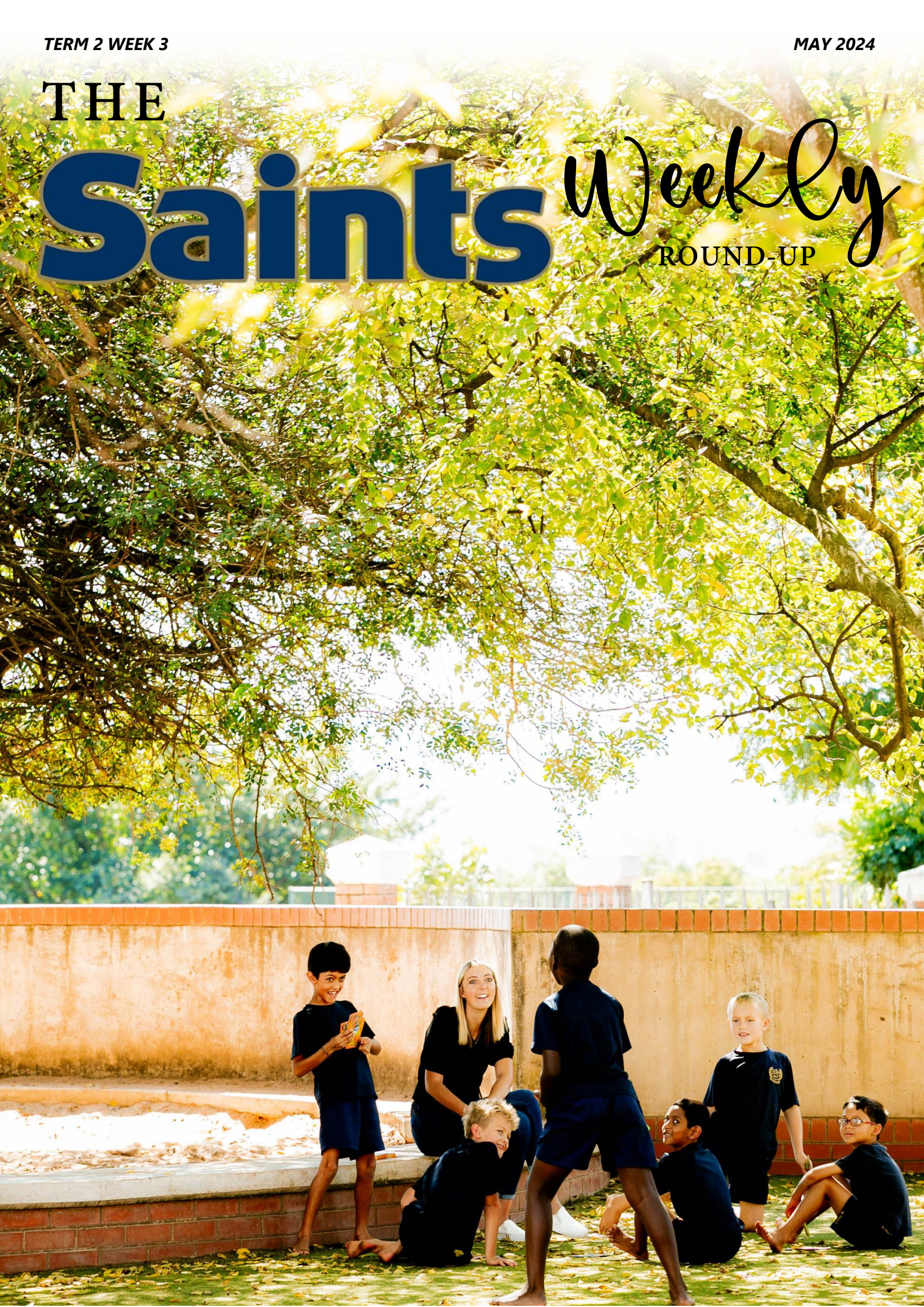


THE Saints Weekly

ROUND-UP





WORLD CLASS RESULTS



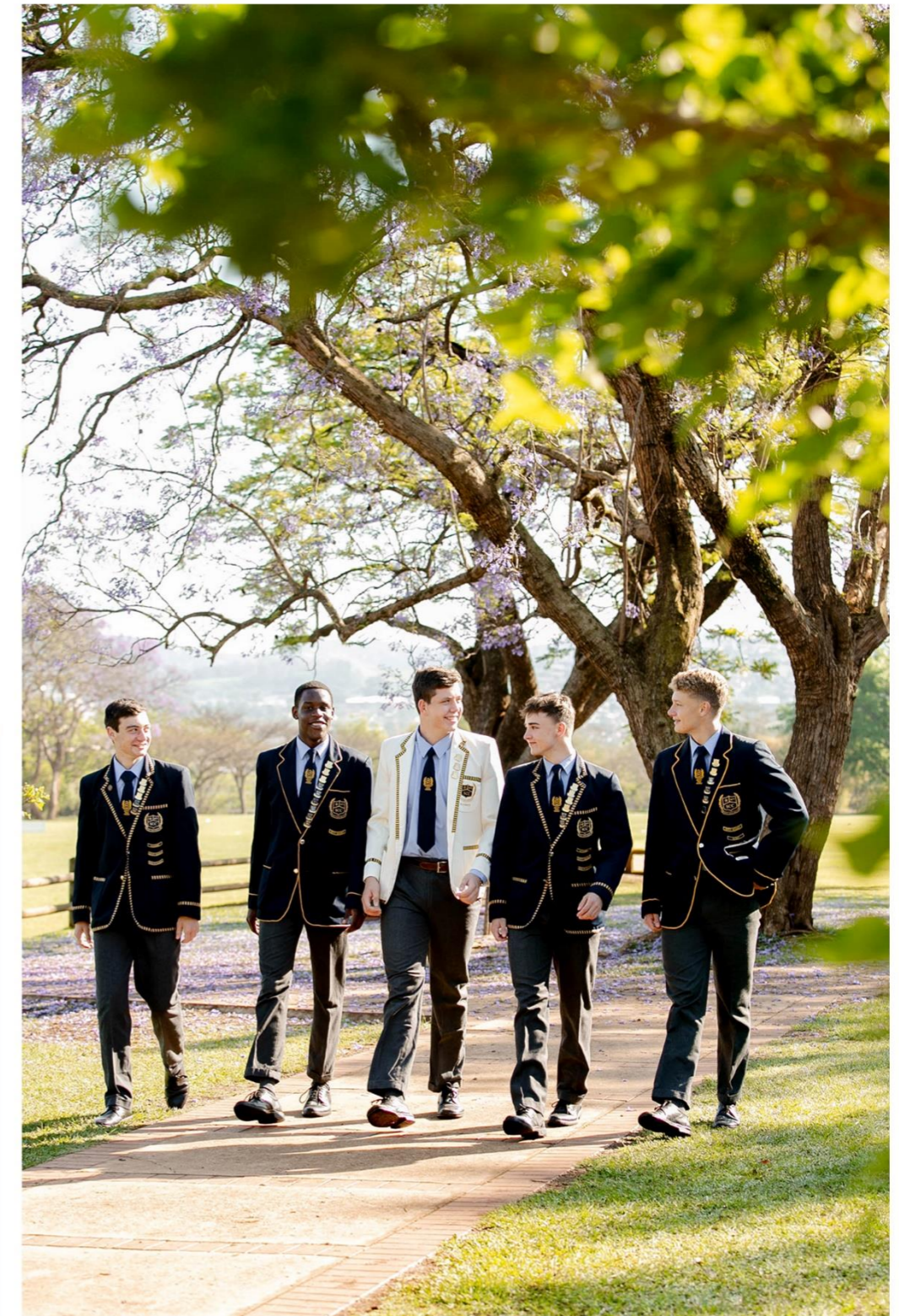
St Charles College boys shine in the 2023 Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards



Following the release of the Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards, the Principal and Board of Governors of St Charles College extend their congratulations to the boys and staff of the College for the recognition of academic excellence they have achieved. Our top students have maintained the College's proud record of national and international success in the IGCSE and AS Level Cambridge International Examinations. The Cambridge Outstanding Learner Awards recognise candidates who perform the best in the May and November Cambridge examinations, offered in more than 160 countries around the world.

For more than two decades, St Charles College boys have consistently achieved the top results in the country and in the world. We are proud, once again, to celebrate the outstanding successes of the 2023 boys in the IGCSE, AS Level and A Level Cambridge International Examinations.

FIDELI CERTA MERCES - To the faithful one a certain reward



Ethan Leppan	Cambridge International AS Level	Language & Literature in English	Fourth in the World
Nikhil Gongal	Cambridge International AS Level	First Place in South Africa across Four AS Levels	91% average
Ethan Leppan	Cambridge International AS Level	Language & Literature in English	Top in South Africa
Nikhil Gongal	Cambridge International AS Level	Mathematics	Top in South Africa
Nikhil Gongal	Cambridge International AS Level	Biology	Top in South Africa
James Martens	Cambridge International AS Level	Biology	Top in South Africa
Ahmed Noorgat	Cambridge International AS Level	Accounting	Top in South Africa
Raphael Albin	Cambridge International AS Level	French	Top in South Africa
Matthew Bishop	Cambridge IGCSE™	Physics	Top in South Africa



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

#BACKOURBOYS

WINTER SPORT *News*

1ST XV RUGBY VS DHS

The Saints 1st XV rugby team took on DHS at Hollywood Bets Kings Park on Saturday. It was a special occasion for many of the boys, as they not only had the opportunity to put their talents on display for the Craven Week selectors, but they also had the opportunity to run out on the world-famous Kings Park, which is something many of them and their families will cherish for the rest of their lives.



DHS was always going to be a tough game; at the time they were ranked number 8 in South Africa, their squad was littered with star players, and finally, they had an established coaching team that, up to this point, had their team firing. From the kick-off, DHS made their intentions clear – they were here to play! They dominated almost every area of the game; they were efficient at the breakdown, dominated the collision area, and played at a very high tempo. It was a great learning curve for our boys to play against such a well-drilled outfit, and no doubt all who took the park would have benefited from the experience. While it was a tough day, our boys stayed in the fight and competed right up until the final whistle. I am proud of the way that we conducted ourselves in the 54 – 12 defeat, and we never once dropped our heads, even in the tough moments.

We would like to thank the Sharks for hosting us and DHS for the wonderful experience. We wish them all the very best for the remainder of their season. As for our boys, all is not lost; we still have plenty in the tank and plenty to offer. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

1ST XI HOCKEY VS DHS

The SCC 1st team hockey played against DHS over the weekend, on a cold and rainy day. It was a tough outing for the boys dressed in all white, as DHS started very well and continued to play well throughout the contest.

The visiting players were too quick and too skilled for the St Charles College players to contain, as they managed to create and convert a number of chances. Final score was 8 – 0 to Durban High School.

Not all doom and gloom came from the encounter, and the SCC players will be looking to learn their lessons and turn things around before facing local rivals Maritzburg College in the City Derby this coming weekend. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)



TEAM OF THE WEEK

Another fantastic week of sports unfolded both on and off the campus, spanning from the Pre-Primary to the Senior School.

The 4th rugby team showcased a commendable performance against formidable opponents this past weekend. However, it was the 3rd hockey team's ferocious attack and the exceptional teamwork displayed by the U11A and B rugby teams that earned all three teams the coveted 'Team of the Week' award.

Congratulations to all the boys and coaches for their exemplary representation of the College throughout the weekend. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)



NEWS FROM PREP *Sport*

PREP RUGBY MIDLANDS REPRESENTATION

We congratulate the following boys on their well-earned selection into the Midlands Rugby teams and wish them for their upcoming tournament to be held over the mid- term break.

U12: MALWANDE NZACA
TROY HARRISON
U13: DIEGO SCRIGNA
JAKE ODELL



PREP RUGBY VS CORDWALLES

On Saturday we welcomed Cordwalles onto campus for the first home match of the season. Playing in the rain was a real test for the boys but also one that proved a very enjoyable experience for them. There was some exciting rugby played with boys enjoying some victories and learning from some losses. Our U11 age group must be applauded for the rugby played, their excellent attitudes and never-say-die approach, earning victories in both the U11A and U11B team games. Congratulations to Cordwalles for winning a very closely contested and hard-fought 1st XV match.

We thank Cordwalles for the enjoyable morning and look forward to now hosting Lynford, Scottsville and the KZN Development teams onto our campus this Saturday.

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



CROSS COUNTRY AT EPWORTH

Last Friday our runners competed in the first inter-school race of the season, hosted by Epworth who used the UKZN facilities. Our boys competed well throughout the various age groups, earning many Top 10 positions. Special congratulations to Geoffrey Pedley who enjoyed an excellent run, winning the U12 race.

It was a positive and enjoyable start to the season, and we thank our coaches for their support and dedication. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

FOOTBALL VS SCOTTSVILLE

Our football players have waited patiently for their first match of the season, and it was well worth the anticipation. They played very attractive football, enjoying some fantastic victories and very close games.

The 1st team enjoyed a great start to the season with a 2 – 0 victory, overturning last season's result. We thank Scottsville for the excellent competition and friendship and look forward to playing rugby against them this weekend. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



SAILING NEWS

Well done to Luca Cantarelli, who was the youngest competitor at this year's ILCA Nationals.

He won all of his races, sailing in excess of 18 knot winds on his last day of racing.



GRADE 0 DADS AND LADS RUGBY

What a special way to start the day! Our Grade 0s were thrilled to have their dads visit for some rugby.



GRADE 1 AND 2 DADS AND LADS RUGBY

Our Junior Primary boys had the BEST afternoon playing rugby and spending some quality time with their dads!



MOM'S EVENING IN 'Scrummies'

To celebrate their moms, our Scrummies boys took them on a special date night. Scrummies transformed into the wild west with a disco twist!

Dressed up in their denim jackets, boots, cowboy hats, and lots of sparkles, our moms and lads were ready to hit the dance floor. The night included some choreographed dancing, bracelet making, and decorating of photo frames.

As teachers, we value these events where our moms get to spend one-on-one quality time with their boys. What better way to do this than by dancing like there's no tomorrow! Yeehaw! - Ms Chantelle Steenkamp



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THE VIDEO ON
OUR SOCIALS!**



Outdoor LEARNING IN THE PREP SCHOOL



Huskey OUTREACH

Our SCC Outreach boys accompanied

Mrs Joubert to the Husky Rescue Centre at Cotswold Farm R624 in Thornville near Pietermaritzburg on Friday, 26 April. Upon arrival the boys were given a brief overview of what the rescue centre does and how the dogs came to be there. It was very informative learning about this particular breed of dog.



The Siberian husky is a companion animal with special needs, and as a result is often misunderstood as a breed, as they need to be able to run and be busy with their human counterparts. The Alaskan Malamutes are majestic, dignified, and gentle giants who are recognizable by their well-furred plumed tail and thick, waterproof double coat. A Malamute should be brushed daily with a pin brush and metal comb, and an undercoat rake should be added to the regimen twice a year during shedding season. When a dog's fur becomes matted, it sticks to the skin and causes irritation, dandruff, and dry skin, and the matts constantly pull at the skin and can even rip the skin. Sadly, the coat of the four Malamutes that were surrendered to Husky Rescue SA recently had to be shaved as it was impossible to feel the skin under all the matts, knots and debris. These poor dogs had not seen a brush in years, and as the matting prevented proper airflow, they must have suffered in the recent heat wave. Normally the dogs must not get shaved regularly as it can affect the dog's health but in this case it was necessary.

The Husky Rescue Centre runs as an NPO and relies solely on the public for funds. They have a stand at the Shongweni Market, selling books and DVDs for the public to purchase. The money that is made from these sales assist the centre with its considerable running costs.

The SCC boys were given the opportunity to groom the dogs and make the dogs happy by spending time with them. The dogs were very friendly and energetic, and loved being around people. The boys of SCC thoroughly enjoyed their excursion. – Mrs Debby Joubert (Outreach Club)

FEEL-GOOD Friday

As winter approaches, our wonderful sickbay staff recently visited the Pietermaritzburg SPCA to donate some blankets to the animals in need.



JUNIOR PRIMARY *Music*

Our Junior Primary boys have the opportunity to be extensively involved in music activities. Each grade has weekly classes, learning the fundamentals of music, and about music throughout the world by using a variety of instruments and singing, focusing on the joy that music brings. Added to this, our Grade 2 and 3 boys learn the ukulele and violin in consecutive years, and our Grade 3 boys form the Junior Primary Choir. - Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)



ATKV NATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION

On Thursday afternoon, our Chamber Choir scored an excellent gold rating in the first round of the ATKV Applous National Choir Competition. This was the first time that a St Charles College choir has entered this competition.

Hosted by Grace College, the afternoon was filled with beautiful choral music, involving 9 schools from the KZN Midlands area. The Chamber Choir has been preparing for this competition from the end of last the year and presented a 13-minute programme. The choir had to prepare four songs: two in Afrikaans, a traditional work in any other South African language other than Afrikaans or English, and a work piece in a language of their choice.

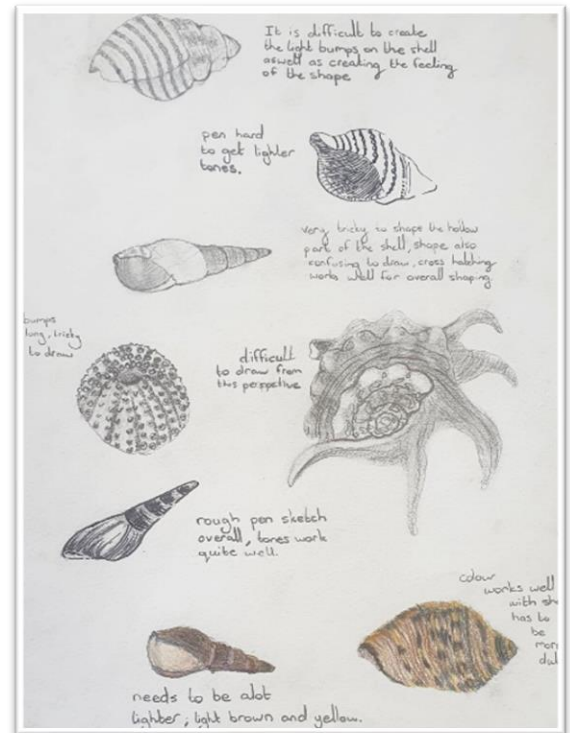
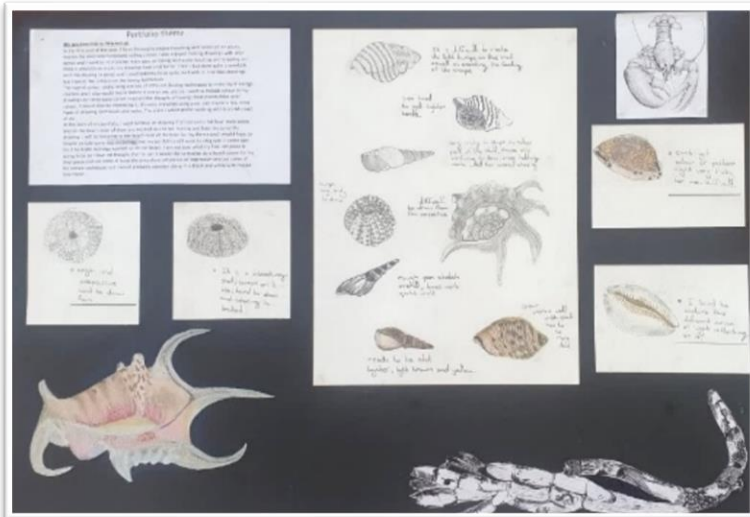


This is a wonderful achievement for music at St Charles College! Congratulations to our boys as well as Ms Wepener for this outstanding achievement. We now wait in anticipation to hear whether we will make the final round of the competition which will be held at the Cape Town City Hall in July. - Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)

ART AND Design

This week our Grade 10 boys are working hard to complete the 5th page in their *Own Theme Portfolio* so that they can begin planning the final

pieces that form the culmination of their self-directed themes. Showcased in this week's newsletter are pages or details from the Portfolios of 3 of the 13 Art and Design IGCSE STUDENTS. In the weeks that follow I will share something from each of the students so that everyone can take pleasure in the varied and innovative work created by this group of boys. Below is pictured one of the early pages from Ryan Bergh's portfolio titled *Washed up*, in which he scrutinises and represents the many different items and scenes we find along the South African coastline.



While Ryan is fascinated by the natural forms and details of organic objects such as shells, coral and seaweed, Kyle Raubenheimer has used his portfolio to scrutinize intricate, man-made objects in artworks that focus on the colours, shapes and narrative possibilities of *Old Toys*, as demonstrated below in this colourful pencil crayon drawing of objects in a playroom.



Equally colourful, (but inspired this time by the natural beauty found in domestic gardens and the lovely grounds of our school) is this carefully composed page from Joshua Milne's *Own Theme Portfolio*.

– Dr Faye Spencer



SCC GHS COLLABORATIVE CONCERT

Featuring the choirs, string ensembles and orchestras of St Charles College and Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School

10 MAY

18:00 – 19:30

SCC CHAPEL

Tickets are R30 at the door



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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)
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	20 April (Saturday)
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 Night (6pm)	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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