

Saints
WEEKLY ROUNDUP

✦ SCC150

TERM 1 WEEK 4



We would like to wish our Saints boys across the Prep and Senior School, as well as any staff and parents who are swimming, the very best for the Midmar Mile this weekend!



Team of the *Week*

A huge congratulations to our First Water Polo Team on being named this week's Team of the Week!

The team showed great commitment and determination, traveling to Durban midweek to take on Glenwood - and delivering a fantastic victory. What stood out most, however, is their relentless dedication to early morning training and the hard work they put in every day to elevate their game.



We applaud the boys for their efforts, thank the parents for their unwavering support, and celebrate the exciting progress of the St Charles College Aquatics programme. Well done, Saints! - Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

Summer Sport

Weekend Wrap-up

The Saints were up against the Green Machine on Saturday.

Earlier in the week, the 1st team golf enjoyed a strong performance to overcome Hilton's top golf team at Victoria Country Club and our water polo teams remained unbeaten against Glenwood. There was also the start of the Tuskers 100 ball tournament, where our 1st XI hosted Maritzburg College.

CRICKET VS GLENWOOD

This past Saturday, St Charles College welcomed Glenwood to the Oval for what promised to be a competitive encounter. The hosts entered the match with confidence, having secured impressive victories over Michaelhouse and Maritzburg College (100-ball format) earlier in the week. However, they faced a Glenwood First XI eager to bounce back, particularly with their batting lineup proving dangerous throughout the season.



St Charles Struggles Against Disciplined Spin Attack

Winning the toss, St Charles opted to bat first, hoping to capitalise on a solid track. The innings began in promising fashion, with early aggression from the top order providing a strong start. However, Glenwood quickly adjusted, deploying their spin attack, which immediately changed the complexion of the game. Their well-disciplined bowling unit applied pressure, drying up the scoring opportunities and forcing mistakes.

With no clear response to Glenwood's tight lines and disciplined variations, the hosts found themselves in trouble at 42/3 after 14 overs. The visitors continued to apply pressure, and it was once again up to the younger players, Clarke and Sharp, to steady the innings and attempt a rebuild.

Sharp's Half-Century the Only Highlight in a Modest Total

Despite the mounting pressure, Clarke, Simpson and Rajah showed determination at the crease, attempting to form partnerships and regain some momentum. However, Glenwood's relentless bowling attack continued to find breakthroughs at crucial moments.

Sharp, however, displayed admirable composure, working his way to a well-earned 50 in a fighting effort. His innings provided some much needed stability, but unfortunately, he fell shortly after reaching his milestone. The lower order battled to extend the innings, but St Charles ultimately fell short of batting out their allotted overs, posting 167 all out – a total that felt slightly below par on a decent batting wicket.



Ntsieng's Match-Winning Knock Secures Victory for Glenwood

Glenwood approached the chase with confidence, maintaining control of the game from the outset. While St Charles had moments where they looked capable of turning the tide, they lacked the discipline required to build sustained pressure. Glenwood's Ntsieng played a match-winning innings, scoring a superb 70, anchoring his team's chase. His calculated approach ensured that Glenwood remained in control, with the rest of the batting lineup chipping in with useful contributions to secure a well-earned victory.

Looking Ahead: A Tale of Two Teams

For Glenwood, this victory marks a significant step forward as their team finds greater rhythm and consistency. Their ability to adapt to the conditions and execute their game plan with precision will serve them well as the season progresses. For St Charles College, the result serves as a reality check. While they have shown glimpses of brilliance in previous fixtures, their inconsistencies, particularly in handling quality spin bowling and maintaining discipline in key moments, proved costly. However, this young team has immense potential, and with the right adjustments, they have all the ingredients to become a team to watch in the seasons to come.

This may have been a setback, but don't write off St Charles College just yet – their journey is just beginning. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Head Coach)

BASKETBALL VS GLENWOOD

After an exhilarating win at Michaelhouse a week earlier, the home Saints team looked to consolidate their good start to the season with another win; however, the visiting Glenwood side had much to prove and hoped to cause an upset.

With the game underway, Glenwood got off to a good start, knocking down their first three-pointer of the game. With the home crowd chanting, the hosts implemented a full-court press for the duration of the game. Unfortunately, Glenwood did not have the personnel to deal with this pressure which resulted in numerous turnovers and open transition baskets.



Glenwood continued to play hard throughout the game; however, St Charles College showed too much class on the day and came away as a comfortable winner.

Next St Charles College travels up the hill to take on Hilton College. – Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)



WATER POLO VS GLENWOOD

St Charles College battled to a well-deserved 6 – 5 victory over Glenwood in a tightly contested water polo match. Both teams showed strong defensive discipline, making every goal hard to come by and ensuring a tense, competitive encounter from start to finish.



The first quarter saw St Charles make a strong start, capitalizing on their attacking opportunities to take an early 2 – 1 lead. However, Glenwood tightened their defense in the second quarter, preventing St Charles from adding to their tally while managing to find the back of the net themselves. This left the halftime score tied at 2 – 2, setting up an intense second half.

Glenwood carried their momentum into the third quarter, edging ahead with another solid defensive performance and sharp finishing. They outscored St Charles 2 – 1 in the quarter, giving them a narrow 4 – 3 lead heading into the final period.

With everything to play for in the fourth quarter, St Charles showed tremendous determination and fighting spirit. They raised their intensity, attacking with confidence and composure to score three crucial goals while limiting Glenwood to just one. This decisive effort saw them reclaim the lead and secure a hard-fought 6 – 5 victory at the final whistle.

This match was a true test of resilience and teamwork for St Charles, highlighting their ability to dig deep when it mattered most. Their strong finish and never-say-die attitude will serve them well as they continue their season. – Mr Brett Croeser (Head Coach)

Prep Sport *News*

GALA AT CORDWALLES

Our second gala of the year was held at Cordwalles. Against some tough competition, our boys competed well. Congratulations to our U11A squad who managed to win 3 out of their 4 races and to our U12A squad who managed to win all 4 races. The gala also provided us with an opportunity to swim all our boys and grow our depth which was pleasing to see. We also thank our parents and coaches for their time and sacrifices.
– Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



Photos courtesy of Tamara Black

CRICKET VS MERCHISTON

The past week saw our prep cricketers enjoy a busy week against Merchiston. The action began on Wednesday and ended on Saturday afternoon with 18 matches in total being played. On Wednesday, we all enjoyed watching the first tied match of the season as our U9C team enjoyed a very exciting game. We also enjoyed watching the U11C team making 122 runs for 5 wickets.

On Friday the SCC teams were playing excellent cricket until, unfortunately, the lightening siren went off and the matches were cancelled. Our 5th XI was 33/2 chasing 85 after a brilliant spell by Kairav Budaram taking 3-5. Our 7th XI was well set making 162/1. Congratulations to Kieran Ghela on making 59 runs not out and Kwandokuhle Mthethwa making 44 runs not out. Our U11Bs made 132 and then had Merchiston 32/5 and then our U9A were 38/0 chasing 116 runs.

On Saturday, the excitement continued with some very close and exciting matches. Well done to our U11As who continued their excellent start to the season and to Matthew Patterson-Roberts for making 58 runs not out. Our 2nd XI enjoyed another thriller this weekend by scoring the winning runs off the very last ball. In this match, Merchiston were restricted to 128 largely due to a very good spell by Trédyn Naidoo of 3-9 off 6 overs. Ethan Mclean then played a captains innings making 54 runs. The 1st XI match was also extremely close but this one went in Merchiston's favour as they won by 15 runs.

We thank Merchiston for the fixtures and the friendly competition and wish them well for the rest of the season. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



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TENNIS NEWS

We would like to congratulate Keegan Mann and Joshua Le Roux who competed in the annual District Tennis trials on Sunday. Both our boys were courageous and did themselves and our school proud.

We also thank Mr Manyathi for his time and service to our boys and sport.

– Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes
(Head of Prep Sport)



Mini Cricket

Our Grade 1s welcomed their friends from Cordwalles to the Saints Oval earlier this week for their first mini cricket matches of the year.



KZN *Youth* orchestra

Grade 10 cellist, Kaidan Pillay, has once again been selected for the KwaZulu-Natal Youth Orchestra. His continued success reflects his dedication, talent, and passion for music.

Being part of this prestigious orchestra provides Kaidan with the opportunity to perform alongside some of the province's most talented young musicians. We are proud of his achievement and look forward to seeing him excel in the year ahead.

Congratulations, Kaidan! – Mr Pierre Frenzel
(Head of Music)



Science and Engineering *Club*

This week, the Science and Engineering Club embarked on an exciting project to build the highest potential battery using potatoes and lemons. The boys were thrilled to see how everyday items could be used to generate electricity.

In this experiment, the lemon juice acted as an electrolyte, a substance capable of conducting electricity. When copper wire was inserted into the lemon, it reacted with the acid in the lemon juice, releasing electrons and creating a flow of charge. The same principle applied to the potatoes, which also served as a source of electrolyte.

The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as the boys eagerly shared their results. The highest potential difference achieved was 570 mV. A big congratulations to Max Marshall, Connor Blom, Louis Koch, Zach Buchanan, and Carl Hellberg.

– Mrs Claire Beckedahl



Social Chess

Earlier this week, a group of boys from the chess club participated in a social match against Michaelhouse.

This was conducted via chess.com, invigilated by Mr Barry, Ms Dredge and Mr Strydom. Our sincere thanks go to Michaelhouse and in particular, Mr Coventry for helping to co-ordinate this event. We certainly look forward to similar events soon. – Mr Gareth Barry



Scrummies Mums Mingle

Building a sense of community is a priority at our College. Our through-school model means that our boys often spend 12 to 15 years with each other, making connection even more important.

To kickstart the year and give our precious moms a chance to get to know each other and have some well-deserved "me-time" we hosted our Moms' Mingle last Friday evening. This year our moms had an opportunity to paint and decorate their own candles.

It was heartwarming to watch and hear our moms chatting away and having a great time!
– Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)



Art in the *Junior Primary*

Our Junior Primary boys have created such beautiful pieces of art!



Blazer

Cupboard Notice

2025 fittings are in full swing, and it is vital that appointments are made should you need any uniform items. Alternately, you can purchase via the online store.

Make your online purchases here.

Make your appointment here.

Boys are still permitted to come in at break-times or before school.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Mothers Who Care 2025

MWC IS A CHRISTIAN
GROUP WHO PRAY FOR OUR STAFF, BOYS & THEIR
FAMILIES.
WE MEET WEEKLY IN THE GR 8 BOARDING LOUNGE ON A
WEDNESDAY AT 7:30 AM.
PLEASE JOIN US IN
PERSON, PRIVATELY
OR ON A WHATSAPP CALL.

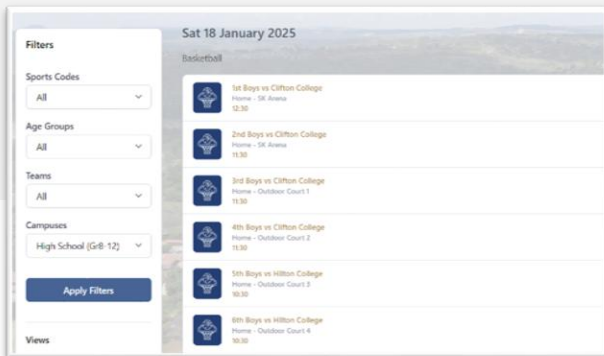
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BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

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**ST CHARLES COLLEGE
OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION**

***SCC150**

CORPORATE GOLF DAY

21st MARCH 2025 | VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB

4 ball alliance 2 scores to count

Prizes / cash donations welcome

10am Shotgun Start

ENTER A FOUR BALL - R3000

Includes R50 Halfway House Voucher & light supper

Cart to be booked directly with the Club - R440

SPONSOR THE PRACTICE GREEN - R3000

SPONSOR A TEE-BOX OR A GREEN - R1000

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ST CHARLES COLLEGE

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TERM DATES 2025

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return	08 January (Wednesday)
Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)	09 January (Thursday)
Senior School Boarders Return (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	14 January (Tuesday)
Senior School Lessons Commence (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	15 January (Wednesday)
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	14 January (Tuesday)
Prep School Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	15 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	21 February - 24 February
Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Friday) School Day
End of Term	28 March (Friday)
TERM 2	
Easter Weekend 18 April - 21 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	22 April (Tuesday)
Lessons Commence	23 April (Wednesday)
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Sunday)
Freedom Day Public Holiday (28 April)	28 April (Monday) School Day
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Thursday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	09 - 10 May (Friday and Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	23 May - 26 May
Youth Day (16 June)	16 June (Monday) School Day
End of Term	27 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	21 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	22 July (Tuesday)
FOUNDERS DAY (26 July)	26 July (Saturday)
Women's Day (09 August)	09 August (Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Thursday, Friday and Monday No School)	07 August - 11 August
Senior School Speech Night (6pm)	18 September (Thursday)
End of Term	18 September (Thursday)
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	29 September (Monday)
Lessons Commence	30 September (Tuesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	31 October - 03 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)	26 November (Wednesday)
End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)	27 November (Thursday)
Grade 6 Open Weekend	28 - 29 November (Friday and Saturday)
Teaching Staff Leave	04 December (Thursday)
Management and Support Staff Conclude	12 December (Friday)