TERM 3 WEEK 5 AUGUST 2023

THE Solots Weekly ROUND-UP



IT IS A BUSY HALF-TERM WEEKEND FOR OUR CHAMBER CHOIR AND GOLFING BOYS. AS THEY HEAD TO CAPE TOWN AND THE SOUTH COAST RESPECTIVELY. WE WISH OUR TOURING BOYS AND STAFF A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE JOURNEY.



ST CHARLES COLLEGE BOARDING PROMOTION

- BOARDING FROM GRADE 4 TO GRADE 12 -



COME AND MEET OUR TEAM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ST CHARLES COLLEGE.

We are hosting an information evening in Mtunzini on Thursday evening; 24 August and we would love to meet families interested in St Charles College for their son.

Please share these details with any family and friends who live in the area and would like to learn more about St Charles College.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you would like to join our boarding promotion evening by CLICKING HERE.

SAINTS SPORT (Ven)

This weekend saw a multitude of events and fixtures taking place at St Charles College. In total, there were over one thousand young sportsmen from across the province taking part in rugby 7s, football, cricket and tennis. The Saints teams performed very well with strong nominations coming in for the principal's *Team of the Week* award. These included the U16A football team who turned over a tough defeat earlier in the term against Michaelhouse, to beating the same opposition at home 3 – 2 on Saturday. The Senior School 4th team tennis also received commendation for their clean sweep against our neighbours, Maritzburg College, while the 1st team 7s boys made their third Cup Final in as many tournaments so far this season. – Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)

RUGBY SEVENS

The inaugural Saints 7s Rugby Tournament featured 24 teams across two age groups, and the Saints 1st team head coach, Mr Dirk de Beer, reported on the performances as follows:

The Saints 1st team 7s rugby made us proud once again this week. First up on a wet field at 08h40 in the morning was Kearsney College. Okuhle Peti opened the scoring for the day with a long-distance try, intercepting the ball on our own 22m line. This was the spark that ignited the team and by the end of the game,



the *Blue and Gold* won 26 - 0. The second game was against Michaelhouse Bs and was a good result, 47 - 7 to the Saints. We met Clifton in the quarterfinals and by now the Saints were playing very good rugby, the final score was 47 - 5 to the home team. The semi-final was against Durban High School. The Saints started well and were leading 14 - 0 by halftime. DHS responded with a big second half effort and the teams exchanged tries, the teams now dead-locked at 21 points each. With very little time left on the clock, the *Blue and Gold* managed to clinch the game with an excellent try. The final score; Saints 28 and DHS 21.

In the final game of the day, the Cup Final, we played against Westville. They did not forget the previous final in Durban, at the start of the season, where the Saints won the Cup by one try. Westville was on top form, and in a highly competitive game, they managed to turn the tables on the Saints, winning 28 – 17.





FOOTBALL VS MICHAELHOUSE

The return fixture against Michaelhouse was hosted by St Charles College, on a hot dry day. The home team was quick out of the blocks in front of a big home crowd, as they moved the ball with precision and at a high tempo. This created many opportunities which were not capitalized on in front of the goals.

Against the run of play, Michaelhouse went 1-0 up through a miscommunication in the St Charles College back four. The boys in *Blue and Gold* struck back within 5 minutes, with a well-worked move down the right-hand side and a very cool finish from striker Avela Mncube.

In the second half, Michaelhouse came into the game and created more opportunities. Despite opportunities both ends, neither team could score in the second half and the match ended at 1 - 1. – Mr Gary Richie (Head Coach)







TENNIS NEWS

Congratulations to Josh Nicholson, our tennis championship winner.

Earlier in the year, Josh travelled with the KZN U15 team where he was selected for the South African U15 tennis team. In December he will be touring with this team to England.

Well done Josh. Keep up the great work! – Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

PREP HOCKEY COMMUNITY EVENING

Last weekend the Prep School set aside Saturday fixtures and friendly rivalries, and replaced it with fun, laughter, families, and special memories as our Saints Astro was not only lit up by the lights, but also the parents' choice of hockey kit. A fantastic evening was enjoyed by all, but perhaps especially by our boys, who got the opportunity to support their parents on the Astro.

After the hockey, the braais were lit with everyone enjoying their time together.



With the boys still enjoying playing, the parents reminisced on the great goals scored, those missed, the courageous saves made and the excitement of enjoying a family weekend ahead. Congratulations to the 'Pink Pigeons' for being Best Dressed and to 'Martin's Maniacs' for bringing the Best Spirit.

Thank you to SCC for the amazing catering and all our parents for supporting the evening.

Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)











PREP 1ST SEVENS

On Friday, our Prep 7s Rugby team enjoyed a great afternoon in Durban. Participating in the Chelsea 7s Festival, our boys thoroughly enjoyed every moment and achieved wonderful results.

We thank Chelsea Preparatory School for the excellent hospitality, our coaches for all their hard work in preparing and coaching our boys, and our parents for their commitment.

Well done to our boys for representing the *Blue and Gold* so well. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



NIGHT OF THE SAINTS

Performances by the choirs, orchestras and bands of St Charles College and St John's D.S.G.

Featuring Matt Gardiner



8 SEPT • 18:00 - 20:30

SAMUKELE KHUMALO ARENA (SKA) • ST CHARLES COLLEGE



U8 Free · Ages 8-13 R40 · Ages 13-18 R65 · Adults R125
Tickets available through QUICKET

Hosted by St Charles College, in collaboration with St John's D.S.G., and featuring local artist and talent, Matt Gardiner, this evening is one not to be missed. Including the Choir, Orchestra and Band collaborations – expect to be left in awe of the talent in the two schools. – Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)

BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR 'NIGHT OF THE SAINTS' BY CLICKING HERE

DEBATING LEAGUE Final

The Pietermaritzburg Debating League final, hosted by St Charles College, was a significant event with participation from various schools such as Hilton College, Maritzburg College, Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School and The Wykham Collegiate. Even though St Charles College didn't compete, many boys were acknowledged during the prizegiving event.

Zahid Khan achieved the 8th rank in the senior division rankings and Zenande Mazibuko received multiple awards – one for receiving the second highest number of best speaker awards, another for being a part of the PMB Provincial squad, and lastly for being the top Grade 8 participant in the league.

Timothy Schoeman and Raahil Ramklown were also recognized for their achievements, being part of the Pietermaritzburg Provincial Team. Additionally, both Timothy and Zenande succeeded in making it to the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Squad. This achievement gives them the opportunity to represent KwaZulu-Natal in the National Debating tournament scheduled for December.

Overall, it was a successful event that highlighted the talents and skills of various students in the debating community, and it's great to hear that some of them are advancing to the national level as representatives of their province.

Gratitude and appreciation go out to the boarders for their unwavering support.

Lastly, an event like this requires dedication and I am thankful for my amazing team of debaters that took the time to help me with the preparations for the much-anticipated finals. – Ms Saiuri Naidoo (Head of Debating)



MATRIC BAND Performance

On Saturday, the St Charles College Music Department had the opportunity to perform at the Hilton Arts Festival. The Chamber Choir, going on tour this coming weekend, and the Matric Band represented St Charles College with outstanding performances.

The Chamber Choir, performing in the beautiful Amphitheatre and with their final concert before Tour, presented most of their repertoire in a high-quality version. It truly represented the many hours and hard work put in by Ms Wepener and the fifteen choristers.

The Matric Band, who have continued to shine throughout the year, once again produced an outstanding performance. The crowd, singing along enthusiastically to each of the five songs presented, thoroughly enjoyed the performance, and the band were called upon for an encore.

Overall, it was a very successful day, with many positive responses and comments from the highly appreciative audience.

- Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)





GRADE 1 BIRDS OF PREY

A visit to the African Birds of Prey sanctuary was an enjoyable and rewarding outing for our Grade 1 boys.

A walk around the well-kept enclosures gave us the opportunity to learn about the different species as well as appreciate the important role the sanctuary plays in the rehabilitation of the birds. The boys witnessed the birds of prey up close as they flew through the air, showcasing their hunting skills.

The sanctuary staff imparted interesting information and our boys showed genuine curiosity, engaging actively and giving insightful answers. – Mrs Lauren Riley (Head of Junior Primary)







GRADE Z TRIP TO Kark Cook

It was with great excitement that the Grade 2 boys dusted off their hiking shoes for their outing to Karkloof on Wednesday.

Armed with curiosity and boundless energy, we set out to explore the hidden wonders of the forest. As they navigated the winding trail, the boys became a tight-knit team and with each step, they discovered interesting plants and insects.

This outing has definitely sparked a love for the outdoors in our boys and magical memories were made!

Ms Leanzé de Jager



Dingo VISITS GRADE 3

The Grade 3 boys were treated to an animal kingdom show on Thursday by Dingo. Dingo is involved in animal conservation around the country. They aim to inspire and educate young children about our magnificent creatures, which the boys bravely held or stroked. Dingo is now open to the public at Piggly Wiggly. – Mrs Gail du Toit













There is no better way to begin the half-term break than with a bike day in Scrummies!







MomsWhoCare

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

MWC is a Christian group
who meet weekly to pray for
our staff, boys & their families.
Please join us in person,
privately or on a WhatsApp call
every Wednesday at 7:30
Sonja Palframan on
Cell: 0823469161





UPDATED TERM DATES



ST CHARLES COLLEGE

SOUTH AFRICA

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return	11 January (Wednesday)
Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)	12 January (Thursday)
Senior School Boarders Return (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	17 January (Tuesday)
Senior School Lessons Commence (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	18 January (Wednesday)
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	17 January (Tuesday)
Prep School Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	18 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	17 February - 20 February
Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Tuesday) School Day
End of Term	24 March (Friday)
TERM 2	
Easter Weekend 07 April - 10 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	17 April (Monday)
Lessons Commence	18 April (Tuesday)
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Thursday) School Day
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Monday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	05 May - 06 May
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	19 May - 22 May
Youth Day (16 June)	16 June (Friday) School Day
End of Term	23 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	17 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	18 July (Tuesday)
Founders Day (26 July)	26 July (Wednesday)
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SOUTH AFRICA

TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return	10 January (Wednesday)
Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)	11 January (Thursday)
Senior School Boarders Return (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	16 January (Tuesday)
Senior School Lessons Commence (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	17 January (Wednesday)
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	16 January (Tuesday)
Prep School Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	17 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	16 February - 19 February
End of Term and Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Thursday) School Day
TERM 2 Easter Weekend 29 March - 01 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 April (Monday)
Lessons Commence	16 April (Tuesday)
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Saturday)
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Wednesday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	TBC
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	17 May - 20 May
Youth Day (16 June Sunday)	17 June (Monday) School Day
End of Term	21 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	16 July (Tuesday)
FOUNDERS DAY (26 July)	26 July (Friday)
Women's Day (09 August)	09 August (Friday) School Day
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	16 August - 19 August
Senior School Speech Day	19 September (Thursday)
End of Term	19 September (Thursday)
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	30 September (Monday)
Lessons Commence	01 October (Tuesday)
GRADE 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY	31 October (Thursday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	01 November - 04 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)	28 November (Thursday)
End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)	29 November (Friday)
Grade 6 Open Weekend	29 - 30 November (Friday and Saturday)
Teaching Staff Leave	05 December (Thursday)
Management and Support Staff Conclude	13 December (Friday)