

Saints WEEKLY ROUNDUP

✦ SCC150

TERM 1 WEEK 6



Middle School Awards Ceremony

This week, our Middle School celebrated its academic achievements from the 2024 Final Examinations.

The ceremony was a fitting tribute to the hard work and dedication of our boys, showcasing some truly remarkable results.

The readers spoke with confidence and sincerity, their words resonating with heartfelt gratitude and pride.



I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making this event possible. It was a wonderful team effort that came together beautifully, reflecting the spirit of collaboration and excellence that defines our school community. – Mr Murray Cole-Edwardes (Head of Middle School)



Summer Sport

Weekend Wrap-up

CLIFTON T20 TOURNAMENT

It has been a different kind of week for the St Charles College First XI, with the focus shifting to the shorter format of the game as they participated in the Clifton T20 Tournament. Unfortunately, the team had to endure two abandoned matches due to the weather in Durban, limiting their opportunities to compete.

However, when they did get on the field, they made it count. In their opening pool match against a strong Glenwood High School side, St Charles College bowled first. The bowling attack, led by Rowen Rajah, Caleb Sharp, Kaiyuran Naidoo, and Ryan Clarke, executed their plans perfectly, restricting Glenwood to a below-par total of 123 in their allotted 20 overs.

In the chase, Rico Honiball was in devastating form, blasting a breathtaking 45 off just 15 deliveries. His aggressive start set the tone, and Connor Simpson finished the job in style - sending multiple deliveries crashing into the Standard Bank office park. St Charles College secured a dominant victory, chasing down the target in just 13 overs.

Two days later, the team faced Kearsney College in the eliminator. After winning the toss and electing to bowl, St Charles College found themselves in a tight contest. Despite a strong bowling effort, a brilliant innings from Kearsney's Cole propelled his team to 173.

The chase was thrilling, with captain Rico Honiball once again leading from the front. Rowen Rajah and AJ Bosman provided crucial contributions in the latter stages, keeping St Charles College in the hunt. However, inexperience in the batting lineup proved costly, as the team fell just three runs short of what would have been a remarkable victory.

Despite the narrow defeat, there is plenty to be excited about with this First XI. Their performances in the tournament showcased immense potential, and with continued effort and development, this team is certainly one to watch.

- Mr Divan van Wyk
(Head Coach)



BASKETBALL VS DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Having lost their first game of the term a week earlier, St Charles College looked to bounce back at home against long-time rivals Durban High School. However, having lost their first encounter against DHS during the stayer's season, this was not going to be an easy ask and DHS showed this from the onset of the first whistle.

DHS got off to an extremely quick start scoring the first 9 points of the game. St Charles College, looking a bit bewildered at the initial pressure, battled to find their rhythm making silly turnovers and missing makable shots. However, the home team managed to find some flow by focusing on their defence. With their focus on help defence and staying vertical to avoid unnecessary fouls, the Saints forced DHS to take some tough shots and capitalised on this through their transition offence. Nonetheless, despite the defensive efforts, the game was extremely tight throughout.



With their continued grind on the defensive end, SCC managed to open a 10-point lead in the final period. As time started running low, DHS was forced to take quick shots and foul to stop the clock. St Charles College was up to the challenge, knocking down the critical free throws to maintain their lead and pick up a gutsy 73 – 66 win.

St Charles College now travel to Johannesburg to compete in the prestigious St John's (JHB) Basketball Tournament, considered as the school's national championship.
– Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)

Team of the Week

It has been a standout year for the high-performance teams of St Charles College, and this week is no exception. Once again, our first basketball team has earned Team



of the Week honours after delivering a stellar performance against DHS. Their hard work and commitment continue to set the standard, and we couldn't be prouder.

Congratulations, gentlemen! We look forward to seeing you in action at the St John's Festival this coming weekend – go well! – Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

WATER POLO VS DURBAN HIGH SCHOOL

Our 1st team faced off against a strong DHS 1st team in what started as a closely contested and physical match. From the first whistle, both teams displayed excellent defensive structures, making it difficult for either side to gain an early advantage. The game quickly turned into an intense arm wrestle, with possession changing hands frequently and neither team able to break away on the scoreboard.



As the first half progressed, our team remained composed, executing well-organised plays and applying pressure on the opposition. We managed to find the back of the net on multiple occasions, keeping the scoreline tight. However, DHS capitalised on a few key moments, edging ahead by a single goal as the teams went into halftime with the score at 5 – 4 in their favour.

Coming into the second half, DHS increased their intensity and began asserting dominance in both attack and defence. Their sharp counterattacks and clinical finishing put our defence under immense pressure, forcing errors that they were quick to exploit. As fatigue set in, our team struggled to maintain the same level of defensive discipline and attacking efficiency that had kept the match so competitive in the first half. DHS took full control of the game in the final two quarters, extending their lead as our team fought hard to regain momentum. Despite our players' best efforts and continued determination, the opposition's experience and execution proved too much to overcome. The match ended with a final score of 15 – 4 in favour of DHS.

While the result was disappointing, there were plenty of positives to take away from the game, especially our strong first-half performance. The team showed resilience, teamwork, and moments of quality play that will serve as a foundation for future matches. With focused training and adjustments, we look forward to bouncing back stronger in our upcoming fixtures. – Mr Brett Croeser (Head Coach)

Dusi Canoe *Marathon*

We would like to wish Saints boy, Jonathan Oberholzer, as well as any staff, parents and Old Boys who are paddling, the very best for the Dusi Canoe Marathon!



Prep Sport News

CRICKET VS COWAN HOUSE & NORTHERN PARK

Last week we were fortunate to get some midweek fixtures in against Cowan House and Northern Park. For our B and C teams, they must be commended for their courage as many of the games were staggered against our boys, but they competed well and managed victories. We congratulate the following individual performances:

Otsile Magang: 3-7 in the 4th XI
Manelisi Ndlovu: 3-6 in the 8th XI
Kieran Ghela: 4-6 in the 6th XI
Luthando Mafanya: 3-11 in the U11C
Esharlyn Padayachee: 25 runs in the U11C

Unfortunately, all the matches scheduled for Saturday at SCC were cancelled due to the weather. However, down in Durban our two teams were performing well. Our U10As were well set on 90/3 after 15 overs and our 1st XI had Chelsea 38/4 before rain stopped play.
– Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CRICKET FESTIVAL

It's time to host our first festival and celebrate our 150th Anniversary as we welcome teams from Zimbabwe, Gauteng, Pretoria, Durban and the Midlands onto our campus for the annual U13A Independent Schools Cricket Festival. We wish our boys and coaches the very best as we celebrate cricket and enjoy a wonderful weekend of camaraderie.

If any of our SCC families are free this weekend, please come onto campus and watch some of our future stars. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



Saints *Gaflas*

PREP CHAMPIONSHIP GALA

On Tuesday evening our Prep Swimming Squad gathered at Pine Street pools for the highly anticipated Championship Gala. This is an opportunity for our swimmers to enjoy a world class venue and to race as individuals with electronic time keeping. The boys loved every minute and did not disappoint with a very high standard of swimming throughout the evening.

We enjoyed watching four records get broken and congratulate:

Jayson Smit (U12) - 25m Butterfly, 16:42 and
Wihan Slabber (U11) - 25m Butterfly 16:04,
25m Backstroke 17:76 and 50m Freestyle 31:70.

After the action in the pool, we were fortunate to have three of our Senior School brothers put on a masterclass of swimming for our boys. They shared with us their personal experiences and inspired our boys by swimming themselves to demonstrate the start and turns. Thank you to Ziya Jasat, Shane Van der Linde and Rayhan Khonat for their service.

The evening ended off with all our boys being acknowledged for their efforts and sportsmanship as well as the age group champions receiving their trophies.

Congratulations to:

U9: William Ferrer

U10: Kellan Küsel

U11: Wihan Slabber

U12: Jayson Smit who is also this year's Victor Ludorum winner

U13: Damian Pretorius

We would also like to thank our staff and parents for all their support and commitment as well as to Seals for the use of their facilities and for contributing to a fantastic evening. - Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



PREP INTER HOUSE GALA

It was fun, laughter, noise, excitement and some friendly banter as our boys battled it out to be crowned the Inter House Swimmers of the year. In the end, it proved to be an extremely close race with Delalle eventually winning by 1 point to retain their trophy. Congratulations to all our swimmers and, also, well done to O'Meara for winning the Spirit Cup and contributing to a fantastic morning.

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



SENIOR SCHOOL INTER HOUSE GALA

The annual Interhouse Gala was a spectacular event, filled with fierce competition and unwavering team spirit. Swimmers from all houses put on an incredible display of talent and determination, making for an exciting and memorable day.

Delalle emerged victorious, claiming the coveted title after a series of outstanding performances from their two talismanic U17s Rayhan Khonat and Shane Van der Linde. Their well-structured team, guided by dedicated house captains, showed exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the event. It must be said that all four houses were well organised by their captains and something that they can be proud of.



A standout moment of the day came from Shane Van der Linde, who delivered a phenomenal performance in the U17 100m Freestyle, breaking the long-standing record previously held by Olympian Matthew Sates. Shane clocked an impressive 51.97 seconds, etching his name into the history books.



A huge congratulations to all the swimmers who gave their best and contributed to the fantastic energy of the gala. Special appreciation goes to the house captains for their leadership and the boys for their unwavering spirit, which made the event one to remember. The event was a special occasion for our swimming captain, Olivier Mukaz, who won the open championship trophy in front of his mom, our guest of honour for the evening, Dr Madlala-Mukaz, who also had the privilege of handing out this year's trophies.



Well done to all – until next year's showdown in the pool! – Mr Brett Croeser



World Book Day

World Book Day is almost here, and our Junior Primary boys are hard at work on a very special project - writing a book about our principal, Mr van Blerk!

They started their project with an exclusive interview this morning, gathering the inside scoop for their upcoming masterpiece. We're so excited to see the final product!



Outreach Trip

Our St Charles College Outreach Club visited the Husky Rescue KZN Centre at Cotswold Farm in Thornville, near Pietermaritzburg on Friday the 14th of February 2025.



The boys were given a brief overview of what the rescue centre does and how the dogs came to be there. It was very informative learning about this particular breed of dog. The Siberian husky is a companion animal with special needs and, as a result, is often misunderstood as they need to be able to run and be busy with their human counterparts. The boys were very excited to meet the dogs, who responded well to their SCC visitors.

Our outreach team also assisted with the organisation of CDs that the rescue centre sells at the Shongweni Market to help raise money for the dogs. As a non-profit organisation, raising funds is a tough job, and the centre relies solely on the public for funds.

Valentine's Day was an excellent opportunity to make the dogs happy by spending time with them and playing with them on the farm. The boys of SCC thoroughly enjoyed their excursion and opportunity to serve the organisation by packing the CDs and being ambassadors for animal welfare. – Mrs Debby Joubert

Grade 2 Tala Outing

Our Grade 2 boys had an exciting outing to Tala Game Reserve as part of their learning about the Big Five this term. They had the chance to spot amazing animals like giraffes, wildebeest, rhinos, and zebras in their natural habitats. The boys loved watching these animals up close, and many were excited to see them in real life after learning about them in class. After a fun snack time, they played in the pool, making the day even more special. – Ms Cheney Ramkumar



Scrummies *Bike Day*

There is no better way to start the mid-term break – our Scrummies LOVE Bike Day!



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.

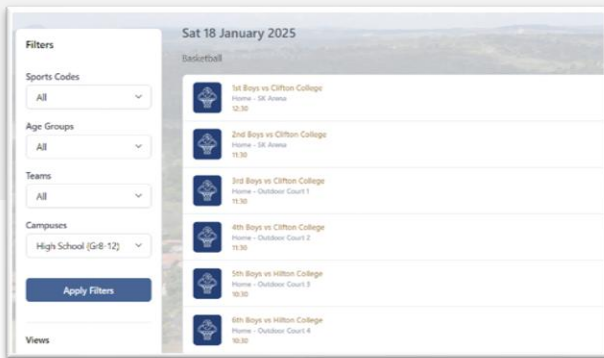
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BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM
AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS,
AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE
GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL.

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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

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ST CHARLES COLLEGE

S O U T H A F R I C A

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)