

Saints **WEEKLY ROUNDUP**

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TERM 1 WEEK 10



150 years of *Faithfulness*

It has been another week of reflection and appreciation for both our rich history and our promising future.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you as we share a piece of our story every day leading up to our 150th anniversary! If you aren't already, follow along on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date.



Team of the *week*

It was a special week in the Prep School, highlighted by an outstanding performance from our swimming team. Competing in the highly competitive A Gala, they secured a well-earned third-place finish. With a few key moments going their way, they could have even claimed the top spot – a testament to their dedication and talent. This remarkable achievement earns them our first Team of the Week recognition.

Another standout performance came from our U14 rugby teams, who remained unbeaten against Glenwood – an impressive feat against traditionally tough opposition. This strong start to the season bodes well for our U14 rugby programme, and we look forward to seeing these boys grow from strength to strength.

Congratulations to all the boys named in this week's Team of the Week!
– Mr Divan van Wyk
(Sports Marketing)



Winter Sport Wrap Up

Rugby vs Glenwood

The first winter sports Game Day of the season promised to be an exhilarating occasion as St Charles College hosted Glenwood in its milestone 150th year. The atmosphere was electric and leading up to the highly anticipated First XV match, all games were fiercely competitive. Notably, St Charles College's U14 teams remained undefeated, setting a strong tone for the day.

Glenwood seized early momentum in the First XV match. The young and relatively inexperienced Wild Dogs struggled to settle in the opening minutes, allowing Glenwood to strike first and take control of possession. By halftime, the visitors had established a commanding 17 – 0 lead. St Charles faced additional challenges as they were reduced to 14 players for a significant portion of the game and, at one stage, played with just 13. Despite the numerical disadvantage, the Wild Dogs showed glimpses of brilliance. Raphael Ajibade broke the defensive line, coming inches short of the try line, unfortunately with no one in the wings to offload to. Another promising attacking sequence saw the team work tirelessly to breach Glenwood's defence, only to be denied by resilient tackling from the Grasshoppers.

The second half saw a revitalised St Charles College, now donning their fresh white jerseys. Even with just 13 players on the field, the team started strongly, with PJ Dlamini breaking through the defence and nearly scoring, the support runners were unable to hold onto the ball, keeping the home side's score at zero. Though St Charles showed greater cohesion in the second half, Glenwood capitalised on their numerical advantage, stretching the field and adding to their tally with quick, expansive play.

While the first match of the season ended in defeat, the Wild Dogs remain optimistic about the journey ahead. With valuable lessons learned, they now set their sights on the Wynberg Rugby Festival in Cape Town, which kicks off this Friday. As the team continues to develop, there is great excitement about what they can achieve in this historic 150th year of St Charles College rugby.



Hockey vs Glenwood

After the big downpours of rain during the week, the weather cleared nicely for an entertaining game of hockey between Glenwood and St Charles College. Both teams came out pressing hard and looked to put each other under pressure, however, both teams dealt with the pressure well and didn't give many opportunities away. Fast breaks were the main threat on either end of the turf, and both teams managed to get behind on the odd occasion and create opportunities. Towards the latter end of the first half, the home team did seem to get on top and earned a number of shorties and goalscoring opportunities, none of which were converted.

The intensity was high, and legs started to get weary. It was the Glenwood team that managed to push harder at the end and that ultimately made the difference. They managed to get a breakaway that went the full length of the field and ended in the back of the goals after the ball had struck the post and Glenwood managed to pounce on the rebound. Not long after, the exact same play happened again; St Charles looked to press high, and a turnover by Glenwood led to a full-field counter, making the score 2 – 0. The final whistle ended the game shortly after the 2nd goal.

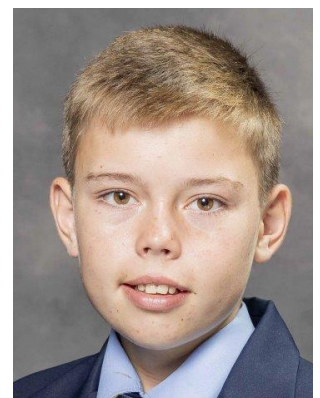
It was one that could have gone either way, but Glenwood's legs were too much for St Charles, and their lethal counterattacks made all the difference. Well done to both teams for an intensely fought fixture. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)



Squash News

Congratulations to the following boys for their results at the 2025 PMB Junior Open/Growthpoint SA National Regionals:

Ruvay Ramdhin won the Boys U19, **Aiden McNeil** won the boys U17, and **Thomas Hardman** came 5th in the Boys U15.



Basketball News

We are very excited to announce that our 1st team player Mo Mbele has been selected to the KZN Basketball U16 side set to represent the province in April at the National IPTs!

The top boys selected from this tournament will go on to represent South Africa at the AUSC Region 5 Youth Games in Namibia in July.

We wish Mo all the best for this amazing opportunity!
– Mr Benjamin Myburgh (Head of Basketball)



Cricket News

Making a first-class debut is a moment every cricketer dreams of – but achieving this milestone while still in Grade 12 makes it even more special! Congratulations to Rowen Rajah, who has taken his first step into the professional cricketing arena for the Tuskers with confidence and skill.

Rowen has already shown his talent at this level, picking up his first wicket, finishing with figures of 1/28 in 9 overs. His composure and impact on debut are a testament to his dedication and hard work.

– Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)



Mini Cricket



Swim Skills Demonstration



This morning's Swimming Skills Demonstration showcased the impressive progress of our Grade 1, 2, and 3 boys, offering parents a firsthand look at the growing confidence and competence of our young swimmers. Over the past ten weeks, these dedicated boys have practiced diligently, rain or shine, refining their fundamental techniques and building vital water safety skills. It was wonderful to see parents in attendance, witnessing their son's growth firsthand and sharing in the joy of their achievements.

Their performance during the demonstration is a true testament to their hard work, commitment, and love from our team of amazing swimming coaches. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm displayed by our boys, and we extend our sincere thanks to the parents for their ongoing support for our ever-growing swimming program.

This event not only highlighted the importance of regular practice and skill development but also reinforced our commitment to fostering a safe and enjoyable learning environment in the water. – Mr Joel Barron (Junior Primary Sport)



Prefect Announcement

We are pleased to announce the appointment of six new prefects at St Charles College, recognising their dedication, integrity, and commitment to our school.

At St Charles College, we believe that the door to leadership is never closed - pupils mature and develop their leadership skills at different rates, and each journey is unique. What remains constant is their unwavering commitment to the College and its values, shaping them into young men of character who lead with purpose and service.

Joining the leadership team for the remainder of their senior year are:

Mihir Ramjathan,
James Warmington,
Ryan Blackstock,
Milan Latchmanan,
Ethan Laight and
Caleb Gladman.

- Mr Darren Holcomb
(Head of the
Upper School)



Mixed Bag Concert

On Sunday, Azokuhle Mhlongo, Samuel Edmonds, and Kailash Govender performed at the SASMT Mixed Bag Concert, hosted at Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School.



It was a lovely afternoon of music, with solo performances from young musicians throughout the Pietermaritzburg and Midlands area.

Our Saints boys shone with lovely, confident performances. Well done! - Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)

Music Exam Results

Congratulations to the following boys who passed their external music exams! Their dedication and hard work have certainly paid off.

Angus Edkins: Musical Theatre Grade 6 – Merit

Christian Drew: Drums Grade 1 – Merit

Daniel Joubert: Violin Grade 3 – Pass

Justin Cook: Voice Grade 5 – Distinction

Okwakho Mzileni: Voice Grade 4 – Merit

Olwethu Yende: Voice Grade 5 – Merit

Samuel Edmonds: Piano Grade 2 – Merit

Trédyn Naidoo: Violin Grade 2 – Merit



== ST CHARLES COLLEGE CHOIR HOSTS ==

Sound of FREEDOM

30 APRIL | 18:30 - 20:00 | SCC CHAPEL

FEATURING THE CHOIRS OF ST CHARLES COLLEGE, THE KZN MIDLANDS YOUTH CHOIR AND CARTER HIGH SCHOOL

ADULTS R60, SCHOLARS AND PENSIONERS R30

+SCC150



Hosted by St Charles College and featuring the Choirs from St Charles College, Carter High School, and the Midlands Youth Choir, this annual Choir Concert is one not to be missed. The concert will be held in the acoustically pleasing St Charles College Chapel on Wednesday, 30 April from 18:30 – 20:00. Refreshments will be served from 18:00.

Tickets are available through Quicket [HERE](#).



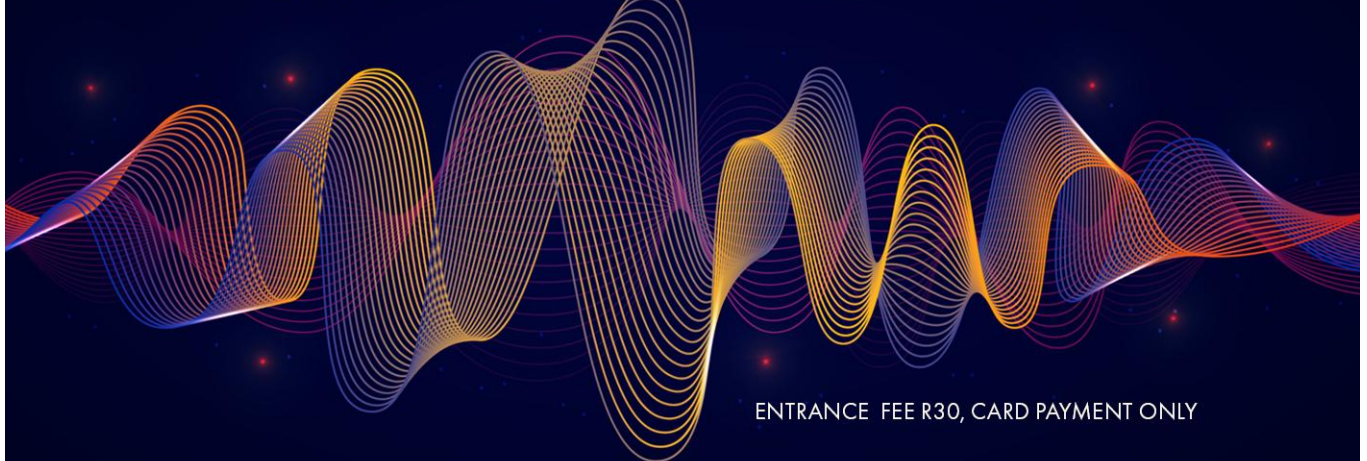
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MIC NIGHT

FEATURING BANDS & SOLOISTS BY ST CHARLES COLLEGE, THE WYKEHAM COLLEGIATE,
ST JOHN'S D.S.G. AND EPWORTH GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

SAMUKELE KHUMALO ARENA



ENTRANCE FEE R30, CARD PAYMENT ONLY

WED 26 MARCH • 18:30 - 20:00

Join us for an unforgettable evening at Mic Night 2025 on Wednesday, 26 March, in the SKA! Come and support our talented young musicians as they take the stage for a spectacular night of music. The event will feature performances by the St Charles College High School Bands, along with incredible solo and band performances from St Charles, St John's D.S.G., The Wykeham Collegiate, and Epworth High School. Don't miss out on this fantastic celebration of musical talent! – Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)

Inter House General

Knowledge

On Wednesday evening, the four houses at St Charles College came together for the Senior Inter House General Knowledge Quiz.

The atmosphere was buzzing as the boys geared up for a test that would challenge both their logic and creativity. It wasn't just about answering questions; it was about thinking outside the box and embracing different ways of thinking. The quiz was designed to push boundaries and stretch minds.

The event was split into four rounds, each more demanding than the last, and each serving to reveal the hidden thinkers within the students.

The first two rounds were a mixture of REBUS puzzles, riddles, and brain teasers. A true test of mental agility, these rounds had the boys puzzling over cryptic clues, tricky riddles, and cracking codes that had everyone scratching their heads in frustration.



The brain teasers ranged from English wordplay to complex math problems, and even crime-solving scenarios. It was a perfect whirlwind of fun and frustration.

Next up were the final two rounds, which featured a visual test and a set of verbal Q&A challenges. The picture identification round kept the boys guessing with a diverse range of images, including famous people, iconic landmarks, random objects, foods, and even topics from various school subjects. The verbal round wasn't any easier, as students were quizzed on current affairs and a variety of subjects that demanded quick thinking and sharp recall.

When the dust finally settled, and the results were in, there was a clear winner – Smith House emerged victorious, taking the top spot with a well-earned first place! O'Meara House followed closely behind in second, while Conway House secured third place. Delalle House rounded out the competition in fourth.

While the rankings were exciting, what truly stood out was the sense of achievement shared by all the participants. Each boy walked away with not only a new collection of interesting facts but also an expanded way of thinking. A special thank you goes to Daniel Morkel, Captain of the General Knowledge, and Prezlin Govender for helping to put together these fantastic quizzes. – Mr Sean Anthony

French celebration

With great excitement and anticipation, we celebrated *la Journée Internationale de la Francophonie* on Thursday, 20 March. It is an important day of celebration for over 300 million francophones around the globe who originate from rich cultural and linguistic backgrounds. It is an opportunity to showcase and



acknowledge the diversity of the French language and its' significance over five continents. The Upper School French boys organised an exceptional "goût de la francophonie" sucré et salé with traditional dishes including croque-monsieur, quiche Lorraine, mini-croissant au fromage, cake salé fromage/olives, rougail saucisses, crêpes à la confiture goyavier, gâteau patate douce et mini-tartes aux fraises.

This is an equal celebration of the cosmopolitan community of boys who attend the College, and we look forward to next year's cuisine. A special thank you to Mme and M Beullier for their expert culinary contribution to this day.

Bonne fête à toutes et tous! – Mrs Carrissa Ortmann

Grade 11s visit Scrummies

If you are a little Scrummies boy, a surprise visit from your big St Charles College brothers is just about the coolest thing in the world! Being part of a through-school allows for such opportunities. Both older and younger children benefit greatly from these encounters.

Our younger boys have a chance to copy and learn from their older counterparts and the spin-off for our older "brothers" is that they learn to be patient and caring role models. This morning some of our Grade 11 boys, quite a few who started their journey at Scrummies, popped in for a play date.

Within seconds the playground was abuzz with basketball and rugby games, zipline races, bouncing on the trampoline and digging in the sandpit. Our quieter boys even found a big brother who shares their love for hot wheels and building towers. – Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)





Crazy Senso Day

One of our most favourite days of the year at Scrummies is CRAZY SENSO DAY! On this day we celebrate the importance of sensory play for little children with amazing and messy activities that invite them to get stuck in and explore with all their senses. There were squeals of delight and even a "yuck it's too slimy" comment heard, as boys had the chance to fish sour worms out of chocolate pudding, cover themselves in silky soft shaving cream, dig in a slimy marsh for frogs and snakes, clang out a beat on our sound wall or climb up high to slide and splash into a pool of cool water!

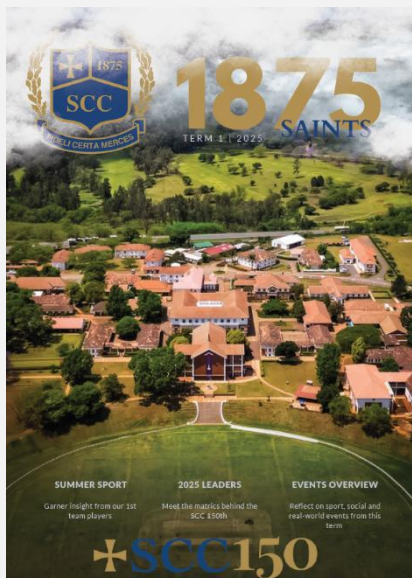
– Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)



The 1875

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Designed and written by the boys of SCC, this edition of the newspaper is not one to be missed!





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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.

MATTHEW 6:33
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 WEEKEND

9TH - 10TH MAY 2025

SPORTS ASSEMBLY

• 9 AM, FRIDAY 9TH MAY
SAMKE KHUMALO ARENA,
FOLLOWED BY A TEA AND A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL

150TH REUNION DINNER

7 PM, FRIDAY 9TH MAY
SAMKE KHUMALO ARENA,
SMART | R600 (3 COURSE MEAL)
REGISTRATION 4 PM @ THE COACH HOUSE
3 PM HOCKEY VS MARITZBURG COLLEGE ON THE ASTRO

RUGBY & HOCKEY

VS MARITZBURG COLLEGE
SATURDAY 10TH MAY
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS ON SALE
AT THE COACH HOUSE



TO THE FAITHFUL ONE A CERTAIN REWARD • TO THE FAITHFUL ONE

Calling all Parents, Saints Old Boys and Friends of the College! The countdown is on! Join us for our 2025 Old Boys' Weekend as we celebrate 150 years of tradition, camaraderie, and legacy at St Charles College.



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)