

# THE Saints Weekly

ROUND-UP



# OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER Awards

The 2023 Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards were held at two gala events in Johannesburg and Cape Town recently. We are exceptionally proud of all of our prize winners, especially our Dux for 2023, Nikheel Gongal, who walked away with the prize for the top AS Level student in South Africa for the June 2023 examination series.



St Charles College congratulates all prize winners for their achievements and celebrates the success of the following boys who were recognised, at a national level, for the outstanding academic success they achieved. - Mr Barry Strydom (Director of Academics)

**Nikhil Gongal:** Best Across Four Cambridge International AS Awards

**James Martens:** Top in South Africa - AS Biology

**Nikhil Gongal:** Top in South Africa - AS Biology

**Ethan Leppan:** Top in South Africa - AS Language and Literature in English

**Nikhil Gongal:** Top in South Africa - AS Mathematics

**Matthew Bishop:** Top in South Africa - IGCSE Physics

**Ahmed Noorgat:** High Achievement - Accounting

**Raphael Albin:** High Achievement - French Language



## CAST YOUR Vote

### VOTING IN THE JUNIOR PRIMARY

Many interesting debates have been overheard by teachers in the Junior Primary classrooms this week as we held our first 'mock' election. The Grade 3 representatives campaigned for the upgrading of the Junior Primary school and all boys from Grade 1 to 3 registered to vote on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. This was taken very seriously as boys lined up to cast their vote and deposit their ballot sheet in a box. There was much jubilation, and some disappointment, after the announcement of the results. I believe this exercise proved to be a great learning experience for our young gentlemen of St Charles College. – Mrs Gail du Toit





## VOTING IN SCRUMMIES

Voting Day 2024 has provided our lads with a valuable learning opportunity. Concepts like free and fair, democratic, responsibility, choice and your right as a member of the country are all extremely important for our boys to learn about.

At Scrummies our boys were given the chance to vote for their favourite superhero. First, they made their ID cards and registered to vote with our official, Mr Stewart-Burger. We encouraged parents to discuss the characteristics of a good superhero with their boys at home.

Voting day dawned and our boys arrived wearing their favourite choice colours to show their support. The excitement was palpable as they all lined up to exercise their right to vote. Once they posted their ballot paper, their thumb was marked to make sure that they only voted once.

The Grade 0 boys had the big responsibility to calculate the results of our Voting Day – after sorting, grouping and counting the votes, they put together a graph for all of Scrummies to see who the winner is!

Remember your own words Spiderman: "With great power, comes great responsibility!" – Mrs Liesl Meter (Hear of Pre-Primary)



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THE LATEST REEL ON OUR  
SCRUMMIES SOCIALS!**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR Chamber Choir

We are thrilled to announce that our Chamber Choir has made it through to the finals of the ATKV Applous National Choir Competition taking place at the Cape Town City Hall during the third term!

Our Chamber Choir is one of only two choirs who have been selected to compete for the title of 'Best High School Boys Choir' in our category.

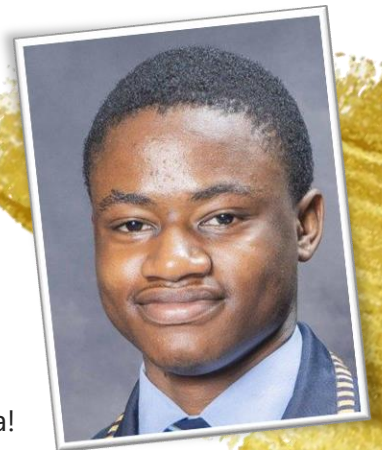
Our Chamber Choir has put in many long hours of rehearsals this year in preparation for the first round, and it has paid off! Well done, choristers!  
- Ms Kristen Wepener (Music Teacher)



## LIGHT UP CRUSADE

One of our Grade 12 musicians, Kanyinsola Bankole, made a guest appearance at the *Light Up Crusade* in Sandton on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

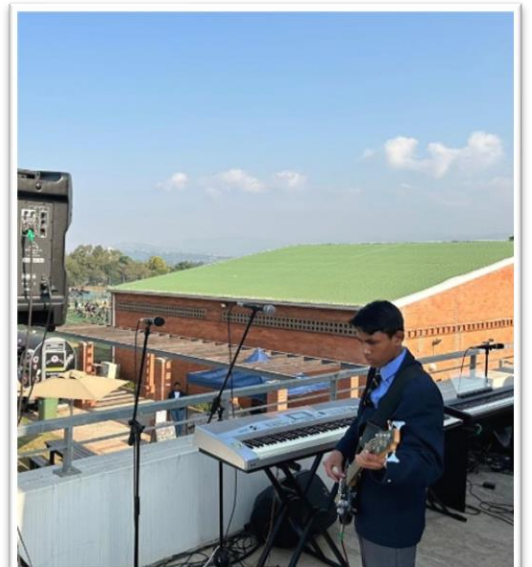
Kanyinsola played the saxophone alongside a professional band and gospel choir. Kanyinsola had the following to say about his experience: "Sharing the stage with talented and highly experienced musicians, whilst being the youngest musician is an experience I will never forget." Well done, Kanyinsola!  
- Ms Kristen Wepener (Music Teacher)



## Game Day MUSIC

On Saturday, our St Charles College musicians performed from the Observatory Café roof. The music added to the ambience of the day, with wonderful performances from the High School Bands, Percussion Band, and Orchestra, as well as excellent solo pieces.

Perched in this central location, the music was enjoyed by our many parents and visitors from St Stithians College, adding to what was a very successful day for our College.  
- Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)



# TEAM OF THE WEEK

It was a wonderful weekend of sports for both our Prep and Senior School. The Seniors hosted St Stithians College, with over 400 boys joining us on campus on Friday and Saturday. Meanwhile, our Prep School visited Clifton Nottingham Road and enjoyed a weekend of fantastic fixtures.



Our catering and hospitality team did a magnificent job hosting the St Stithians contingent, earning a nomination for Team of the Week. The 4th rugby team displayed world-class rugby on Friday evening, showcasing their best performance.

However, it was our U14B hockey team that earned the title of Team of the Week. This team has gone above and beyond what is required of a St Charles College boy. Their commitment and attitude are exemplary, even arranging additional practices in their free time. True to our motto, "To the faithful one a certain reward," these boys secured a well-deserved victory against a formidable St Stithians hockey team. Congratulations to our Team of the Week, the U14B hockey team! - Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

## WEEKEND SPORTS *Wrap-up*

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

St Stithians, from Johannesburg, visited our campus over the weekend and it was a treat to have them. Arriving early on the Friday meant that the 1<sup>st</sup> team hockey fixture could take place under lights which created an exciting atmosphere, with spit braais and our Saints music department providing off-field entertainment.

On the turf, the hockey match between the two Saints teams added to the entertainment value with back-and-forth action, and lots of opportunities for both sides. St Charles College went ahead in the first chukka with an exceptional counterattack goal that was neatly finished by Cian Fortmann. It didn't take long for St Stithians to equalise and at the end of the first chukka, the score was 1 – 1, with it poised to be an exciting encounter. St Stithians then went ahead from a short corner and a well placed flick into the bottom left corner. The game continued to swing back and forth but the score remained unchanged going into the half time break.



The 2<sup>nd</sup> half continued to entertain and a second goal, and equaliser, for the boys in *Blue & Gold* hushed the St Stithians crowd. An excellent attack led to space and numbers for the home team. A good ball into the circle, with a flip over a defenders stick saw Connor Riley open in the middle of the circle, and he rocketed the ball into the top right corner to bring the scores level once again. The 3<sup>rd</sup> chukka ended 2 – 2, with all to play going into the last 15 minutes of the game.

In the final chukka, St Stithians managed a quick counter down their right that led to a short corner. It was another well-placed flick, this time into the opposite corner, that had the local defence beat and took the boys from Johannesburg into the lead. It was edge of your seat stuff towards the death as St Charles College created a number of circle entries but shots going wide meant they couldn't capitalise and the game ended up going the way of St Stithians, 3 – 2. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)

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

The Saints 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team took on St Stithians from Johannesburg this past weekend. The boys from Johannesburg rolled in on Friday afternoon, and the energy and excitement could really be felt by all on campus. The much anticipated clash truly lived up to the hype. Both teams play a similar brand of rugby and have x-factor players all over the park. With St Stithians desperate for a win, we knew they were going to throw the sink at us, which is something we prepared for in the week.



The first half was a great spectacle from a St Charles College point of view, the local boys played some wonderful rugby, and were clinical in the key moments. The first try came through some wonderful passages of play which led us deep into the opposition 22, there were some great passes from Matthew Fick which were directed at our big forwards who got us over the gain line and were accurate at the breakdown, this meant we had numbers out wide, and a final floating pass from Ukhanyo Ntsangani saw Raphael Ajibade crash over the line in glorious fashion. The second try came through a well-read moment on defence, the opposition were just outside our 22m line hot on attack when Okhule Peti grabbed a well-timed intercept and managed to go in under the poles un-touched. Despite being 14 – 3 up we never felt comfortable, St Stithians kept applying tremendous pressure and stayed in the fight. The third try came via a pinpoint cross field kick from Salmaan Mohammed to Mathew Ludick who crashed over in the corner, Mohammed kicked a tricky touch line conversion which took the boys in *Blue & Gold* into the break with a 21 – 8 lead.



The second half kicked off with a bang, St Stithians were all over the home team from the start, they made some good adjustments at the break and really started to attack the break-down and exploit SCC's edge defence, more ball in hand - meant more opportunities to score. They used their opportunities really well and managed to get back within a point with less than 10 minutes to go, and with all the momentum on the visitor's side. The final and match deciding moment came through another patient build up which saw Athenkosi Qumo crash over in the corner, a tricky conversion was landed by Salmaan Mohammed which extended our lead to 28 – 20 with less than a minute to play. The home team showed some great character in the tough moments, for most it was their last fixture in the 15s format on Old Orchards which was extra motivation to finish off their journey on a high in front of a great crowd.

St Charles College would like to thank St Stithians for making the trip, for playing their part in an epic clash, and lastly for playing the game in true spirit. We wish them all the very best for the remainder of their season, and we look forward to playing them again in 2025. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

# PREP RUGBY VS Clifton NR

On Saturday our Prep rugby teams enjoyed another great fixture with our friends from Clifton Nottingham Road. We are grateful to them for the competition and the camaraderie on the day. The rugby was played in a great spirit, there was some excellent talent on display, some very close games and above all our boys enjoyed the matches. We congratulate our 1<sup>st</sup> XV on their clinical performance, winning 32 – 10.

We look forward to hosting Umhlali this weekend for a full set of fixtures. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



# CROSS Country

## PREP CROSS COUNTRY - WORLDS VIEW

On Friday our Prep School boys enjoyed their best afternoon of running. On a relatively flat course, with amazing views, our boys ran fast and did very well.

In the U10 age group, we had two boys in the Top 10. Special mention to Liam Vermaak who has come in the Top 6 for all of his races this term. In the U11 age group, we had six boys place in the Top 20. In the U12s, we got a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Geoffrey Pedley and Troy Harrison respectively, and in the open age group, we had three boys come in the Top 10 with Nathan Nel, Keagan Hewer and Joel Cole-Edwardes all enjoying a great run.

We now look forward to home ground advantage as we host the next Inter School race here on our beautiful campus. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

## SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY - WORLDS VIEW

Last week's cross country race took place at World's View, hosted by The Wykeham Collegiate. The spectacular views of Pietermaritzburg along the route were a treat for the runners as they wound their way through forest and jeep tracks.

The Saints team performed admirably with a 5<sup>th</sup> position for Joaquim Abreu in the senior boys and a 4<sup>th</sup> position for Ziya Jasat in the junior boys. The technical course provided a healthy balance of descents and climbing, allowing for the team to really test themselves. The overall team results for the day saw the Saints teams place 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior category and 1<sup>st</sup> in the junior category – well done, chaps! The second to last race in this year's Midlands League takes place next Wednesday at Michaelhouse, followed up by the season finale on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June which is a team relay event.

The Saints team will look to give their best efforts in the last race and the relay event. – Mr Brandon de Lange



# Mini FOOTBALL



# WE LOVE BIKE DAY



## 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

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**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.

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### MOTHER'S WHO CARE



Proverbs 16:9  
In their hearts  
humans  
plan their  
course, but the  
Lord establishes  
their steps.

**2024**

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 CONTACT SONJA PALFRAMAN CELL: 0823469161

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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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