

THE Saints

Weekly

ROUND-UP



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FRIDAY,
15 SEPTEMBER
@ 4PM VS
HILTON COLLEGE
IN ESTON



ST CHARLES COLLEGE
SOUTH AFRICA



SPORT *News*

FOOTBALL VS CLIFTON

St Charles College hosted Clifton in the final football fixture of 2023.

It was a very humid and hot day in the Capital and both teams initially started off slowly, trying to expose any weaknesses in both their defences. It was Clifton who went 1 – 0 up with a well-worked move down the right-hand side of the field. St Charles College had many opportunities to score but the final finishes were letting them down. Clifton went into halftime with a 1 – 0 advantage.

The second half of the game opened with both teams pressing hard and it was Clifton who went 2 – 0 up with a tap-in at the far post. The boys in *Blue and Gold* had to chase the game, and captain Ræarden Dicken found space and beat two defenders to score in the bottom left-hand corner.

With Clifton under pressure and playing a very deep defensive line, it was the Saints who drew level when referee Gary Crous pointed to the penalty spot after an illegal challenge in the box. Dicken made no mistake from the spot, sending the 'keeper the wrong way. With both teams running out of time, St Charles College won a throw-in deep in Clifton territory and a long throw from Caleb Ryland saw Thabiso Ndlela put the finishing touches on a spectacular comeback; St Charles College winning 3 – 2.

Other notable results on the day were:

- U14B won 5 – 1
- U14D won 6 – 3
- U15A won 5 – 0
- U15B won 10 – 0 (Patrick Muruza with a hattrick)
- U15C won 5 – 0
- U16A won 3 – 0
- U16B won 6 – 0
- 2nd team won 3 – 1



PREP HOCKEY VS HIGHBURY

On Saturday our Saints prep hockey boys played against our Hillcrest rivals, Highbury. Our Junior teams travelled up to Kearsney where it was always going to be a great morning with competitive games. Our boys did extremely well across the board.

Congratulations to our U9A and U10A boys for their victories, the U11C and U11D teams produced awesome hockey to enjoy their outing and it was very pleasing to see our U11As, despite letting in a few early goals, fight back to ensure it was a great game. On the SCC Astro our Open teams loved every minute as they helped themselves to many goals. It was impressive to see our 4th team take on the 3rds from Highbury and win convincingly. The 3rd and 2nd teams probably played their best hockey of the season, and we congratulate Highbury on winning a very close 1st team match 1 – 0. All in all, it was another impressive display by the Saints boys and another enjoyable morning of Prep Sport with our Highbury friends.

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

PREP TENNIS NEWS

This week saw the last round of tennis fixtures for the year. Our 2nd team travelled up to Cowan House to play against a strong 1st team. Our SCC boys did what they say they will do, *"They fought until they could fight no more"* and ultimately came up short.

Our Grade 6s in the 3rd and 4th team, joined with our U11s to play an internal match which was, as expected, very competitive yet very enjoyable. However, the match of the day was our 1st team who hosted the Clifton NR 1st team. After nine matches, the teams could not be split, and it ended up in a 21 – 21 tie.

It was a fantastic day to end off the season and we thank all our boys, parents and coaches.

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

PREP JUNIOR TENNIS

On Wednesday, our U9 and U10 boys got the opportunity to play a tennis match.

It was fantastic to see the vast improvement in all our boys who have been practicing so well this term. Their ability to serve, volley, hit a forehand and backhand was very impressive. Best of all was the clear fun they all had, summed up by their coach Mrs Howells who said, *"They would've carried on playing past 6 o'clock if they could"*.

Well done to our tennis super stars who we are so proud of and loved being on the court with.

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

MINI HOCKEY

Our mini hockey players have had a great time out on the Saints Astro this week!



SPORTS Assembly

At sports assembly this morning, there was some fun as we wrapped up an incredible spring season of sport. Trophy winners from the Championship Athletics were acknowledged, as well as some tennis accolades and we congratulated our two provincial footballers, U19A Ràerden Dicken and U15A Thandolwethu Zama. During assembly, we had our inaugural Inter House Cross Country Relay, with the start, finish and changeovers happening in the SK Arena. The top runners in the school got to showcase their grit in the Pietermaritzburg heat and enjoyed the school cheering them on. Well done to captain of cross country, Michael Warmington, for the great initiative, the final results were as follows:



UPPER SCHOOL RELAY

- 1st O'Meara
- 2nd Conway
- 3rd Delalle
- 4th Smith

MIDDLE SCHOOL RELAY

- 1st Delalle
- 2nd Smith
- 3rd O'Meara
- 4th Conway



Event	Award	Recipient	House
U14 400m	Zululand Trophy	Z. Jasat	Smith
U14 800m	Cawood Trophy	U. Shabalala	Smith
U15 100m	Mcleish Trophy	T. Fleshman	Conway
U15 400m	Brother Terence Trophy	T. Zuma	Delalle
U16 400m	Brother William Trophy	A. Khan	Smith
U16 800m	Christoforous Trophy	M. Moola	Delalle
Open High Jump	PC Manning Trophy	T. Hendricks	Conway
Open Long Jump	Sandalls floating Trophy	T. Hendricks	Conway
Open Shot put	Brother Williams Trophy	M. Fick	Conway
Open 100m	Mackinnon Trophy	J. de Goede	Conway
Open 1500m	BH Henwood Trophy	J. Mwesigwa	O'Meara
Relay Trophy	The Quin Floating Trophy	O'Meara House	
U14 Age Group Champion	Junior Cup	C. Green	Conway
U15 Age Group Champion	Eric Cavanach Trophy	T. Zuma	Delalle
U16 Age Group Champion	Noel Stokoe Trophy	R. Ajibade	Conway
Victor Ludorum	Macartin Trophy	T. Hendricks	Conway
Founders Day Dash	The Dash Cup	J. Mwesigwa	O'Meara



MUSIC Honours

Matthew Urquhart has passed his Grade 8 Rockschool Voice Examination, scoring an incredible 96%, earning him Honours in Music.

This achievement is a testimony to his exceptional hard work. Matthew has played an integral part in the band as lead singer and guitarist and has participated fully in group and solo performances. He has also been a performer and composer in both St Charles College albums.

Matthew is an inspiration to the music students at the College. Well done! – Ms Kristen Wepener (Music Teacher)

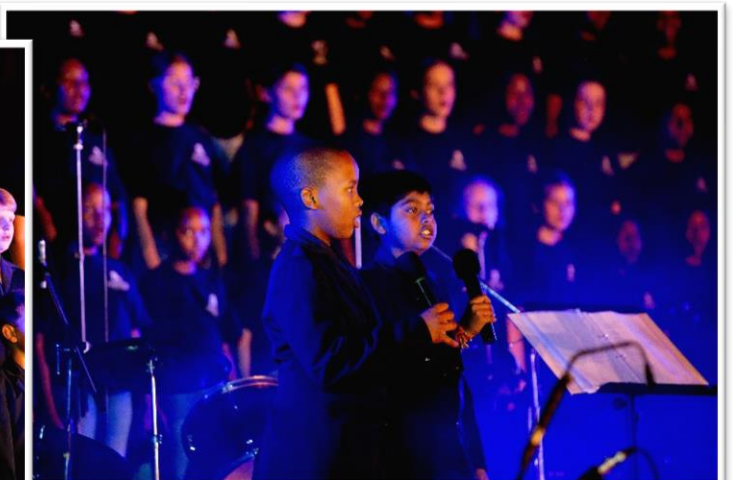


NIGHT OF THE Saints

On Friday evening, St Charles College hosted the highly anticipated Night of the Saints concert, collaborating with St John's D.S.G. and featuring local musician Matt Gardiner. Including choirs, orchestras, and bands from both schools, it celebrated music throughout the schools and included performances from Junior Primary through to High School.

The evening started with the Junior Primary choirs from both schools combining to perform two items and were followed by the combined Senior Primary choirs who sang two songs of their own. Our Chamber Choir, which has become an icon of St Charles College Music, performed the songs "Gebed" and "Rain, Rain, Beautiful Rain". The St John's D.S.G. High School Choir performed two songs, and our High School Choir followed with two pieces. The Choir part of the evening ended with the two high school choirs combining for the song "It's All Right". The final item of the first half showcased the combined orchestras performing the song "Sway" alongside Matt Gardiner.

Over two hundred performers entertained a highly appreciative seven-hundred-strong audience that enjoyed this musical feast. With professional sound, lighting, and staging, it was an evening to remember for our Saints boys, who also had the opportunity to share the stage with world-renowned trumpeter, Dan Newell. – Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)

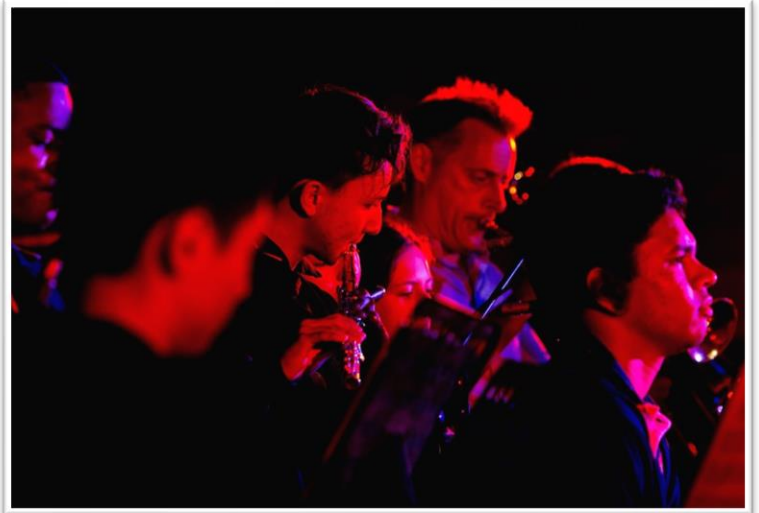


Matthew Urquhart, the lead singer of Saints II Men, had the following to say:

Performing with Matt Gardiner and the Matric Band was a highlight for me. I will remember the excellent support and energy of the Junior School boys. We are so lucky and blessed to have had all the younger grades involved.

Nikhil Darson, the Head of Bands and the Cultural Council, commented,

A highlight for me was hosting such a big performance at St Charles, our home turf. With it being our last Night of the Saints, we left a positive mark on our school and the community. I will remember having the amazing feeling of being on stage with our band that has developed such good chemistry, being connected by the music we play.



PUBLIC Speaking

Last week Thursday, we hosted a public speaking event during culture week at St Charles College. Public speaking is a powerful way to convey ideas, share information, and influence others. When done well, it can leave a lasting impression on the audience. Public speaking provides a platform to educate others about important topics, whether they're related to academics, social issues, or personal development. The competition consisted of two speakers per house and their task was to pick a topic out of a jar. The boys found this extremely fun and interesting. All four topics are relevant and can be compelling for young High School students to discuss in a public speaking competition. Each topic addresses different aspects of education, extracurricular activities, and student autonomy.

– Ms Saiuri Naidoo (Head of Debating)

The topics included:

- 1) Should the school introduce esports as a cultural activity?
- 2) Should history be made a compulsory subject?
- 3) Should boarders be given the power to decide on their own menus?
- 4) Is Shakespeare important to be studied in school?

THE RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

First place – Conway, with 48 points

Best Junior Speaker: Elihle Hloba (Grade 8)

Best Senior Speaker: Zach Bormann (Grade 11)

Second place – O'Meara, with 45 points

Third place – Delalle, with 39 points

Fourth place – Smith, with 37 points



Grade 9 MARKET DAY

After a highly successful first Market Day in Term 2, the Grade 9 Business Studies class held their second Market Day of the year. An important theme for this Market Day was to learn lessons from the first attempt, correcting mistakes and building on things that worked.

Our Prep School boys were also invited to attend which presented new opportunities to learn about different target markets and market segmentation. The changes many of the groups made to their product offerings highlighted the skills and experience they have gained. Overall, this was another successful Market Day in which the boys had fun while learning and making money.



Ten percent of all profits from the Market Day will be donated by the Grade 9 Business Studies class to charitywater.org, a nonprofit organization bringing clean and safe water to people around the world.

– Mr Barry Strydom and Grant Edkins (Grade 9 Business Studies Teachers)



Grade 11 CHEMISTRY TOUR OF SCICORP LABS

Our Grade 11 Chemistry students were given the amazing opportunity to visit SciCorp laboratories in Mkondeni. SciCorp conduct GMO analysis, chemical and seed analysis, and plant breeding support for the agricultural and food industries.

The team at SciCorp treated the Grade 11 Chemistry boys to a tour of their state-of-the-art laboratories. The boys were given explanations of the functioning of each section of the laboratory by different experts in their respective fields. They also were shown equipment and processes that they have learned about in Chemistry, Biology and Physics.

The boys were grateful to have the experience of observing a working laboratory. – Dr Kate Akerman (Head of Science Faculty)



SENIOR PRIMARY *Art Blast*

On Wednesday and Thursday, the Senior Primary was a hive of activity as the boys enjoyed their Art Blast. Expanding on the theme of Exploring Great Artists the boys learnt about various famous artists and their different techniques. Drawing inspiration from these artists, they created their own masterpieces. From versions of Van Gogh's 'The Starry Nights' to Picasso's 'The Bull'. They painted animals and landscapes, drew skulls and fishbowls, moulded wire and tin foil to make sculptures, created their names in pop art and worked with clay to create cupcakes. The boys are excited to show off their wonderful art which will be on display next week Wednesday at the Art Exhibition. – Mrs Kelli Howells



ABACUS COMPETITION

Recently two of our Junior Primary boys, Dzunisani Hlongwane and Mikhenso Hlongwane took part in the Abacus Maths Regional Competition.

Well done to Dzunisani for placing first in the Grade 3 category, scoring 85% for his abacus/soroban section and 96% for his Anzan section. Congratulations also goes to Mikhenso for placing second in the Grade 1 category, scoring 95% for the abacas/soroban section and 78% for the Anzan section.



Ticket TO THE MOON

Our boys were treated to an enjoyable theatrical experience when 'Ticket to the moon' Theatre Company performed for our Prep School on Wednesday. The boys were transfixed by the beautiful stage props and design, and thoroughly entertained by energetic acting.

Exposing our boys to live theatre encourages use of the imagination as well as patience. Unlike T.V., where images change every few seconds, theatre requires concentration for sustained periods. Exposure to a wide variety of spoken and lyrical language helps expand their vocabularies and our boys were made to feel part of the magic by participating in the songs and problem-solving scenarios.

The Theatre Company is committed to taking South Africa's children's books from page to stage and they successfully captured our boys' attention with their relatable stories. – Mrs Lauren Riley (Head of Junior Primary)



JUNIOR PRIMARY Assembly

In the Junior Primary Assembly this morning, the Grade 3 du Toit boys spoke about something close to every St Charles boy's heart: caring for and respecting our school.



The assembly featured the five heads of school, each sharing their inspiring experiences of giving back to our special school throughout their time at St Charles College. Their stories served as a powerful reminder of the impact students can have on the school community. To end off our Assembly, the JP boys and heads came together to sing the school song and war cries, displaying their immense pride in wearing the St Charles College badge.

It was a heartwarming and motivational morning that instilled a sense of responsibility and pride in each student, reinforcing the idea that as St Charles College boys, they can make a positive difference in their school and uphold its values with honour and respect."

– Mrs Gail du Toit





GRADE 2 RUGBY INTERVIEWS

Interview by Shrihan Balgobind, Zaryan Khan and Siphephelo Mkhize (Grade 2)

Shrihan: Hi Siya Kolisi, do you have time for some questions?

Siya: Sure, my match is in 4 hours.

Siphephelo: How many tries have you scored?

Siya: I have scored 150 amazing tries.

Zaryan: How many positions do you play?

Siya: Only one, I play in the front in the middle.

Shrihan: What brand of shoes do you wear?

Siya: I wear white and gold Adidas.

Zaryan: Which team did you play for first?

Siya: I played for the Sharks in Durban.

Siphephelo: Thank you Siya. Please give us special tickets!

Siya: Yes, sure. See you there!

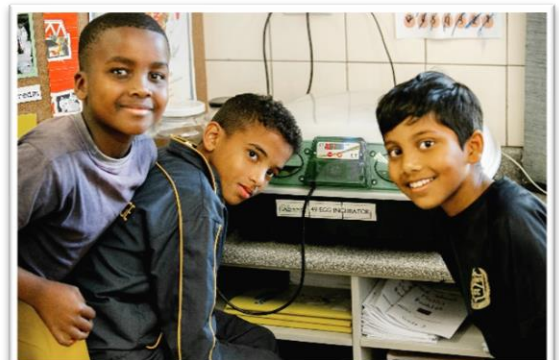
It is World Cup season and there is a contagious buzz of excitement amongst the Grade 2 boys. The classrooms have been filled with continuous discussions about breathtaking tackles and try-scoring heroes. We embraced this World Cup fever by writing interviews in pairs, and no questions were out of bounds for their favourite Springbok players.

Through these interviews the boys develop their writing skills, but also foster a deeper appreciation for sportsmanship. – Miss Leanze de Jager

Chicks HATCHING

Something's CRACKING in the Grade 3 classrooms. The long anticipation of 21 days finally arrived. There were many proud fathers as new chicks hatched their way out. Excited boys watched in awe as their wet, wobbly feathered friends pushed their way out into the world.

This exercise is definitely a highlight of the year, never to be forgotten.
– Mrs Gail du Toit



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Spring Holiday Club

For boys & girls 3 - 10years
(other ages by arrangement)

Dates: 26 & 27 Sept

Half Day 07h30 to 13h15 - R110

Full Day 07h30 to 16h45 - R150

Bring bikes, cozzies, own snack

Contact Liesl Meter on 0711853849

UPDATED TERM DATES



ST CHARLES COLLEGE

S O U T H A F R I C A

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)
Women's Day (09 August)	09 August (Wednesday) School Day
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	18 August - 21 August
Senior School Speech Day	21 September (Thursday)
End of Term	21 September (Thursday)

TERM 4

Staff and Boarders Return	02 October (Monday)
Lessons Commence	03 October (Tuesday)
Grade 12 Final Assembly	02 November (Thursday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	03 November - 06 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)	29 November (Wednesday)
End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)	30 November (Thursday)
Grade 6 Open Weekend	01 - 02 December (Friday and Saturday)
Teaching Staff Leave	06 December (Wednesday)
Management Team Conclude	12 December (Tuesday)



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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)

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