

Saints WEEKLY ROUNDUP

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TERM 2 WEEK 1

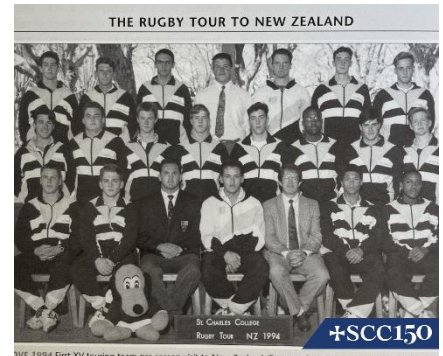
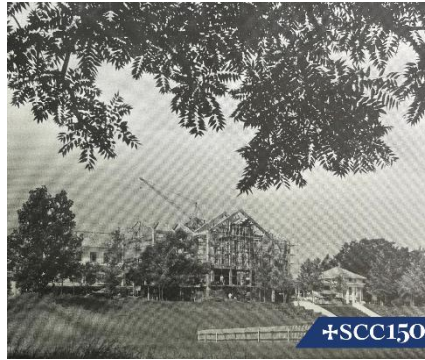


READY TO GET KITTED OUT IN SUPPORTERS GEAR? THE BLAZER CUPBOARD
WILL BE OPEN THIS SATURDAY, 26 APRIL, FROM 07h45 TO 14h45.

150 years of *Faithfulness*

Have you been following along with countdown on social media over the holidays? With less than 100 days remaining, we're excited to continue sharing our story with you as we count down to our 150th anniversary.

Keep following along, and keep sharing your memories with us, as we celebrate this incredible milestone, one post at a time!



Top Achievers *Recognised*

University of the Free State Hosts Annual Breakfast for Top Achievers

On April 15th, the University of the Free State (UFS) held its annual breakfast event to honour top achievers.

Among the attendees were St Charles College boys; Divaar Pillay, Shahil Maharaj, Milan Latchmanan, Fisokuhle Thwala, and Ujval Nirghin.

During the event, students were given insights into university life at UFS. Various departmental stands were available, allowing students to ask questions about the application process and other aspects of university life.

This opportunity proved to be extremely beneficial for the attendees.

In a gesture of appreciation, UFS also delivered a cake to St Charles College to thank the teachers for their dedication and hard work in helping our boys achieve excellent results. – Mrs Claire Beckedahl



Academic *Honours*

Congratulations to Keaton Gow for being awarded Academic Honours during the Principal's Assembly earlier this week.



Prep Sport News

Prep 1st XV Rugby Tour

During the holidays our Prep Rugby Squad travelled up to JHB to compete in the Saints Prep Festival hosted by St Stithians.

Leaving KZN we also left the sun behind and for four straight days the rain didn't let up. Pitches turned to puddles, boots turned into boats, and handling the ball felt like catching a bar of soap. But did the boys complain? Not a chance! They embraced the chaos with muddy smiles, sliding into tackles, loving how their white jerseys and shorts turned brown and thoroughly enjoyed the duck diving in one of the many puddles after their matches. We must congratulate our boys who adapted brilliantly - playing smart, wet-weather rugby and turning every game into a gritty, soggy spectacle.

The parents on the sidelines? Absolute legends. Armed with umbrellas, ponchos, gum boots, cappuccinos and heroic levels of enthusiasm, they cheered our boys on like the sun was out and enjoyed watching some very close and exciting games, with even one of the scores remaining 0 – 0.

In the end, it was definitely a tour to remember! Rain or shine, the spirit of St Charles College shone through. We thank our boys for who they are and how their courage and strength came through, our parents for their commitment, St Stithians for being great hosts and always looking after our boys so well, and of course the SCC staff who were there every step of the way. - Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



#LoveRugby Clinic

"My dream is that this wonderful world of exercise will open up before all our boys" - Dr Tim Noake

Thank you to our coaches, boys and parents for supporting our first #LoveSport Holiday Clinic. This is an exciting new addition to our school and with much hard work behind the scenes, we are now ready to launch. This new initiative will hopefully inspire more boys to love physical activity, develop healthy habits as well as upskill, grow and improve in their various sports and as Mr Noakes says, may a whole new world open up before them.

We look forward to July where we will host our #LoveHockey and #LoveTennis Clinics.
– Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



Swimming News

There are lots of personal bests, gold medals, fast times and exciting races to note, as three of our boys competed in the SA Levels Championship Gala's during the holidays.

Congratulations to Jayson Smit and Wihan Slabber who competed in the Level 3 and to Juan Dut Toit, who competed in the Level 2. All these boys were brilliant, and we are so proud of them for their hard work, courage, sacrifices and dedication. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



Golf News

We congratulate MZ Vather who travelled up to Magaliesberg in the holidays to compete in the Big 5 Golf Tournament.

It was a weekend to remember as MZ played extremely well, showing great composure and managed to shoot very low scores. With Rounds of 34, 39 and 36, he ended up with +1 and winning the tournament by 4 shots.

Congratulations MZ. We are very proud of you, and this is a just reward for your hard work. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



BMX Nationals

Congratulations to Gabriel Santos who travelled to Cape Town to compete in the BMX Nationals these holidays.

We are very proud of his achievements as he was the Summercup Champion for his age group. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



Mountain Bike Downhill Racing

Congratulations to Damian Pretorius who competed in the KZN Downhill Cup Series this past weekend and won the Gold Medal. – Mr Gregg Cole-Edwardes (Head of Prep Sport)



CALLING ALL PARENTS, SAINTS OLD BOYS AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE!

The countdown is on! Join us for our 2025 Old Boys' Weekend as we celebrate 150 years of tradition, camaraderie, and legacy at St Charles College.

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ST CHARLES COLLEGE

OLD BOYS WEEKEND

9TH - 10TH MAY 2025

SPORTS ASSEMBLY • 9 AM, FRIDAY 9 TH MAY SAMKE KHUMALO ARENA, FOLLOWED BY A TEA AND A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL	150TH REUNION DINNER 7 PM, FRIDAY 9 TH MAY SAMKE KHUMALO ARENA, SMART R600 (3 COURSE MEAL) REGISTRATION 4 PM @ THE COACH HOUSE 3 PM HOCKEY VS MARITZBURG COLLEGE ON THE ASTRO	RUGBY & HOCKEY VS MARITZBURG COLLEGE SATURDAY 10 TH MAY FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS ON SALE AT THE COACH HOUSE
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Easter Festivals

First XV Rugby Tour

Over the Easter break, the St Charles College First XV embarked on a memorable rugby tour to Johannesburg, hosted by St Stithians College. The tour provided not only a competitive platform against quality opposition from around the country but also served as an excellent opportunity for team bonding and development.



Match 1: St Charles College vs Windhoek High School

The opening fixture saw the First XV take on Windhoek High School in a game that truly was a tale of two halves. Opting to start with a young and relatively inexperienced lineup, the team displayed impressive composure and skill in the first half, keeping the scoreline close and showing immense promise.

In the second half, the “bomb squad” brought a new level of intensity, dominating proceedings and scoring 31 points in just 30 minutes to seal a convincing 38 – 22 victory. The match highlighted the depth of talent within the squad and the leadership of the senior players.



Standout performances came from Eben Crafford, who scored a hat-trick of tries, as well as Rafael Ajibade, who brought immense physicality, forward momentum, and on-field leadership. AJ Bosman, recently returned from injury, controlled the game superbly and added a layer of experience that proved crucial in the second-half surge.

Match 2: St Charles College vs St Andrew's College

The second fixture presented a formidable challenge against St Andrew's College – one of the top 20 rugby schools in the country. Despite being without two key players due to injury, the boys approached the match with confidence and determination.

After trailing 19 – 0 at halftime, the team produced a spirited comeback, scoring 14 unanswered points in the second half to finish just short, 19 – 14. The performance demonstrated the squad's resilience, heart, and commitment to representing the school with pride. It was a performance that, while not reflected in the final score, earned the respect of all watching.

Beyond the Rugby

The tour was not just about the rugby – it was also about building camaraderie, leadership, and team culture. The boys enjoyed team outings, including a fiercely competitive paintball session between coaches and players, and a relaxing trip to the mall. These moments off the field strengthened bonds and created lasting memories.

Overall, the tour was a tremendous success, offering valuable lessons, exposure to high-quality opposition, and a deeper sense of unity within the squad. The First XV returned home with their heads held high, proud of their efforts and excited for what lies ahead.

We would like to thank Windhoek High School and St Andrew's College for a fantastic set of matches that were played in the true spirit of the game! – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head of Rugby)

Hockey Tours 2025

The hockey tours over the Easter holidays were all successful and presented a great opportunity for boys to travel and play against teams they wouldn't normally have the opportunity to do so.

The U14As had a different challenge. They toured to Michaelhouse and played against schools' U16 teams. Playing against slightly more experienced, quicker and stronger boys posed a tough challenge and meant that their structures had to be good in order to compete. They exceeded expectations and came away with 2 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. Exceptionally well done to our U14As.

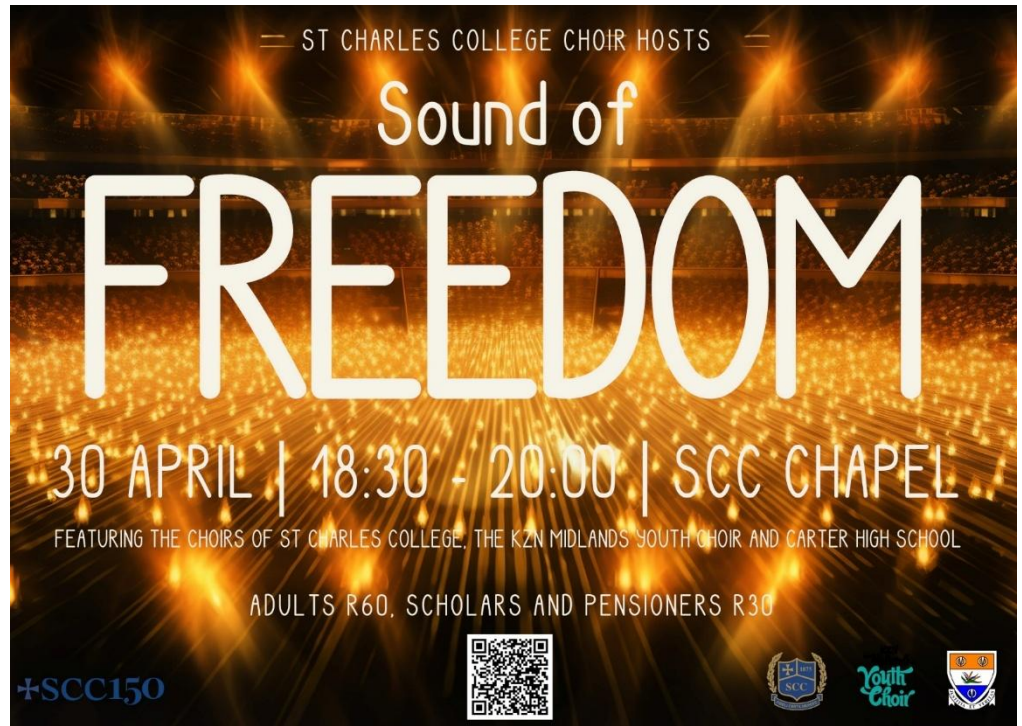
Our 2nd team also travelled to Michaelhouse and U14B team travelled to Northwood. Both took part in tough competition against either strong schools with lots of depth, or other schools' 1st teams or A teams. Both teams showed tremendous improvement during the course of their festivals, which was exciting to see. The U14Bs managed to get a result against Waterkloof and had some very tight matches. The 2nd team were superb and managed some good victories against the opposition 1st teams.

Our U16As participated in the festival that took place at St Charles, and a big thank you must go to all those involved in making that festival the success it was. The boys grew tremendously during their games and started to gel well as a team. They saved their best match for last, ending with an intense encounter with a very strong Trinity House team that they went on to win 5 – 4.

The 1st team went on two tours, which allowed our boys the opportunity to showcase their talents on more than one occasion. Our boys played some exceptional hockey, managing to get results against St Davids, Helpmekaar and Somerset. A highlight of the tour was their match against a strong top 10 school, Jeppe, which they narrowly lost 1 – 2. In a game that could have gone either way, it showcased the level of hockey the St Charles College boys are capable of playing.

A big thank you must go out to all players, coaches and parents for helping to make all tours a success. It has set up a good base that will hopefully be followed by a great season of hockey. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Hockey Specialist)

Hosted by St Charles College and featuring the Choirs from St Charles College, Carter High School, and the Midlands Youth Choir, this annual Choir Concert is one not to be missed. The concert will be held in the acoustically pleasing St Charles College Chapel on Wednesday, 30 April from 18:30 – 20:00. Refreshments will be served from 18:00.



Tickets are available through Quicket [HERE](#).

Music News

During the holidays, two of our Grade 10 boys, James Isaac and Daniel Morkel, teamed up with guitarist and drummer Mr Skippy Kubheka to perform a live set at Splashy Fen.

"It was an amazing experience to play in front of a whole new, larger crowd," shared Daniel Morkel. "It was fun to connect with others and make new friends. We both hope to perform for many years to come."

The band performed four crowd-pleasing songs: "Use Somebody" by Kings of Leon, "There's Nothing Holding Me Back" by Shawn Mendes, "Wake Me Up When September Ends" by Green Day, and "All Star" by Smash Mouth.

With electrifying energy and contagious enthusiasm, the band had the audience on their feet, singing along to every song.

Reflecting on the performance, James Isaac said: "Playing at Splashy Fen was an incredibly inspiring experience. Playing under lights in front of a standing crowd enjoying your music, is very different to playing in front of family and friends. It is certainly more nerve racking, with family and friends, at least you know that they will support you whether you are good or bad, a crowd of unknown people will be a lot more ruthless if they do not enjoy your music, but it feels so much more rewarding when they do."





ST CHARLES COLLEGE

S O U T H A F R I C A

TERM DATES 2025

TERM 1	
Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return	08 January (Wednesday)
Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)	09 January (Thursday)
Senior School Boarders Return (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	14 January (Tuesday)
Senior School Lessons Commence (Grade 8 - Grade 12)	15 January (Wednesday)
Prep School Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 7)	14 January (Tuesday)
Prep School Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 7)	15 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	21 February - 24 February
Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Friday) School Day
End of Term	28 March (Friday)
TERM 2	
Easter Weekend 18 April - 21 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	22 April (Tuesday)
Lessons Commence	23 April (Wednesday)
Freedom Day (27 April)	27 April (Sunday)
Freedom Day Public Holiday (28 April)	28 April (Monday) School Day
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Thursday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	09 - 10 May (Friday and Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	23 May - 26 May
Youth Day (16 June)	16 June (Monday) School Day
End of Term	27 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	21 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	22 July (Tuesday)
FOUNDERS DAY (26 July)	26 July (Saturday)
Women's Day (09 August)	09 August (Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Thursday, Friday and Monday No School)	07 August - 11 August
Senior School Speech Night (6pm)	18 September (Thursday)
End of Term	18 September (Thursday)
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	29 September (Monday)
Lessons Commence	30 September (Tuesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	31 October - 03 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary and Junior Primary)	26 November (Wednesday)
End of Term (Senior Primary and Senior School)	27 November (Thursday)
Grade 6 Open Weekend	28 - 29 November (Friday and Saturday)
Teaching Staff Leave	04 December (Thursday)
Management and Support Staff Conclude	12 December (Friday)