

TERM 1 WEEK 9



THE BLAZER CUPBOARD WILL BE OPEN THIS SATURDAY FROM 08H00 TO 14H30. POP IN TO PURCHASE SOME SUPPORTER GEAR.

# 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 walking this journey with you for the next 133 days, as we share a piece of our story every day leading up to our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! If you aren't already, follow along on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date.





## Team of the week

It was another fantastic week of summer sport, with standout performances across the board. A special mention goes to our Prep School  $2^{nd}$  Cricket Team, who have not only delivered outstanding performances but have also played as a truly cohesive unit. Their unbeaten run through the first part of the season is a testament to their teamwork and dedication.

Sharing the Team of the Week honours is our 1st Team Golf, who once again showcased their skill by securing a victory against Michaelhouse away. Adding to the excitement,

the team had the incredible opportunity to enjoy a short coaching session with the legendary, Gary Player, making the moment even more special.

Congratulations to both teams on their achievements! - Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)





As fast as the summer season came and went, winter codes are up and running in 30+ degree weather, with all our hockey and rugby squads kicking off and enjoying pre-season games, chukkas and trials. We look forward to the official start of winter sport this coming weekend on campus when the Blue & Gold lock horns with the Green Machine from Glenwood. Full fixture details for the weekend can be found **HERE.** 

# Athletics News

A school's revival is underway in athletics with events this term at the world-class Msunduzi stadium being well-represented by schools from all over the province. The aQuelle Summer Series saw some excellent performances, with Rowen Rajah clocking 11.06s in the U19 100m and Peyton Solomons,



representing the uMgungundlovu District Team, also sprinting very well, his season best for the U15 100m being 11.64s. Also performing on the track is Anrich van Zyl, his best effort in the U15 400m being 54.69s. Devane Tocho landed a 5.56m long jump as a season best, winning his category for the second aQuelle event. In the SuperSport Schools Track and Field Series, as a team, the Saints just missed out on a podium finish, coming 4th overall in the province.

Well done to all our track and field competitors for an action-packed season.

- Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)

## Regional Tennis News

Over the weekend of the 8-9<sup>th</sup> of March, two of our Saints competed in the final round of the U15 and U19 uMgungundlovu Inter-Districts Tennis Competition. The weekend out in Durban was a culmination of hard-won matches two weeks before, held at Michaelhouse (U19) and Hilton College (U15) to select the top players in our district for the tournament.





Roman Steyn, SCC 2025 captain,

performed admirably, winning 5 out of his 8 matches. In his doubles matches, he was paired with home schooler, Ben Carpenter. Roman writes, "My most exciting match was on Sunday morning, when I won 8-7 (7-5 in the tiebreak) after being 5-1 down. Ben and I also made a comeback; we were 5-2 down in games and came back to win 8-6." In the U15 age group, Munashe Ukama, a young powerhouse in Grade 9, won 5 out of his 6 singles matches and all his doubles matches to secure a spot in the U15 Boys' A Team.

We congratulate all the boys in our tennis teams for a successful start to the year. Thank you to the parents too, who have been very supportive. – Mr Stuart Orwin

## Prep Sport //ew

### CRICKET VS HIGHBURY

What a way to wrap up the summer! With clear skies and beautifully prepared wickets. Our SCC boys, took to the field for one last showdown against a very well matched and equally passionate Highbury School. The matches were a fitting finale to a season filled with thrilling encounters, exceptional performances, and unforgettable moments. Congratulations to our U11A team who have enjoyed a very good



season as well as our  $2^{nd}$  XI who remained unbeaten throughout. It was a pleasing end for our U10B and our U11C teams who were all smiles after their matches.

We also enjoyed watching some very exciting games as the U9Bs lost by 1 run, the U9As batted well making 128 runs, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI fell 10 runs short. On a great weekend, it was just the 1<sup>st</sup> XI match left which ended late on Saturday after a 99.4 over thriller. SCC posted 236 which Highbury passed off the 2<sup>nd</sup> last ball of the day.

A huge thank you to Highbury for the fixtures and allowing our boys to enjoy another week of cricket. Thank you to our ground staff for the excellent facilities, and to all our parents, coaches and wider SCC staff for all your dedication, commitment and passion throughout the summer season. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

#### **BOWLING ACCOLADES**

We congratulate the following boys for their excellent bowling:

**Ntsika Nzama**, 3<sup>rd</sup> XI: 5 wickets for 30 runs against Highbury and **Levi Werner**, U10A: 6 wickets for 5 runs against Clifton NR.

Well done boys!



#### **GALA AT TWC**

On Monday afternoon our St Charles College Prep A Squad swam incredibly well to secure a podium finish for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row at the annual District A Gala. With a very enthusiastic and energetic crowd support, the boys delivered a spectacular performance, swimming with both skill and heart as they battled stoke for stroke, race for race against strong competition.

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A special word to our U11 and U12 age groups who both won 4 out of the 5 races and were simply brilliant on the day. We also extend our congratulations to Laddsworth for winning the gala and to all the schools that competed, making this an unforgettable end to the season. The sportsmanship, passion and camaraderie on display truly showcased the

best of Primary School Sport.





This gala ends off the season and we extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents and coaches for their sacrifices and commitment. Here's to another incredible season in the water – well done, Saints! – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)





### UMGUNGUNDLOVU SWIMMING REPS

We congratulate the following boys who received their full colours from KZN uMgungundlovu Primary School's Swimming:

Damian Pretorius, Connor Hughes, Ruan Fourie, Juan Du Toit, Wihan Slabber and Jayson Smit.



### MINI CRICKET











## Oprade 9 Market Day

Last Wednesday, our Grade 9 Business Studies class hosted their first Market Day. The aim of the market day was for the boys to learn valuable business lessons in a practical environment, and to hopefully make some money for their businesses.

The boys were in charge of every aspect of their business, from generating ideas, sourcing funds, preparing their products, marketing their businesses and ultimately

bringing their products to market.

The boys approached the task with enthusiasm, and most were very successful. Some tough lessons were learnt, such as ensuring that they had enough stock, how to manage their money and being prepared.

Keep an eye out for our next Market Day! – Mr S'Celo Zuma









Inter House General

Junior Inter House General Knowledge Quiz: A Night of Brains, Bafflement, and Fun!

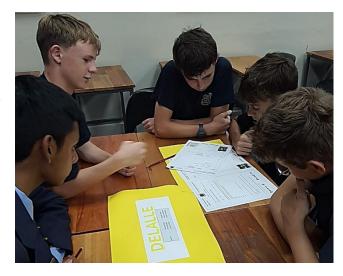
On Wednesday evening, St Charles College

was buzzing with excitement as the four houses came together for the highly anticipated Junior Inter House General Knowledge Quiz. A clash of brilliant brains from Grades 8, 9 and 10, the quiz was a thrilling test of wit, knowledge, and quick thinking under pressure.

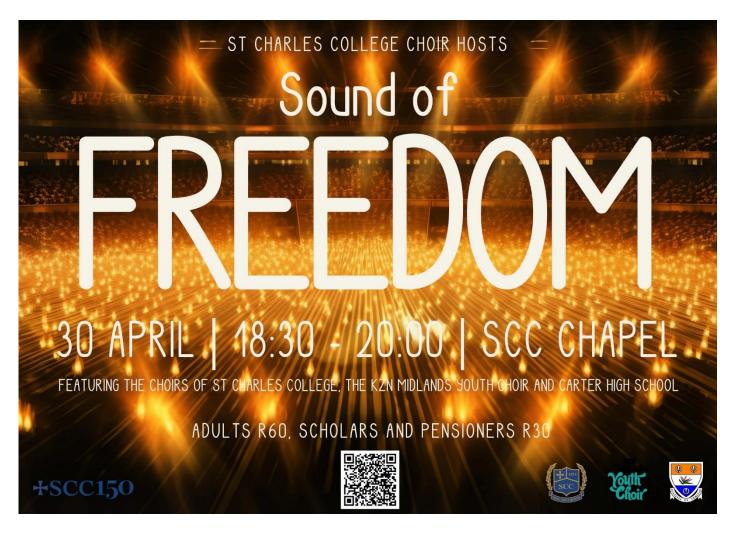
The quiz comprised four challenging rounds, each designed to stretch the minds of our talented boys. The first two rounds had the boys grappling with REBUS puzzles, riddles, and brain teasers that left some feeling like geniuses and others scratching their heads, pondering what on earth just happened. It was a wonderful mix of fun and frustration that truly tested the participants' creative thinking and problem-solving abilities.

The last two rounds were a visual treat, with picture identification challenges that spanned a range of topics – from famous people to iconic places, objects, and even foods! It was a delightful and educational way to learn new facts while racing against the clock.

When the dust settled, Smith House secured a respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> place, while Delalle House claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place. But the real excitement came with a thrilling tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place between O'Meara and Conway Houses. What a night of fierce competition and camaraderie!



All participants left the event with a sense of achievement and plenty of new facts and ways of thinking to take home. We look forward to seeing how the Grades 11s and 12s will fare in the Senior Quiz next Wednesday, where the stakes will be even higher, and more points will be up for grabs in the race for house glory. – Mr Sean Anthony



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.



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)

# Grade 5 Biology

took part in a fascinating dissection of sheep hearts and lungs as part of their study of the respiratory and circulatory systems. This hands-on activity allowed them to see firsthand how the organs connect and work together. The boys carefully identified key parts, including the ventricles and atria of the heart, as well as the trachea branching into the bronchi. It was an exciting and memorable opportunity to bring their learning to life. – Mrs Claire Lister

Last week our Grade 5s



## Leys to SUCCESS

This year in the Junior Primary, we will ruminate on the core values that underpin our school community and how they contribute to the growth



and development of our boys. At St Charles, we place strong emphasis on five key values that are central to our school's ethos: Courage, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Self-Discipline. These values are more than just words, they are the foundation upon which we build a supportive, inclusive, and productive learning environment.

**Courage:** we encourage boys to take risks in their learning, speak out for injustice, and confront challenges with resilience and a positive attitude.

**Honesty:** we believe that being truthful, both with yourself and others fosters a sense of community and accountability.

**Respect:** we believe that fostering mutual respect is crucial for creating a safe and supportive environment, one that encourages inclusivity and enriches our community. **Responsibility:** we encourage our boys to take responsibility for their learning, their behaviour, and their contribution to the school community.

**Self-Discipline:** teaching boys to manage their impulses, stay focused on their goals and take responsibility for their actions enhances academic performance, fosters resilience and a strong sense of personal integrity.

Our school's commitment to nurturing young boys goes beyond academic achievement, as we aim to cultivate strong character and life skills that will guide them both inside and outside the classroom. These core values will serve as the keys to our success in the Junior Primary this year. – Mrs Lauren Riley (Head of Junior Primary)

Orandparents Day

It was a very special day in the Junior Primary, as our boys welcomed their Grandparent's onto campus! This highlight on the calendar is a wonderful opportunity for our boys to show their appreciation to their Grannies and Grandpas through special



songs and messages of love, followed by spending some quality time together doing activities and showing off some of what they have been learning this year. Our boys finished off the week with full, happy hearts!





Every child deserves grandparents who takes a special interest in them.

They deserve to be spoiled with love and homemade food and to feel like the world's most important person.

They deserve people in their lives besides parents, who they can trust and depend on for anything.

They deserve grandparents who show up, not because they're guilted into it but because they want to be there as often as they can.

They deserve people who tell them how funny, intelligent, creative, and kind they are. People who see so much good and hope in them.

They deserve the kind of love that's shared in a soft, loving smile and a warm expression in the eyes.

Because every child deserves this.

– Mrs Lauren Riley
(Head of Junior Primary)









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 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

SPONSOR A TEE-BOX AND A GREEN - R2000

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#### ST CHARLES COLLEGE

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#### **TERM DATES 2025**

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Retu	rn 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)