

# *Saints* WEEKLY ROUNDUP

TERM 1 WEEK 2



# PROMOTIONAL EVENTS

ST CHARLES COLLEGE | TERM 1 2026

**27 JAN** MONTROSE  
EXPO (JHB)  
13:00 - 17:00

**04 FEB** LADDSWORTH  
PRIMARY EXPO  
14:00 - 17:00

**28 JAN** HOWICK  
PRIMARY EXPO  
12:30 - 15:30

**04 FEB** GLENWOOD  
PREP EXPO  
18:00 - 19:30

**29 JAN** PARKVIEW  
EXPO (JHB)  
13:00 - 17:00

**04 FEB** GRAYSTON  
EXPO (JHB)  
13:00 - 17:00

**29 JAN** CHELSEA PREP  
EXPO  
17:00 - 19:30

**08 FEB** BROADHURST  
(BOTSWANA)  
08:00 - 15:30

**30 JAN** MTUNZINI  
PRIMARY EXPO  
13:00 - 15:00

**10 FEB** CLIFFVIEW  
EXPO (JHB)  
13:00 - 17:00

**04 FEB** LADDSWORTH  
PRIMARY EXPO  
14:00 - 17:00

**11 FEB** GLENANDA  
EXPO (JHB)  
13:00 - 17:00



# Saints Sport News

## Cricket news from the Saints Oval

Much can be said about St Charles College, but one thing is certain: there is no confusion about who we are, what we stand for, and how we strive to develop young men. That clarity and purpose is once again evident in the strength and direction of the St Charles College cricket programme.

This past week proved to be a demanding yet rewarding one for the First XI, who competed in the Switch SA20 Phase 2 tournament before hosting Kearsney

College in a 50-over fixture on Saturday. In total, the team played 10 match days in just 14 days, a true test of character, resilience, and depth.



Across the week, there was clear development in all areas of the game – batting, bowling, and particularly fielding. As is often the case early in the season, the batting unit is still finding rhythm and consistency, and on a few occasions this proved costly.

On Friday, the First XI delivered one of their standout performances of the season, recording a convincing nine-wicket victory over Hilton College at home in their final group match of the Switch SA20 tournament. Unfortunately, despite the strong showing, the team narrowly missed qualification for the finals.

Saturday saw St Charles College host Kearsney College in a 50-over encounter. The bowling and fielding effort was outstanding, operating at the highest level to restrict Kearsney to a below-par total of 139 all out. The run chase began positively, with an opening partnership of over 40 runs and both openers looking composed at the crease. At 59 for 2, St Charles College were firmly in control and well positioned to close out the match. However, a combination of complacency in the middle order and disciplined spin bowling from Kearsney halted the momentum, resulting in the Saints being dismissed for 130, falling just short of the target.

As always at St Charles College, there are strong positives to take forward. There is plenty left in the tank, a group of hungry batsmen eager to step up, and a squad clearly trending in the right direction as the season unfolds. Congratulations to both the First XI and Kearsney College on a competitive start to the year. A special word of thanks goes to the exceptional St Charles ground staff, led by Evan Flint, for consistently delivering facilities of the highest standard.

Well done to the men in *Blue & Gold*. We look forward to an exciting remainder of the Term 1 season, with five more Saturday fixtures to come and the Clifton T20 Tournament taking place in mid-February. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Head Coach)

## Basketball vs Kearsney

An eagerly anticipated first team basketball fixture between St Charles College and Kearsney College lived up to its billing on Saturday afternoon, as two of the country's premier basketball schools renewed an old and respected rivalry on the Saints' home court.

Playing away from home, Kearsney College settled quickly and showed their class early.

Calm ball movement and composed execution allowed the visitors to capitalise on a series of uncharacteristic mistakes from St Charles College, opening a commanding 17-point lead in the first half. Kearsney's ability to punish turnovers and control the tempo set the tone for much of the contest.

To their credit, St Charles College responded with immense determination. Driven by relentless full-court defence, the Saints clawed their way back into the game and, late in the third quarter, remarkably managed to draw level. The home crowd was ignited as the momentum briefly swung in favour of their team, who had expended enormous energy to erase the deficit.

However, that effort ultimately proved costly. As the game entered the final period, fatigue began to show and Kearsney once again asserted themselves. A combination of foul trouble, which limited the court time of St Charles' key players, and continued turnovers disrupted any chance of a sustained comeback. Kearsney took full advantage, opening up a comfortable lead and closing out the match with maturity and control.

While the Saints showed resilience and heart, Kearsney were the more disciplined and composed side on the day. Their consistency, depth, and game management in the closing stages underlined why they remain one of the leading basketball programmes in the country. In a contest worthy of the rivalry's proud history, Kearsney College emerged deserved winners, while both schools once again showcased the high standard of basketball for which they are renowned. – Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)



## Saints on Tour

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Basketball Team are taking part in the AISJ Festival this weekend, in Johannesburg. We wish our boys the very best as they give it their all on the court!



## Water Polo News

This past Saturday, several schools came together to host a pre-season water polo festival. The boys had the opportunity to play a large amount of water polo in a relaxed environment, free from scoreboard pressure. This format allowed coaches valuable time to teach, guide, and assess players as they competed against a variety of opposition.

Our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and U14 team travelled to Michaelhouse for their fixtures. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams each played four matches and showed a clear improvement in their style of play. While there is still work to be done, the boys are training hard and setting the standard for the water polo programme through their commitment and effort.

The U14 team showed outstanding grit and determination throughout all four of their matches at Michaelhouse. With seven players competing in their very first water polo matches, they never backed down against more experienced opponents. Despite some challenging moments, the boys embraced the experience, played with enthusiasm, and demonstrated excellent spirit. I am especially proud of their attitude in just their first week at SCC and look forward to seeing them grow from strength to strength.

The U15 team travelled to Kearsney College, where they played three competitive matches across the day. The boys performed with good intensity and continue to show encouraging progress as the season approaches.  
– Mr Jacques Richter (Head Coach)

**We wish our U15 Water Polo team all the best and safe travels as they head to Johannesburg for the U15 Steyn City Water Polo Tournament.**



## First *Cricket* Lesson

Our Year 0 boys took to the cricket field for the very first time this week, and the excitement was clear to see as they eagerly looked to whack balls and get involved in sport at St Charles College.

These early experiences are a vital part of a boy's sporting journey, providing opportunities to develop essential hand-eye coordination, balance, movement skills and spatial awareness in a fun, pressure-free environment.



Through age-appropriate games and activities, boys begin to build confidence, learn how to listen and follow instructions, and experience the joy of being active as part of a team.

Starting sport at a young age lays a strong foundation not only for cricket, which they will play for many years to come, but for all sports, helping to develop healthy habits, a love for physical activity, and important values such as effort, enjoyment and participation. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



## Team of the Week

Our first Game Day of the 2026 season has come and gone - and what a start it's been. With an incredible 48 fixtures packed into the very first week of the school year, our boys hit the ground running and represented St Charles College with pride across all sports.

A huge well done to every team that took part. Special mention, and our team of the week honours, go to the U14C and U15C cricket teams, who



played exciting, positive cricket, with their togetherness and spirit standing out as a real highlight of the day.

Congratulations to all involved on a superb opening Game Day! An excellent foundation for what promises to be a big year of sport ahead. - Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

# Olympic Champion on the Saints Campus

**What an unforgettable moment for our Saints swimmers!** Earlier this week, we were honoured to welcome Olympic champion, Tatjana Smith, to St Charles College. Visiting Aquapark and the very pool where she claimed World Championship gold in Fukuoka, Japan (2023), Tatjana took some time to chat to our boys and generously shared her wisdom and passion for the sport.

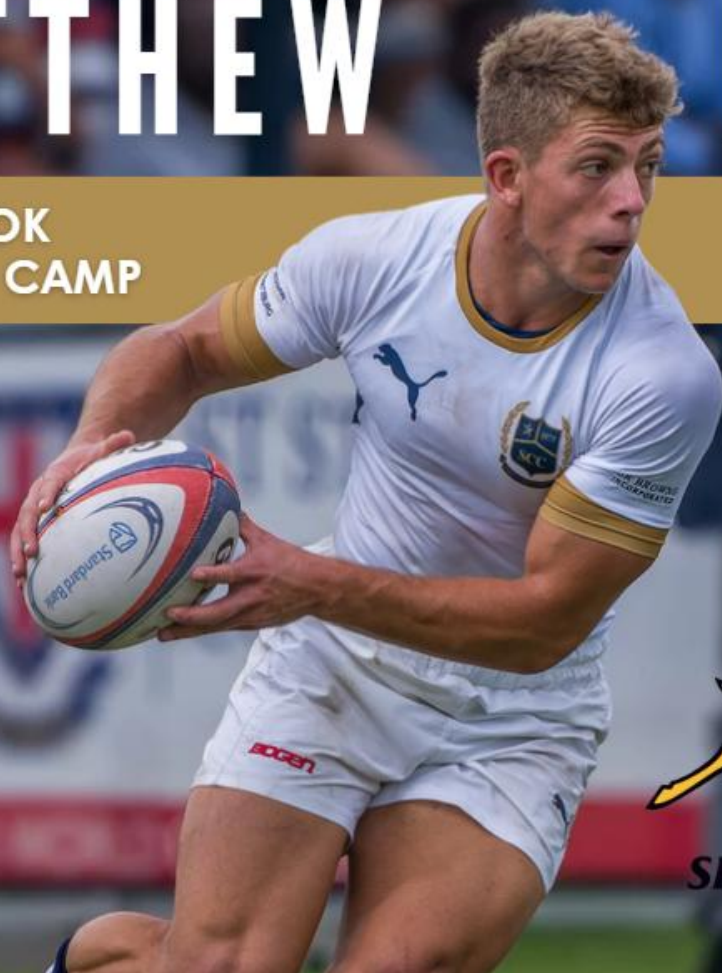


# MATTHEW

# FICK

**JUNIOR BOK  
TRAINING CAMP**

**SAINTS  
OLD BOY**



**JUNIOR  
SPRINGBOKS**

# Midlands Youth Choir

## *Representatives*

Congratulations to Justin Nieuwoudt, Sihole Nkosi, Lungelo Xaba, Joel Khoza, Kwandiswa Ngcekwa and Jesse Rivera on their selection to the KZN Midlands Youth Choir.

As representatives of St Charles College, they continue to uphold the College's strong musical tradition and make us immensely proud.

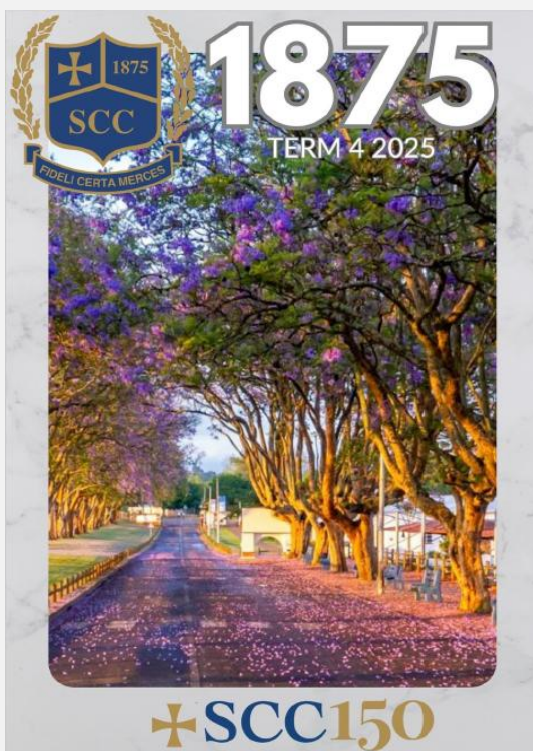
This achievement reflects their dedication, talent, and commitment to excellence.

We wish them every success and a rewarding musical journey in the year ahead.

- Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of Music)



Click on the image below 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!



## Thank you!

We extend our sincere thanks to all the families who so generously supported our **Pink and Blue Drive** for Cancer Awareness during October and November 2025. Through the purchase of pink and blue SCC-branded pens, our boys and staff were able to support **Msunduzi Hospice** and contribute meaningfully to a cause that touches so many lives.

This fundraising initiative provided a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in awareness, compassion and generosity. Knowing that all proceeds raised would benefit others in our community made every contribution especially meaningful. We are truly grateful for your support and for helping make a positive difference through this worthy cause.

# Nurturing *Curiosity* in the Junior Primary

The early years of a child's life are filled with wonder, growth, and discovery. Every day brings new questions, new ideas, and new ways of seeing the world.

**This year, our guiding theme is**  
**Curiosity.**

Children are born curious. They naturally explore, question, experiment, and seek to understand the world around them. In the Junior Primary, our goal is to protect and nurture this instinct by creating learning environments where curiosity is welcomed, thinking is visible, and learning is an active process.



Throughout the year, this focus will be reflected in engaged learning experiences that invite our boys to participate rather than simply listen. Our classrooms will be rich with meaningful discussions, and interactive tasks that encourage our boys to explore ideas deeply. We will celebrate their “why?” and “how?” questions, supporting them in learning how to ask thoughtful questions of their own. Our boys will also be encouraged to problem-solve, think critically, try different strategies, and persevere when challenges arise.

Our teachers will continue to create thinking classrooms, spaces designed to prompt deeper reasoning, creativity, and collaboration rather than relying on direct instruction. We believe that when children are encouraged to think for themselves, they grow into confident, independent, and motivated learners. Our role as educators is to guide, support, and inspire. – Mrs Lauren Riley (Head of Junior Primary)

## *Scrummies* Campus Tour

Our Year 0 boys had a wonderful time exploring the St Charles campus this week, greeting staff with big smiles and beautiful manners along the way. The highlight was a special visit to the principals' offices to spend time with Mr van Blerk and Mr Stewart-Burger, complete with handmade cards and lots of hugs. What a memorable day for our little Scrummies! – Mrs Bronwyn Kusel (Head of Pre-Primary)



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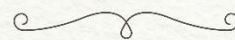
**SCRUMMIES**

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Mothers Who Care  
2026



PSALMS 138:1  
[1] I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD.  
WITH ALL MY HEART: BEFORE  
THE "GODS"  
I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE.



MWC is a Christian Group who pray for our staff, boys & their families.  
We meet weekly in the  
Gr 8 Boarding lounge  
on a Wednesday at 7:30 am.  
Please join us in person, privately or  
on a WhatsApp call.

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# ST CHARLES COLLEGE

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## TERM DATES 2026

| TERM 1  |  |
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| Administration, Managers, Housemasters and Support Staff Return     | 07 January (Wednesday)                       |
| Teaching and Boarding Staff Return (Staff Development)              | 08 January (Thursday)                        |
| Boarders Return (Grade 4 - Grade 12)                                | 13 January (Tuesday)                         |
| <b>Lessons Commence</b> (Grade 000 - Grade 12)                      | <b>14 January (Wednesday)</b>                |
| Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)                        | 20 February - 23 February                    |
| Human Rights Day (21 March)   | 21 March (Saturday)                          |
| <b>End of Term</b>  | <b>27 March (Friday)</b>                     |
| TERM 2  |  |
| <b>Easter Weekend 03 April - 06 April (Friday - Monday)</b>         |  |
| Staff and Boarders Return   | 20 April (Monday)                            |
| <b>Lessons Commence</b>   | <b>21 April (Tuesday)</b>                    |
| Freedom Day Public Holiday (27 April)                               | 27 April (Monday) School Day                 |
| Workers' Day (01 May)   | 01 May (Friday) School Day                   |
| <b>OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND</b>                                    | <b>15 May - 16 May (Friday and Saturday)</b> |
| Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)                        | 22 May - 25 May                              |
| Youth Day (16 June)   | 16 June (Tuesday) School Day                 |
| <b>End of Term</b>  | <b>26 June (Friday)</b>                      |
| TERM 3  |  |
| Staff and Boarders Return   | 20 July (Monday)                             |
| <b>Lessons Commence</b>   | <b>21 July (Tuesday)</b>                     |
| <b>FAMILY DAY</b>   | <b>25 July (Saturday)</b>                    |
| <b>FOUNDERS DAY</b>   | <b>26 July (Sunday)</b>                      |
| Women's Day (09 August)   | 10 August (Monday) School Day                |
| Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)                        | 21 August - 24 August                        |
| Senior School Speech Night (6pm)                                    | 17 September (Thursday)                      |
| <b>End of Term</b>  | <b>17 September (Thursday)</b>               |
| TERM 4  |  |
| Staff and Boarders Return   | 28 September (Monday)                        |
| <b>Lessons Commence</b>   | <b>29 September (Tuesday)</b>                |
| Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)                        | 30 October - 02 November                     |
| <b>End of Term (Pre-Primary, Junior Primary and Senior Primary)</b> | <b>26 November (Thursday)</b>                |
| <b>End of Term (Middle School and Upper School)</b>                 | <b>27 November (Friday)</b>                  |
| Grade 6 Open Weekend  | 27 - 28 November (Friday and Saturday)       |
| Teaching Staff Leave  | 02 December (Wednesday)                      |
| Management and Support Staff Conclude                               | 11 December (Friday)                         |

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