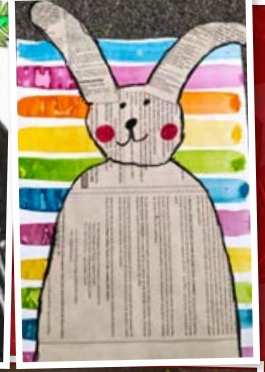
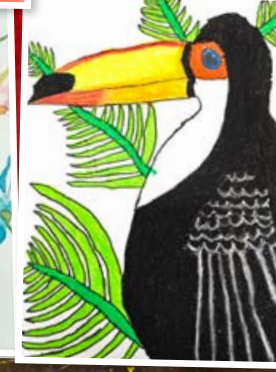
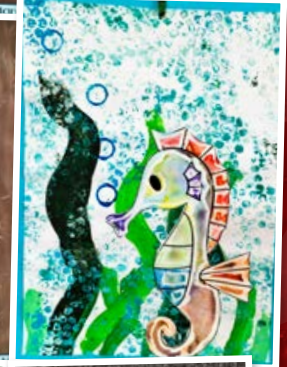
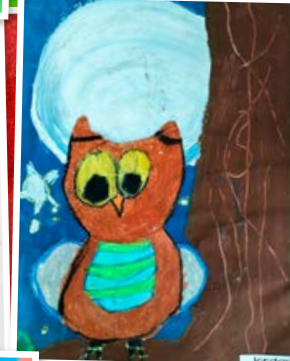
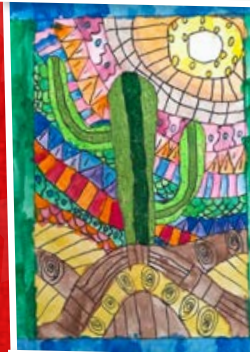
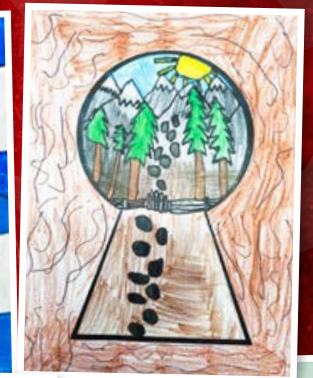
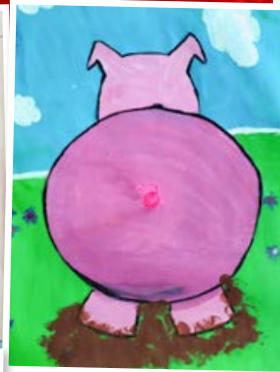
#### SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAM 2025

Katie Kotzé, Ross Hulleman, Corrie Potgieter, Chanzelle Heunis-Jones











are only possible through the passion and generosity of our community. Wild Karoo and the Stoep Tasting have once again shown the spirit that defines Union and Graaff-Reinet alike — and would not be possible without the support of you, our parents.

I would like to make special mention of a few ladies who went above and beyond the call of duty: Diane Murray, my wife Liesl, Jess Walker, Lauren Wormalt, and Melanie de Klerk. Thank you for your unbelievable efforts in the Wild Karoo event.

To Kat Ott and her team of mothers, as well as the members of staff who assisted at the Stoep Tasting food stall — a huge thank you for the unbelievable effort you put in. To everyone who organised, supported, or attended these events, we thank you sincerely. You have all made a lasting difference.

One of our proudest accomplishments this year was the complete renewal of the school roof. This was no small task — it was a major undertaking, both financially and logistically. But as with everything we do at Union, we tackled it with determination and teamwork. The new roof stands as a powerful symbol of our commitment to strengthening the foundations of this beautiful school — literally and figuratively — for generations to come.

This project would not have been possible without the support of Montego Pet Nutrition. Montego's financial contribution, along with our fundraising efforts, enabled us to complete this massive undertaking. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation to Montego for their continued support of Union Preparatory School, as well as everything they do for our community. Your backing is greatly appreciated.

On the sporting front, it has been wonderful to witness the improvement and level of participation across the board. Our hockey teams in particular have competed at a high level, with marked improvement in our rugby teams as well. Emphasis will be placed on our cricket curriculum, with added practices scheduled to further develop the many skills required. Raising standards in our sport remains a priority, and we are grateful for the initiative led by Dawid and Karlien de Wet, who organised an athletics workshop for our coaches and learners. Funds from this venture have been channelled back into the Union Schools to further enhance our athletics programme.

Something I would like to touch on — and possibly challenge everyone with — is our commitment to Raising Standards Together at our school. It seems that in our society the natural default is to lower standards. Laws and regulations seem to continually undermine old-school standards, morals, and values. Our society is starting to forget what really matters in life.

I can assure you that as an SGB we are deeply committed to counteracting this trend. Standards are the measure by which we hold ourselves accountable, and the greatest strength our school possesses is its values — kindness, honesty, and respect. Discipline forms the cornerstone of these values.

Discipline is not merely about enforcing rules; it is about teaching learners to govern themselves. When learners follow routines, meet deadlines, and take accountability for their actions, they internalise self-control — a core skill for lifelong success. Disciplined learners become adults who regulate impulses, persevere through challenges, and act responsibly in society.

The school has made a concerted effort to instil these values in our learners. The belief should always be that excellence is not only about marks on a paper or achievements on the sports field, but about the way we treat others, the way we rise after failure, and the way we conduct

ourselves when no one is watching. However, the school needs your support in this. The latest BELA Act further restricts the school's ability to enforce discipline, and we therefore need parents to stand alongside us in raising standards.

Our values should not just be words on a wall. They should be lived — in the way our learners greet their teachers, in the way parents support one another, and in the way staff go the extra mile. They live in the quiet moments that don't make headlines but shape lives.

Because here is the truth: better human beings build better communities. They lead with empathy, serve with humility, and inspire with courage. When we raise children who are grounded in strong values, we are not just shaping their futures — we are shaping the future of our society.

We will continue to invest in our facilities, support our staff, and nurture our learners. We will continue to strengthen the partnership between the school and the community. And above all, we will continue to build on the proud Union tradition — one of integrity, unity, and excellence.

To our principal, Mr Hulleman, thank you for your strong and steady leadership. Your dedication to excellence, your care for both learners and staff, and your vision for Union Preparatory continue to guide us forward.

To our teachers and staff — you are the true heroes of this school. You give of your time, energy, and hearts every single day. You teach, encourage, listen, and inspire. You are the reason Union Preparatory continues to shine.

To our administrative and support staff — the unsung heroes behind the scenes — thank you for keeping our school running smoothly, for your attention to detail, and for all the little things that make a big difference.

I would like to make special mention of two people retiring at the end of the year. Mrs Linda Greyling, our secretary, has been with us for many years. Mrs Greyling, on behalf of everyone, thank you for your service to UPS. You have been an asset to our school and will be sorely missed.

Then to Mr Donald Kingwill, our groundsman, who has served the Union Schools for 25 years — a massive thank you for your service. You have maintained our campus in a beautiful state for many years, and we appreciate everything you have done for our school. We wish you both well in your retirement.

To our parents, thank you for walking this journey with us. Your involvement, encouragement, and belief in Union Preparatory are what keep this school thriving. Education works best when home and school stand together, and we are deeply grateful for your continued partnership.

To my fellow members of the School Governing Body — thank you for your wisdom, service, and unwavering commitment to this school. You have given freely of your time, energy, and insight to ensure that Union continues to grow stronger year by year.

Finally, we celebrate the achievements of our learners — the young people who give meaning to everything we do. Whether in academics, sport, or culture, our learners have displayed not only talent but also character. They have shown commitment in the classroom, courage on the sports field, and kindness in their daily interactions.

To each learner who receives recognition, we say congratulations — you have earned it. To those who may not receive an award this time, remember that success is not only found in medals or certificates, but in effort, perseverance, and the courage to try again. Every single learner has achieved something this year, and we are proud of them all.

~ *Justin Kingwill*  
(UPS SGB Chairperson)

## Max Kroon House

As we close the chapter on another year at Max Kroon House, our hearts are full of gratitude for the laughter, learning, and love that have filled the dorms, common room, Max Kroon Garden and play park.

This special place has once again been a true home away from home for our youngest boarders, a space where every day has been a step toward growth, friendship, and belonging. This year has been unlike any other, filled with activity, excitement, and many special moments.

One of the most poignant was saying a very sad goodbye to our precious Matron Ros, who has lovingly cared for the children of Max Kroon House for the past 20 years. We honoured Ros with a beautiful farewell on a crisp July morning, surrounded by old and new parents in the Max Kroon Garden; a place she dearly loved. While our Max Kroonies also enjoyed a fun last week of Term 2 with Matron Ros celebrating and saying goodbye.

Under the wise guidance of Bronwyn Ferreria and Demi van der Rheede, we had the joy of welcoming our new matron, Marna van der Linde, to the Max Kroon family. From her very first day, Matron Marna has settled in beautifully. Her gentle nature, warmth, and genuine care have quickly made her a beloved presence in the hostel, with all the children cherishing her for the loving person she is. Demi van der Rheede has kept Max Kroon's engine running smoothly during this time of transition, as we said goodbye to Matron Ros and welcomed Matron Marna. Always cheerful, loving, and caring, Matron Demi brings a wonderful sense of stability and joy to the hostel.

Jacques and Bronwyn Ferreira, who are always just a call away, ready

to step in with their firm yet loving care; guiding, supporting, and helping to bring calm (and fun!) to the wonderful chaos that life at Max Kroon can bring.

Our dedicated homework matrons, Ms Majorie du Preez and Mrs Eleanor Johaar, continue to guide and support our Max Kroonies in their pursuit of academic excellence. Their patience, encouragement, and commitment help ensure that every child reaches their full potential.

Without Lizzy, Nicolene, Vera, Augie, Melvin, and Rowan, our hostel, garden, and play park simply wouldn't feel like home for our children. Their hard work, care, and dedication keep Max Kroon House clean, neat, and welcoming every single day.

Our wonderful bus drivers, Uncle Trevor, Uncle Melvin, Uncle Arnold, Oom Piet and Uncle Andrian, who ensure our Max Kroonies travel safely home each Friday and to their various sports matches. Your reliability and kindness make our children feel safe.

Andre Brink visits our Max Kroonies each week, bringing fun and creative ways to learn about the Bible and God. His engaging lessons and kind presence make these moments truly special for the children, nurturing both their faith and curiosity.

We ended the year on a high note with a fun-filled hostel dinner at Profcon Resort, where the children enjoyed an afternoon of laughter and excitement on the water slides; even managing to give our Principal, Mr Hulleman, a big, wet group hug! The Max Kroonies tucked into a delicious dinner of burgers, chips, ice cream, and cake, celebrating the end of another wonderful year together.







Aaron Koeberg

Aiden Steenkamp

Akeem Christoffels

Alexa Ott

Alexander Webster

Alulutho Skosana

Aghamile Wana



Boden Abader

Callen Blignaut

Deandre Malai

Elimiyo Daliwe

Finn Minnaar

Gabriella Beck



Holly Mussell

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Jacques Vand Deventer

Jaden Damons

Joané Bekker



Jordan Marais

Kaele Hardine

Kara Van Der Walt

Keevah Lamont

Kevinishia Booysen

Kiera Bantom



Kungawo Camngca

Kyle Bangure

Lavelilanga Wilman

Leah Van Aswegen

Leo Davids

Logan Mcadam



Lubabalo Silimani

Luchaé Jaftha

Luhle Kabashe

Luke Fitzhenry

Malik Van Gend

Mikhongelo Mabunda

Mikhulu Nqumashe



Mila Whyte

Mivuyo Kutwana

Naude Bester

Naumi Okbagergish

Njongo Jantjies

Nöhl Thomas

Ntando Nontshiyane



Okuhle Mabope

Olivia Hoskin

Olivia Rand

Otto John Moolman

Rachel Kingwill

Richard Holloway

Rileigh Van Der Struys



Seth De Bruin

Shiloh Phillips

Sinolizwi Novunya

Teneekah Kameel

Yimivuyo Makalima

Zaydan Daniels

Ziziphiwo Jack



## MY NEWS

My dad pooh my mom in the Pool. My mom pool my dad in the pool. ~ Naumi Okbagergish

First I went to the beech. Then jooj cam to vizitet. After I went to the sayt. Lastly I coot a fish. ~ Luke Fitzhenry

I shot three buc and wen we got hom I cut the buc nutsac. ~ Jordan Marais

we wet to tinuee and Then we jyv long. After tat we wet to bich and we it usicrm. ~ Alulutho Skosana

I playd wit my friends. I playd tuchi ~ Nöhl Thomas

We wen tto swim ~ Alexander Webster

My dad gev me R400 and it was nius ~ Akeem Christoffels

We selebrat my sistirs birfday ~ Mikhongelo Mabunda

I went to spre ~ Callen Blignaut

We an miy mom wuch neck flis ~ Njongo Jantjies

Mi and My Mom and Ded and my sistu ~ Ivokuhle Ngece

## OWL BABIES

The owl babies are sad. my mum. I wunt mom. The Three owl are haepi. ~ Finn Minaar

Thay mother did fuy away. Thay war weting in a chiry for thay mother. The owlbabies war a sleap. ~ Mivuyo Kutyana

The mom wet to go get food. Bill did say he wut he mum. Mom did cum bak. ~ Sinolizwi Novunywa

The uwils lost tay mom ~ Olivia Hoskin

## VLAGGIE DAG

I wan for prez. The bol wen uq to the thag. A got 40 fag fo my famli. A did luv Vlaggie Dag on Monday. ~ John Moolman

I won a prizes. The teecheers ran like chickens. Mrs haalmin hitte the ball. We won a donuts. ~ Teneekah Kameel

First he wat out plut uwi flags. Than mr rogis hit the golf dall. I did not win a prizes but I had fun. ~ Kaele Hardine

I win a qrisi. They was lons ov flags. Bodin and I was navass. ~ Jayden Damons

## EARS THE DONKEY

Ther was a donkey Named Ears. Ears ate the granys hat. Ears was a good boy. Ears won a metel. ~ Deandre Malai

The donkey is noti. He stol the ladis hat. The donkey brock freey of The rop. ~ Naudé Bester

I kan get da doki ~ Leah van Aswegen

He is a animl. He is winnerr ~ Mikhulu Nqumashe

Donkey run dun the hil ~ Ciara Bantom

## TIEKIE AAND

Me and olivia rand went to throw the sponjes at the boys. Me and my sister went to win a prise. I went to naelcupin. Tiekie Aand was fun. ~ Gabriella Beck

I throo apples. ~ Kevvah Lamont

I went to shoot with a qelet gun. Tiekie Aand was fon. I did not gow in the gost tunil. My mom did not let mee gow in to the gest tunil. ~ Jacques van Deventer

## GRAVEL BURN

The cyclists rud on the bicycles. I so this am rud the bicycles. The cyclists kav my a hi faf. ~ Elimiyo Daliwe

I see the cameras. We hear the kudu horn. We get high fives from the cyclists. ~ Malik van Gend

## THE LITTLE RED HEN & LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

The hen di not sher the bunz. ~ Ntando Nontshiyane

The woof at The grani. ~ Okuhle Mabope

The red hen has chixs ~ Kyle Bangure

Little red ridem hood gos to her graNy ~ Leo Davids

She bakd dread ~ Ziziphiwo Jack

The mothr sent hir ~ Olivia Rand

## HOW TO MAKE A BED:

I tayk my plows of ~ Joané Bekker

Next I will make shor I mak the sheyt nit ~ Logan McAdam

Fold midla the bed ago ~ Mila Whyte

Frst I tack my pillos then I fixmy shis ~ Imimangaliso Makubalo

The little red hen pick up the grain of weet. The pig is laizy. ~ Lubabalo Silimeni

We went to watch them. We went to see the jron. Oft tat we sor haleeckoptet. We went back to skool. ~ Aiden Steenkamp.

First I at ceskrim. Then I play owstd. After that I woch tv. ~ Yimivuyo Makalima

I went to bo d a handstand. Then I did wock TV. After that I went uwt with my mom and dad to gow get sum ekicream. ~ Alexa Ott

I wet to mut zebu pock. I ate seey and I ate icecream. After that I mate cookee. ~ Boden Abader

We went to the cyclist. Then we cut down fom 10. After that the cyclist went off. We went to school. ~ Lavelilanga Wilman

The little usle is look for the Mum. The Bil is mis the Mum. ~ Shiloh Phillips

First we so the helocot. Then we cawnt with them. After that we so the biks. ~ Luchae Jaftha

The baby owls thot thay mommy was lost. The baby owls wewe hppy to see thry mommy cume back. ~ Luhle Kabashe

I play on the fon. Then I playd with lego. After that I went to Spur. ~ Richard Holloway

The mum wet to go food. Bil cride pecose she was sad. Pirsy look out for hir mum. Ol Birds thingk a lot. ~ Aaron Koeberg

I had a pla dat wih Oliviy Rand. Then I plad with my Barbees. After that I lisind to a podcarst. ~ Holly Mussell

We went to the cyclist. We had a condon. We cheeyd. We went back to skool. ~ Kevinishia Booysen

We aet then I went to church. We went hom. I went to my granny. ~ Kara van der Walt

I went to miomu and I went and fesht meet. I cut the meet and put it in a bag. I went hom and went to feebmi bogs. ~ Rachel Kingwill

Bill misses their mom. Sarah sat on the branch with Bill and Percy. They think. All owls think a lot. They wished their mom came back. Bill said he loves their mom. Their mom was gone because she was looking for food. ~ Aqhamile Wana





### GRADE 1B

**BACK:** Jacques van Deventer, Alulutho Skosana, Teneekah Kameel, Jordan Marais, Elimiyo Daliwe, Mrs. Bellingan

**MIDDLE:** Kaele Hardine, Okuhle Mabope, Kevvah Lamont, Ntando Nontshiyane, Luke Fitzhenry, Finn Minnaar, Sinolizi Novunywa,

**FRONT:** John Moolman, Deandre Malai, Jayden Damons, Mivuyo Kutwana, Naomi Okbagergish, Malik van Gend, Gabriella Beck

**ABSENT:** Naudé Bester



### GRADE 1M

**BACK:** Zaydan Daniels, Olivia Rand, Logan McAdam, Olivia Hoskin, Akeem Christoffels, Ms. Burger

**MIDDLE:** Joané Bekker, Alexander Webster, Leo Davids, Mikhulu Nqumashe, Ziziphiwo Jack, Ivokuhle Ngece, Callen Blignaut

**FRONT:** Mikhongelo Mabunda, Nöhl Thomas, Mila Whyte, Njongo Jantjies, Kyle Bangure, Imimangaliso Makubalo, Leah van Aswegen





#### GRADE 1K

**BACK:** Mrs Kingwill, Rileigh van der Struys, Shiloh Phillips, Lubabalo Silimeni, Inganathi Johnson, Richard Holloway,

**MIDDLE:** Rachel Kingwill, Aaron Koeberg, Aqhamile Wana, Luhle Kubashe, Holly Mussel, Lavelilanga Wilman, Kara van der Walt

**FRONT:** Kevinishia Booyesen, Yimivuyo Makalima, Seth de Bruin, Luchae Jaftha, Alexa Ott, Aiden Steenkamp, Boden Abader, Kungawo Camngca



#### GRADE 1 TEACHER TEAM

Mrs. Marais, Ms. Burger, Mrs. Kingwill, Mrs. Bellingan



#### Miss Melani Burger

My teacher drives a:

*Car*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Burgur*

How old is your teacher?

*28 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*Mom*

Written by: Leo Davids



#### Mrs Bronwynne Kingwill

My teacher drives a:

*White car*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Sandwiches*

How old is your teacher?

*37 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*Police*

Written by: Aqhamile Wana



#### Mrs Robyn Bellingan

My teacher drives a:

*Car*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Pancaks and milkbars*

How old is your teacher?

*21 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*bokter*

Written by: Gabriella Beck



#### Mrs Moyra Marais

My teacher drives a:

*Cor*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Tos bred*

How old is your teacher?

*82 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*A coch*

Written by: Kyle Bangure





### GRADE 2P

**BACK:** Unenceba Jezile, Blake Bezuidenhout, Logan Smith, Hunter Krige, Esethu Madotyeni

**MIDDLE:** Mrs Corrie Potgieter, Charles Kingwill, Kgothatso Mabapa, Akeevah Klerk, Kainon Swartz, Imbasa-Entle Booysen, John Kingwill, Elvaro Bok

**FRONT:** Daniel Juries, Taylor Lucas, Tara Birch, Becca Hunter, Georgia Preston, Aiden van der Walt, Bazile Lukubeni



### GRADE 2N

**BACK:** Miss Ilze Nortje, Axolamayirha Speelman, Lee-Ma Ahmed, Julia Walker, Ruben Bester, Sisipho Mtolo

**MIDDLE:** Drury Plaatjies, Kate Krige, Setote Mussa, Akohlulwa Kilili, William Herold, Gia Maya, Derwin Mathews

**FRONT:** Luphawu Noko, Arlo Matthews, Luka Jansen van Rensburg, Nqwenokuhle Mbiyozo, Lakhanya Gumbi, Zadoc Johnson, Ashley Wenham



#### **GRADE 2B**

**BACK:** Ayavuya Blouw, Alivia Palmer, Garron Maarman, Ajay Le Roux, Nicolas Rossouw, Mrs N Burger

**MIDDLE:** Lusikelelo Mdlalana, Tyrese Booysen, Amy van Rensburg, Alude Mabhamba, Rebecca Nel, Jade Dugmore

**FRONT:** Cwangco Ntobe, Jamie Swartz, Kyric Koeberg, Cayden van Staden, Matthew Hoffman, Johandr  Ludick and Mohammed Fraz



#### **GRADE 2 TEAM 2025**

*Ilze Nortje, Corrie Potgieter, Natasha Burger, Moyra Marais*





## Grade 2 Creative Writing

### THE ADVENTURES OF PRANKOSAURUS

I was so happy on Friday because it is weekend. I was so excited when Mrs P said it was my turn with Prankosaurus.

Friday, Prankosaurus and I did my homework together. Saturday we went to visit my granny. Prankosaurus was very naughty, he ate my granny's plant. I know Prankosaurus loves lamb chops so my dad and I braai some for him. Sunday we watch TV. I love Jurassic World, so does Prankosaurus. Lola enjoyed having him here. Thank you Mrs P. ~ Logan Smith

On Friday I was excited to see Prankosaurus. At Aftercare Prankosaurus ate an ice-cream. Prankosaurus said it was so delicious. Prankosaurus was watching Bluey on TV. Prankosaurus was watching the fire my dad made. Prankosaurus was so sleepy that he slept in my bed. On Saturday Prankosaurus ate leafs for breakfast. We went to the Valley so Prankosaurus can see the dam. After that Prankosaurus found a gemsbok on the mountain. My dad took us to KFC for ice-cream. We went to my cousins house and Prankosaurus played with my cousins. After that I went home. On Sunday we went to church. Prankosaurus enjoyed the songs. After that we had a nice Sunday lunch. Afterwards we had a lazy Sunday in front of the TV. Prankosaurus had a great weekend! We will miss him.

~ Daniel Juries

On Friday, Thatso and I went to his tennis practice. I watched him play tennis and I liked it a lot. After that we went to the shops and bought sweets, popcorn and coke. When we got home we watched Dragon ball Z and had snacks. Thatso and I went to bed early because we were going to PE. When Thatso was still sleeping, I pulled a prank on him and wore his tekkies and blanket. At PE, Thatso saw his friend and we played rugby together. Thatso got tuckshop money and got coke. Before we went back to Graaff-Reinet, we went to McDonalds and had a meal. On Sunday we went to church, it was very fun. When we got home, I ate with Thatso's khulu. The last thing we did we played on the trampoline.

~ Kgothatso Mabapa

### MY UNDERWATER ADVENTURE

Blake, John, Charles and I went scuba diving. We checked if ower equipment was redy and it was. We brang a gun that can shoot underwater. Then we swam for a bit and saw a great white shark coming to eat us! He neli ate me but John shot it in time! We then got rich becos we found lots of treasure.

We had been swimming for hours and then found a ship rek. We found mor treasure. We found mor gold and dimonds than last time. A few minuts later we went in a corl

forist. After we got out, we found another ship rek with way mor gold, dimonds and emeralds. A ship then fetched us and the treasure. ~ Hunter Krige

John and I decided to go diving. We put our wet suits on and oxygen tanks. Then we went on a small boat and dived. We went down to the pitch black bit. Then as we went down, it got very very cold.

As we went, we saw the Titanic. We saw gold and diamonds. Then we saw very old cups and bowls. There was even fish swimming inside! We saw very very old anchors and we saw the Mona Lisa with gold and diamonds on it! That's the end of our adventure, Yippi!

~ Aiden van der Walt

One day I went on a boat trip to find the lost treasure. I took my oxygen bag and my goggles flippers and i dived into the water. Then I saw something shine and it was a gold tooth. I looked and I looked and I found a coin I was so lucky. I got on my boot and looked for fishes.

I saw a big sordfish and I pet it. The sordfish led me to a sunken ship and i found lots and lots of gold. Then I played with the fish and a shark tried to eat me but the dolfyn stoped the shark and the shark ran awy. And I went home to sleep.

~ Matthew Hoffman

This moning I woke up and took my goggles and my swimming koth. We went to the see I was happy. I tucked the see it was cold. I was diving in teh see. I hope i saw a treasure I saw a colourful seahorse that showed me the treasure Ther was golde.

I saw a big red fish hid in the roks it was dangerous it was sowe spookiy. I turnd and swame fast. I swame in a dark cave My hart was biting. Falely I saw a ship I was crying whit hope. I saw a fish.

~ Lusikelelo Mdlalana

This morning I woke up and cheked the news and haerd that treasure is in the sea. So then i ate breakfast and fetched my swiming suit, goggles and oxygen tank. I am at the beach so I hoped on the boat and went to the deep part of the sea and then i putted on my swimig stuff. I am underwater.

Shhhh I saw a shark I hope he didnt see me. Woo he is not here any more I am going back to search for the treasure. What is that is it gold its just a coin. Yes I found the treasure. ~ Ajay Le Roux

One day I woke up to go on my underwater adventure. I need goggles, oxygen tank and scuba gear. I looked down in the water when I went in it was cold. I saw lots of fish. I hope I find the burried treasure. I saw a rock that does not look like a rock.



**Mrs Corrie Potgieter**

My teacher drives a:

Oudie

My teacher's favourite food is:

Fritoos

How old is your teacher?

39 years old

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

A vet

Written by: Georgia Preston



**Mrs Natasha Burger**

My teacher drives a:

Car

My teacher's favourite food is:

Stacke

How old is your teacher?

33 years old

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

A shef

Written by: Rebecca Nel



**Miss Ilze Nortje**

My teacher drives a:

Oraege car

My teacher's favourite food is:

Soshey

How old is your teacher?

24 years old

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

A peole that looks for peoles bons

Written by: Julia Walker





I saw a big sordfish that was lost in the ocean. I looked in the coral I saw a shark that so tiny. I was hungry so I went up to eat something nice. I went back down in the water . I saw a rock when touch the rock it was wood when I diged it up it was treasure! ~ **Mohammed Fraz**

I was on my boat and I put on my flippers, mask and my swimming costume on. I jumped in to the cold water. I saw lots and lots of colourful fish and seaweed. There was a beautiful shell and next to it there was a fish and I waved at him.

There was a starfish next to me that was red and green. The sand went between my toes and I wiped the sand and there was a crab on my foot. I picked it up and put it down on the sand. There was so much coral, seaweed and fish. I saw a sea horse it was green, pink, blue and yellow I waved at him. ~ **Ashley Wenham**

One day my friend Laya and I went on an adventure. We saw an coralreef so we dropped the anchor. We got our wetsote on flippers and goggles. Then we jumped into the water and stated to swim. We swam and swam.

Then we looked at the colourful fish and then we saw dolphins! Then we were looking at dolphins Laya saw a brite light in the dark tunnel. Then we swam and swam. When we got clooser we found that it was a treasure chest! The end ~ **Julia Walker**

One day I went to the sea. I put my swimming costume on. I went on a boat to start my adventure. I wore flipper, goggles and a swimming mask. I dived in the water a saw some fish and coral.

I met a beautiful mermaid that had makeup on. She came to me and said hi and I said hi to her. She showed me the mermaids home. I had to go but I changed my mind and stayed and I turned in to a mermaid. ~ **Setote Mussa**

#### THE DAY BIRON JOINED THE CIRCUS

Biron decided to go to the big circus. He became a clown. Hes jokes make everyone laughed hard. He did backflips

and frontflips. The stage clapt and wen Biron went up the rope He remember Hes scerd of hitse. so he did some thing als He did funny face and more jokes and He had to go home and then He made balloons and He wen home. ~ **Lakhanya Gumbi**

Biron went at the circus. He saw amazing thing. Birno decided to bee a clown. All the people was watching Birno. Then Birno went home ~ **Axolamayirha Speelman**

#### MY SPACE ADVENTURE

One day we wanted to go to the moon and have a picnic. We pact a basket and our close Rebecca and I got in the rocket and we went to the moon. On the way we go in our close and put on our helmet. When we landed on the moon there was no gravity and the trip was scery.

We landed safely on the moon. And we seated up the picnic. I saw a big green scery alien wutg three ise. We saw a jem. It was pink and then Rebecca got it and it was very shiney. We had our picnic and we left. What a fun adventure! ~ **Jade Dugmore**

One day Tara, Becca and I went to space. We wore a space suit, helmet, gravity boots and a oxygen tank. I was very excited! We went in a space ship and the trip was lovely. We were going to the moon. The trip was kind of slow.

Then we landed at the moon. It wasnt really a new planet. The moon is grey and it has holes in it and flags. We saw some aliens near by. We found tuns of flags. ~ **Georgia Preston**

My friends, Becca and Georgia and I want to go to space. We were a space helmet, space suit and oxygen tanks. I felt excited and nervous. The trip was a little bumpy.

We landed on a new planet that we had never see befor! We colded it the Swirly-Twirly Planet. The planet looks like a magical star in the sky. I can see some friendly aliens. Becca found a lovely rok. Georgia found sum blue grass and I found a new friend. ~ **Tara Birch**

#### MY SECRET ANIMAL FRIEND

Late at night in the cold breas, little Becca had a sweet dream. Suddenly there was a faint nock that just woke her up. She was scared but did not back down. She went to the door and slowly opened it up. She saw a tiger, tired and done. She let it sleep on her bed and then she sed: what are you doing here? What is your name? My name is Lala and I am here to take you on an adventure. So Becca put on her jacket and they set off. They ran up and down. Thank you Lala, we will meet agin. ~ **Becca Hunter**

#### MY NUWE HOND

My hond is swart en hy het lang ore. Hy slap in die huis en sy naam is James. Hy speel met 'n tou. Die tou is baie lank en ek dra dit. My hond is baie klien en hy hardloop baie vinag. Hy eet die been en hy is baie cute. Die been maak sy tane baie skerp. ~ **Charles Kingwill**

Ek kray 'n nuwe hond. Say nam is isak. Hy is baie klain en gry. Ek speel met home met die bal en hy fang dit. En dan hy slap. Hy is nowe vaker. Ek vil 'n waterbake vol water. Hy klim ute en dan ons slaap. the end ~ **Nicolas Rossouw**

#### LET IT SNOW!

This morning I woke up and opened the curtains to find snow on the grass. It makes me so happy there is one hundred billon snow even the trees are covered with snow.

After getting dressed nice and warmly, we went outside. My family and I went outside to play in the snow. I went to fetch a carrot for the snowmans nose then we back inside and switched the heater to worm up our hands. When we went to bed I switched on my eletricty blanket in my bed. ~ **Cwangco Ntobe**

This morning I woke up and opened the curtains to find snow on the grass! I was shocked to see so much snow there was thawsens. I was excited to play in the snow. The trees were coverd with snow it was amazing to see it snow on the farm

After getting dressed nice and warmly,





#### MY HOLIDAY NEWS

we went outside. Conner, Dad and I pilt a snowman then we had a snow ball fight. Then Connor covered me with snow then I heard my mom call hot choclaf hot choclaf! We went back inside and warmed up our icy cold hands after a lovely snowy morning. ~ **Rebecca Nel**

#### ONS GAAN DIERETUIN TOE

Ons sien 'n aap die aap gooi 'n piessang. Die aap spring uit die boom. Pappa gaan roomys koop. Mamma hou van die leeu. Pappa is mog and die aap steel pappa is roomys ~ **Jamie Swartz**

Die aapie hang by die boom. Die leeu brul ek hardloop veg. Ons kyk na die seekoei. Hy maak sy mont oop. Ons gaan hystoe voor ons hystoe gaan one eet roomys. ~ **Tyrese Booysen**

Mamma en Pappa wul romys koop. Ons het baie galt ge spandeer. Die leeu het ampr my ge byt. Ek hou van die aap. Die kemeelpart is laak. ~ **Johandé Ludick**

My famley and me went to PE and we saw the orenj moon at night. My dog and I plaed fech. Me and my Dad rode our bikes. I had a playdate with my friend dan. We had to go home. I went to Hunter hous.

~ **Luka Jansen van Rensburg**

#### THESE KIDS ARE SPIES

Joe and Rob were spy kids. They worked for Game master. Joe and Rob spied on Ms. Nell. Joe went to the table like a ninja. She had to take a peak though the window. Joe saw gold Rob came and gave it to the boss. Joe and Rob went home.

~ **Zadoc Johnson**

#### ONS WERK IN DIE TUIN

Ek en my familie werk in die tuin. Mamma Pappa en my Nefies help my on die tuin skoon te maak. Ons sien 'n blou voël en ses geel skoenlapper. Pappa sny die grass met 'n grassnyer. My Nefies water die plante. Die hond aa op die grass. Pappa

het dit op getel. ~ **Derwin Mathews**

Ons maak die tuin nat. Pappa wil die boom af sny. Ek gooi water in die emmer. Die hond maak 'n gat. Sussie wil ons help sy het die grassnyer. Die hond jaag die kat hier langs aan. A skoenlapper gaan vir by. Die voel maak 'n nes. Ek gaan die kraan op maak. Die hond het op die plante gehol. ~ **Jamie Swarts**

Ek en my familie plant 'n boom. Ek en my boet spell met die motorfiets. My papa spit die grom om. Mamma maat kos. Die kat is moeg. Ek swem in die sembad. Did is lekker! Ek eet in die water wa lekker te swem. Die boom was groot. Ek swem lekker. ~ **Cayden van Staden**

Ek gebruik die gieter om die plante nat te maak. My suster speel met die bal. my boet gebruik die graf om die grond uit te goo. My pa gebruik grassnyer om die grass te sny. Die voel fuil tuitui in die bome. Ons hond jag die kat. My ma kook in die kombuis lekkere sop. My Oupa gebruik die tuinslang om die blomme nat te maak. My ouma help vir my pa om die gras te sny. My Nefie speel playsaitaesion 5 op die TV. My niggies speel ope die foon en sleep block blast. ~ **Tyrese Booysen**

Een dag my en my familie het in die tuin gewerk. My pa sny die grass met 'n grassnyer. En my ma plant die blomme. Die Honde speel met die bal in die son. Ek ge die hasies kos. My suster sin 'n baba voel in 'n nes. My baba broer speel in die sand. Die bal het oor die heining so my ma het die bal ge kry. En dan ons het ge gaan in die huis. ~ **Alivia Palmer**

My familie en ek werk in die tuin. Ek speel met die hond met die bal. Ek sien 'n skoenlapper hy is baie baie mooi. My suster speel met die bal. My pappa water die boom. EK water die grass met die lang tuinslang. Die voel speel in die groot boom. ~ **Mohammed Fraz**







### GRADE 3HJ

**BACK:** Tyler Mongwe, Hayley Westraad, Stacey Bangure, André Putter, Endinako Skepe

**MIDDLE:** Layla Rand, Mrs C. Heunis-Jones, Liam Whyte, Liyanelisa Nonnies, Qazo Booï, Riley Johaar, Caidon Swartz, Riko Steynberg

**FRONT:** Mya Dos Santos, Roxanne Stevens, Mia le Roux, Ariya Adolph, Tahum Buys, Neah van der Berg, Sayid Kuhlana



### GRADE 3M

**BACK:** Mrs M. Snyman, Allen-Keziah Block, Riané Victor, Juan de Klerk, Alexis Basson, Jesse Meyer, Lolwethu Jacobs

**MIDDLE:** William Preston, Ntandoyenkosi Fikeni, Luminathi Camngca, Karli Minnie, Naledi Mateza, Christian-Ross Maya, Ethan Simons

**FRONT:** Kamogelo Oliphant, Amy Gerber, Cwenga Dibi, CJ Marlouw, Avery Malai, Paballo Mabapa, Nickathan Oormeyer





**GRADE 3V**

*BACK: Callan Strydom, Liam Wormald, Marafia Kaitro, Jamon Pienaar, Skylar Goliath, Sonwabiso Mhambi, Mrs C. Minnie  
MIDDLE: Kungawo Memeza, Gabriella Lekas, Lukho Pehlo, Aaliya Madaugee, Azalea Sauls, Avia Cona, Eden Hufkie  
FRONT: Naylah Horne, Hlalumi Manyonta, Tyler Booysen, Keishia Booysen, Anton Venter, Sophia Ott, Taygan George*



**GRADE 3 TEACHER TEAM**

*Mrs Charné Minnie, Mrs Merisha Snyman, Mrs Chanzelle Heunis-Jones*



## ENGLISH

### If I had a magical pet – Skylar Goliath

One day I went for a walk when I found a colourful egg. At first I thought it was a bit strange and a bit interesting. I took it home and waited until it hatched. It took a long time but I waited and waited. I got a bit bored so when I went to go play. On Saturday I went to go check on the egg. When I went to check it hatched and out came a little cute strange looking puppy? It was very strange and you now wait it can fly. I was very surprised I took care of it very well. We went to this place called magical land. I had so much fun I love my magical pet.

### If I had a superpower for a day... – Callan Strydom

I opened my eyes and felt strange...something magical had happened overnight. I had the power to talk to animals. When I woke up my bearded dragon was talking to me. I was very surprised, so my bearded dragon and I went to go fishing. I taught how to catch a fish. But he said he can't hold a heavy rod. So he said he would teach me how to fish his way. When a fish came past him and a split second later he jumped in to the water. And caught the fish. When it was supper we ate the fish. It was the best day ever.

### The sandwich ran away from my lunch box – Gabriella Lekas

I was just playing with my friends but then I saw something get out of my lunch box. It was my ... sandwich. It had ham and cheese on it. It was scared I would eat him. It ran on the steps. I think he wanted to run to the dam. And get soaking wet. It was so slow cause of the ham and cheese. Then the ham and cheese fell off. So then he ran super fast but I still caught him.

### Letter to your family as a friendly alien who got stuck on earth. – Aaliya Madaugee

Dear family.

I'm safe but stuck on this weird planet where everybody wears clothing! I tried asking people for help but they just say "Nice costume!" I hope I get out of here soon. I found out what planet this is. It's planet earth! Earth looks weird. Everyone is wearing clothing and shoes it's disgusting! So far I have seen some questionable things. I've seen a dog with a hat on, a cat with a suit on, a tiny car and more. The people are at least friendly! I think I'll be staying here for a while. I hope you stay safe while I'm gone! Love from, Eila

### Friendly alien letter to family on Planet Zog – André Putter

Dear Alien Mom

Please don't get mad at me! I tried driving your UFO and I by accident crashed it on Earth. I'm very sorry. I kind of liked it on Earth. Did you know I landed in the most beautiful country. It was called South Africa. I landed in a cave and the UFO survived and I found a hunter hunting. So I tried asking him something. I could not because he aimed his gun at me and called 911. So I was studied by scientists. I was so cool but they looked weird. I wanted to just go home. So I kept wiggling and they got scared of me. I finally got released and went back to planet Zog.

Love from, André

### If I had a superpower for a day – Layla Rand

I opened my eyes and felt strange....something magical had happened overnight – I had the power to talk to animals! I know because I heard my dog Blu say, "I want peanut butter for breakfast." So I shouted, "Blu be quiet I want to sleep!" Then I noticed I was barking! I was shocked I was barking. So I gave Blu some peanut butter and layed in bed. Then when I was in bed

two blue birds said, "Hello I am Peter and she is Lovely." "What is your name?" I said, "My name is Layla." I let them in for breakfast. I gave them some poppy seeds and I had some cereal. We all went to play outside and I met a pig, cow and a snake. We all played together. Okay so Sally the snake tried to eat Peter and Lovely but we are all friends. What will your power be if you can have one?

### A suitcase describing where it travelled – Riley Johaar

It is holiday and we are going to PE. Oh how I hate it because they just push me into the car and push clothes into me. That part is at least over. So we got into the car and left. The car was very bumpy we went up and down. We finally arrived to PE and when we got to my grandma, all the dirty clothes stuffed in there. The next day one of my owners built a house out of mud and rock with her cousins. The following day my owners went to the skate park it looked so cool. Finally we came back to Graaff-Reinet but I was such a mess.

### How to catch an elf – Ariya Adolph

So one day my baby brother and I were trying to catch an elf Snowy. She is very naughty and steals a lot of stuff. She also does not listen to Santa. On Christmas eve my brother and I made a trap! But it did not work so we made their favorite snack! We made cookies. It did not work. On Christmas day we found her on my brother's room door my brother cried but I told him it's just our elf. We made our Christmas food! Then guess what she did she stole our food! That's how I struggled to catch an elf. It was easy with my brother. I hope she does not do it again!

### Email reply to Alien Neila – Caidon Swartz

Dear Neila

My name is Caidon I am from planet earth. My parents taught me a bit differently than you. Here we sit on our chairs and our food goes on the table. We call our zoob plates, they come in different shapes to. On earth we use forks, knives and spoons. Here we don't burp loud after we're done eating. And we never throw our plates on the floor. We don't eat quick cause we may choke. We only dance with our family and friends. Love from, Caidon

## AFRIKAANS

### My beroep. – Keishia Booysen

Eendag wil ek 'n dokter word. Ek wil 'n dokter word want dan kan ek my familie gesond hou. Ek gaan moet na mense se haart lyster. Dokters sal moet ook seker maak al die kinders is gesond. 'n Dokter moet al tyd waaker wees. Ons in 'n hospitaal al tyd. Dokters gee ook vir jou 'n inspyting. Dit gaan baie hard is om 'n dokter te wees. Dis hoekom ek 'n dokter wil wees.

### My ma se lekker kos. – Taygan George

In die middag maak my ma 'n lekker pot kos vir ons. Sy maak die lekkerste kos as ek dit ruik vol ek baie gelukkig. As ons dit eet in die aand vol ek baie lekker gesond. Daar is altyd groente in haar kos dis hoekom ek so gesond is. Ek dink my ma is 'n goeie kok omdat haar kos so lekker proe. Sy sal altyd wortels, spinasie en artepels in haar pot gooi. My ma se kos is die beste, dis wat ek dink.

### Die dag toe ek 'n dinosourus as troeteldier gehad het.

– Avia Cona

Ek het op gestaan en dan het ek 'n dinosourus gesien! Hy was baie klein en blou. Sy vlerke was groen en sy tande was goud en skerp. En sy horings was pienk en klein. Sy pote was blou en 'n goud kleur. Hy was 'n klein en blou T-Rex. Ek het vir hom na die park toe gevat.





**Mrs Chanzelle Heunis-Jones**

My teacher drives a:

*Polo*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Fruit*

How old is your teacher?

*36 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher,  
she would be a: *A chef*

Written by: *Riley Johaar*



**Mrs Merisha Snyman**

My teacher drives a:

*Cherry*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Pizza*

How old is your teacher?

*31 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher,  
she would be a: *A doctor*

Written by: *Amy Gerber*



**Mrs Charne Minnie**

My teacher drives a:

*Polo car*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Pizza*

How old is your teacher?

*24 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher,  
she would be a: *A hockey coach*

Written by: *Gabriella Lekas*

Ons het gespeel en gehardloop dit was baie lekker maar ons was baie moeg. Dan het ons huis toe gegaan en geëet. Dit was die beste dag ooit met my dinosaurus!

#### **Toe dit lekkers gereen het.**

**- Kungawo Memeza**

Een oggend toe ek by die venster uitkyk, kon ek my oë nie glo nie—dit het nie water gereen nie...dit het lekkergoed! Ek het uit gehardloop en ek was opgewonder. My ma het geskrik toe bring sy 'n emmer. Die emmer was vol lekkers daar was smarties, ice cream en mentos. My ma het meer lekkers geeet dan ek. My pa was by die werk so sy het nie lekkergoed geëet nie. My pa het in die aande huis toe gekom. Al my vriende het saam geeet. Toe koop ons nog lekkergoed. Toe die dag klaar is my maag baie seer.

#### **Die dag toe dit lekkergoed gereën het**

**- Roxanne Stevens**

Toe ek op gestaan het toe kyk ek deer die venster. Dit was baie snaaks, want dit het lekkers gereën. Dit het Doritoes gereën. So toe gaan roep ek my vriende. Weet jy wat het ons gedoen? Ons het die lekkers geëet maar toe pyn ons tande. Toe moes ons mamas ons tandarts toe vat. Ons tande was baie vrot van al die soet goet. My mag was ook baie seer. Ma en pa was nie gelukkig nie. Hulle het my gestraf!

#### **My gunsteling sport – Liyanelisa Nonnies**

My gunsteling sport is hokkie. Ek hou van hokkie en dit is by lekker. Natuurlik ons doen fiksheid. Ons hardloop twee keere rond die veld. Ons speel 'n westryd in die veld. Ons slan die hokkiebal in die doelhek en ons kry 'n pint. Afrigter nooi ons ouers vir ons te kyk. Dit is baie lekker in die hokkie.

#### **Die dag toe ek 'n dinosaurus as troeteldier gehad het – Mia le Roux**

Die ogind toe ek waker skrik toe wil ek my venster oop maak toe is daar 'n T-Rex! Ek het geskree maar did was 'n vriendlik een. Haar naam is Taara, sy is 'n meisie. Toe sy my sien toe raak sy pink. Ek was laat vir skool soo ek moes haar saam vat. Ek het skool toe op haar gery. Toe sy saam in die klas kom, toe skree Juffrou HJ! Ek het jamer vir my juffrou gese. Toe Taara omkrap toe moes ons gaan. Ay Taara ek gaan jou mis.

#### **Vadersdag – Neah van der Berg**

Die dag voor Vadersdag ek, mamma en boetie het iets geplan vir pappa. Pappa het umper vir ons gekry. Ons het gedink pappa gaan kombuis to kom. Ek, boetie en mamma kook vir Vadersdag. Boetie hoop nie pappa kry ons nie. Die kos was ons gemaak het ryk baie lekker. Almal glimlag. Die is Vadersdag en ons gaan kerk toe. Pappa hoe baie van wat ons gemaak het. Ek en my familie is lif vir pappa.







## Grade 3 Market Day

Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet's annual Grade 3 Market day brought colour, laughter and excitement to the Puggy Munnik Field Monday, 20 October! From sweet treats to creative games and handmade goodies, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The Grade 3s certainly showed off their entrepreneurial flair-planning, creating, selling and learning all while having an absolute blast!

A big thank you goes out to the rest of the Preparatory School, Union High School Grade 4-7 learners and Union Pre-School Grade R classes for coming out to support our budding young business owners. Your enthusiasm and encouragement helped make the day an unforgettable success- proof that learning really can be as sweet as it is fun!







### GRADE 4D

**FRONT:** Liam Raath, Connor Nel, Luchumile Goliath, Likuwe Naki, Natanim Wolde, Jaqwan Ahmed, Kemar Klasse

**MIDDLE:** Mrs. G van Deventer, Jua van Jaarsveld, Mercy Dzitiro, Richter de Wet, Faith-Lynne Plaaitjies, Nicole Vermeulan, Nathan Kiggundu, Kiara Knoesen, Linique Booysen

**BACK:** Mia Herrington, Isabella Petrus, Iminathi Sididi, Octavia Snyder, Khazimla Fundi



### GRADE 4H

**FRONT:** Arsema Okerbagerish, Mark Copeman, Mihle Langa, Lily Burton-Moore, Isabelle Bester, Liam Pienaar, Jamie- Lee Minnies, Madison Klerk

**MIDDLE:** Anthony Davides, Lilly- Ann Brunette, Liyasanelisa Kula, Martech Persensie, Cara Murray, Lemari Grobler, Zanelle Botha

**BACK:** Milani Mayekiso, Nixon Borlaise, Ane van der Pol, Courtney Diza, Oyintando Desha, Mr. M Madeley





**GRADE 4V**

***FRONT:** Quade Roman, Mandla Mahlaba, Scarlett May, Keira Kingwill, Hibbah Kazi, Tumelo Lukubeni, Ngcwele Nofemele  
**MIDDLE:** Owam Kotishini, Joshua Prinsloo, Alexis Dyasi, Gia Du Preez, Israel Linch, Mijke van Aswegen, Andrew McEwan, Katelynn Brunette  
**BACK:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Zanke Bellingan, Lithalande Zono, Grace Kitching, Zahra Smith*



My favourite thing in Grade 4 was Life Skills and English. The lesson I learnt this year was to always be patient and have faith to tell the truth and always to do homework and to be respectful between parents. ~ **Martech Persensie**.

The Excursion was the best! I remember I slipped in the mud. ~ **Isreal Linch**

My favourite part of Grade 4 was the Excursion; it was so much fun! I learnt to be kind to others because you don't know what they are going through.

~ **Grace Kitching**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 is playing soccer and the Excursion. I've learnt to be respectful, kind and listen carefully and I will always keep that in mind. ~ **Liyasanelisa Kula**

My favourite was A-10 Dinner and the Excursion was a lot of fun. I learnt you must not talk in class and do your homework. ~ **Milani Mayekiso**

I liked the Colour Run, and I learnt that being kind means others will be kind as well. ~ **Lemari Grobler**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 was the Excursion at Hobbiton Hogsback, it was amazing there. I learnt that hard work pays off in lots of different ways.

~ **Zanelle Botha**

Here are some things I liked about Grade 4: I really liked the Excursion, actually I didn't. I loved that it was so much fun! In Hobbiton we went to a waterfall even though the water was freezing cold, we still had fun! I loved everything we did even though I almost broke my ribs by an obstacle course, it was fun! I learnt to face my fears and teamwork! I also learnt to not just jump anywhere.

~ **Jamie-Lee Minnies**

My favourite thing was when I was at the swimming and I went to a monkey and it started chasing me. And a lesson I learnt was not to go to close to a monkey or it might bite you. ~ **Liam Pienaar**

The A-10 Dinner, it was amazing, we were dancing around in a circle. When we were late for dinner. ~ **Isabelle Bester**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 was going on the Excursion because it was very fun and the food was delicious. I learnt that trying something new is fun and is never boring, because it is amazing. ~ **Madison Klerk**

My favourite thing was when we had an Excursion. I learned that doing your homework everyday will bring you far in life, and being grateful for your teacher who has been helping you the whole year. Thank you, teachers. ~ **Anthony Davids**

My favourite moment in Grade 4 was the Excursion, which was super fun.

There's one specific lesson I won't forget in Grade 4, which was that you should never give up. ~ **Courtney Diza**

I like when we went to Hobbiton. Hobbiton is a good place, I had fun on the first day was like a miracle, the garden was beautiful. We ate burgers and the weather was funny people were dressed nicely. The fun part was when we went to the Madonna and Child waterfall. The lesson I learned was never to mess with Mrs. van Deventer and Mr. Hulleman. ~ **Oyintando Desha**

My favourite thing I did in Grade 4 was the trip to Hogsback. I had so much fun. We went on a Zipline and for the first time I did Abseiling and staying with my friends. I learnt to never give up and keep trying this lesson will stay with me for years to come. ~ **Lily Burton-Moore**

My favourite thing in Grade 4 was the excursion and the A-10 Dinner. Mr Hulleman teaching us Maths was also one of my favourite things, especially when he said 6-7. I am going to miss my grade 4 teachers and we will be crying on the last day for the Grade 4's. The lesson I learnt in Grade 4 is not to mess with the teachers. To do your homework or else you will sit in the Refocus Zone.

~ **Mihle Langa**

I enjoyed being taught by my favourite teacher, Mrs van Deventer. She is quite strict, but that is how teachers should be. She organizes almost everything. The Lesson I learnt is how important our school work is. She always says "Oh my shattered nerves". I love my teachers a lot. ~ **Ane van der Pol**

Excursion and the A-10 Dinner was my favourite. ~ **Arsema Okabagerish**

I loved the exciting excursion to Hobbiton and my favourite was Madonna and Child waterfall. I will never forget the view of a waterfall on the mountain. I can still remember when we swam under the waterfall.

~ **Lily-ann Brunette**

My favourite thing was the excursion. I learnt that you need to respect others at all time. ~ **Gia de Preez**

My favourite thing in Grade 4, was when we went on excursion. The best lesson I learnt in Grade 4 was to always take your time and not rush your work.

~ **Quade Romans**

I was so glad that I went on excursion, it was the best experience ever! My lesson in Grade 4 was that you should never be late for school. ~ **Owam Kotishini**

I arrived in the fourth term as a new learner; my favourite thing was the Grade 3 Market Day. I really miss my friends at my old school. I know that soon I will make new ones here at Union.

~ **Joshua Prinsloo**

I really enjoyed the grade 4 excursion. In grade 4 we learnt about the San

people and the Water cycle.

~ **Ngcwele Nofemele**

My ultimate favourite this year was when we hiked to Madonna and Child on excursion in Hogsback. It was beautiful. This year I learnt that if you respect your teachers, they will respect you

~ **Lithalande Zona**

I really enjoyed my grade 4 year. We had an amazing excursion at Hobbiton in Hogsback and we went on a hike, it was beautiful. I also enjoyed the A-10 Dinner where I served my own Parents. I learnt that being kind to everyone is a good thing. ~ **Kiera Kingwill**

I enjoyed playing soccer on excursion, especially when it started raining. I learnt how to be patient and to take things slow. ~ **Alexis Dyasi**

The best part of grade 4 for me was the excursion to Hogsback. The staff was so kind and they taught us so many new things. The biggest lesson that I learnt this year was to treat people the same way you wanted to be treated.

~ **Katelynne Brunette**

My favourite thing of Grade 4 was the colour run. I learnt not to be selfish and to be kind to others.

~ **Mijke van Aswegen**

Excursion was my favourite this year. I learnt a very valuable lesson to not ever work fast. ~ **Scarlett May**

My favourite thing was the excursion because we ate nice food and had lovely drinks. We went to the waterfall; it was cold but it was cooltastic. We had to sleep in bunkbeds. It was really a great excursion. ~ **Zanke Bellingan**

My favourite moment in grade 4 was when Arnott won Interhouse. I also really enjoyed the Interschools against Volkskool. I learnt a valuable lesson to think before you say anything.

~ **Tumelo Lukubeni**

My favourite thing in Grade 4 was the Grandparents Tea, I really enjoyed it. I learnt that I might be in Grade 4 but that doesn't mean I am in charge.

~ **Zahra Smith**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 was interschools. I learnt you must not rush your work because you can get everything wrong. ~ **Mandla Mahlaba**

My favourite memory was the A-10 Dinner. I had the most amazing privilege to be able to dance with my brother that was in Matric. The lesson I learnt in Grade 4 is that you should think before you just say something, because words hurt more than actions. ~ **Hibbah Kazi**

My favourite event that I attended in Grade 4 was the colour run. I learnt that fighting is not the answer.

~ **Elcke-Lynne Blom**

I absolutely enjoyed the Excursion. We did abseiling, hiking and ziplining.



The food we ate was amazing. The most memorable thing we did was the night time games. I learnt that trying and doing your best, facing your fears makes wonderful memories. ~ **Cara Murray**

Playing cricket in Bloemfontein was the most fun. I learnt that it doesn't help to talk in class. ~ **Mark Copeman**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 was going on excursion. It was fun going to Hogsback and learning new things about nature and birds in Hobbiton. I also enjoyed the food we ate. I learnt that working hard in Grade 4 will result in achieving good results and then you can have fun. ~ **Likuwe Naki**

My favourite thing about Grade 4 was going to Hogsback. I learnt that improving your marks and studying hard will make life better so that you can pass. ~ **Nathan Kiggundu**

My favourite thing in Grade 4 was the Excursion and the A-10 dinner. The most important lesson that I have learnt in grade 4 was how to behave. ~ **Luchumile Goliath**

My favourite thing in Grade 4 is when I got my Mathematician Memorial Award at prizegiving. This taught me that you need to always study hard and you will always be rewarded. ~ **Natanim Wolde**

I really enjoyed going to Hobbiton for our grade 4 excursion. On the excursion I learnt that I must always believe in myself. ~ **Jaqwan Ahmed**

My favourite part of grade 4 was going on excursion in Hogsback. I learnt a valuable lesson this year and that is always give your best in your work and your sport and most importantly NEVER GIVE UP! ~ **Linique Booysen**

The excursion stood out for me this year. We ate delicious food and we played games, went on hikes and learnt how to abseil and went ziplining. We even swam under a waterfall. I really enjoyed Life skills it taught me how to respect others and how to be kind. ~ **Kemar Klasse**

The best thing that happened in Grade 4 was the excursion and A to 10 Dinner. It was so much fun and we made so many friends. My lesson that I learnt in grade 4 was always try your best even though things get tough. Grade 4 has been the best year so far. ~ **Isabella Petrus**

The hike down to Madonna and Child was my favourite and most memorable time in Grade 4. Don't talk in class and stay focused. Always do your best and you will be rewarded. ~ **Liam Raath**

My experience in Grade 4 is that it is lovely, however if you don't do your work you will struggle to catch up. My favourite thing was playing at hostel and swimming. Playing with Josh Kingwill was always a highlight. ~ **Connor Nel**

My favourite time in grade 4 was when we went on Excursion in Hogsback. I

realised that when you are in Grade 4 that doesn't mean you are the boss of the lower grades. You also have lots of new subjects. ~ **Mercy Dzitiro**

There was a A-10 Dinner that was lots of fun. I have learnt to not play around or talk in class. We need to listen in class when the teacher is talking.

~ **Faith-Lynne Plaaitjies**

The a-10 Dinner was the best, we got to dance with the matric learners and we learnt a new song. I learnt this year that if you respect your teachers and do as you are told then your grade 4 year will be problem free.

~ **Kiara Knoesen**

My favourite thing this year was the U/10 hockey festival. We learnt about teamwork and good sportsmanship. We also learnt how to believe in ourselves. The lesson I learnt this year was not to talk about something you won't say out loud. ~ **Jua van Jaarsveld**

My favourite part of Grade 4 was the excursion, it was a lot of fun. I learnt that you must always work hard and never give up. ~ **Richter de Wet**

My favourite thing that happened in Grade 4 was the excursion at Hobbiton in Hogsback. We got to experience so many new things and the place was beautiful. I have learnt in Grade 4 that you must always try your best and believe and have faith in yourself, the rest God will work it out.

~ **Khazimla Fundi**

I loved the excursion it was fun splashing puddles and slipping in the mud. I learnt this year that if you work hard, it will be much easier and fun.

~ **Nicole Vermeulan**

My favourite thing about grade 4 was the excursion to Hobbiton in Hogsback. I learnt this year that all the teachers just want to help you. So, ask for help it will definitely benefit you.

~ **Mia Herrington**

My favourite thing was the excursion; it was so fun with so many thrilling activities. I learnt a lesson from Grade 4 and that is Friendship, teamwork and effort goes a long way.

~ **Octavia Snyder**

My favourite day of Grade 4 was the A-10 Dinner it was very nice. Grade 4 is hard the teachers here are very strict; my favourite subject was life skills. It taught me valuable lessons.

~ **Iminathi Sididi**

One of my favourite things in Grade 4 was spending break with my friends. I learnt that the teachers were very strict but it was because they cared for us and wanted us to do our best.

~ **Nixon Borlaise**

My favourite part of grade 4 was taking part in different sports. I learnt not to be selfish. ~ **Andrew McEwan**



**Mr Ross Hulleman**

My teacher drives a: *Polo (bakkie)*  
My teacher's favourite food is:

*Tuna and crackers*

How old is your teacher? *47 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, he would be a: *A biker*

Written by: *Khazimla Fundi*



**Mrs Gweny van Deventer**

My teacher drives a: *Toyota bakkie*  
My teacher's favourite food is: *Pizza*

How old is your teacher? *32 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a: *Police*

Written by: *Kiara Knoesen*



**Miss Judy van Heerden**

My teacher drives a: *Polo*  
My teacher's favourite food is:

*Braai meat*

How old is your teacher? *23 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a: *A mother of two*

Written by: *Gia du Preez*



**Mr Marcell Madeley**

My teacher drives a: *Motorbik*  
My teacher's favourite food is: *Cape Malay*

How old is your teacher? *37 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, he would be a: *Businessman*

Written by: *Quade Roman*



## Our Exciting Grade 4 Adventure to Hogsback and Hobbiton!

The Grade 4 learners recently set off on an unforgettable excursion to Hobbiton-on-Hogsback Education Centre — a journey filled with laughter, courage, and discovery in the heart of nature!

The morning of departure was a mix of nervous excitement and teary goodbyes. Some learners clung tightly to their parents, unsure of what to expect, while others buzzed with excitement, ready for adventure. But as the buses rolled up the winding mountain roads, nerves turned into smiles and songs filled the air.

One of the highlights of the trip was the hike to the famous Madonna and Child Waterfall. Surrounded by misty forests and birdsong, the learners were in awe of the breathtaking waterfall — and the bravest among them even took a dip in the cool, sparkling water beneath it! It was a magical moment of freedom and joy that no one will ever forget.

Back at Hobbiton, the days were packed with zip-lining, obstacle

courses, and team-building challenges that brought out the learners' confidence and teamwork. They cheered each other on, faced their fears, and discovered that courage often begins with just one small step forward.

Evenings were filled with laughter and games in the games hall, where learners played, danced, and shared stories about their adventures before drifting off to sleep, tired but happy.

By the time they returned home, the Grade 4s had gained not only memories but also independence, resilience, and stronger friendships. What began with nervous faces ended with proud smiles and hearts full of gratitude.

As the writer John Muir once said, "In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks." And indeed, our Grade 4s returned with more than they ever imagined — a new sense of wonder, courage, and connection to the beauty of the world around them.





On Monday, 27 January, Union Schools held its annual Junior Interhouse Athletics Day for Grade 1–7 learners. The year-long rivalry between Arnott House and Daly House was kicked off in fine style as the young athletes gave their all in various track and field events. Congratulations are in order for Arnott House, who clinched a narrow victory with an impressive 1 300 points, compared to Daly's 1 226 points.

Junior athletes who broke records were:

- Shiloh Phillips – U7 Girls' 60 m: 11,30
- Amy van Rensburg – U8 Girls' 60 m: 10,46
- Gabrella Lekas – U9 Girls' 60 m and 80 m: 10,13 ; 12,74
- Qazo Booï – U9 Boys' 60 m: 9,84
- Kainon Swartz – U8 Boys' 80 m: 13,41
- Lusikelelo Mdlalana – U8 Girls' 80 m: 13,71



**ATHLETICS SUB UNION TEAM**

*Miss Ilze Nortje, Richter de Wet*

Based on the results from the meeting, 40 athletes qualified to compete in the Graaff-Reinet Zonal Athletics Meeting held at the Botanics Sports Grounds. All the athletes made the school proud. Richter de Wet was selected to represent the Graaff-Reinet Zonal Team in the U10 Boys' High Jump, which competed in the next round at the Westbourne Oval in Gqeberha.

Twenty of our junior athletes travelled to Cradock on 6 February to participate in their Invitational Athletics Meeting. Schools from across the region came to take part in the event. Well done to all our athletes for always giving their very best!







#### ATHLETICS TEAM

**FRONT ROW:** Kyle Bangure, Nöhl Thomas, Aiden van der Walt, John Kingwill, Quade Roman, Zayden Daniels, Lusikelelo Mdlalana, Ashley Wenham, Kevinishia Booysen  
**2ND ROW:** Liam Raath, Tumelo Lukubeni, Amy van Rensburg, Gabriella Lekas, Shiloh Phillips, Taygon George, Jordan Marais, Kainon Swatz, Luchumile Goliath, Connor Nel  
**3RD ROW:** William Preston, Ayavuyo Blouw, Akeevah Klerk, Kiera Kingwill, Mihle Langa, Julia Walker, Andrew McEwan, Hibbah Kazi, Keisha Booysen, Qazo Booï, Luminathi Camgca  
**4TH ROW:** Miss I Nortje, Riané Victor, Gia du Preez, Khazimla Fundi, Richter de Wet, Zarah Smith, Grace Kitchen, Ané van der Pol, Cara Murray, Isabella Petrus, Mercy Dtziro, Isabelle Bester

## UPS Cricket

### U7 Cricket

The Grade 1 boys enjoyed their first season of cricket, filled with excitement and enthusiasm. The focus for the season was on developing basic cricket skills, building confidence, and learning the value of teamwork while having fun.

It was wonderful to see the improvement in all players from the start of the term to the final match. With every ball bowled and every shot played, there were smiles, laughter, and clear enjoyment of the game. The boys showed great commitment and a growing understanding of the sport with each practice and fixture.

Both the U7A and U7B teams displayed excellent spirit throughout the season, embracing every challenge with determination and a positive attitude.

### U9A Cricket

The 2025 season was one filled with excitement, growth, and great team spirit for our Under 9A cricket boys. Out of 12 matches played, the team secured 5 impressive wins and faced 7 tough losses. Despite the mixed results, the boys showed tremendous improvement in their skills, teamwork, and understanding of the game.

The undeniable highlight of the season was our thrilling victory over Grey Junior, where we triumphed by just 6 runs in a nail-biting finish that went down to the very last over. It was truly the match of the season and a moment the boys will remember for years to come.

Throughout the term, each player has developed not only as a cricketer but also as a teammate — showing resilience, enthusiasm, and a love for the game. The progress made from the first practice to the final





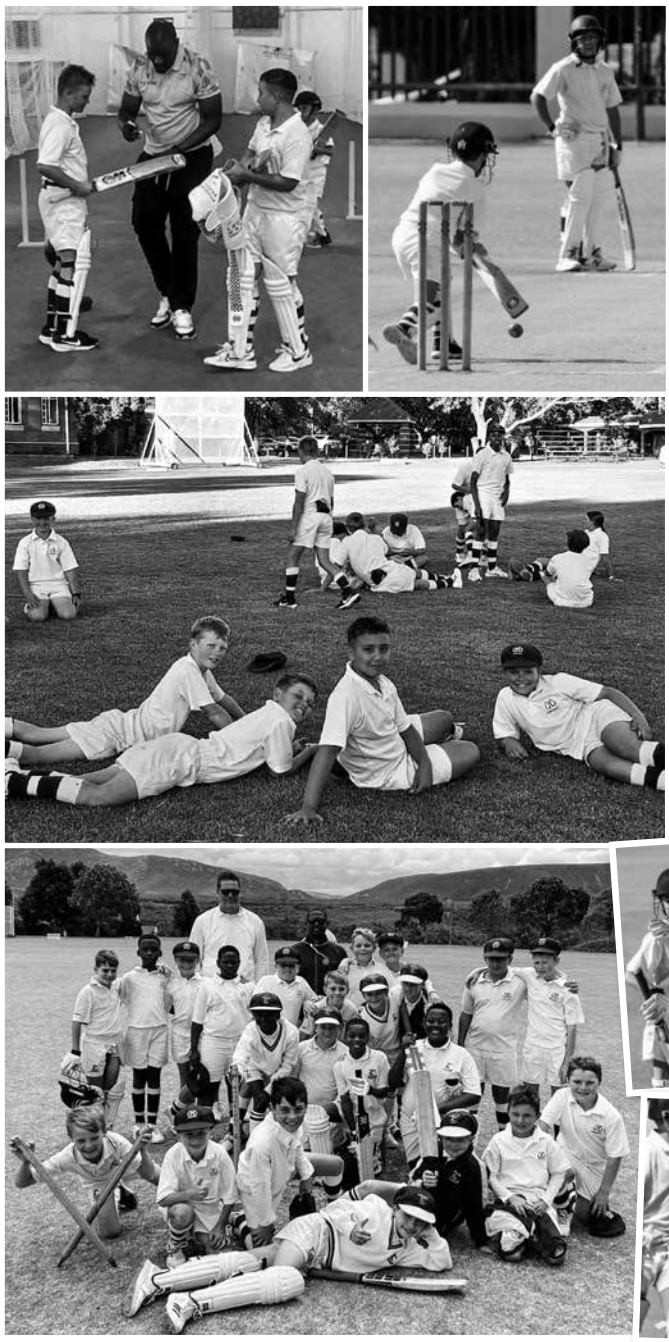
match is a testament to their hard work and dedication.  
Well done, boys, on a fantastic season of learning, growth, and unforgettable memories.

U9B Cricket

The Under 9B team enjoyed a wonderful and rewarding cricket season, taking part in three mini-cricket tournaments. The emphasis throughout the season was not on results, but rather on developing the fundamental skills of cricket and ensuring that every boy learned to love the game.

From learning how to bat with confidence, bowl with control, and field with enthusiasm, to understanding teamwork and sportsmanship, the boys made fantastic progress. It was encouraging to see their excitement grow with every match as they gained confidence and started to apply what they had learned at practice.

More importantly, the season was filled with laughter, energy, and enjoyment — the true spirit of mini-cricket. The boys can be proud of how much they have improved and how they have embraced the fun and friendship that cricket brings.



U11A Cricket

The U11A Union team has shown tremendous growth and determination throughout the season. Despite facing tough opposition, the boys displayed excellent teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance in every match.

Over the course of 17 matches, the team recorded 5 wins and 12 losses. While the results may not fully reflect their effort, each game provided valuable lessons and steady improvement.

As the season concludes, the boys can be proud of their development and the way they represented Union on and off the field. The experience gained this year will no doubt serve them well as they continue to grow in the seasons ahead.



**Mr Mpilo Njoloza**  
My teacher drives a:  
*Wolswagen*  
My teacher's favourite food is:  
*Biltong*  
How old is your teacher?  
*35 years old*  
If my teacher was not a teacher,  
he would be a:  
*A criecket player*  
Written by: Mark Copeman



**Mr Luther Rogers**  
My teacher drives a:  
*Plow*  
My teacher's favourite food is:  
*Pizas*  
How old is your teacher?  
*30 years old*  
If my teacher was not a  
teacher, she would be a:  
*A pfeshnil man*  
Written by: Ruben Bester





#### **U7 CRICKET**

**FRONT:** Jacques van Deventer, Mr Rogers, Kungawo Cmnangca, Aaron Koeberg, Finn Minnaar, Leo Davids, Callum Blignaut, John Moolman, Mr Gouws  
**BACK:** Naude Bester, Logan McAdam, Inganathi Johnson, Jordan Marais, Richard Holloway, Luke Fitzhenry



#### **U9A CRICKET**

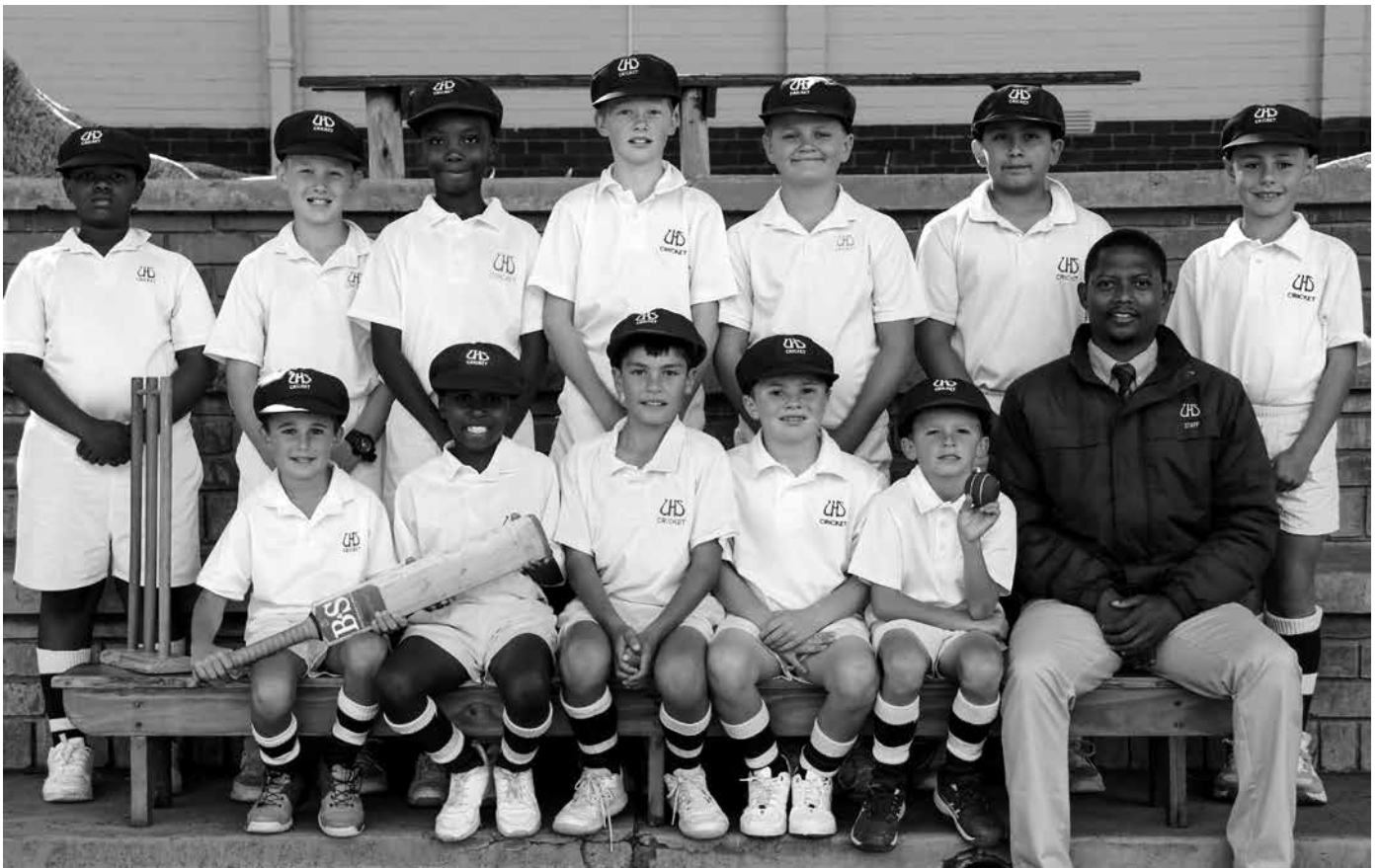
**FRONT:** Mr M Madeley, Charles Kingwill, Nicathon Oormeyer, Cwenga Dibi, John Kingwill, Aidan van der Walt  
**BACK:** William Preston, Lukho Pehlo, Callan Strydom, John Kingwill, Liam Wormald, Ruben Bester, Eden Hufkie





#### **U9B CRICKET**

**BACK:** Mr S Madeley, Bazile Lukubeni, Luminathi Cmnangca, Hunter Krige, Logan Smith, William Herold, Lakhanya Gumbi, Jamie Swartz  
**FRONT:** Kgotsatso Mabape, Cwangco Ntobe, Nicolas Rossouw, Kianon Swartz, Caden van Staden, Kyric Koeberg, AJ Le Roux



#### **U11A CRICKET**

**BACK:** Leandro Norman, Andre Putter, Iminathi Sididi, Ben Wormald, Micheal Maritz, Matthew Bosch, Mr Rogers  
**FRONT:** Connor Nel, Owam Kotishini, Andrew McEwan, Mark Copeman, Liam Raath, Mr Rogers

## Cross Country

### Cross Country 2025: A Day of Sunshine, Spirit, and Smiles

The Union Preparatory School's annual Cross Country took place on Thursday, 27 March 2025, and what a beautiful day it turned out to be! The weather could not have been more perfect, clear skies, warm sunshine, and a light breeze set the stage for what became a truly memorable event on the school's sporting calendar.

This year's Cross Country was held earlier than usual, having been moved forward to the first term, and the change proved to be an inspired decision. With the learners still fresh from the start of the year and filled with enthusiasm, the event saw excellent participation, great energy, and wonderful support from parents, staff, and fellow pupils.

From the very first race, the school grounds were alive with excitement. Learners showed tremendous determination and spirit as they tackled the course, cheered on by their friends and teachers. It was heartwarming to see the younger participants giving their all, while the senior runners displayed impressive endurance and composure right to

the finish line.

The Cross Country not only celebrated athletic ability but also showcased the Union Prep values of perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Every participant, whether finishing first or last, embodied the true spirit of the event, giving their best effort and encouraging others along the way.

Congratulations to the following winners:

#### Junior Cross Country – Girls (Grade 1&2)

- 3rd Place: Becca Hunter
- 2nd Place: Rebecca Nel
- 1st Place and the Andrew Bates Floating Trophy: Amy van Rensburg

#### Junior Cross Country – Boys (Grade 1&2)

- 3rd Place: Charles Kingwill
- 2nd Place: Aiden van der Walt
- 1st Place and the André Naudé Floating Trophy: Kainon Swartz

#### Senior Cross Country – Girls (Grade 3&4)

- 3rd Place: Taygan George
- 2nd Place: Roxanne Stevens
- 1st Place and the Lizle Smit Floating Trophy: Keira Kingwill

#### Senior Cross Country – Boys (Grade 3&4)

- 3rd Place: Liam Raath
- 2nd Place: Tumelo Lukubeni
- 1st Place and the George Mundell Floating Trophy: Connor Nel

The day ended on a high note, with smiles all around and a shared sense of pride in what had been achieved. The 2025 Cross Country was not just a sporting success, but also a celebration of school spirit and togetherness, a true reflection of what makes Union Prep so special.





## Tiny Sticks, Big Dreams: UPS Hockey Season 2025

From the first whistle to the final goal, the 2025 UPS hockey season was a celebration of grit, growth, and giggles. Across all age groups—from our tiniest Grade 1 players to our spirited Under-10s—this year was packed with unforgettable moments, proud coaches, and young athletes who played with heart.

### Grade 1 Under-7: Where Dreams Begin

**Coaches: Ms van Heerden and Mrs van Deventer**

With 26 energetic girls joining the Grade 1 U/7 team, the season kicked off with ponytails flying and tiny sticks tapping across the turf. Every Monday and Wednesday, the field came alive with laughter and learning—from mastering dribbles to celebrating every goal like a World Cup win.

Highlights included adventurous bus rides to matches in other towns, especially their first journey to Aliwal North. The chatter, singing, and “Are we there yet?” chorus made every trip a memory in the making.

Their debut at Interschools was nothing short of magical—gum guards gleaming, hearts pounding, and smiles stretching from ear to ear. By season’s end, they weren’t just teammates—they were a family.

### Under-8: Heart and Hustle

**Coaches: Mrs Snyman and Ms Nortje**

The U8 team brought infectious enthusiasm to every practice and match. Their growth was remarkable—not just in skill, but in confidence and camaraderie. From their first match to their final whistle, they played with passion, sportsmanship, and a deepening love for the game.

Their determination paid off with standout performances and a team spirit that promises great things ahead. These players are the ones to watch—full of potential, promise, and pride.

### Under-9: Fire in Their Bellies

**Coaches: Mrs Heunis-Jones and Ms May**

This season, the U9 girls proved that teamwork and tenacity go hand in hand. Like little Jack Russell’s chasing every ball, they played with



#### U7 A HOCKEY

**FRONT:** Rachel Kingwill, Kara van Der Walt, Luchae Japhta, Alexa Ott.

**BACK:** Elimiyi Daliwe, Ms. J. van Heerden, Kevinishia Booysen, Mrs. G. van Deventer, Shiloh Plaatjies.



#### U7 B HOCKEY

**FRONT:** Alexa Ott, Mivuyo Kutwana, Kyle Bangure, Alulutho Skosana, Njongo Jantjes, Mikhongelo Mabunda  
**BACK:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Mrs. G. van Deventer



#### U7 C HOCKEY

**FRONT:** Mila White, Ms. J. van Heerden, Sinolizwi Novunywa, Leah van Aswegen, Gabriella Beck, Mrs. G. van Deventer, Joane Bekker.  
**BACK:** Rileigh van der Struys.



#### U7D HOCKEY

**FRONT:** Kiara Bantom, Kaele Hardine, Holly Mussell  
**MIDDLE:** Olivia Rand, Olivia Hoskin, Ntando Nontshiyane, Teneekah Kameel.  
**BACK:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Mrs. G. van Deventer

unstoppable energy and fierce determination. Their bond was evident both on and off the field, creating a supportive and spirited team culture.

A special shout-out to the U9A team, who competed in the U10 Hockey Festival and triumphed in Pool B against older players—a testament to their skill and courage. The future of UPS hockey is blazing bright!

#### Under-10: Skill, Spirit, and Smiles

**Coaches:** Mrs Minnie, Ms Truter and Ms M Burger

The Under-10s wrapped up their season with a blend of hard work, sportsmanship, and sheer joy. From early morning games to cheering on teammates, every moment was filled with laughter and learning. Their growth in confidence and skill was evident, especially during the nail-biting Interschools matches.

The season ended with the Under-10 Hockey Festival—a joyful celebration of progress, perseverance, and pride. These players gave it their all and left the field with big smiles and even bigger hearts.

#### A Season to Remember

Across every age group, our hockey girls showed that passion, perseverance, and playfulness are the true ingredients of success. With dedicated coaches guiding them and families cheering from the sidelines, 2025 was a year of transformation, triumph, and togetherness.

Here's to our tiny hockey heroes—each one proving that big dreams start with small sticks and even bigger hearts.









#### **U8 A HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Miss I. Nortje, Mrs M. Snyman  
**FRONT:** Tara Birch, Amy van Rensburg,  
 Alivia Palmer, Julia Walker,  
 Rebecca Nel, Ashley Wenham



#### **U8 B HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Miss I. Nortje, Mrs M. Snyman  
**MIDDLE:** Alude Mabhamba,  
 Unenceba Jezile, Setote Mussa,  
 Kate Krige, Gia Maya  
**FRONT:** Terroline Grootboom,  
 Jade Dugmore, Becca Hunter,  
 Georgia Preston



#### **U9 A HOCKEY**

**FRONT:** Mrs C. Heunis-Jones,  
 Aaliya Madaugee, Gabriella Lekas,  
 Keishia Booysen, Paballo Mabapa,  
 Roxanne Stevens, Taygan George,  
 Miss S. May





#### **U9 B HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Mrs C. Heunis-Jones, Riley Johaar, Skylar Goliath, Avia Cona, Karli Minnie, Miss S. May  
**FRONT:** Mia le Roux, Amy Gerber



#### **U9 C HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Azalea Sauls, Jesse Meyer, Marafia Kaitro, Layla Rand  
**FRONT:** Tatum Buys, Mrs C. Heunis-Jones, Mya Dos Santos, Sophia Ott, Miss S. May, Neah van der Berg



#### **U9 D HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Hayley Westraad, Alexis Basson, Riané Victor  
**FRONT:** Avery Malai, Mrs C. Heunis-Jones, Ariya Adolph, Miss S. May, Ntandoyenkosi Fikeni



#### **U10 A HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Ms L. Truter, Mercy Dzitiro, Mrs C. Minnie, Isabella Petrus, Ms M. Burger, Cara Murray

**FRONT:** Keira Kingwill, Gia du Preez, Jua van Jaarsveld



#### **U10 B HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Ms L. Truter, Mrs C. Minnie, Ms M. Burger

**MIDDLE:** Hibbah hazi, Scarlett May, Zanelle Botha

**FRONT:** Zahra Smith, Courtney Diza, Mijke van Aswegen, Isabelle Bester



#### **U10 C HOCKEY**

**BACK:** Ms L. Truter, Mrs C. Minnie, Lilly-Burton Moore, Khazimla Fundi, Jamie-Lee Minnies, Grace Kitching, Ms M. Burger

**FRONT:** Zanké Bellingan, Mia Herrington, Stacey Bangure, Ané van der Pol





#### U10 D HOCKEY

**BACK:** Ms L. Truter, Mrs C. Minnie, Ms M. Burger  
**MIDDLE:** Katelynn Brunette, Mihle Langa, Linique Booysen, Liyanelisa Nonnies  
**FRONT:** Lithalande Zono, Lilly-Ann Brunette

## Hockey festival

We are always deeply grateful that our hockey season draws to a close with our cherished annual u/10 Mini Hockey Tournament. There's something truly special about watching this age group take to the field – their smiles, their laughter, their determination and their pure love for the game remind us all why we nurture this beautiful sport.

These young girls, with their boundless energy and wholehearted passion for hockey, fill our hearts with pride and leave us inspired for the future of the game. None of this would be possible without the wonderful community that surrounds them.

To the teams who travelled to be part of this day, thank you for bringing your spirit and camaraderie. To the parents, your encouragement, cheers and quiet sacrifices behind the scenes mean the world. And to our staff who give so generously of their time and care, we are forever indebted.

The Union U9 squad dominated the B pool with grit and heart, while the Union U10s lit up the astro to capture the A-pool championship. What a powerhouse weekend for Union Hockey! This tournament is more than just a day of hockey- it is a celebration of togetherness, growth and the joy of watching young dreams take flight.





## Interschools

On the morning of Friday, 15 August, the Union Preparatory School in Graaff-Reinet was buzzing with excitement as the dome filled to capacity for our cherished INTERSCHOOLS ASSEMBLY.

The event began with a warm welcome from Principal Mr. Ross Hulleman, followed by inspiring speeches from Union High School's Head Prefects, Aaminah Steele and Shakir Kazi, along with our 1st team

captains, Kenza Neill and Kyle Liebenberg. The morning was a beautiful celebration of school pride, tradition, and community spirit.

A standout moment was Mrs. Edwardine Abader's moving performance of Union's Call, capturing the essence of the occasion. The spirited war cries from the younger grades and the proud entrance of the 1st rugby and hockey teams showcased the passion that defines our school.







#### Die Interskole – Lukho Pehlo

Ons het teen Volkskool gespeel. Hulle speel gevaarlik. Ons wen 14-12. Ons het veertien en hulle het twaalf. Union speel ook gevaarlik. Ek was baie baie moeg. Almal het baie mooi gespeel. Saterdag het die eerste spanne en die onder dertiens gespeel. Volkskool speel baie mooi sport. Ons skop die bal oor die paal. Ons hardloop baie vinnig. Ons duik en druk n drie. Dit was 'n lekker dag teen Volkskool.

#### Die beste Interskole ooit! – Aaliya Madaugee

Op die dag was ek so baie op my senuwees. Ek het amper uit my broek gebewe. Toe ons klaar in die saal was, het ons gespeel. En die goeie nuus is ons het gewen. Ek was so gelukkig dat ons gewen het, en my ma was ook. Ons het koek en 'n klein sappie gekry. En jho dit was die lekkerste koek in die wereld. Toe ek klaar gespeel het, het ek, mamma, ouma, Koos en my tannie rugby gaan kyk. My mamma en ek het net so stukkies gekyk toe het ons huis toe gegaan. Ek het vir my Juffrou gesien en haar man en haar ma. Toe ons by die huis gekom het, het ons gebrui. Voor ons geeet het, was ek klaar aan die slap. Dit was die beste interskole ooit.

#### Interskole – Riley Johaar

Die naweek was dit Interskole. Union het teen Volkskool gespeel. Eerste het ons saal byeenkoms gehaai. Die onder 9's het die ballone gehou vir die eerstespan. Toe loop die onder 10's met hulle. Ons het ons se harte uit gespeel. Toe wen ons 3-0. Dit was 'n lekker wedstryd. Ons het almal geondersteen. Union het gewen.

#### Interskole – Roxanne Stevens

Dit was interskole op Vrydag. Ons het hokkie gespeel. Ons mamas en pappas het vir ons geskree. Ons het lekker gespeel. Ons het gelykop gespeel. Ons het ook ons kreet gedoen. Wanneer ons klar was het ons die ander mense gekyk. Naa dit het ons op die springkasteel gegaan. Dit was baie lekker. Ons het Volkskool gewen.

#### Interskole – André Putter

Ek het Vrydag rugby gespeel. Ek het die Volkskool manne gedruk. Ons het verloor in ons se wedstryd. Dan my en my pa het hokkie gekyk. My sussie het verloor in haar wedstryd. Ek en my Volkskool vriend het rugby gespeel. Ek, Riko en Ben het geskop oor die pale. Ons het die 1ste span gekyk.

#### MY INTERSCHOOLS EXPERIENCE

##### – Quade Roman

Interschool didn't start on the 15 of August it started three weeks before. I loved all the activities we could do leading to the weekend. We wore green clothes and have funky hair to enjoy the spirit. Practicing rugby as a team and cheering as a school was the best. The warcries of all the teams at assembly was amazing.

The weekend of interschools was so exciting. I played two rugby games over the weekend. Even though we lost the games we won as a team. Cheering for my friends in other teams was so much fun. The Union schools felt like a family. Our big brothers and sisters from the high school were cheering together on the stands.

The main game was exciting and very sad. Our first team made us proud to be

in Union. I will never forget this amazing experience (Go Union!)

##### – Mihle Langa

On Friday morning I went to a gorgeous assembly in Union Preparatory School I was happy to see the first teams. Children going to so they wore cray on stage in front of adults. Then we had break time. After that we watch the lovely sport I saw ever the B team was on fire on Friday. We even picked up trash and kept our school clean. The day was amazing on that beautiful Friday.

On Saturday we went to the school and my mom bought a ticket at the gate. Then we went to go watch the 1st team hockey play it was a lovely game they won the Volkskool kids 7-0 that is very wonderful. After that we went to the jumping castle and had so much fun. We went to buy something at the tuckshop. Then it was time to watch the first team rugby play. We cheered for them and cheered. But they lost and it was fun and I cried when they lost the match but well played boys, we are proud of you

##### – Natanim Wolde

On Friday in assembly, the first teams were crying in the dome. After assembly, we had break and sang some warcries. Then we walked, still singing our warcries. A while later, it was my game. I went to go play, I lost, it felt like I let Union down.

On Saturday, I came in school uniform to represent my school. First I went to go watch the first team hockey. The games that impressed me were the first team hockey, second team rugby, u/16 A rugby, u/13 hockey and the first team rugby.

## U7 Rugby

The Grade 1 boys enjoyed an excellent introduction to rugby this year. The primary focus of the season was to build confidence, develop fundamental skills, and foster a love for the game.

It was rewarding to observe the growth and improvement of each player as the season progressed, from the opening fixture to the final match. With every pass, tackle, and run, there were smiles, enthusiasm, and a genuine sense of enjoyment, reflecting how much the boys embraced the sport.

The U7B team participated in nine matches, recording four victories, four losses, and one draw. The boys displayed consistent effort and commendable sportsmanship throughout the season.

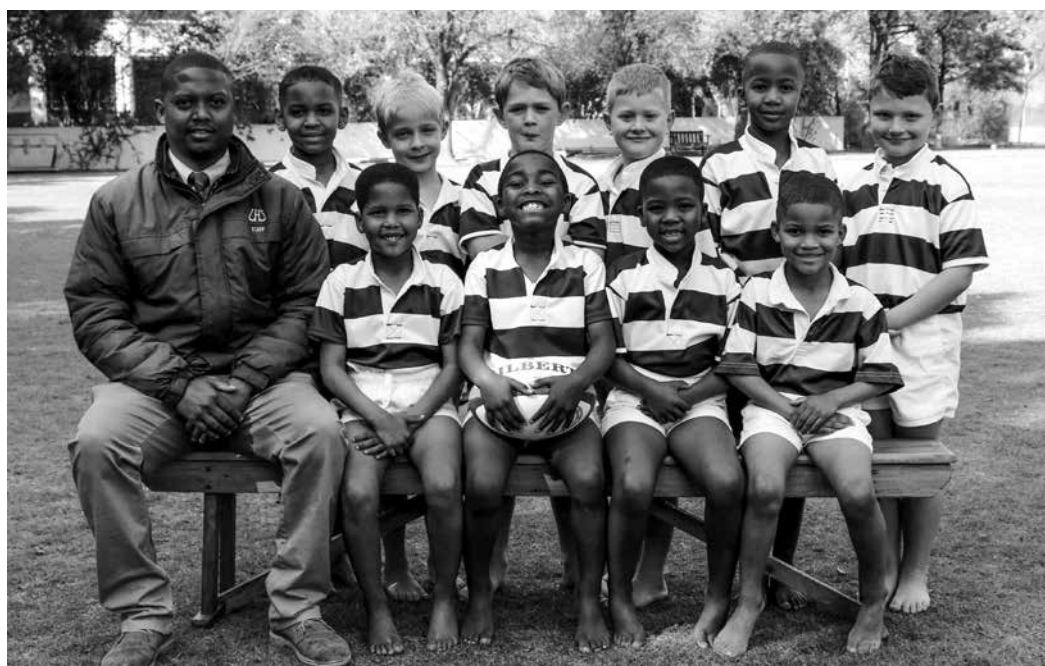
The U7A team enjoyed an impressive campaign, playing ten matches with six wins, two draws, and two losses. Their commitment, teamwork, and enthusiasm were evident in every performance.

## Under 9A Rugby

The Under 9A rugby team had a challenging yet rewarding season, facing some tough opposition throughout the year. Despite coming up against strong teams, the boys showed great determination and teamwork, managing to win 7 matches and narrowly losing 8.

What stood out most this season was the tremendous growth each player showed — not only in their rugby skills but also in their confidence, sportsmanship, and understanding of the game. Their tackling, passing, and positional play improved with every match, and their commitment at training was exceptional.

The boys can be proud of how far they have come. They have built a solid foundation for the years ahead, and their enthusiasm for the game continues to shine through every time they take the field.



### U7A RUGBY

**BACK:** Zayden Daniels, Finn Minnaar, Jordan Marais, Naude Bester, Lubabalo Silimeni, Logan McAdam  
**FRONT:** Mr Rogers, Aaron Koeberg, Leo Davids, Okuhle Mabope, Nohl Thomas



### U7B RUGBY

**BACK:** Luke Fitzhenry, Mikhulu Nqumashe, Inganathi Johnson, Jacques van Deventer, Callum Blignaut  
**FRONT:** Mr Madeley, John Moolman, Kungawo Camngca, Boden Abader, Deandre Malai, Jaden Damons, Seth de Bruyn



## Under 9B Rugby

The Under 9B rugby team enjoyed a season full of learning, growth, and team spirit. The boys played 9 matches, winning 2 and losing 7, but the results only tell part of the story. The highlight of their season was a memorable 14–10 victory over Volkskool in the interschools derby — a game that showed just how much heart and determination this team possesses.

Throughout the season, the boys displayed outstanding character. No matter the scoreline or the strength of the opposition, they continued to give their best effort, supported one another, and played with enthusiasm and pride. Their resilience and positive attitude both on and off the field were a true reflection of their growth as young sportsmen.

## U11A Rugby

The U11A team experienced a challenging season, yet one filled with valuable lessons and growth. Despite often facing opponents who were physically larger, the boys displayed remarkable heart, determination, and resilience throughout their campaign.

While the results may not fully reflect their effort and progress, the team's commitment to improvement and teamwork was evident in every match. Over the course of 20 games, the U11A team achieved 6 victories, 2 draws, and 12 losses.

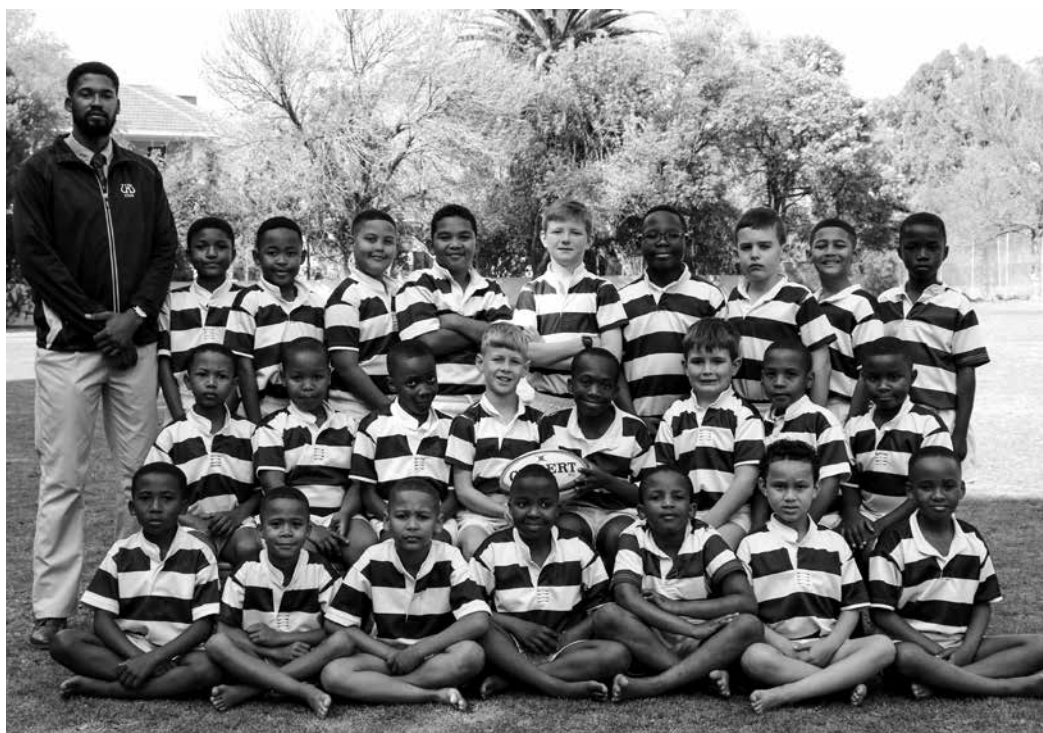
The coaching staff are extremely proud of the players' perseverance and positive attitude, both on and off the field. Their sportsmanship and willingness to learn stand as true reflections of their character and potential.



### U9A RUGBY

**BACK:** Mr M Madeley, Riko Steynberg, Hunter Krige, Juan de Klerk, Blake Bezuidenhout, Callun Strydom, Liam White

**FRONT:** Bazile Lukubeni, John Kingwill, Christian Maya, Jamon Booysen, Kainon Swartz, Charles Kingwill, Nicathon Oormeyer



### U9B RUGBY

**BACK:** Mr Madeley, Caidon Swartz, AJ Le Roux, Garron Maarman, Liam Wormald, Sonwabiso Mahambe, Nicolas Rossouw, Eden Hufkie, Lukho Pehlo

**MIDDLE:** Arlo Matthews, Ziziphiwo Jack, Kgotsasto Mabapa, William Preston, Luminathi Cmganga, William Herold, Tyresse Booysen, Derwin Matthews

**FRONT:** Matthew Hoffman, Jamie Swartz, Kyric Koeberg, Cwangco Ntobe, Lakhanya Gumbi, Caden van Staden, Cwenga Dibi



#### **U11 A RUGBY**

**BACK:** Kevin De Klerk, Iminathi Sididi, Micheal Maritz, Matthew Bosch, Samuel Wakoyo

**MIDDLE:** Alexis Diyasi, Leandro Norman, Ben Steynberg, Richter de Wet, Lunathi Welman, Mr Rogers

**FRONT:** Likuwe Naki, Luchumelo Goliath, Andrew McEwan, Tumelo Lukubeni, Connor Nel



#### **U11 B RUGBY**

**BACK:** Andre Putter, Oyithando Desha, Ben Wormald, Riley Pienaar, Kwandokuhle Futshane, Khwezi Cona

**MIDDLE:** Mr Smit, Owam Kotishini, Notonim Wolde, Isreal Linch, Diego Peterson, Liyasanelisa Kula, Anthony Davids, Mandla Mahlaba

**FRONT:** Liam Raath, Qaude Roman, Uziah Willemse, Mason Smit, Liam Pienaar, Jaqwan Ahmed, Kemar Klasse





## Union Prep Makes a Splash this Swimming Season

Union Preparatory School started the swimming season with hearts full of charity, as pupils, families and friends took to the pool for the annual CHOC Swim-a-Thon, raising funds for the Childhood Cancer Foundation.

The season gained momentum with our exciting Interhouse Gala, filled with fun, spirit and impressive performances. Several new records were set, including standout swims by Callan Strydom, Julia Walker and Ruben Bester, who each broke multiple event records.

Our talented swimmers Courtney Diza and Grace Kitching proudly represented Union Prep at the B-Age Gala in Gqeberha, both achieving personal bests and showing remarkable improvement.

Union also hosted a thrilling Interschools Gala against Laer Volkskool,

where despite the narrow loss, our swimmers showed incredible sportsmanship. Julia Walker added to the excitement by breaking yet another record in the u/8 25m Freestyle (21.99 sec).

The first-ever Interdistrict Gala hosted by Union, were great successes — with Team Karoo retaining the trophy. Congratulations to Gabriella Lekas, Callan Strydom, Liam Pienaar and Ruben Bester on their selection for this event.

The season concludes on a high with the prestigious Top 8 Invitational Gala in Gqeberha, where Jamon Pienaar has earned a well-deserved spot among the region's top swimmers.

Union Preparatory School is incredibly proud of all our swimmers for their effort, enthusiasm and outstanding achievements throughout a busy and successful season!



### BEGINNER STROKE SWIMMING

**FRONT ROW:** John Moolman, Leah van Aswegen, Tara Birch, Mila Whyte, Cara van der Walt, Alexa Ott, Gabriella Beck

**MIDDLE ROW:** Luka Jansen van Rensburg, Jacques van Deventer, Naude Bester, John Kingwill, Raleigh van der Struys, Gia Maya, Olivia Rand, Logan Adams, Becca Hunter, Charles Kingwill, Arlo Matthews, Luke Fitzhenry, Finn Minnaar, Quade Roman

**BACK ROW:** Mrs M. Snyman, Jordan Marais, Kgothatso Mapaba, Sophia Ott, Mandla Mahlaba, Ghisela Lategan, Likuwe Naki, Zanke Bellingan, Nixon Borlase, Hayley Westraad, Julia Walker, Hunter Krige, Jessica Raley, Liam Whyte, Kate Krige, William Herold, Mrs N. Davenport





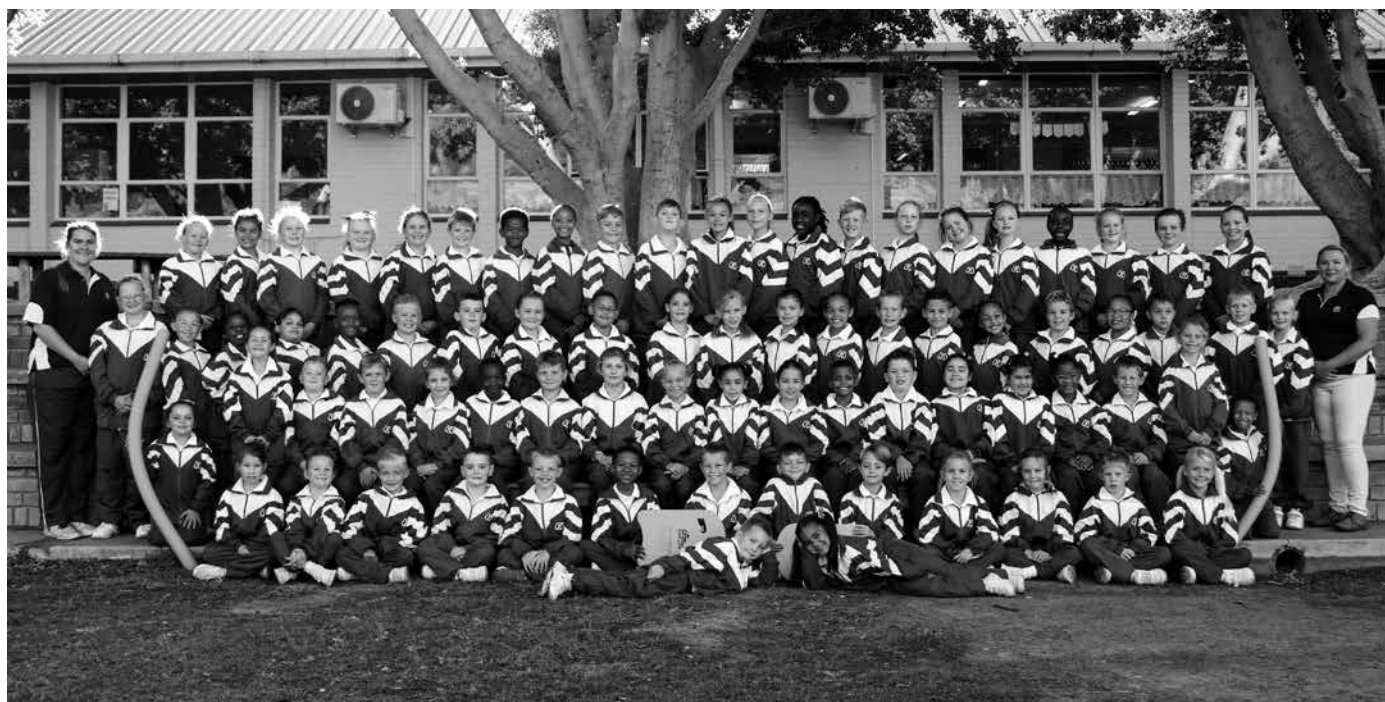
**SQUAD SWIMMERS A&B**

**FRONT ROW:** Neah van der Berg, Ruben Bester, Nicolas Rossouw, Keira Kingwill, Karli Minnie, Gabriella Lekas, Paballo Mabapa.  
**SECOND ROW:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Amy-Lee Gerber, William Preston, Layla Rand, AJ Le Roux, Alivia Palmer, Callan Strydom, Mercy Dzitiro, Isabelle Bester, Mijke van Aswegen, Katelynn Brunette, Mya Dos Santos, Riley Johaar, Taygan George, Mrs. N. Davenport.  
**THIRD ROW:** Lily Burten-Moore, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Kiara Knoesen, Liam Wormald, Cara Murray, Andre Putter, Courtney Diza, Grace Kitching, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Richter de Wet, Isabella Petrus, Mia Herrington, Lemari Grobler, Liam Pienaar, Jesse Meyer.



**INTERDISTRICT (KAROO) GALA**

**FRONT ROW:** AJ Venter, Ruben Bester, Gabriella Lekas, Liam Pienaar, William Preston, Mya Dos Santos, Taygan George  
**SECOND ROW:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Mercy Dzitiro, Callan Strydom, Cara Murray, Grace Kitching, Courtney Diza, Lemari Grobler, Isabelle Bester, Lily Burten-Moore, Mrs. N. Davenport.



### INTERHOUSE GALA SWIMMERS

**VERY FRONT:** John Moolman, Gabriella Beck

**FRONT ROW:** Kara van der Walt, Mila White, Finn Minaar, Jacques van Devneter, Aiden van der Walt, Arlo Matthews, Charles Kingwill, Richard Holloway, Luka Jansen van Rensburg, Georgia Preston, Holly Mussell, Luke Fitzhenry, Tara Birch

**2ND ROW:** Leah van Aswegen, Rachel Kingwill, Naude Bester, Jordan Marais, Bekka Hunter, Kgothatso Mapaba, Logan Adams, Julia Walker, Amy-Lee Gerber, Taygan George, Mya Dos Santos, Quade Roman, Hunter Krige, Olivia Hoskin, Alivia Rand, Gia Maya, John Kingwill, Alex Ott, Boden Abader

**3RD ROW:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Hailey Westraad, Sophia Ott, Paballo Mabapa, Neah van der Berg, Mandla Mahlaba, Ruben Bester, Nicolas Roussouw, Kaarli Minnie, AJ Le Roux, Lily Burten-Moore, Jesse Meyer, Layla Rand, Avia Cona, Keira Kingwill, Liam Pienaar, Gabriella Lekas, Liam White, Riley Johaar, AJ Venter, William Preston, Kate Krige, Mrs. N. Davenport

**TOP ROW:** Katelynn Brunette, Jua van Jaarsveld, Isabelle Bester, Alivia Palmer, Kiara Knoesen, Liam Wormald, Jamon Pienaar, Isabella Petrus, Richter de Wet, Nixon Borlaise, Grace Kitching, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Courtney Diza, Andre Putter, Cara Murray, Mia Herrington, Lemari Grobler, Mercy Dzitiro, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Callan Strydom, Mijke van Aswegen



### INTERSCHOOLS GALA SWIMMERS

**FRONT ROW:** Kingwill, Taygan George, AJ Venter, Keira Kingwill, Bekka Hunter, Mya Dos Santos,

**MIDDLE ROW:** Ms. J. van Heerden, Andrew McEwan, Liam Pienaar, AJ Le Roux, Nicolas Rossouw, Callan Strydom, Isabelle Bester, Mercy Dzitiro, Karli Minnie, Gabriella Lekas, Ruben Bester, William Preston.

**TOP ROW:** Lily Burten-Moore, Lemari Grobler, Julia Walker, Richter De Wet, Courtney Diza, Grace Kitching, Elcke-Lynn Blom, Cara Murray, Andre Putter, Alivia Palmer, Jamon Pienaar.



## A & B Tennis

With almost a completely new first tennis team this year for the under-10s, our season began with sharpening everyone's skills, practicing hard, learning the fundamentals of tennis, and preparing players to compete in matches. Each and every player made fantastic progress, with some starting the year with no prior match experience.

The first fixture saw our top four girls travel to Gqeberha to take on Collegiate. They lost 4–2 but put up a good fight and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Following this, both the top four boys and girls played against Kingswood in Grahamstown. The boys lost 24–8, while the girls secured a strong 23–10 win. There were some incredibly close matches, and it was encouraging to see such a high quality of tennis from both teams.

We also participated in the Matchpoint U10 Tournament with a mixed team of two boys and two girls, along with another boy who joined a different team. The players enjoyed the unique format of competing

against both boys and girls, and they had lots of fun. It was a full weekend of tennis, and the players gave it their all.

At Interschools against Volkskool, our top four boys and girls competed once again. Although Volkskool's players were extremely strong, the Union U10s didn't back down and demonstrated great improvement compared with their level at the start of the year.

To end off the season, we held the U10 Tennis Championships. Anyone who wanted to enter was welcome to compete, giving our younger players the opportunity to face more experienced teammates—an experience that proved extremely beneficial. The players took part in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles, resulting in some entertaining match-ups and a fun, competitive atmosphere as they played for the trophy.

In summary, this year was filled with plenty of new experiences, challenges, and growth for the U10 team. We are incredibly proud of them and excited to see what they achieve in the future.



### INTERSCHOOLS TEAM

**BACK:** Mr T. Mostert, Keira Kingwill, Ruben Bester, Cara Murray, Andrew McEwan, Riley Johaar  
**FRONT:** Liam Raath, Amy Gerber, Connor Nel



### TOP SIX BOYS

**BACK:** Mr T. Mostert, Keira Kingwill, Ruben Bester, Cara Murray, Andrew McEwan, Riley Johaar  
**FRONT:** Liam Raath, Amy Gerber, Connor Nel



#### **TOP SIX GIRLS**

**BACK:** Mr T. Mostert, Julia Walker, Cara Murray, Riley Johaar  
**FRONT:** Ashley Wenham, Keira Kingwill, Amy Gerber



#### **GREEN GROUP**

**BACK:** Mrs C. Minnie, Isabelle Bester, Octavia Snyder, Riane Victor, Lily Burton-Moore, Mrs R. Bellingan  
**FRONT:** Aiden van der Walt, Paballo Mabapa, Logan Smith



#### **ORANGE GROUP**

**BACK:** Mrs C. Minnie, Luke Fitzhenry, Holly Mussell, Esethu Madotyeni, Luka van Rensburg, Joané Bekker, Gabriella Beck, Mrs R. Bellingan  
**FRONT:** Leah van Aswegen, Rachel Kingwill, Olivia Hoskin, Lithalande Zono, Olivia Rand, Rileigh van der Struys





## A to 10 Dinner

The A to 10 Dinner was an evening filled with nostalgia and bittersweet goodbyes and somehow love and heartache met. To begin, we were taken back to our Grade 4 year, as the Grade 4s led us through a trip down memory lane, dancing the Do-Si-Do and serenading us with a touching rendition of Bye Bye Love.

One of the most special moments of the night was seeing the incredible artworks and sketches of ourselves, each paired with heartfelt messages from our little brothers and sisters at the Prep School. To end the evening, we were treated to a delicious three-course meal served by the Grade 4 ladies and gentlemen, who were so polite, professional, and full of pride.

Our last dinner together as what I like to call us "The Originals" is a memory we'll hold close forever. The Matric Class of 2025 would like to thank everyone who made this evening possible, especially our Preparatory School teachers who laid the foundation for who we are today as well as the awesome advice from the preppies "Don't forget to stop and smell the roses" It's nights like these that make me proud to say I am, and always will be, a Unionite. –

~ Aaminah Steele, Headgirl 2025.







## Art Club Report

A little girl, four years old, says she knows what drawing is: "You just think something and then run a line around your think."  
—author unknown

Art Club is offered once a week for grades one to four learners. There is one session for grade ones and twos, and a second session for grades three and four. We have done numerous projects over the year using a range of art mediums such as oil pastels, wax crayons, water colour paints,

dye wash, khoki pens, paper cutting and construction. The learners look forward to each lesson to see what their next creation will be, and how it turns out.

Not only does Art Club give learners a chance to tap into their creativity, it also gives them a chance to "chillax" (to quote the grade 3 learners) after a busy week.



### ART AND CRAFT CLUB

**BACK:** Mandla Mahlaba, Riley Johaar, Karli Minnie, Zanké Bellingan, Zahra Smith, Mia Herrington, Layla Rand, Aaliyah Madaugee, Gabriella Lekas, Esethu Madotyeni

**MIDDLE:** Becca Hunter, Mya Dos Santos, Rileigh van der Stry, Olivia Hoskin, Olivia Rand, Taygan George, Richard Holloway, Sofia Ott

**FRONT:** Georgia Preston, Alexa Ott, Holly Mussel, Tara Birch, Sinolizwi Novunywa, Gabriella Beck, Daniel Juries

**TEACHERS:** Corrie Potgieter, Katie Kotzé



## Exciting Year for Prep School Chess Team

This year was a thrilling one for the Prep School chess team. We participated in numerous tournaments, achieving some remarkable results, with several of our junior players earning medals.

Our interschool chess team enjoyed a special session before the competitions, spending an afternoon learning from Graaff Reinett's own chess guru, Tracy Petit. Prepared for the interschool games, our Preppies triumphed in their section on that Monday evening.

Six of our dedicated players have been selected to represent the Sarah Baartman chess team for 2025. Among them, Paballo Mabapa, Mia Herrington, Isabella



**BROTHER AND SISTER DUO**

*Kgothatso Mabapa, Paballo Mabapa*

Petrus, and Kgothatso Mabapa showcased their skills at the Eastern Cape Closed Championships in Gqabega, representing both our school and the Sarah Baartman Chess Association.

Particularly noteworthy is the brother and sister duo, Kgothatso and Paballo Mabapa, whose exceptional dedication has earned them selection to represent the Eastern Cape at the Mzansi Inter-Provincial Youth Chess Championship 2025. They will receive their provincial colors in December. This year alone, they have collectively earned over 10 medals.

The achievements of our chess team this year have been truly commendable, highlighting the hard work and dedication of all involved.



### PREPPIE CHESS TEAM:

**FAR BACK:** Mrs N Burge

**BACK:** Jaqwan Ahmed, Scarlett May, Mia Herrington, Isabella Petrus, Zahra Smith, Cara Murray, Zanké Bellingan, Karli Minni, Cwenga Dibi

**MIDDLE:** Luka Jansen van Rensburg, Gabreilla Lekas, Taygen George, Kgothatso Mabapa, Amy-Lee Gerber, Roxanne Stevens, Paballo Mabapa and Kemar Klases

**FRONT:** Elvaro Bok, Daniel Juries



#### **INTERSCHOOLS TEAM:**

***BACK:** Jawqan Ahmed, Mia Herrington, Zanké Bellingan, Isabella Petrus and Zahra Smith  
**MIDDLE:** Kgothatso Mabapa, Amy – Lee Gerber, Mrs N Burger, Paballo Mabapa and Kemar Klasse  
**FRONT:** Danile Juries*



#### **CHESS PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT SARAH BAARTMAN:**

***BACK:** Isabella Petrus, Kemar Klasse  
**MIDDLE:** Mia Herrington, Mrs N Burger(school coach), Paballo Mabapa  
**FRONT:** Daniel Juries and Kgothatso Mabapa*



## Music Department

This year, the Union Preparatory School choir and music pupils certainly didn't miss a beat! 2025 has been a year filled with new opportunities, inspiring performances, and a few exciting firsts — a true symphony of experiences that will resonate with us for years to come.

We struck the first chord of the year in March when our choir was invited to perform alongside the world-renowned Drakensberg Boys' Choir at the NG Kerk in Graaff-Reinet. With the church packed to the rafters, it was a privilege for our young voices to share the stage with the "Drakies." Our singers were uplifted and inspired by their outstanding performance — a masterclass in harmony.

A real crescendo of the year was our very first Karoo Festival of Choirs, hosted here at UPS. The idea was simple: to bring local choirs together in a non-competitive spirit, united by a love of music. Under the wide Karoo sky, with fires crackling, boerewors sizzling, and the school field filled with song, the atmosphere was nothing short of magical. We welcomed choirs from Union, Gill, Cradock, Spandau and Thembalisizwe Schools — and the harmony of voices and community spirit made the evening unforgettable. We're thrilled to announce this will now become an annual event on the calendar.

Our choir also enjoyed making music with our older counterparts at Union High School. Together, the UPS and UHS choirs lifted their voices in a collaboration of the much-loved anthem *Our God is an Awesome God*. The result? A powerful, spine-tingling performance that struck a chord with everyone present. Adding to the list of "firsts," our UPS choir also took part in the Interschools Cultural Evening, performing once again in harmony with UHS.

Individual soloists, duets, and small groups also had their chance to shine this year at the Camdeboo Eisteddfod. From pianists and recorder players to dancers, singers, and poets, our young performers showcased their skills with aplomb. The choir itself earned two gold plusses and a prestigious Cum Laude — proof that practice really does make perfect!

The ever-popular Music Hour, hosted at the John Rupert Theatre, gave our young musicians another chance to dazzle. This special occasion brought together choirsters, music pupils, and their families in a formal celebration of talent, dedication, and growth. The choir also added their joyful voices to both annual Prizegiving Assemblies, making those events all the more memorable.

As the year drew to a close, we finished on a festive note with our much-loved Carol Service. This year, the whole Prep School helped tell the charming story of the Littlest Lost Sheep who dreamed of singing to the baby Jesus. Families gathered on the school field, picnics spread out under the stars, and voices joined together in carols both old and new. Just when we thought our year's score was complete, we received an encore invitation — to perform at the NG Kerk Christmas Carol evening — a fitting final note to a melodious year.

Looking back, 2025 has been a year full of harmony, rhythm, and joy for the UPS Music Department. From first-time festivals to collaborations and community performances, we are incredibly proud of every child who has lent their voice, their instrument, or their talent to our growing programme. Here's to carrying the tune into 2026 — we can't wait to see what music we'll make next!

~ *Katie Kotzé*



### PIANO

**BACK ROW:** Tyler Mongwe, Lemari Grobler, Richter de Wet, Zahra Smith, Hayley Westraadt, Cara Murray, Zanke Bellingan, Mia Herrington, Mijke van Aswegen

**MIDDLE ROW:** Mrs. A. Kingwill, Lily Burton-Moore, Israel Linch, Kiara Knoesen, Avia Cona, Jua van Jaarsveld, Tumelo Lukubeni

**FRONT ROW:** Riley Johaar, Sophia Ott, Keira Kingwill, Mya dos Santos



#### GRADE 4 POETRY CLUB

Zanelle Botha, Mrs. A. Kingwill, Ane van der Pol



**Mrs Alet Kingwill**  
 My teacher drives a:  
*Toyota*  
 My teacher's favourite  
 food is:  
*Braibrodsky*  
 How old is your teacher?  
*56 years old*  
 If my teacher was not a  
 teacher,  
 she would be a: *A dentist*  
 Written by: *Sophia Ott*



#### GRADE 3 RECORDER

Mrs A. Kingwill, Sophia Ott

#### GRADE 2 RECORDER

**BACK ROW:** Kate Krige, Becca Hunter  
**FRONT ROW:** Kgothatso Mabapa,  
 Ashley Wenham, Mrs. A. Kingwill,  
 Julia Walker



#### CULTURAL STAFF TEAM

Alet Kingwill, Katie Kotzé,  
 Bronwynne Kingwill, Corrie Potgieter,  
 Natasha Burger





**PREPPIE CHOIR**

- ROW 5:** Khazimla Fundi, Cara Murray, Isabella Petrus, Hayley Westraad, Ané van der Pol, Grace Kitching, Alexis Basson, Octavia Snyder, Zarah Smith, Stacey Bangure, Oyintando Desha
- ROW 4:** Karli Minnie, Mercy Dzitiro, Julia Walker, Marafiya Kaitro, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Lè mari Grobler, Mia Herrington, Skylar Goliath, Nicole Vermeulen, Jesse Meyer, Endinako Skepe, Mia le Roux, Gabriella Lekas
- ROW 3:** Georgia Preston, Luminathi Camngca, Aaliyah Madaugee, Katelynn Brunette, Avia Cona, Zanelle Botha, Gia du Preez, Jua van Jaarsveld, Mijke van Aswegen, Lily Burton-Moore, Keira Kingwill, Allen Block, Mandla Mahlaba, Amy van Rensberg, Liam Whyte.
- ROW 2:** Gia Maya, Rebecca Nel, Kgothatso Mabapa, Taygan George, Phaballo Mabapa, Liyanelisa Nonnies, William Preston, Riley Johaar, Tahum Buys, Kate Krige, Scarlet May, Roxanne Stevens, Neah van der Berg, Bazile Lukubeni, Cwangco Ntobe, Ashley Wenham
- FRONT:** Lakhanya Gumbi, Derwin Matthew, Charles Kingwill, Mya Dos Santos, Amy Gerber, Jade Dugmore, Setote Mussa, William Herold, Sofia Ott, John Kingwill, Taylor Lucas, Becca Hunter
- TEACHERS:** Mrs. Alet Kingwill, Mrs. Katie Kotzé
- ABSENT:** Jessica Raley, Johandré Ludick



**EISTEDDFOD**

- BACK:** Karli Minnie, Lilly-Ann Brunette, Richter de Wet, Hayley Westraad, Alexis Basson, Grace Kitching, Ané van der Pol, Cara Murray, Julia Walker, Mercy Dzitiro, Mijke van Aswegen
- MIDDLE:** Tumelo Lukhubeni, Rebecca Nel, Riley Johaar, Keira Kingwill, Jua van Jaarsveld, Zanké Bellingan, Callen Strydom, Aaliyah Madaugee, Zanelle Botha, Gabriella Lekas, Amy van Zyl, Sofia Ott
- FRONT:** Joané Bekker, Mila Whyte, Riley Johaar, Georgia Preston, John Kingwill, Mya Dos Santos, Becca Hunter, Charles Kingwill Tara Birch, Ashley Wenham, Bazile Lukubeni
- ABSENT:** Rachel Kingwill
- TEACHERS:** Alet Kingwill, Corrie Potgieter, Katie Kotzé and Bronwynne Kingwill

## Karoo Festival of Choirs

Union Preparatory School's inaugural Karoo Festival Of Choirs, held on 8 May, was a truly wonderful affair that filled the hearts of all who attended with joy and pride.

The stage was graced by the exceptional voices of choirs from the Union Schools, the Cradock Schools, Thembalisizwe Primary, Gill College and Primary School and Spandau Secondary School, each delivering performances that left the audience spellbound.

This celebration of talent and community spirit would not have been possible without the unwavering support of all involved.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated choirs who

participated, the supporters who cheered them on and the many individuals who gave of their time and energy to ensure the event's resounding success.

A special word of thanks must be extended to Mrs Katie Kotzé, whose tireless efforts played a key role in making the evening a reality. We are also immensely grateful to the event's main sponsor, Montego Pet Nutrition, for their generous support.

As the final note echoed into the Karoo night, one thing was clear: this was only the beginning.

We look forward to bigger and better festivals in the years to come.



## Interhouse General Knowledge Quiz

### A Day of Excitement and Achievement

On 23 May, our school hosted its annual Interhouse General Knowledge Quiz—an event eagerly anticipated by learners and teachers alike. Mrs. Kotzé led the day as quizmaster, challenging the Grade 4s with a wide range of questions drawn from school subjects, sport, and current events. Her enthusiasm and energy set the tone for a morning filled with learning, teamwork, and friendly competition.

To keep the excitement going, Mrs. Kotzé opened the floor to the rest of the school, inviting learners from other grades to participate by answering questions related to their own classwork. This added an extra layer of fun and inclusivity to the event, ensuring everyone felt part of

the action.

Earlier in the year, all Grade 4 learners completed a preliminary general knowledge quiz. The top five learners from each house earned a place in the final round, where they competed for the title of 2025 Interhouse General Knowledge Champions. After an intense and thrilling contest, Daly House emerged victorious, proudly claiming the title for 2025.

A special congratulations goes to Andrew McEwan, who achieved the highest overall score in the General Knowledge quiz. His outstanding performance earned him the prestigious Horace Stanton Trophy.

The day was a true celebration of curiosity, learning, and school spirit—one that will be fondly remembered by learners and staff alike.



### INTERHOUSE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

**BACK ROW:** Liam Raath, Connor Nel, Andrew McEwan, Mark Copeman, Liam Pienaar  
**MIDDLE ROW:** Hibbah Kazi, Mrs. A. Kingwill  
**FRONT ROW:** Zanelle Botha, Lemari Grobler, Richter de Wet, Kiera Kingwill, Isabella Petrus, Cara Murray



## Grandparents' Day 2025 – Welcome to Happy Hatland!

On **Wednesday, 16 April 2025**, our school was bursting with colour, laughter, and love as we celebrated **Grandparents' Day** with the delightful theme **"Happy Hatland!"** From the moment our special guests arrived, the atmosphere was filled with joy, music, and the sweet sound of generations coming together.

The school grounds looked magical – picnic blankets dotted the field, and everywhere you looked, there were **happy, creative hats!** Our grandparents truly outdid themselves this year. There were hats with flowers, feathers, ribbons, and teacups! Each one told a story, and each smile beneath those hats told an even better one.

After a warm welcome from the teachers and learners, everyone settled down for their **picnics**. Grandparents proudly opened their picnic baskets, which were filled with homemade treats and special family favourites. Sandwiches, samosas, cupcakes, and flasks of tea were shared as laughter filled the air. The little ones loved showing off

their grandparents to their friends — it was beautiful to see how proud everyone was!

Each grade also performed a **special song**, with every class's performance paired with a different type of hat. The learners sang proudly, showing off both their voices and their cheerful headwear, while their grandparents beamed with pride.

The day continued with fun activities and heartwarming songs performed by our learners. There were even a few happy tears as grandparents joined in singing along. The field was alive with love, joy, and a true sense of togetherness.

As the day came to an end, one thing was certain — **our grandparents are the real treasures of our school family**. Their warmth, stories, and laughter make every event extra special.

Thank you to everyone who made **Happy Hatland** such a wonderful celebration. Until next year — keep those hats and hearts happy!





## Vlaggie Dag

Union Preparatory School Celebrates 'Vlaggie Dag' with Enthusiasm!

The Preppies enjoyed an exciting 'Vlaggie Dag' celebration. Leading up to the event, learners purchased small flags, decorated them creatively, and proudly planted them on the Puggy Munnik Field.

The excitement was palpable as Mr. Ross Hulleman, Mr. Marcell Madeley, and Mr. Luther Rogers hit golf balls onto the field. Wherever the

balls landed, the nearest flag won a prize. There were numerous prizes, making the event even more thrilling!

The morning was filled with laughter, cheers, and many proud little faces. It was a joyful way to wrap up the third term!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who purchased flags, donated prizes, and supported this wonderful fundraiser. What a success!





## Learning Support

### Growing Confidence, One Step at a Time

The UPS Learning Support Centre has had a busy and rewarding year. A total of 58 children were permanently enrolled, attending small-group support classes in Mathematics, English, and Afrikaans. In addition, Grade 1 learners were assisted on an as-needs basis, while short-term support opportunities were also offered to learners requiring extra guidance along the way.

Two exciting developments stood out this year. Firstly, the centre acquired three additional tablets for use in lessons. These have greatly enhanced the learning experience, giving children access to a variety of interactive digital tools. The tablets have also proved invaluable during test and exam periods, where they facilitate learners who qualify for a reading concession—allowing them to work more independently and at their own pace.

Secondly, we were delighted to welcome Mrs. Louise Vorster to the Learning Support team. She has taken over the Afrikaans groups, expanding our capacity and enabling us to provide more thorough and focused support to learners in this area.

It has truly been an exciting year for the Learning Support Centre. We look forward to continuing to create a safe and encouraging environment where learners can grow, learn, and build confidence at their own pace.

~ Katie Kotzé



**Mrs Katie Kotzé**

My teacher drives a:

*Swift*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Pisa*

How old is your teacher?

*25 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*A famiss singer*

Written by: Becca Hunter



**Mrs Louise Vorster**

My teacher drives a:

*Toyota*

My teacher's favourite food is:

*Salad*

How old is your teacher?

*58 years old*

If my teacher was not a teacher, she would be a:

*A doctor*

Written by: Tumelo Lukubeni



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# *Carols by Candlelight*







## World Book Day

### Buzzing with Kindness, Books and Bees!

It's been a busy and exciting time at Union Preparatory School, Graaff-Reinet! Our learners have been showing kindness, curiosity, and creativity through some very special celebrations.

To honour Madiba, learners came to school in their civvies on Friday, 20 June and brought along toiletry donations for the Clean Trade project. These gifts will help those in need in our community — a wonderful way to live Madiba's message of giving!

Our school was filled with the cutest little bees for World Bee Day! A

big thank you to Dr. Albertus 'Dakman' Marais and Imke Marais for sharing tasty honey and teaching us about these amazing pollinators. The honey-tasting was a sweet highlight!

World Book Day saw our Grade 1–4 learners lost in stories, reading in sunny spots and cozy corners. From adventures to mysteries, they discovered that every great journey begins with a single page!

At Union Prep, we're proud of our learners for caring, learning, and shining - every single day!



## World Bee Day



# Prizegiving and Awards 2025

## Summer Prizegiving 2025 - Term 1

### UPS INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

| Girls U/7          |            |             |                                |
|--------------------|------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Shiloh Phillips    | 1st<br>1st | 60 m<br>80m | <b>RECORD</b>                  |
| Kyle Bangure       | 2nd<br>2nd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| Kevinisha Booysen  | 3rd        | 60m         |                                |
| Akeevah Klerk      | 3rd        | 80m         |                                |
| BOYS U/7           |            |             |                                |
| Nohl Thomas        | 1st<br>1st | 60 m<br>80m |                                |
| Jordan Marais      | 2nd<br>2nd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| Zaydan Daniels     | 3rd<br>3rd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| GIRLS U/8          |            |             |                                |
| Amy van Rensburg   | 1st<br>2nd | 60 m<br>80m | <b>RECORD</b>                  |
| Lusikelo Mdlalana  | 1st<br>2nd | 80m<br>60m  |                                |
| Julia Walker       | 3rd<br>3rd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| BOYS U/8           |            |             |                                |
| Aiden van der Walt | 1st<br>2nd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| Kainon Swatz       | 1st<br>2nd | 80m<br>60m  | <b>RECORD</b>                  |
| John Kingwill      | 3rd<br>3rd | 60m<br>80m  |                                |
| GIRLS U/9          |            |             |                                |
| Gabriella Lekas    | 1st<br>1st | 60 m<br>80m | <b>RECORD</b><br><b>RECORD</b> |

| Taygan George    | 2nd<br>2nd                      | 60 m<br>80m                                   |               |
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| Keisha Booysen   | 3rd<br>3rd                      | 60 m<br>80m                                   |               |
| BOYS U/9         |                                 |                                               |               |
| Qazo Booi        | 1st<br>1st                      | 60 m<br>80m                                   | <b>RECORD</b> |
| Ayavuyo Blouw    | 3rd                             | 60 m                                          |               |
| Luminathi Camgca | 2nd                             | 80m                                           |               |
| William Preston  | 2nd<br>3rd                      | 60 m<br>80m                                   |               |
| Girls U/10       |                                 |                                               |               |
| Isabella Petrus  | 3rd<br>2nd<br>2nd<br>2nd<br>2nd | Shot Put<br>80m<br>100m<br>1200m<br>High Jump |               |
| Ane van der Pol  | 1st<br>1st<br>3rd               | 80m<br>100m<br>High Jump                      |               |
| Keira Kingwill   | 1st<br>2nd<br>3rd               | 1200 m<br>Long Jump<br>100m                   |               |
| Khazimla Fundi   | 3rd<br>3rd                      | 80m<br>100m                                   |               |
| Grace Kitching   | 1st<br>1st                      | High Jump<br>Long Jump                        |               |
| Isabella Bester  | 1st                             | Shot Put                                      |               |
| Mihle Langa      | 3rd                             | 1200 m                                        |               |
| Cara Murray      | 2nd                             | Shot Put                                      |               |
| Gia du Preez     | 3rd                             | Long Jump                                     |               |

| BOYS U/10         |                          |                                       |
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| Tumelo Lukubeni   | 1st<br>2nd<br>2nd<br>3rd | 80m<br>100m<br>High Jump<br>Long Jump |
| Luchumile Goliath | 3rd<br>3rd<br>3rd        | 80m<br>1200m<br>High Jump             |
| Andrew McEwan     | 1st<br>2nd<br>3rd        | Long Jump<br>80m<br>100m              |
| Liam Raath        | 1st<br>2nd               | 1200m<br>Long Jump                    |
| Mason Smith       | 1st                      | Shot Put                              |
| Richter de Wet    | 1st                      | High Jump                             |
| Milani Mayekiso   | 2nd                      | Shot Put                              |
| Owam Kotishini    | 3rd                      | Shot Put                              |
| Quade Roman       | 1st                      | 100m                                  |
| Connor Nel        | 2nd                      | 1200m                                 |

### TROPHIES

| INTERHOUSE                                        |                                                                        |
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| Barclays Insurance Brokers Trophy for Athletics-  | Collected by <b>Mijke van Aswegen &amp; Isabella Petrus FOR ARNOTT</b> |
| ATHLETICS                                         |                                                                        |
| Skietkuil Floating Trophy – Victrix Ludorum:      | <b>Isabella Petrus</b>                                                 |
| Neville Willows Floating Trophy – Victor Ludorum: | <b>Tumelo Lukubeni</b>                                                 |

## UNION PREPARATORY SCHOOL - INTER HOUSE GALA 2025

| U7                |                  |   |                       |
|-------------------|------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Kara van der Walt | 25m Freestyle    | 1 | 43:30                 |
| Alexa Ott         | 25m Freestyle    | 2 | 49:78                 |
| Holly Mussell     | 25m Freestyle    | 3 | 53:50                 |
| Jordan Marais     | 25m Freestyle    | 1 | 32:52                 |
| Logan Mcadam      | 25m Freestyle    | 2 | 39:75                 |
| John Otto Moolman | 25m Freestyle    | 3 | 40:80                 |
| U 8               |                  |   |                       |
| Julia Walker      | 25m Freestyle    | 1 | 24:90 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                   | 50m Freestyle    | 1 | 1:00:72 <b>RECORD</b> |
|                   | 25m Backstroke   | 1 | 32:28                 |
|                   | 50m Backstroke   | 1 | 1:11:44 <b>RECORD</b> |
|                   | 25m Breaststroke | 2 | 46:28                 |
|                   | 50m Breaststroke | 2 | 1:46:55               |
| Alivia Palmer     | 25m Freestyle    | 2 | 26:35                 |
|                   | 50m Freestyle    | 2 | 1:11:19               |
|                   | 25m Backstroke   | 2 | 35:10                 |
|                   | 50m Backstroke   | 2 | 1:15:26               |
|                   | 25m Breaststroke | 1 | 43:40                 |
|                   | 50m Breaststroke | 1 | 1:37:30               |
| Georgia Preston   | 25m Freestyle    | 3 | 32:34                 |
| Ruben Bester      | 25m Freestyle    | 1 | 22:20 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                   | 50m Freestyle    | 1 | 55:14 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                   | 50m Backstroke   | 1 | 1:12:25               |
|                   | 25m Breaststroke | 1 | 32:83 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                   | 50m Breaststroke | 1 | 1:16:97 <b>RECORD</b> |
| Nicolas Rossouw   | 25m Freestyle    | 2 | 25:57                 |
|                   | 50m Freestyle    | 2 | 1:09:17               |
|                   | 25m Backstroke   | 1 | 37:90                 |
|                   | 50m Backstroke   | 2 | 1:16:22               |
|                   | 50m Breaststroke | 2 | 1:40:59               |
| Ajay Le Roux      | 25m Freestyle    | 3 | 31:27                 |
| John Kingwill     | 25m Backstroke   | 2 | 1:01:95               |
| U9                |                  |   |                       |
| Gabriella Lekas   | 25m Freestyle    | 1 | 23:33                 |
|                   | 50m Freestyle    | 1 | 56:37                 |
|                   | 25m Backstroke   | 2 | 25:55                 |

|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 1 | 58:61                 |
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|                 | 25m Breaststroke         | 1 | 34:74                 |
|                 | 50m Breaststroke         | 1 | 1:17:83               |
| Mya Dos Santos  | 25m Backstroke           | 1 | 25:53                 |
|                 | 25m Freestyle            | 2 | 25:07                 |
|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 2 | 59:88                 |
|                 | 50m Freestyle            | 3 | 1:04:13               |
|                 | 50m Breaststroke         | 3 | 1:23:18               |
| Karli Minnie    | 25m Freestyle            | 3 | 25:25                 |
|                 | 25m Backstroke           | 3 | 26:35                 |
|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 3 | 1:02:74               |
|                 | 25m Breaststroke         | 3 | 36:78                 |
|                 | 50m Breaststroke         | 2 | 1:19:84               |
| Taygan George   | 50m Freestyle            | 2 | 1:00:45               |
| Riley Johaar    | 25m Breaststroke         | 2 | 36:00                 |
| Callan Strydom  | 25m Freestyle            | 1 | 23:10                 |
|                 | 50m Freestyle            | 1 | 57:18                 |
|                 | 25m Backstroke           | 1 | 27:66 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 1 | 1:04:20               |
|                 | 25m Breaststroke         | 1 | 31:91 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                 | 50m Breaststroke         | 1 | 1:13:85 <b>RECORD</b> |
|                 | 25m Butterfly            | 1 | 31:78 <b>RECORD</b>   |
|                 | 4x 25m Individual Medley | 1 | 2:29:33 <b>RECORD</b> |
| William Preston | 25m Freestyle            | 2 | 24:80                 |
|                 | 50m Freestyle            | 2 | 1:02:23               |
|                 | 25m Backstroke           | 3 | 35:20                 |
|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 2 | 1:08:90               |
|                 | 25m Breaststroke         | 3 | 32:80                 |
| AJ Venter       | 25m Freestyle            | 3 | 28:10                 |
|                 | 25m Backstroke           | 2 | 33:11                 |
|                 | 50m Backstroke           | 3 | 1:10:46               |
| Jamon Pienaar   | 50m Freestyle            | 3 | 1:12:81               |
|                 | 25m Breaststroke         | 2 | 32:15                 |
| U10             |                          |   |                       |
| Isabelle Bester | 25m Freestyle            | 1 | 22:48                 |
|                 | 50m Freestyle            | 1 | 54:80                 |
|                 | 25m Backstroke           | 2 | 28:37                 |

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|                          | 50m Backstroke            | 1 | 1:02:31 |
| <b>Elcke-Lynn Blom</b>   | 25m Freestyle             | 2 | 22:50   |
|                          | 50m Freestyle             | 2 | 55:62   |
|                          | 25m Backstroke            | 3 | 28:53   |
|                          | 50m Backstroke            | 2 | 1:05:57 |
|                          | 25m Butterfly             | 1 | 29:25   |
| <b>Mercy Dzitiro</b>     | 25m Breaststroke          | 3 | 31:28   |
|                          | 50m Breaststroke          | 2 | 1:08:94 |
|                          | 25m Butterfly             | 2 | 33:35   |
|                          | 4x 25 m Individual Medley | 1 | 2:37:60 |
| <b>Grace Kitching</b>    | 50m Backstroke            | 3 | 1:07:97 |
|                          | 25m Breaststroke          | 1 | 30:24   |
|                          | 50m Breaststroke          | 1 | 1:04:77 |
| <b>Keira Kingwill</b>    | 25m Breaststroke          | 2 | 31:18   |
|                          | 50m Breaststroke          | 3 | 1:12:50 |
| <b>Courtney Diza</b>     | 25m Freestyle             | 3 | 23:97   |
| <b>Cara Murray</b>       | 25m Butterfly             | 3 | 34:47   |
| <b>Lemari Grobler</b>    | 25m Backstroke            | 1 | 28:30   |
| <b>Mia Herrington</b>    | 4x 25 m Individual Medley | 2 | 2:49:84 |
| <b>Lily Burten-Moore</b> | 50m Freestyle             | 3 | 1:01:07 |
| <b>Liam Pienaar</b>      | 25m Freestyle             | 1 | 23:97   |

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|                      | 50m Freestyle    | 1 | 59:21   |
|                      | 25m Backstroke   | 2 | 29:80   |
|                      | 50m Backstroke   | 1 | 1:01:65 |
|                      | 25m Breaststroke | 2 | 44:28   |
|                      | 50m Breaststroke | 2 | 1:40:50 |
| <b>Andre Putter</b>  | 25m Freestyle    | 2 | 24:16   |
|                      | 50m Freestyle    | 2 | 1:04:60 |
|                      | 25m Backstroke   | 3 | 32:09   |
|                      | 50m Backstroke   | 3 | 1:23:30 |
|                      | 25m Breaststroke | 1 | 31:75   |
|                      | 50m Breaststroke | 1 | 1:16:25 |
| <b>Andrew McEwan</b> | 25m Freestyle    | 3 | 24:34   |
|                      | 50m Freestyle    | 3 | 1:05:33 |
|                      | 25m Backstroke   | 1 | 27:70   |
|                      | 50m Backstroke   | 2 | 1:12:82 |

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| Inter-house: Daly – collected by :               | <b>Elcke-Lynne Blom</b> |
| Pearson Floating Trophy - Victor Ludorum:        | <b>Quade Roman</b>      |
| Pohl Brothers Floating Trophy - Victrix Ludorum: | <b>Callan Strydom</b>   |
|                                                  | <b>Gabriella Lekas</b>  |

## PRIZEGIVING 2025

### GRADE 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

| CERTIFICATE FOR PERSEVERANCE                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Kiera Bantom<br>Callen Blignaut<br>Elimiyo Daliwe<br>Olivia Hoskin<br>Ziziphiwo Jack<br>Inganathi Johnson<br>Keevah Lamont                                                                         | Okuhle Mabope<br>Ivokuhle Ngece<br>Naumi Okbagergish<br>Leah van Aswegen<br>Alexander Webster<br>Mila Whyte                                                                            |
| CERTIFICATE FOR GOOD PROGRESS                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Kyle Bangure<br>Joané Bekker<br>Kungawo Camngca<br>Luke Fitzhenry<br>Mivuyo Kutvana<br>Yimivuyo Makalima                                                                                           | Imimangaliso Makubalo<br>Mikhulu Nqumashe<br>Shiloh Phillips<br>Alulutho Skosana<br>Jacques van Deventer<br>Malik van Gend                                                             |
| MERIT AWARDS ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| These learners have achieved an average of 80% and above over terms 1, 2 & 3 in Maths and/ or English                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| MERIT AWARD FOR MATHS AND ENGLISH                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Richard Holloway                                                                                                                                                                                   | Nöhl Thomas                                                                                                                                                                            |
| MERIT AWARD FOR ENGLISH                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Sinolizwi Novunywa                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| MERIT AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Naudé Bester<br>Zaydan Daniels<br>Seth de Bruin<br>Kaele Hardine<br>Njongo Jantjies<br>Mikhongelo Mabunda                                                                                          | LoganMcAdam<br>Finn Minnaar<br>Otto John Moolman<br>Aiden Steenkamp<br>Kara van der Walt                                                                                               |
| ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HAVE BEEN EARNED BY                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| These learners have consistently achieved 80% and above in English and Mathematics for all 3 terms.                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Boden Abader<br>Gabriella Beck<br>Kevinishia Booysen<br>Akeem Christoffels<br>Jayden Damons<br>Leo Davids<br>Luchaé Jaftha<br>Teneekah Kameel<br>Rachel Kingwill<br>Aaron Koeberg<br>Luhle Kubashe | Deandre Malai<br>Jordan Marais<br>Holly Mussel<br>Ntando Nontshiyane<br>Alexa Ott<br>Olivia Rand<br>Lubabalo Silimeni<br>Rileigh van der Struys<br>Aqhamile Wana<br>Lavelilanga Wilman |

### GRADE 2 ACADEMIC AWARDS

| CERTIFICATES FOR EFFORT, PROGRESS & PERSEVERANCE                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Progress and Perseverance                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Lee-Ma Ahmed<br>Perseverance<br>Blake Bezuidenhout<br>Ayavuya Blouw<br>Elvaro Bok<br>William Herold<br>Unenceba Jezile<br>Kate Krige<br>Vuyo Lolwana | Taylor Lucas<br>Bazile Lukubeni<br>Esethu Madotyeni<br>Nqwenokulhe Mbiyozo<br>Sisipho Mtolo<br>Luphawu Noko<br>Cwangco Ntobe<br>Axolamayirha Speelman<br>Cayden van Staden |
| Effort and Perseverance                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Akohlulwa Kilili                                                                                                                                     | Lusikelelo Mdlalana                                                                                                                                                        |
| MERIT AWARDS ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN:                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| These learners have achieved an average of 80% and above over terms 1, 2 & 3 in 1, 2 or 3 of the subjects (Maths, English, Afrikaans).               |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Mathematics                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Ruben Bester<br>Tara Birch<br>Mohammed Fraz<br>Lakhanya Gumbi<br>Luka Jansen van Rensburg                                                            | Hunter Krige<br>Kgothatso Mabapa<br>Drury Plaatjies<br>Amy van Rensburg                                                                                                    |
| Afrikaans                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Terroline Grootboom<br>Matthew Hoffman<br>Johandré Ludick                                                                                            | Nicolas Rossouw<br>Logan Smith                                                                                                                                             |
| Maths & English                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Jade Dugmore                                                                                                                                         | Alivia Palmer                                                                                                                                                              |
| Maths & Afrikaans                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Akeevah Klerk<br>Garron Maarman<br>Alude Mabhamba                                                                                                    | Arlo Matthews<br>Jamie Swartz<br>Kainon Swartz                                                                                                                             |
| Maths & Afrikaans & English                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| John Kingwill<br>Gia Maya<br>Setote Mussa                                                                                                            | Rebecca Nel<br>Aiden van der Walt                                                                                                                                          |
| ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HAVE BEEN EARNED BY:                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| These learners have consistently achieved 80% and above in English, Mathematics and Afrikaans for all 3 terms.                                       |                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Imbasa-Entle Booysen<br>Tyrese Booysen<br>Becca Hunter<br>Zadoc Johnson<br>Daniel Juries<br>Charles Kingwill                                         | Kyric Koeberg<br>Ajay Le Roux<br>Derwin Mathews<br>Georgia Preston<br>Julia Walker<br>Ashley Wenham                                                                        |



## JUNIOR SPORTS AWARDS

| HOCKEY                                                                                                                          |                                     |
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| UNDER 7 HOCKEY MERIT CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS                                                        |                                     |
| Most improved player                                                                                                            | Joanè Bekker                        |
| Positive sportsmanship                                                                                                          | Luchaè Jafta                        |
| Most promising player is                                                                                                        | Sinelizwi Novunywa                  |
| Perseverance                                                                                                                    | Mivuyo Kutyana<br>Elimiyo Daliwe    |
| Montego Work Ethic Award: for the player who demonstrated the most determination, effort and commitment in training and matches | Kevinishia Booysen                  |
| TROPHIES                                                                                                                        |                                     |
| Montego Player of the Year                                                                                                      | Shiloh Philips                      |
| MERIT CERTIFICATES ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING UNDER 8 HOCKEY PLAYERS                                                        |                                     |
| For sportsmanship                                                                                                               | Ashley Wenham                       |
| For perseverance                                                                                                                | Setote Mussa                        |
| Montego Work Ethic Award: for the player who demonstrated the most determination, effort and commitment in training and matches | Tara Birch                          |
| TROPHIES                                                                                                                        |                                     |
| The Carol-Lee floating trophy for the most promising junior hockey player                                                       | Amy van Rensburg                    |
| Corrie Potgieter floating trophy for the most improved junior hockey player                                                     | Terroline Grootboom<br>Jade Dugmore |
| Montego Player of the Year                                                                                                      | Alivia Palmer                       |

## JUNIOR CULTURAL AWARDS

| GRADE 2 RECORDER PRIZES :                  |                                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Becca Hunter<br>Kate Krige<br>Julia Walker | Ashley Wenham<br>Kgothatso Mabapa |

## GRADE 3 ACADEMIC AWARDS

| CERTIFICATES FOR EFFORT & PERSEVERANCE ARE PRESENTED TO:                                                                                |                                                                                                   |
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| These learners have worked with dedication and perseverance throughout the year and have made academic progress.                        |                                                                                                   |
| Stacey Bangure<br>Tahum Buys<br>Luminathi Camngca<br>Marafia Kaitro<br>Sayid Kuhlana<br>Hlalumi Manyonta                                | Naledi Mateza<br>Sonwabiso Mhambi<br>Liyanelisa Nonnies<br>Endinako Skepe<br>Liam Whyte           |
| MERIT AWARDS ARE PRESENTED TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN:                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |
| These learners have achieved an average of 80% and above over terms 1, 2 & 3 in at least 2 of the subjects (Maths, English, Afrikaans). |                                                                                                   |
| English & Afrikaans:                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                   |
| Allen-Keziah Block                                                                                                                      | Mia le Roux                                                                                       |
| Maths & English:                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                   |
| Alexis Basson<br>Juan de Klerk<br>Christian-Ross Maya                                                                                   | André Putter<br>Hayley Westraad                                                                   |
| Maths & Afrikaans:                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                   |
| Liam Wormald                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                   |
| Maths, English & Afrikaans:                                                                                                             |                                                                                                   |
| Ariya Adolph<br>Taygan George<br>Lolwethu Jacobs<br>Jesse Meyer<br>Sophia Ott<br>Jamon Pienaar                                          | Layla Rand<br>Azalea Sauls<br>Callan Strydom<br>Neah van den Berg<br>Anton Venter<br>Riané Victor |
| ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS HAVE BEEN EARNED BY:                                                                                        |                                                                                                   |
| These learners have consistently achieved 80% and above in English, Mathematics and Afrikaans in each of the 3 terms.                   |                                                                                                   |

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| Keishia Booysen<br>Avia Cona<br>Mya Dos Santos<br>Amy Gerber<br>Skylar Goliath<br>Eden Hufkie<br>Riley Johaar<br>Gabriella Lekas<br>Paballo Mabapa<br>Aaliya Madaugee | Avery Malai<br>CJ Marlouw<br>Kungawo Memeza<br>Karli Minnie<br>Kamogelo Oliphant<br>Lukho Pehlo<br>Roxanne Stevens<br>Riko Steynberg<br>Caidon Swartz |
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## GRADE 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS

| Certificate for continuous hard work and effort, presented to:                                                                            |                                                                                                   |                 |
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| Zanke Bellingan<br>Lilly- Ann Brunette<br>Mark Copeman<br>Hibbah Kazi<br>Milani Mayekiso<br>Jamie - Lee Minnies                           | Likuwe Naki<br>Liam Raath<br>Quade Roman<br>Octavia Snydert<br>Mijke van Aswegen<br>Natanim Wolde |                 |
| Merit certificates are awarded to grade 4 children who achieved an average of 80% or more in 3 or more subjects                           |                                                                                                   |                 |
| Nixon Borlaise                                                                                                                            | Mathematics,Natural Science and Technology and Life Skills                                        |                 |
| Zanelle Botha                                                                                                                             | Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                          |                 |
| Lilly Burton-Moore                                                                                                                        | Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                                           |                 |
| Courtney Diza                                                                                                                             | Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                          |                 |
| Gia du Preez                                                                                                                              | Mathematics, Natural Science and Technology, English, Life Skills and Afrikaans                   |                 |
| Khazimla Fundi                                                                                                                            | Social Sciences, English, Life Skills and Afrikaans                                               |                 |
| Lemari Grobler                                                                                                                            | Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, English, Life Skills & Afrikaans                 |                 |
| Mia Herrington                                                                                                                            | English, Life Skills and Afrikaans                                                                |                 |
| Keira Kingwill                                                                                                                            | Mathematics, Social Sciences, English and Life Skills                                             |                 |
| Grace Kitching                                                                                                                            | Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                                           |                 |
| Kiara Knoesen:                                                                                                                            | Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                          |                 |
| Cara Murray                                                                                                                               | Mathematics, Social Sciences, English and Life Skills                                             |                 |
| Jessica Raley                                                                                                                             | Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                                           |                 |
| Zahra Smith                                                                                                                               | Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                                           |                 |
| Jua van Jaarsveld                                                                                                                         | Social Sciences, Natural Science and Technology, English and Life Skills                          |                 |
| Certificates of academic achievement are presented to the following learners who achieved an average of 80% or more in all learning areas |                                                                                                   |                 |
| Richter de Wet                                                                                                                            | Isabella Petrus                                                                                   | Anè van der Pol |
| The following subject certificates are awarded to the following learners for achieving the highest marks in the particular subject        |                                                                                                   |                 |
| Afrikaans                                                                                                                                 | Richter de Wet                                                                                    |                 |
| NST                                                                                                                                       | Lemari Grobler                                                                                    |                 |
| Social sciences                                                                                                                           | Kiara Knoesen                                                                                     |                 |
| Life skills                                                                                                                               | Keira Kingwill                                                                                    |                 |
| Top 10:                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |                 |
| 10th place                                                                                                                                | 81%                                                                                               | Cara Murray     |
| 9th place                                                                                                                                 | 82.24%                                                                                            | Courtney Diza   |
| 8th place                                                                                                                                 | 82.68%                                                                                            | Keira Kingwill  |
| 7th place                                                                                                                                 | 82.91%                                                                                            | Gia du Preez    |
| 6th place                                                                                                                                 | 83.04%                                                                                            | Anè van der Pol |
| 5th place                                                                                                                                 | 83.19%                                                                                            | Kiara Knoesen   |
| 4th place                                                                                                                                 | 83.29%                                                                                            | Isabella Petrus |
| 3rd place                                                                                                                                 | 83.68%                                                                                            | Richter de Wet  |
| 2nd place                                                                                                                                 | 85.54%                                                                                            | Lemari Grobler  |
| 1st place                                                                                                                                 | 86.03%                                                                                            | Zanelle Botha   |

## CROSS COUNTRY

### Junior Cross Country: Girls

3rd Place:

Becca Hunter

2nd Place:

Rebecca Nel

1st Place and the Andrew Bates Floating Trophy – Junior Girls:  
**Amy van Rensburg**

#### Junior Cross Country: Boys

3rd Place: **Charles Kingwill**  
2nd Place: **Aiden van der Walt**  
1st Place and the André Naudé Floating Trophy – Junior Boys:  
**Kainon Swartz**

#### Senior Cross Country: Girls

3rd Place: **Taygan George**  
2nd Place: **Roxanne Stevens**  
1st Place and the Lizle Smit Floating Trophy – Senior Cross Country Girls:  
**Keira Kingwill**

#### Senior Cross Country: Boys

3rd Place: **Liam Raath**  
2nd Place: **Tumelo Lukubeni**  
1st Place and the George Mundell Floating Trophy – Senior Cross Country Boys:  
**Connor Nel**

## SENIOR SPORTS AWARDS

### HOCKEY

#### UNDER 9 HOCKEY – MERIT CERTIFICATES

Most improved player: **Skylar Goliath**  
Sportsmanship: **Karli Minnie**  
Perseverance: **Marafia Kaitro**  
Montego Work Ethic Award - for the player who demonstrated the most determination, effort and commitment in training and matches:  
**Neah van der Berg**

#### TROPHIES

The Sulette Damons floating trophy donated by the UHS first team of 2005 for the most promising player: **Keishia Booysen**  
Montego Player of the Year: **Taygan George**

#### UNDER 10 HOCKEY – MERIT CERTIFICATES

The most improved player: **Mercy Dzitiro**  
For sportsmanship: **Stacey Bangure**  
For perseverance: **Courtney Diza**  
Montego Work Ethic Award – for the player who demonstrated the most determination, effort and commitment in training and matches:  
**Lilly Burton-Moore**

#### TROPHIES

The Haloise Middleton floating trophy for the most promising player is awarded to:  
**Keira Kingwill**  
Montego Player of the Year: **Isabella Petrus**

### RUGBY

The Van Wyk Floating Trophy for most improved rugby player. This can be awarded to any rugby player from grade 1 through to grade 4, and this year it is presented to:  
**Connor Nel**

#### AWARDS FOR UNDER 9 RUGBY

The Graaff-Reinet Hardware and Building Supplies Trophy for the Most Promising U/9 Rugby Player: **Qazo Boo**  
The Bennett Floating Trophy for U/9 Player of the Year:  
**Riko Steynberg**

#### UNDER 11 RUGBY

Most promising player: **Likuwe Naki**  
Mpilo Njoloza Floating Trophy for Player of the Year:  
**Tumelo Lukubeni**

### CRICKET

#### TROPHIES:

The Lutho Pohlango Floating Trophy for the Most Promising Junior Cricketer: **Mark Copeman**  
The Brian Bands Floating Trophy for the best All Round Mini-Cricketer:  
**Nicolas Rossouw**

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR BATTING, BOWLING AND PROGRESS IN UNDER 9 CRICKET:

Batting: **Callan Strydom**  
Bowling: **Juan De Klerk**

Progress:

**Liam Wormald**

#### CRICKET TROPHIES

Lee Joseph Floating Trophy for the Most Promising U/11 B Cricketer:  
**Andre Putter, Owam Kotishini**  
Quinton Family Floating Trophy for Achievement in Bowling:  
**Mark Copeman**  
Dennis McEwan Floating Trophy for Achievement in Batting:  
**Mark Copeman**  
Donald Kingwill Floating Trophy for Cricket for Achievement in Fielding:  
**Andrew McEwan**

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR BATTING, BOWLING AND PROGRESS IN UNDER 11 CRICKET:

Batting: **Liam Raath**  
Bowling: **Iminathi Sididi**  
Progress: **Andrew McEwan**

### TENNIS

#### BOYS' DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd place: **Ruben Bester & William Herold**  
2nd place: **Andrew McEwan & Jordan Marais**  
Robin Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Doubles:  
**Liam Raath & Connor Nel**

#### BOYS' SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd place: **Connor Nel**  
2nd place: **Andrew McEwan**  
Richard Slater Floating Trophy – Boys' Singles:  
**Liam Raath**

#### GIRLS' DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd place: **Julia Walker & Ashley Wenham**  
2nd place: **Amy Gerber & Riley Johaar**  
Gary Sullivan Floating Trophy – Girls' Doubles:  
**Keira Kingwill & Cara Murray**

#### GIRLS' SINGLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd place: **Amy Gerber**  
2nd place: **Cara Murray**  
B.P. Floating Trophy – Girls' Singles:  
**Keira Kingwill**

#### MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

3rd place: **Andrew McEwan & Amy Gerber**  
2nd place: **Connor Nel & Cara Murray**  
Dassie Fontein Floating Trophy – Mixed Doubles:  
**Keira Kingwill & Liam Raath**

### SPECIAL SPORTS AWARD FOR PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

#### PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATION

Representing Eastern Province in mountain biking at the Schools Cycling South Africa finals:  
**Karli Minnie**

### SPECIAL SPORTS AWARD FOR SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION

#### SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATION

South African representation in kickboxing: **Grace-Lynne Kitching**  
South African representation in kickboxing: **Liam Pienaar**  
South African representation in kickboxing: **Jaqwan Ahmed**

### SENIOR CULTURAL AWARDS

#### MUSIC AND CULTURAL AWARDS

#### THE FOLLOWING RECORDER PRIZES ARE GIVEN:

For Grade 3 recorder: **Sophia Ott**

#### AWARDS FOR GRADE 3 LEARNERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED IN PIANO ARE AS FOLLOWS

Progress in Piano: **Tyler MONGWE**





Merit Awards for Piano:

**Avia Cona**  
**Mya Dos Santos**  
**Riley Johaar**  
**Sophia Ott**  
**Hayley Westraad**

#### AWARDS FOR GRADE 4 LEARNERS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED IN PIANO ARE AS FOLLOWS

Progress in Piano:

**Lily Burton-Moore**  
**Israel Linch**  
**Tumelo Lukubeni**

Merit awards for piano:

**Zanké Bellingan**  
**Richter de Wet**  
**Lemari Grobler**  
**Mia Herrington**  
**Kiara Knoesen**  
**Zahra Smith**  
**Mijke van Aswegen**  
**Jua van Jaarsveld**  
**Keira Kingwill**  
**Cara Murray**

Distinction Awards for Piano:

#### TROPHIES

The Alet Kingwill floating trophy for the most outstanding piano pupil:

**Keira Kingwill & Cara Murray**

The Marlene Rubidge Floating Trophy for achievement and progress in Cultural Activities:

**Becca Hunter & Keira Kingwill**

#### MERIT AWARDS FOR CHOIR

Certificate citation: Exemplary Commitment to Choir in 2025

**Skylar Goliath**  
**Mia Herrington**  
**Marafiya Kaitro**  
**Paballo Mabapa**  
**Roxanne Stevens**  
**Liam Whyte**

Certificate citation: Expressive Performance in Choir 2025

**Gabriella Lekas**  
**Karli Minnie**  
**Rebecca Nel**  
**Jua van Jaarsveld**

#### MERIT CERTIFICATES FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

**Zanelle Botha**  
**Richter de Wet**  
**Hibbah Kazi**  
**Cara Murray**  
**Isabella Petrus**

**Mark Copeman**  
**Lemari Grobler**  
**Keira Kingwill**  
**Connor Nel**  
**Liam Raath**

The HORACE STANTON floating trophy for the General Knowledge Champion:

**Andrew McEwan**

#### CHESS MERIT AWARDS

A certificate for positive Sportsmanship in Chess:

**Zanké Bellingan**

JP Kruger Floating Trophy for most improved Chess Player:

**Kemar Klasse**

Chanzelle Heunis-Jones Floating Trophy for Senior Chess Champion:

**Paballo Mabapa**

Tossie Minnaar Floating Trophy for Junior Chess Champion:

**Kgothatso Mabapa**

Cedric Hayward Floating Trophy - Individual Chess Champion:

**Kgothatso Mabapa**

UPS Floating Trophy for the Most promising Chess Player:

**Kgothatso Mabapa**

#### ACHIEVEMENT IN CHESS

Certificates are awarded to the following learners for their achievement in chess, in making the Sarah Baartman Chess team:

**Paballo Mabapa**  
**Kgothatso Mabapa**  
**Isabella Petrus**  
**Mia Herrington**  
**Daniel Juries**  
**Kemar Klasse**

#### OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CHESS

for being selected to represent the Eastern Cape at the Inter-Provincial Youth Chess Championship for 2025:

**Paballo Mabapa**  
**Kgothatso Mabapa**

#### SPECIAL AWARDS

- Ouderland/ Murray Floating Trophy -for Participation and Endurance in Sport: **Lilly Ann Brunette**
- Stern family Floating Trophy for Sportswoman of the Year: **Keira Kingwill**
- Carl Bezuidenhout Floating Trophy for Sportsman of the Year: **Tumelo Lukubeni**
- Brendan Minnaar Memorial Trophy donated by the A-10 class of 2003 for Top Mathematician: **Natanim Wolde: 89.3%**
- Top English Mark: **Lemari Grobler: 87.9%**
- Old Unionite Floating Shield for Top Academic Achievement in Grade 4: **Zanelle Botha**
- Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Trophy – for Grade 3 pupils who demonstrate the most Praiseworthy social skills: **Lukho Pehlo**  
**Riko Steynberg**  
**Kamogelo Oliphant**
- The Rebecca Kingwill Memorial Bursary is awarded to a scholar in Grade 2 going to Grade 3. Such a scholar is not necessarily top in their grade, but all things considered has brought credit to himself and their school academically, culturally, on the sports field and socially. Such a child is deemed to be deserving of, and seen as one who would benefit by a bursary. This year it is awarded to: **Becca Hunter**
- The John Watermeyer Gentleman's award - This award is given to a young boy who shows what it means to be a true gentleman. He is polite, kind, and respectful to his teachers, friends, and family. He has good manners, listens to others, and shows care in the way he treats people. A gentleman is someone helpful and fair, who makes others feel valued. This award celebrates a boy who shows these qualities every day, setting a shining example for others to follow. This award can be given to a boy from Grade 1 to Grade 4. The 2025 recipient is: **Liyasanelisa Kula**
- Harlin Lepotha Memorial Shield - donated by the 2007 A-10 class for the pupil who demonstrates strength of character and shows personal growth while maintaining a positive disposition. This year the award is given to: **Richter de Wet**
- Bruce Cumming Award. This Honours Trophy is awarded to the pupil who is an all rounder. This pupil achieves as a scholar, participates in cultural activities and on the sports field, and displays leadership qualities as well as sportsmanship. Congratulations to this year's recipient: **Isabella Petrus**

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