

# THE Saints Weekly

ROUND-UP



OUR 2024 TERM DATES CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE NEWSLETTER.

# KZN HOCKEY *Representatives*

**Congratulations to our provincial hockey players from across our St Charles College campus!**

**We are incredibly proud of each of you.**

## **U12**

Geoffrey Pedley  
Mzila Mzila

## **U13**

Owen Phongo  
Sandiso Ngubane  
Jake Odell  
Azokuhle Mhlongo  
Joel Cole-Edwardes  
Cameron Webber  
Diego Scrign

## **U14**

Didiér Le Roux  
Murray Calitz  
Kaleb McNally  
Kamohelo Liphapang  
Dintle Mokoena  
Rory Raw  
Leuna Lechesa  
Luzuko Pangwa  
Luqmaan Khan

## **U16**

Fabian Da Rosa  
Kaiyuran Naidoo  
Fhulufhelo Nemaname

## **U18**

Rowen Rajah  
Aphelele Mkwanzani  
Lancelot Luthuli  
Cian Fortmann  
Connor Riley

We also wish our Head of JP Sport, Mr Joel Barron, the very best as he coaches the U12A Inland team, as well as congratulate Mr Jiveshan Reddy who will be involved with coaching the provincial teams.  
– Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport) and Mr Rowan Irons (Director of Sport)



# SAINTS SPORT VS Clifton

## 1<sup>ST</sup> XI HOCKEY

The SCC vs Clifton hockey fixture over the last weekend was one that produced many goals. Clifton caught the opposition sleeping in the first minute of the game, managing to get behind the defence and score before the SCC players had time to touch the ball. Luckily the boys in white woke up quickly and managed to reply with a goal of their own a few minutes later. It was a short corner variation that did the trick and saw the ball roll over the goal line. Clifton then managed to work the ball down their right touch line well, creating a short corner opportunity that they then converted, but once again, their goal celebration was cut short when SCC managed to equalise a few minutes later. A well worked move down the line ended with the ball in the circle, and with a well-placed finish by Cian Fortmann. Half time and the match was evenly poised at 2 – 2.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> half went in a similar style of play with both teams creating opportunities, however, only one team converted these into points. A quick succession of goals by Clifton left the SCC team a little out of reach and unable to come back. Well done to Clifton and a big thank you for their fantastic hosting on their special 100-year celebration.

– Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> XV RUGBY

The Saints 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team took on Clifton College at Riverside Sports Club on their Old Boys Day this past weekend. The stage was set for a brutal game after the Saints secured a 50 – 15 win just a few weeks earlier when we hosted Clifton for our Old Boys Day.



From the kick-off, the Saints made their intentions clear with Raphael Ajibade putting in a monster hit and knocking Clifton into touch. We had an ideal start to the match with an attacking line-out in Clifton's 22. Some good clean running lines and receiver's hitting the ball at pace, saw the Saints crashing over the line in just 36 seconds. The second score came through some great passages of play and crisp service by Matthew Fick. SCC received a full arm penalty deep in Clifton's 22 and Fick decided to take a quick tap and crashed over the line, Saints were up 12 – 0.

In the week leading up to this game we paid extra attention to our exits (an area we struggled with in the first game vs Clifton) the plan was to simply play in the right areas of the field, attack the opposition line-out and scrum and build pressure with ball in hand, and we nailed this in the first 35 minutes. The third try came through Stefan Veldsman, who ran a beautiful line off the back of an attacking Saints scrum and simply crashed over.



We expected Clifton to come back after the break re-energised – we knew we had to score first and not let them find their rhythm. The 4<sup>th</sup> try came through a nice scissor pass by Ukhanyo Ntsangani which saw Okuhle Peti beat a few defenders and touch down close to the posts, the conversion was slotted, and SCC were up 24 – 0. With 32 minutes remaining, it wasn't all one-way traffic, Clifton showed tremendous character, the points were shared for that period. The last 10 minutes belonged to Clifton, at the time the Saints were up 36 – 5 and we saw it as a great opportunity to empty the bench and give some of the future 1<sup>st</sup> XV players a run. Clifton continued to bash away at our line, the boys held firm and continued to keep them out with some monster hits and energy off the line. Clifton was eventually awarded a penalty try and the game came to a close with Saints winning 36 – 12.



We would like to thank Clifton for hosting us, and for the fantastic spirit in which they played the games through the course of the day. A special thank you must go to all who travelled to Riverside and supported us, your energy could be felt, and the boys fed off it for the entire match. We look forward to a much-needed weekend off and returning refreshed and energised for the St Stithians challenge on the 25<sup>th</sup> of May. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

## CROSS COUNTRY News

This past Wednesday saw our Saints cross country team take on the Grace College "Grind" in the fourth league meet of the season. The sunbaked afternoon and dry air increased the challenge of the demanding undulating course. The boys were fast out of the chute, the first half of the race providing impressive paces as many attempted to keep at the head of the pack. The looming hills would soon take hold and made for some interesting position shifts.

One of our own juniors, Ziya Jasat, edged his way into second position on one of the tough climbs. Ziya maintained this position with an impressive effort. Well done, Ziya! In the senior age group, Joaquim Abreu clutched onto 5<sup>th</sup> position until the very end with his Howick High School counterpart hot on his heels in the last three hundred metres, pressing him to a sprint finish. The Saints team performed admirably and will look to build onto their results in the fifth league meet at World's View next Wednesday, hosted by The Wykeham Collegiate. – Mr Brandon de Lange (Cross Country Coach)

# TEAM OF THE *Week*

Our U16 hockey age group had an outstanding weekend against Clifton College recently. With victories across all levels, our teams demonstrated exceptional skill and sportsmanship, representing the College admirably.

Notably, the U16A hockey team was awarded the *Team of the Week* accolade, a testament to their outstanding performance.

Congratulations to all the U16 hockey players, with special recognition to the A team for their exemplary display.

– Mr Divan van Wyk  
(Sports Marketing)



THIS IS #SAINTSBROTHERHOOD!

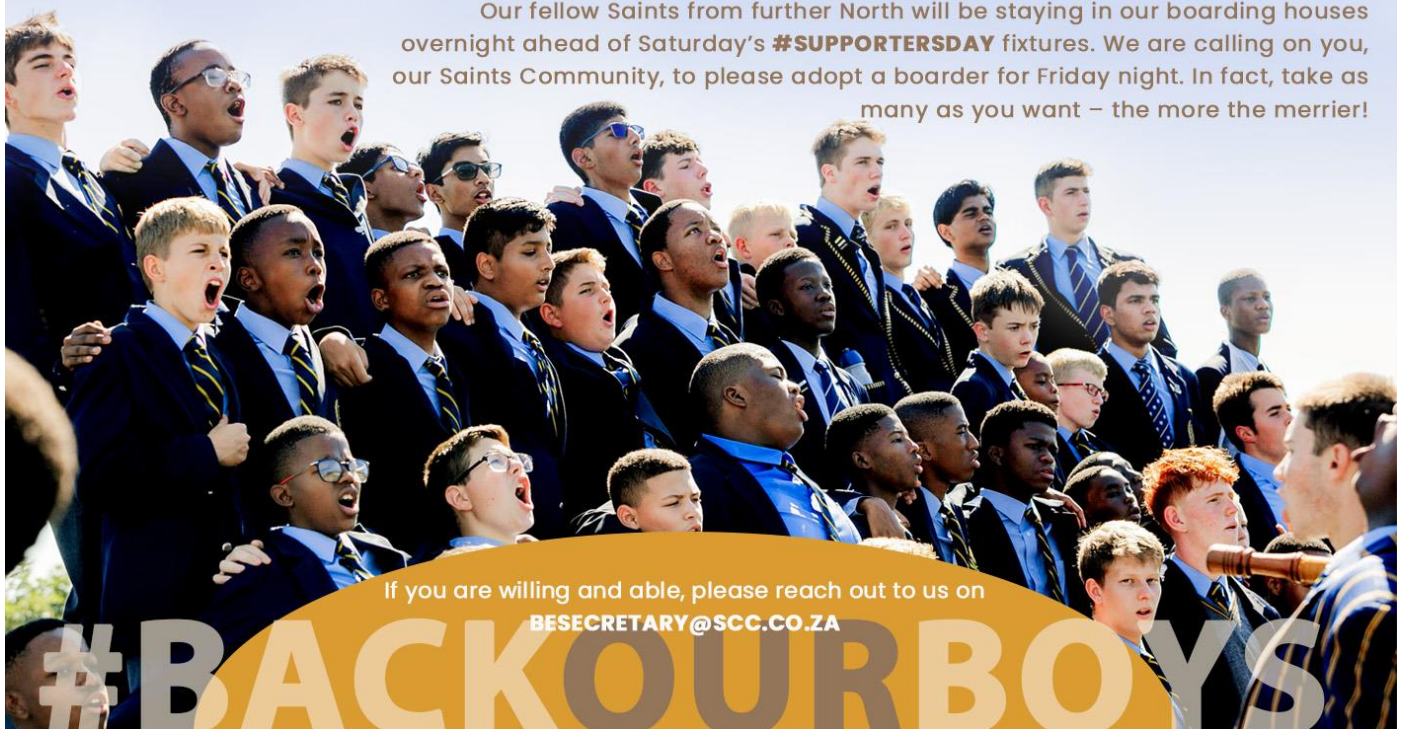


## SUPPORT-A-BOARDER

(... OR TWO... OR THREE...)

**ON FRIDAY 24 MAY, WE WELCOME ST STITHIANS BOYS' COLLEGE TO OUR BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS**

Our fellow Saints from further North will be staying in our boarding houses overnight ahead of Saturday's #SUPPORTERSDAY fixtures. We are calling on you, our Saints Community, to please adopt a boarder for Friday night. In fact, take as many as you want – the more the merrier!



If you are willing and able, please reach out to us on  
[BESECRETARY@SCC.CO.ZA](mailto:BESECRETARY@SCC.CO.ZA)

# #BACKOURBOYS

# Prep SPORT WRAP-UP

## CROSS COUNTRY AT LADDSWORTH

The weekly meeting was held at Laddsworth and our runners enjoyed another successful, and fun, afternoon of running. It was great to see two U8 boys competing and enjoying themselves. Many of our boys came in the Top 10 and we congratulate Geoffrey Pedley for winning the U12 race and Nathan Nel who has now achieved three, Top 5 positions in the U13 category. We thank Laddsworth for hosting us and for their hard work to ensure it was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for our boys, coaches and parents.

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



## KZN MIDLANDS RUGBY

We wish our KZN Midlands Rugby representatives the best of luck for their Sharks Rugby Trials Festival this weekend. Go boys! We also thank Mr Mdutyana (Smiley) for his time in managing the Midlands U12 team.

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



## RUGBY VS CLIFTON DURBAN

On Saturday our Prep School boys enjoyed our whole school fixture against Clifton DBN in Durban.

Our U9 and U10 teams played at Clifton school and did exceptionally well showing their improvement and love for the game against tough opposition. The rest of our teams competed at Riverside. The U11s started the day off very well with our U11B and U11C team playing great rugby, and our U11As enjoying a very close match but ultimately losing 5 – 7. The 4<sup>th</sup> XV enjoyed an exciting, end to end match which ended 10 – 12. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, arguably the match of the day, found themselves 0 – 15 down at half time. Some tactical and attitude changes led to a courageous comeback with our Saints boys scoring the winning try in the last movement of the match.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XV match was a closely fought contest and we congratulate Clifton on winning the match 12 – 17. It was a privilege to join Clifton on their Old Boys Day for their Centenary Celebrations and we thank them for our relationship and fixtures.

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





## FOOTBALL VS LADDSWORTH

On Monday afternoon our footballers competed against Laddsworth. There were many close fixtures with some games having over five goals scored. Our U11As managed to clinch the winner in the dying seconds to win 3 – 2, our 3<sup>rd</sup> team showed great improvement in drawing 1 – 1, our 2<sup>nd</sup> team enjoyed an exciting 2 – 2 draw and we congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> team who continued their impressive form by remaining unbeaten and winning 1 – 0. Well done to all our football players and thank you to Laddsworth for the fixtures and fun afternoon. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

## Mini FOOTBALL VS MERCHISTON



# NIGHT OF THE SAINTS

*Performances by choirs, bands and orchestras*



Fri, 14 June  
18:00 - 20:00  
Samukele Khumalo Arena



U9 Free • Primary School R40 • High School & Pensioners R65 • Adults R125

Tickets available through **QUICKET**

## THIS IS THE EVENT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR!

Hosted by St Charles College, in collaboration with St John's D.S.G., featuring the Choirs, Orchestras, and Bands from both schools, expect to be left in awe of the talent in the two schools.

**To purchase your tickets, please click on the following Quicket link**

[Book tickets for Night of the Saints \(quicket.co.za\)](https://quicket.co.za)

## COLLABORATION Concert

Last Friday evening, St Charles College and Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School (GHS) came together for a remarkable collaboration concert. The event took place in the acoustically pleasing Chapel, providing an excellent setting for the performances.

The evening was a musical feast featuring diverse acts, including the GHS String Ensemble and Choir and the St Charles Orchestra, Chamber Choir, and Choir. The concert was a testament to the exceptional talent of our students and was met with great enthusiasm from the audience.



The evening commenced with a powerful performance by the Orchestra, featuring *Drake's Theme* from the game *Uncharted 2*, a medley from *Pirates of the Caribbean* and a soulful rendition of *Set Fire to the Rain* by Adele. The Orchestra's energy was infectious, and the solos by Harshad Pillay on violin and Alexander Pascal on flute were a highlight. The GHS Choir followed with four beautifully sung pieces, each one showcasing the students' vocal prowess. After a brief intermission, the GHS string ensemble took to the stage, filling the Chapel with their harmonious melodies.



This brought the evening to the St Charles College Chamber Choir performance. Fresh off their Gold at the first round of the ATKV National Choir Competition, they performed two stunning items: *Joshua Fit the Battle* by Moses Hogan (soloists: Mvelo Sithole, Kaden Govindasamy, and Timothy Schoeman) and *Mbube* by Solomon Linda (soloist: Sbusiso Mtsweni). The concert ended with three songs by the full choir: *Now Let Me Fly*, arranged by Victor Johnson, and *Going Home*, an American popular song based on music by Antonin Dvorak. The final item was *Hello, My Baby* by Ladysmith Black Mambazo (soloist: Kwandiswa Ngceka), bringing a smile to all audience members and appreciated with enrapturing applause.



– Mr Pierre Frenzel ( Head of Music)

## UFS NETWORKING Event

The University of the Free State recently hosted a networking breakfast morning in Durban, where five of our top Grade 12 academic achievers were invited to attend.

Thomas Brown, Joel Reynard, Cameron Beesley, Cameron Paul-English and Chris Anderssen represented the College at the event. They were accompanied by Mr Barry Strydom (Head of Academics) and Mrs Charlotte Pillay (Head of Grade 12).



The boys were privileged to listen to a talk from the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor Francis Petersen. The university awarded prizes to the top achievers and a certificate of appreciation to SCC. The boys enjoyed the very informative morning. - Mrs Charlotte Pillay (Head of Grade 12)

# PLANTING OF THE YELLOWWOOD TREES

In celebration of St Charles College upcoming 150-year anniversary, the Environmental Council are planting 150 Yellowwood trees. The trees will be planted in and around the school campus. So far there are 70 trees in the ground.

The experience is amazing for the boy's knowledge of soils and tree growing. New friendships and strong brotherly bonds are developed through these trees. It will be fantastic for these young gentlemen to return as Old Boys and admire their hard work. – Mr Sean Anthony



## Grade 8 UKZN TRIP

Our Grade 8 boys were treated to a tour around UKZN this week with the SCC Biology and Geography Department. The boys experienced seven stations ranging from a visit to the animal house where they held a rock python and learnt about the ethics of using animals in medicinal testing. The Zoology Museum was a highlight for many boys as they searched for examples of various classes of animals. Professor Trevor Hill shared his vast knowledge on collecting pollen and looking at core soil samples. A visit to the Electron Microscopy Unit allowed the boys to see minute details on spiders and geckos. A further highlight was the Bews Herbarium and the wonderful display of representative plants from the simplest to most complex species, including the sensitive *Mimosa* and carnivorous Pitcher plant. At the end of the day, the boys were enriched, exhausted and we hope inspired to continue studying the natural world.



Thank you to Dr Michelle Tedder for her incredible organisation and the competent UKZN

Postgraduate students who led the boys through the maze of UKZN buildings. They were enthusiastic, patient and knowledgeable with the multiple questions fired at them. – Ms Roselyn Dredge (Head of Biology) and Mr Jarryd Gilham (Head of Geography)

# French CLASS VISIT WITH EPWORTH



On Tuesday, the Grade 10 Epworth subject French ladies joined our Grade 10 French class and took on the boys in various word and grammar games, trivia, and battleships. The classes were split into teams competing with or against each other in each round. The Team L'ananas started off strong by winning the trivia which required general knowledge of France with other teams showing good vocabulary and grammar skills. The boys thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the ladies for a lesson and we look forward to hosting them again next year. – Mrs Carrissa Ortmann

## MATRIC DANCE INVITES



There was great excitement, and intrigue, earlier this week when our Grade 12 boys received their treasure-filled Matric Dance invitations.

## Book Sale IN THE PREP LIBRARY

This week we have been blessed to have Bentley Books visit our Prep Library for a wonderful Book Sale. The boys were extremely excited to peruse all the books on offer. Different genres were available for our boys ranging from graphic novels and comics to adventures and plays like Hamlet! The sale generated plenty of excitement from our Scrummies, Junior Primary and Senior Primary boys. Thank you to Bentley Books and our parents for your generous support. – Mrs Robyn Pope-Ellis (Prep Library)





# FIXTURES 2024

# SAINTS

## RUGBY

15 March	Milnerton High School
16 March	Maritzburg College Fillers
17 March	Bishops
22-26 March	Michaelhouse Festival
24-28 March	Skonk Nicholson Festival
28-30 March	St Stithians College
20 April	Clifton College (H)
27 April	DHS (A)
2-4 May	Grey High Festival
4 May	Maritzburg Day (A)
11 May	Clifton College (A)
25 May	St Stithians Exchange (H)
1 June	Glenwood (A)
8 June	Hilton College (A)
24-28 June	Clifton College Festival
28 June-3 July	St Alban's College Festival
July and August	Sevens Tournaments

## HOCKEY

8-10 March	Inland Tournament
16 March	Glenwood (H)
21-24 March	Bishops ISHF
22-25 March	Michaelhouse Festival
22-25 March	Ken Florens Festival
25-28 March	St Andrews ISHF (U16A)
29-01 April	St Andrews ISHF (U14A)
29-01 April	KES Easter Festival
20 April	Clifton (H)
27 April	DHS (H)
4 May	Maritzburg College (A)
11 May	Clifton (A)
14 May	Michaelhouse (TBC)
25 May	St Stithians (TBC)
1 June	Glenwood (A)
8 June	Hilton (A)



## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR YOUR MY SCHOOL CARD?

Swipe your MySchool, MyVillage, MyPlanet or linked Woolworths card at Woolies (or any of the partner stores) to help grow swipes and support St Charles College.

**Did you know that MySchool cards are available from reception? Get yours today and start swiping!**



## Mother's Who Care

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



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



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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)
<b>Senior School Lessons Commence</b> (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	<b>17 January (Wednesday)</b>
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	16 January (Tuesday)
<b>Prep School Lessons Commence</b> (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	<b>17 January (Wednesday)</b>
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	16 February - 19 February
<b>End of Term</b> and Human Rights Day (21 March)	<b>21 March (Thursday) School Day</b>
TERM 2	
<b>Easter Weekend 29 March - 01 April (Friday - Monday)</b>	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 April (Monday)
<b>Lessons Commence</b>	<b>16 April (Tuesday)</b>
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Saturday)
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Wednesday) School Day
<b>OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND</b>	<b>20 April (Saturday)</b>
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	17 May - 20 May
Youth Day (16 June Sunday)	17 June (Monday) School Day
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>21 June (Friday)</b>
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	15 July (Monday)
<b>Lessons Commence</b>	<b>16 July (Tuesday)</b>
<b>FOUNDERS DAY (26 July)</b>	<b>26 July (Friday)</b>
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 Night (6pm)	19 September (Thursday)
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>19 September (Thursday)</b>
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	30 September (Monday)
<b>Lessons Commence</b>	<b>01 October (Tuesday)</b>
<b>GRADE 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>31 October (Thursday)</b>
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	01 November - 04 November
<b>End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)</b>	<b>28 November (Thursday)</b>
<b>End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)</b>	<b>29 November (Friday)</b>
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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