

THE Saints Weekly

ROUND-UP



Sports WRAP-UP

FIRST XI HOCKEY VS HILTON COLLEGE

The Saints 1st team hockey played Hilton College in their final fixture of the season.

The cold weather didn't affect the players, as both came out of the starting blocks like a house on fire. Hilton was well organised and made it difficult for St Charles College to get out the back. Once going forward, the players in *Blue & Gold* looked good and returned the favour by putting the Hilton players under pressure when they were in their half.

Hilton was the team to strike first. They managed to catch the Saints on a break and got numbers forward quickly, which allowed for a tap-in goal to go 1 – 0 up.

It wasn't long after when St Charles College equalised with a well-worked play down their right, a great run along the baseline and a slipped pass for a tap-in making it 1 – 1.

The intensity of the game remained high throughout, and both sides created chances.

It wasn't until the Saints players were dealt a hard blow with a series of cards being issued that enabled Hilton to gain the upper hand again. Unfortunately, the Hilton team was too much for a depleted SCC side and they made the most of their extra players advantage to score a quick series of goals in a short time to take the game away from the visitors. The final score was 4 – 1. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)



FIRST XV RUGBY VS HILTON COLLEGE

The Saints 1st XV travelled to Hilton College this past weekend for the final fixture of the regular season.

Like last week, there was much hype going into this fixture with Hilton coming off a close loss to Maritzburg College, and the Saints looking to extend their five-match win streak. Hilton were always favourites going into this fixture as they are currently ranked 16 in the country and had home ground advantage.



The Saints made a great start to the first half and managed to keep Hilton trapped deep in their half for the first few minutes.

Unfortunately, the visiting team couldn't capitalise on the handy field position as we struggled to get our set piece launches going. Credit to Hilton for putting the boys in *Blue & Gold* under pressure and for repelling the early attempts at their line. It was clear early on that Hilton had no interest in running the ball, they gave the ball plenty of airtime, backed their very impressive defensive system and attacked us at set piece time and the collision area.

The Saints knew this would be the strategy and had prepared well for it in the weeks leading up to this fixture. Saints went into the break leading 17 – 13.



The second 35 kicked off with much of the same from Hilton, their intent was to build pressure and be patient – and not run the ball from all corners. Hilton came out and looked the sharper team in the early parts of the second half, they stuck to the plan and were patient. The Saints, however, continued to run the ball and stuck to what they know, and do best! It was an entertaining clash for those watching, there was plenty of back and forward moments, and points scored in the second half. There was not much difference between the two-teams, Hilton took two golden opportunities and snatched two very easy intercept tries, which ultimately was the killer blow for the visitors. The St Charles College boys continued to fight until the last second with the match ending 42 – 34 to Hilton.

We would like to thank our parents, supporters, and sponsors for the amazing support this past season. As a team we truly felt your presence, love and support for this great team. To Hilton, we thank you for hosting us so well, and for playing the game in true spirit. We look forward to building toward our 2025 season and for creating many more special moments. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

Prep SPORT NEWS

RUGBY VS LADDSWORTH

On Saturday our Prep teams travelled up to Laddsworth, with some enjoying filler games against Cordwalles.

Some highlights of the morning were our U11Cs playing their U11B team and our 3rd XV. Both these teams played with passion, dedication and lots of SCC pride to record well-earned victories. We also congratulate our 4th XV, who were 5 – 14 down in their match against Cordwalles 5th XV but refused to give up to eventually win 20 – 14.



Our U11Bs have now played against Cordwalles four times and recorded a victory on every occasion. They have enjoyed the good, hard and successful rugby over these weekends and have learnt many positive lessons as a result.

This weekend we wrap up our season by hosting Highbury which will be a full fixture with all our teams playing at home. We wish our boys and coaches well. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



CROSS COUNTRY AT COWAN HOUSE

On Friday, our runners enjoyed their last race of the season at Cowan House. With the excitement of some having received their 50km certificates and laces, and others striving to achieve the milestone, our boys ran incredibly well. We congratulate the following boys who enjoyed a Top 10 finish:

- U10: Liam Vermaak
- U11: Thomas Ferrer and Chace Shaw
- U12: Geoffrey Pedley and Troy Harrison. These two boys have enjoyed a 1st & 2nd place in every race they have participated in this season.
- U13: Nathan Nel, Joel Cole-Edwardes and Keagan Hewer

We also congratulate all our runners on their hard work and commitment during the season, and for their love for running. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)

CROSS COUNTRY HOT CHOCOLATE

To end off the season, our kitchen and coaches gave the boys the best surprise – being able to stop their run early with a warm cup of Hot Chocolate.

The boys were extremely happy and enjoyed time of socialising, congratulating each other on the season, thanking their coaches, reminiscing on all the positive memories and all in all ending off on a very positive note. Thank you to our awesome coaches for this treat and for their hard work.

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



Comrades VOLUNTEERS

On Sunday, we had the privilege to volunteer at the Ultimate Human Race, the Comrades Marathon. Teaming up with a local NGO and another PMB School, our St Charles College boys raised their hands to be stretcher bearers at the finish line and be at one of the Elite Tables on the route.

The boys had to dig deep and work hard! Many described the day as easy in the beginning, but when the 9-hour mark hit, it wasn't easy anymore. Onele Masinga describes the day as, "It was harder than I expected and it was a real test of strength, especially in the last few hours, but sharing the burden of being responsible for someone's safety with my friends made it much more bearable and rewarding in the end."

Carlo van den Berg summarised the day as, "Despite the long and strenuous hours taking a physical and mental toll on me, the opportunity to serve hundreds of people is tremendously fulfilling. Even though you work hard, carrying the physically fatigued, taking hundreds of photos for complete strangers and assembling the stretchers beforehand, the occasional "thank you" or quick smile that you receive reminds you that you have made a difference in someone's Comrades experience, and highlights the impact that an act of service can have in someone's day, ultimately making all the hard work worthwhile."

The Comrades Medical Facility has been described as the largest medical, temporary facility outside of a conflict or disaster zone, anywhere in the world. What a privilege to have been a small piece of a great day! - Mrs Bianca Croeser



THIS WEEK WE WELCOMED SAM EDMONDS, ONE OF OUR GRADE 7 CROSS COUNTRY LEADERS INTO THE 50KM CLUB. WELL DONE, SAM!



MINI Rugby



Saints Sevens PREP RUGBY FESTIVAL

Next weekend we will welcome 18 rugby teams onto our campus to compete in the 3rd edition of the exciting and fun Saints Sevens Festival.

Kick off will be on Friday afternoon at 14h00.

After the Round Robin stage, teams will then compete for the Cup and the Shield respectively.

Please come join us to enjoy some exciting Rugby and cheer on our boys in *Blue & Gold* as we end off the Winter Season.

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

SAINTS SEVENS
U11 TO U13
RUGBY FESTIVAL
21 & 22 June 2024

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TECHNICAL PROJECT

For our Grade 8 Technical project this term, we embarked on an exciting challenge: to construct a hydraulic lifting mechanism using a minimum of two syringes. This task was designed to test our research, design and construction skills.

Louis Koch demonstrated remarkable creativity and technical know-how, and led the team in this endeavour. His LEGO model not only met, but exceeded expectations, showcasing his exceptional design ideas. Louis's enthusiasm and dedication played a vital role in the success of our project, highlighting his talent and leadership within our group.

– Mr Murray Cole-Edwardes (Head of Middle School)



Grade 10 HISTORY EXCURSION

Last week Thursday, the Grade 10 history students travelled to the Durban Holocaust and Genocide Museum. This was so that they could understand their Nazi Germany Depth Study. The experience was great, as we learnt a lot about Nazi Germany and the Holocaust.

One of the exhibits seen was dedicated to Anne Frank. It detailed her early life in Nazi Germany, to her moving to the Netherlands due to her father becoming more concerned with the Nazi Government removing the rights of the Jewish people. After Germany invaded the Netherlands in 1941, the family decided that they would hide in the attic of the business Anne Frank's father owned. Despite their efforts, the family were caught and arrested, with the father being the only one in the family to survive. The exhibit contained a bookshelf that was a secret door, leading into a replica of Anne Frank's bedroom showing how little space she and her family lived in.



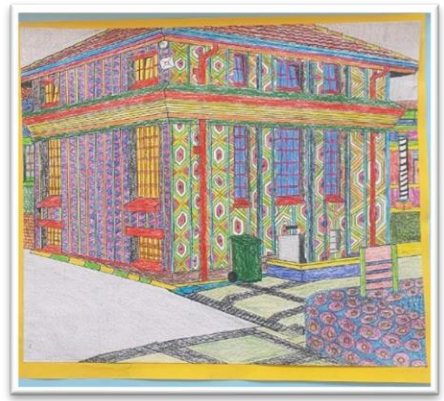
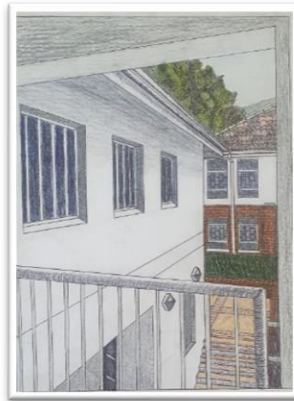
Afterwards we went to an exhibition that displayed discrimination against the Jews, Roma and Sinti, Jehovah witnesses and others. The exhibition had items that were looted during Kristallnacht and propaganda posters spread across the museum, depicting Aryan Germans as superior while falsely depicting the 'undesirables' (in the eyes of the Nazis) as unhuman and a waste of space. Following that, there was an exhibition dedicated to the Einsatzgruppe, who would execute any known 'undesirables' in settlements behind German front lines. They initially kill Jewish and other 'undesirables' by shooting them, however, they would then force people into the back of trucks and fill the chamber with exhaust fumes. Nazi officials felt like the use of Einsatzgruppe was too ineffective due to how long it would take to get rid of 'undesirables' and the mental toll it took on the men in these groups. So, the Nazis eventually decided that they would use death camps instead. The exhibition dedicated to the Holocaust showed how many were taken to death camps in trains with very little space and some would be found dead. It also depicted the terrible conditions of the camps and how they would disguise the gas chambers as showers.

It was honestly harrowing to look around the exhibit and imagine the suffering that many people faced at the death camps or the forced labour camps. After an activity where we designed posters about Holocaust survivors, we were treated to a short film called 'Pigeon'. The main theme of the film was about how people should protect persecuted groups during genocides and act against injustice instead of standing idly by. The museum was very immersive, and it is highly recommended that you visit. Many of the photos on the walls depicting streets and events are life sized. The exhibition depicting the concentration camps have barbed wire. And as the name suggests, the Museum isn't just dedicated to the holocaust, but other genocides as well. The other genocides in question include the Rwandan Genocide (1994), Bosnian Genocide (1992 - 1995) and the Cambodian Genocide (1975 - 1979).

The museum is dedicated to preserving the history of these cruel atrocities so that people can ultimately remember how hatred and ignorance can cause the death and destruction of a culture and people. The museum is free of charge and has a nice café which makes it a perfect stop for anyone who wants to learn about this vital piece of history. – Lethokuhle Sibiyi (Grade 10)

NEWS FROM THE *Art Room*

With so many pieces being concluded this week in the art room as we near the end of term, it has been difficult to select which to highlight. Pictured alongside are selections from (Grade 10) **Kelby Schuss'** Own Theme Portfolio in which he focuses on the architecture of our school. Kelby is investigating **structure and pattern** in his portfolio and has begun to give these Modernist style spaces a 'makeover' by imposing Shwe-Shwe and Ndebele patterns on the geometric forms these buildings comprise.



Stephen Pech (Grade 10), pictured left, is exploring **local flora and fauna** in his Own Theme Portfolio, and the portfolio page pictured here exemplifies his attentive approach and use of diverse media, from painting to pencil colour drawing and digital art. This Portfolio Page and Kelby's drawings are among the pieces also on display in the foyer at *Night of the Saints*.



Kyle Raubenheimer (Grade 10) has work on display in the SKA foyer and the page that best represents his vibrant work is pictured to the right. The focus of Kyle's portfolio is toys from yesteryear and his broad theme is **Nostalgia**.

Two monochromatic artworks worth paying attention to are *these works in progress* by **Bandile Sokhabase** (Grade 10) and **Cayde Robertson** (Grade 9).

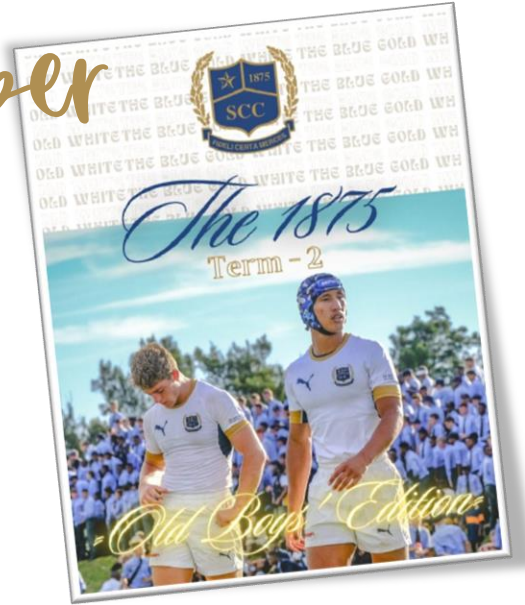


Although these two pieces are not yet complete they demand attention because of their beautiful execution and each student's innovative media use. Bandile's 'Portrait of Josh' is a coloured pencil and chalk drawing on black card and Cayde's 'Crow' is a hand-coloured Linocut Print over a discarded map. Both boys should be commended for their attention to detail and willingness to experiment with the available materials.

– Dr Faye Spencer

THE 1875 Newspaper

Click on the image alongside to read the latest edition of the 1875. Designed and written by the boys of SCC, this edition of the newspaper is not one to be missed!



Grade 1 OUTING

Our Grade 1 boys had a fun day out at Umgeni Valley this week.

A hike and scavenger hunt through the grassland proved most exciting when zebra were spotted grazing. We ventured further into the valley to the river where the boys were able to discover the tiny creatures that lived under rocks and in the water. The boys had great fun dipping their feet into the chilly water, balancing along rocks and enjoying their time in nature. A short walk to view the beautiful cascading waterfall was a wonderful way to end off our trip.

Taking boys on school excursions offers numerous benefits when it comes to learning about the natural world. Boys develop a sense of curiosity and respect for nature leading to a greater appreciation for the environment.

– Mrs Meg Hutton



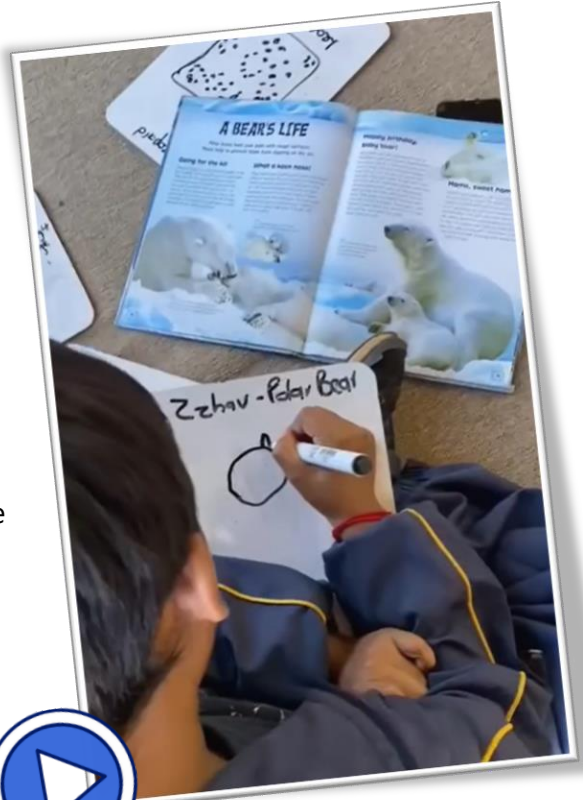
WILD ANIMALS THEME IN *Scrummies*

There is nothing more exciting than being part of a group of 5 and 6-year-olds yearning to know more about a topic!

When our theme about wild animals came along and we decided to talk about different habitats, our boys were fascinated and led us all to discovering more about wild animals and the environments they live in. The boys formed groups, chose a habitat and an animal, and so the adventure began!

We learned about different ways to research a topic, like asking mom and dad to help, using the library's non-fiction section to look for books and making use of technology. The boys paged through their books, resulting in much enthusiastic discussion! They asked their teachers to read some facts to them and then made their own drawings to go with what grabbed their interest. The next step was to research the habitats of the animals on the internet. Then the hunt was on! Off they went with devices to take pictures of habitat elements that they could find on our playground. The groups then worked together to use some of these elements to create a background collage for their animals. After this followed the most precious drawings of their chosen animals to live in the environments they created.

This is without a doubt the best way to allow children to learn – giving them the opportunity to research, make choices, and unlock a whole new world for themselves! - Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)



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THE LATEST REEL ON OUR
SCRUMMIES SOCIALS!**

DADS AND LADS *Obstacle Course*

On Friday evening our Scrummies boys hosted the "Main Manne" in their little lives for an evening of adventure! With headlamps and torches, the little sidekicks gathered at the starting line next to their heroes to set off on an Amazing Race around the St Charles College campus.

Competition was rife and there was much banter as the pairs chomped away at donuts, built catapults, completed an obstacle course and tried their hand at problem solving.



Some of the early leaders faced a roadblock or two and had to settle for a spot lower down in the ranks. There was much jubilation every time a team made the finish line. Dads and their lads could then relax and spend time together around the braai fires. Thanks to all our AMAZING dads for joining us and for making the evening such a great one! – Mrs Liesl Meter (Head of Pre-Primary)



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
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AHOY MATEYS



**Scrummies Winter
Holiday Club**
a week filled with adventures

Week one: 24th - 28th June
Week two: 1st - 5th July

Ages 3-9
Older and younger by arrangement.

Half day: R120
Full day: R160

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ST CHARLES COLLEGE

S O U T H A F R I C A

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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