

PRIORITIES 2025-26

Vukukhanye's current key priorities are the successful operation of **The Vukukhanye Educare Centre** in Chesterville, continuing to support our current **bursary students** and the **support of vulnerable children, youth and families in Chesterville** (e.g. with school resources, food and clothing). In addition, when resources allow Vukukhanye assists community-based organisations such as preschools in Chesterville.

Bursaries

The Bursary Programme, which was started in 2009, has now assisted 21 bursars with fees, uniforms, stationery and guidance. Many of these bursars have achieved tertiary qualifications in fields such as civil engineering, nursing, commerce and accounting, social science, education, supply chain management, welding & fabrication, aviation support, tourism, human resources, chemical engineering and public management. The success of the Bursary Programme is largely thanks to Suncoast, who have committed to the ongoing support of the two bursars below...

Sphesihle was selected when he was in Grade 1 in 2013, and has been assisted with school uniforms, stationery and school fees for the past 12 years. Sphesihle completed Grade 12 in 2024 and will be studying a Bachelor of Education in Foundation Phase Teaching.

Philiswa has worked as a teacher at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre since early 2024, when she filled in for a teacher who sustained a serious leg fracture. Philiswa has proven to be a dedicated, passionate teacher and thanks to support from Suncoast will be able to enrol in an accredited 3-year "National Diploma in Early Childhood Development".

The Vukukhanye Educare Centre



This preschool was established in 2012 to provide quality early childhood development services to children living in and around Chesterville, Cato Manor. There are currently 45 children enrolled children, who enjoy a full day of play-centred learning and receive a nutritious breakfast, a mid-morning snack and cooked lunch daily.

A few photos of recent highlights are included below...



ANIMAL FARM TRIP



Thanks to Key Autobody Pinetown for a wonderful outing; including a tractor ride, feeding the farm animals and a delicious lunch.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Vukukhanye distributed school shoes, school socks and stationery to 44 children in Chesterville; thanks to support from the Starfish Greathearts Foundation and Investec.

2024 Graduation Ceremony



Christmas Gifts



Upgrades & Repairs

Recent improvements at the Vukukhanye Educare Centre...

Improvements during the last year included strengthening of the large outdoor **awning** and the laying and painting of roof sheeting; repair of the perimeter **fence** and **gates**, a new low internal fence, **tree-felling** on the fence-line; repair and replacement of **gutters** which supply two large rainwater tanks, **artificial turf** to help with outdoor play, as well as a major **classroom rebuild** and a brand-new **jungle gym** and covered **sand pit**.

More recent improvements have included:

- Building brick steps to access the kitchen and office (to replace the old metal steps).
- The entrance to the driveway from the road was improved as it was eroded and becoming difficult for cars to enter.
- A community path just outside the school had become too steep and slippery for the children and adults to safely negotiate. Vukukhanye has made good progress on building concrete steps to make the path safe (but some more work is needed).
- New sand for the sand pit
- Rainwater tank valve replacement
- Fire extinguisher servicing



Indoor & Outdoor play



