

Saints WEEKLY ROUNDUP

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Valentines Day

on the Saints campus

Rose deliveries, kind gestures, pen pal letters, laughter and friendship could be found across our campus today as our boys from Scrummies through to Matric celebrated Valentine's Day!



Summer Sport

Weekend Wrap-up

While Game Day against Hilton College was full of action, we also had some notable performances during the week from our athletes, competing in the Aquellé Series and our Squash players who are taking part in the Top 8 league. The coveted Team of The Week award, which is announced every Tuesday by the College's Principal, Mr Allen van Blerk, has many contenders this week. 1st team golf, for their outstanding performance against Michaelhouse at the manicured Bosch Hoek Golf Club; U14A basketball for a pulsating fixture which was decided by a 3-pointer on the final hooter; the SCC Estates team, led by international pitch curator, Evan Flint, for producing magnificent wickets despite all the rain; our U15A cricket team for showing exceptional courage and bonding as a team after a character-testing tour to the Western Cape – enjoying some great domestic results and finally, the team of boys who volunteered and served at the Midmar Mile over the course of the weekend. It has been another special week of sport for the boys in Blue and Gold. – Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)

CRICKET VS HILTON COLLEGE

First XI Secure Convincing Victory at Hilton College

On Saturday, the St Charles College First XI travelled to Hilton College to take on their rivals at the renowned Hart-Davis Oval. Despite a week of uncertain weather, the field was in pristine condition, and the pitch – though slightly on the slower side – offered a fair grass cover. Both teams were eager to bowl first, knowing that early morning conditions might provide some assistance to the bowlers. St Charles College captain, Rico Honiball, called correctly at the toss and opted to field first under clear skies.



Disciplined Bowling Restricts Hilton to 112

The opening bowlers set out with an aggressive intent, but Hilton's top order started well, taking advantage of any loose deliveries in the initial six overs. With runs flowing freely, Hilton looked in control early on. However, Rajah provided the much-needed breakthrough, dismissing Ogilby, Hilton's dangerous opener. He nearly struck again soon after, creating another chance that was unfortunately put down at second slip.

At the end of the powerplay, Hilton had built a promising platform, scoring at a healthy rate of 4.5 runs per over. But the momentum soon shifted when St Charles College introduced spin into the attack. Caleb Sharp, bowling his left arm spin with excellent control, immediately put Hilton's middle order under pressure. Meanwhile, Ryan Clarke's medium-fast seam bowling complimented the spin attack perfectly, drying up the scoring opportunities. The duo worked in tandem to choke Hilton's run rate, forcing mistakes from the batsmen.

As wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals, Hilton struggled to regain momentum. Any hopes of a late surge were dashed when off-spinner Kaiyuran Naidoo cleaned up the tail with precision. He took two wickets in two balls, setting himself up for a hat-trick in the next 50-over game. Hilton College were bowled out for a modest total of 112 runs, a score well below par given the conditions.

A Measured Chase Seals the Win

After the lunch break, St Charles College began their chase with confidence but found themselves on the back foot early. Opener Thando Zama fell in the very first over, caught brilliantly by a Hilton fielder, giving the hosts an early boost. Rico Honiball, however, remained composed at the crease, stabilising the innings despite wickets falling around him. Hilton's bowlers fought hard, taking four more wickets and applying pressure on the visitors. But Rajah, having already made an impact with the ball, stepped up once again with the bat. His well-constructed innings ensured that St Charles College reached the target comfortably, securing a five-wicket victory for the men in Blue and Gold.

Looking Ahead

This impressive win marks another strong performance for St Charles College as they approach the final weeks of the summer season. The team showcased resilience, sharp bowling, and composed batting under pressure. With form on their side, they'll be looking to carry this momentum into their remaining fixtures. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Head Coach)

Final Result:

Hilton College 112 all out

St Charles College 113/5

St Charles College won by 5 wickets



BASKETBALL VS HILTON COLLEGE

The Saints travelled up the hill this weekend to take on long-time rivals, Hilton College. With Hilton having won the two previous encounters, the visitors were looking to get a victory away from home. In front of a capacity crowd, the two teams exchanged blows. Hilton's aggressive get-to-the-basket tactic paid dividends with numerous fast break opportunities and free throws because of fouls.



The Saints kept it close throughout with solid execution on their offensive sets; however, it was Hilton College who were able to hold their nerve longer, opening a 9-point lead in the 4th quarter. While the Saints continued to battle and pulled the game back to within 5 points in the closing seconds, it was not enough as Hilton handed the young Saints team their first loss of the term. St Charles College will look to bounce back this coming weekend against DHS before heading to St John's JHB for the biggest schoolboy basketball tournament of the season. – Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)

Our U16A basketball team is heading to the St Stithians Basketball Tournament. We wish them the very best as they give it their all on the court!

To our Old Boys, families and friends in Johannesburg - let's pack the sidelines with Blue & Gold, and show our support!



WATER POLO VS HILTON COLLEGE

The St Charles College 1st team faced a formidable Hilton College 2nd team in what turned out to be a physically demanding and high-paced encounter. Coming into the match, the St Charles boys knew they would be up against a well-conditioned and disciplined opponent, but they started the game with confidence and energy, determined to impose themselves early on.

In the opening minutes, St Charles showed promising movement in attack and solid defensive work, managing to keep Hilton at bay. However, as the game progressed, Hilton's superior fitness and aggressive pressing began to take its toll. Their ability to counterattack with speed and precision saw them pull ahead, capitalizing on turnovers and defensive gaps. St Charles fought hard to contain the relentless pressure, but Hilton's strong swimming and tactical awareness allowed them to dominate possession and dictate the pace of the game.

Despite their best efforts, the St Charles team found themselves struggling to match Hilton's intensity. Fatigue set in, leading to errors that Hilton was quick to exploit. Their efficient passing and sharp finishing saw them extend their lead significantly, making it increasingly difficult for St Charles to mount a comeback. The few scoring opportunities St Charles managed to create were well-executed, showing glimpses of their potential, but ultimately, Hilton's defense held firm.

As the game wore on, Hilton continued to assert their dominance, and St Charles was unable to turn the tide. The final score of 18-3 reflected Hilton's clinical performance, but it also highlighted key areas for improvement for our boys. While the loss was disappointing, the match provided valuable lessons in endurance, defensive organization, and transition play.

Moving forward, the team will focus on refining their fitness levels, improving decision-making under pressure, and strengthening their defensive structure. With the right adjustments and continued hard work, the St Charles boys will be eager to bounce back in their upcoming fixtures. – Mr Brett Croeser (Head Coach)

Team of the Week

The Team of the Week award has become a special tradition, with nominations pouring in from across the College. This week, we celebrate our First Golf Team and First Cricket Team, who have been putting in the hard work since the start of January.

Their dedication has paid off, securing victories against all three of the other Midlands schools.

Well done to our First Teams – your commitment and performances continue to inspire the school. Keep setting the standard with your hard work and passion!
– Mr Divan van Wyk
(Sports Marketing)



Making waves at the *Midmar Mile*

The Midmar Mile, the world's largest open-water swimming event, once again brought together thousands of athletes from across the country and beyond. This year, St Charles College was proud to participate in this historic event, with both competitive swimmers and dedicated volunteers contributing to its success.

Among the standout performances were Rayhan Khonat and Shane Van der Linde, who both secured top 20 finishes in their respective category. Competing against some of the best open-water swimmers in the world, their results highlighted their skill, endurance, and commitment to the sport. Their hard work in training paid off, and they can be incredibly proud of their achievements in such a prestigious race.

However, St Charles College's impact extended beyond the water. Several of our boys and staff took on important roles as helpers throughout the event, assisting with the start and ensuring the smooth running of the day. Their willingness to give back to the community and be part of such a significant occasion exemplifies the spirit of camaraderie and service that St Charles College encourages in all its students.

The Midmar Mile is more than just a race – it is a celebration of endurance, perseverance, and sportsmanship. Our swimmers' performance while also contributing behind the scenes is a testament to the well-rounded nature of St Charles College's sporting culture. We are incredibly proud of all our representatives, whether in the water or on the banks of Midmar Dam, and we look forward to building on this success in future events.

A huge congratulations to Rayhan, Shane, and all the St Charles College boys and staff who played a role in this year's Midmar Mile.

Your efforts and dedication have once again shown why our school continues to excel, not just in academics but in sports and community involvement as well.

– Mr Brett Croeser



Prep Sport *News*



SWIMMING

We congratulate the following Prep boys on completing the Midmar Mile:

Damian Pretorius
Akhona Zokwe

Jayson Smit
Juan Du Toit

Kellan Küsel

Unfortunately, the Prep Gala scheduled to be hosted at Cowan House this week was cancelled. Our swimmers will now look forward to the exciting SCC Swimming Championship Gala to be held at Seals Club on Tuesday evening.

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

CRICKET VS CORDWALLES

The past week saw our Prep Cricketers play against Cordwalles. Unfortunately, many of the midweek matches were cancelled due to the weather. However, the sun came out on Saturday and our boys were ready to play. As always, there were some very exciting matches. Our U11A and U10A teams saw nearly 300 runs scored in each of their matches and special mention to our 4th XI, 3rd XI and our 2nd XI who played superb cricket, showed courage and all managed to enjoy victories. The 1st XI match was unfortunately cancelled due to lightning.

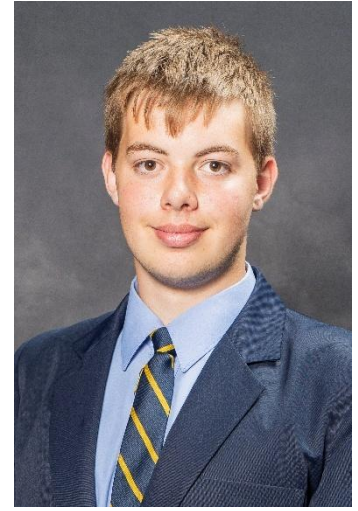
Well done to all our boys, coaches and parents. We thank Cordwalles for the fixtures and their attempts to play in adverse conditions during the week. We wish them well for the rest of the season.

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



Senior Scout *Adventure*

Jonathan Oberholzer and Lennox Bruce participated in the prestigious Senior Scout Adventure in the Cederberg Wilderness Area.



This event, known as the ultimate signature event in scouting, attracted over 300 participants from around the globe.

Their patrol chose the challenging South route, covering 140km in 10 days under intense temperatures and scaling the two highest peaks in the Cederberg. Along the trail, they faced a series of demanding activities that tested their Scouting skills to the limit. Impressively, their patrol won the 'Extreme' award! – Mrs Claire Beckedahl

Literature Quiz

On Friday the 7th of February, two teams of enthusiastic readers represented St Charles College at the Annual Kids' Literature Quiz, kindly hosted by Athlone Primary School. This is an original event where students are given the opportunity to showcase their knowledge of current and classic literature, and general knowledge.



The boys participated in ten rounds of questions which focused on different themes in books such as Fairytales, Cooking, Love, Archery, Mythology and Secrets. For some questions, the students had to identify famous characters by looking at images depicting clues, and the boys enjoyed trying to win the R20 bonus prizes for individuals amongst other team awards.

Our St Charles College boys did our school proud, managing to feature in the top three positions in some of the rounds. We appreciate the enthusiasm and spirit that the boys showed and look forward to next year's event. – Mrs Robyn Pope-Ellis (Learning Centre Administrator)

Outreach Trip



Our intrepid Outreach volunteers climbed on a bus last Friday to visit the Monkey Helpline animal rescue centre. It is a volunteer organisation founded by Steve Smit and Carol Booth and relies purely on the help of volunteers and public donations. They run their organisation from a small holding in Summerveld, near Durban.

The boys were able to see the monkeys in the rehabilitation cages and listen to an informative talk about monkeys and what the organisation is about. Monkeys are often blamed for rabies and other diseases when it is not the case, and so many are treated badly and brought to the centre wounded. The helpline was established so they could be rescued and cared for by the network of volunteers who help Steve and Carol. Many baby monkeys are also abandoned as their mothers have been shot and killed.

The boys were given the opportunity to ask relevant questions after the talk and will hopefully be back to volunteer their services at some time in the future.

A rewarding and enriching experience was had by all. – Mrs Debby Joubert

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.

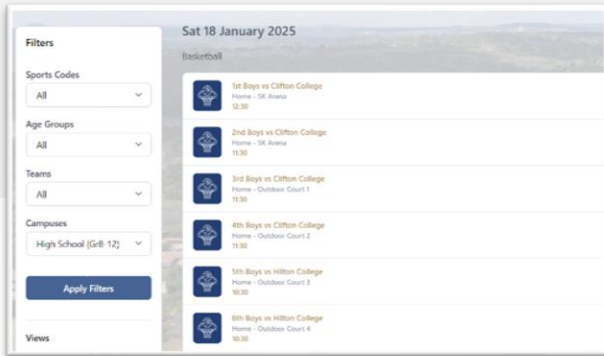
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BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

Stay *connected* with us!

There are many ways to stay connected and up to date with important communication and exciting news from across our campus...

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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

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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)