

*Saints*

TERM 1 WEEK 10

# WEEKLY ROUNDUP



# Saints Represent

A huge congratulations to the following boys on being selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal for basketball in the U19 Provincial Teams:

Tivadar Maphosa (U19A)  
Khwezi Simelane (U19A)  
Bandile Sokhabase (U19B)

This outstanding achievement is a reflection of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

Being selected at provincial level is a significant milestone, and they have earned the opportunity to compete among the best. May they wear the badge with pride, represent their province with honour, and continue to raise the standard both on and off the court.

We are incredibly proud of these young men and look forward to seeing them excel at the next level. - Mr Neo Mothiba (Head of Basketball)



## Sport News

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey

St Charles College's 1st XI hockey team began their season with a spirited encounter at home against Kearsney College in what proved to be a competitive and hard-fought opening fixture.

The hosts made the brighter start and were rewarded early when a well-constructed attacking move resulted in an excellent field goal to give the *Blue and Gold* a deserved 1 – 0 lead.

The team showed promising structure and attacking intent, setting the tone for what initially looked like a strong opening to the season. However, after taking the lead, the side struggled to maintain its early intensity. A brief lapse in momentum allowed Kearsney to grow into the game and gradually take control of the contest. The visitors capitalised on their opportunities, first drawing level with a well-taken field goal before edging ahead through a successful stroke.



Discipline proved costly for St Charles College in the second half, with the team spending much of the period a player down. This placed additional pressure on the defensive unit and made it difficult to regain control of possession and territory. Kearsney eventually extended their lead from a short corner, sealing a 3 – 1 victory.

Despite the result, there were encouraging signs for the St Charles College side, particularly in the quality of their opening goal and the attacking passages that led to it. With the first match of the season now behind them, the team will look to build on the positives while sharpening their discipline and consistency as the season progresses.

– Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)

## 1<sup>st</sup> XV Rugby

St Charles College hosted Kearsney College on Saturday afternoon in what promised to be an exciting fixture between two sides known for their expansive and attacking brand of rugby. Both teams came into the match well prepared, and with it being the first time in at least three years that the two schools had met, there was certainly an added sense of anticipation around the clash.



Unfortunately, St Charles College got off to a difficult start, conceding an early penalty within the opening minutes. Kearsney opted to kick to the corner and capitalised on the opportunity, scoring the first try of the match. From there, momentum largely remained with the visitors throughout the first half. During this period, St Charles struggled to maintain possession and build meaningful phases of play. Defensively, the hosts also experienced challenges on the edges, where a sharp and well-drilled Kearsney side managed to exploit space effectively. Despite the pressure, the Saints did manage to respond late in the half with a well-worked try, leaving the halftime score at 32 – 5 in favour of Kearsney.



At the break, the focus was on simplifying our approach both defensively and on attack. The message was clear - bring more energy and intent on defence, connect better as a unit, and focus on working together to regain momentum.

While Kearsney added a brace of tries shortly after halftime, the final 20 minutes of the match showed a strong response from St Charles College. The team displayed great character and determination, finishing the match strongly and scoring two well-worked tries while keeping Kearsney scoreless during that period. The final score was 60 – 19 in favour of Kearsney. Despite the result, there were several positives to take from the match. The boys showed resilience and continued to compete right through to the final whistle, demonstrating a strong fighting spirit. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

## Prep Rugby

This past week saw our Prep rugby boys involved in a number of festivals across the Midlands, providing valuable game time and exposure for all age groups.

Our U9s travelled to Cowan House, the U10s to Cordwalles, the U11s to Howick, and our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> sides took part in a festival hosted at St Charles College.

These festivals are an important part of our rugby programme, focused on participation, enjoyment, and development. It was fantastic to see so many boys embracing the opportunity to play, growing in confidence, and applying their skills in a match environment. The emphasis on learning, teamwork, and sportsmanship was evident throughout, and the boys represented our school with pride and enthusiasm. Experiences like these play a key role in building a strong foundation for future rugby success.



On Friday evening, our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams competed in the Louis Botha Tournament hosted by Merchiston. Both teams delivered outstanding performances, showcasing determination, skill, and excellent teamwork. The 1<sup>st</sup> team enjoyed a highly successful evening, securing impressive victories over D.P.H.S, Laddsworth, Clifton, and Pelham. Overall, it has been a highly encouraging start to the rugby season.

With strong participation at the festival level and excellent performances from our senior teams, there is a real sense of momentum building. The commitment and spirit shown by the boys promises an exciting and successful season ahead. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)

## Squash News

Aiden McNeill delivered an outstanding performance at the PMB Junior Squash Open this past weekend, competing in the U19 Boys division and finishing as runner-up. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to his skill and determination.

We wish Aiden all the very best as he heads to Pretoria to compete in the SA Junior Open from 27 – 29 March.



# Blood Donation

Our Senior School boys and staff were privileged to hear from Beauden Hutton (Grade 2), who shared his journey of a cancer diagnosis and treatment at just three years old. He spoke honestly and courageously about the fear, pain, courage and long days in hospital. He also reflected on the lifesaving blood donations that gave him a chance at survival – acts of kindness from people he will never know or meet.

Beauden held the boys' full attention as he encouraged them to donate blood at our upcoming Blood Drive. Standing bravely alongside his best friend, Jordan, Beauden delivered an unforgettable and inspiring message. – Dr Morag van Deventer (Head of Nursing)



## Ambulance

Our boys in the Prep School First Aid Club recently enjoyed an exciting and educational visit from the 911 paramedics. They had the opportunity to explore the inside of an ambulance, see the equipment up close, and learn how it is used in real-life emergencies.

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The paramedics also demonstrated how to safely immobilise a person with a suspected neck or spinal injury, giving the boys valuable insight into emergency care. They shared more about their training and what it's like to work as a paramedic, which was both inspiring and informative. The highlight of the visit was undoubtedly a ride in the ambulance around the car park – sirens and all!

A big thank you to the 911 crew for making this memorable experience possible. – Sr Morag van Deventer (Head of Nursing)

# Heart Dissection

This week, our Form 3 boys took part in an exciting and highly engaging Biology practical lesson focused on heart dissection, allowing them to explore the structure and function of the heart in a memorable, hands-on way.



The session sparked enthusiasm among several students with aspirations in medicine and surgery, who eagerly embraced the chance to handle the heart. Others initially preferred to observe from the sidelines, but as the lesson progressed, many grew steadily in confidence and became more willing to participate directly in the dissection process. During the practical, the boys worked collaboratively to:

- Identify major blood vessels, including arteries and veins
- Examine the bicuspid (mitral), tricuspid, and semilunar valves
- Trace the pathway of blood through the heart
- Compare the thickness of the ventricles and discuss why they differ

The class also engaged in a thoughtful discussion about coronary arteries and their critical role in supplying oxygen-rich blood to the heart muscle itself. This naturally led to conversations about heart bypass surgery, giving the boys valuable real-world context.

– Ms Roselyn Dredge

# MIC Night

**Join us for an unforgettable evening at Mic Night 2026 on Wednesday, 25 March, in the SKA!**

Come and support our talented young musicians as they take to the stage for a spectacular night of music.

The event will feature performances by the St Charles College Senior School Bands, along with incredible solo and band performances from St Charles College, St John's D.S.G., The Wykeham Collegiate and Epworth High School. Don't miss out on this fantastic celebration of musical talent! Tickets are R30 per person and can be purchased through the Karri App [HERE](#), or by scanning the QR code alongside.

**MIC NIGHT**

FEATURING: SCC Bands and Solo performances

Guest performances by:  
EPWORTH  
THE WYKEHAM COLLEGIATE  
ST JOHN'S D.S.G.

WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2026  
18:30-20:30  
R30pp  
SCC SKA (SCC Indoor Centre)

# Choir Evening

The St John's D.S.G. Choir Evening, was a memorable celebration of choral music. The concert featured a variety of choirs, including the St Charles College Chamber Choir and High School Choir, the St John's D.S.G. Singing Society, the Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School Choir, and the much-loved Howick Choristers, who proved that a passion for singing knows no age.



St Charles College showcased a high standard of excellence on the evening. Our Chamber Choir delivered polished performances of *Rock this Town* and *iNkosi Namandla*, demonstrating refined musicianship and ensemble cohesion, while our High School Choir contributed with a performance of *Can We Talk*, adding to the strength of the programme.

The evening provided a valuable opportunity for choirs to perform alongside one another and share their work, and it was a wonderful evening of music for the audience to appreciate. – Mr Pierrre Frenzel (Head of Music)

# Inter House Chess Competition

The Inter-House Chess Competition once again highlighted the value of critical thinking, resilience, and respectful rivalry within our school community. Each participant is commended for their commitment to their respective houses.

## Form 2 Competition

The Form 2 competition proved to be the most tightly contested of the day. Smith House and Conway House finished in a tie for first place, while O'Meara House secured a commendable third. Two standout players, Tyler Rajah (Conway) and Evan Nieuwoudt (Smith), dominated the early rounds – each winning all of their matches before finally meeting in a decisive head-to-head showdown. In a tense final game, Tyler Rajah emerged victorious, earning Conway crucial points to cement the joint win.



### Form 3 & 4 Competition

The Middle School division saw Delalle House claim a convincing first place, with O'Meara House following in second and Smith House taking a close third. The Delalle trio – Daniel Barry, Leuna Lechesa, and Leo Bytebier – played with remarkable skill, and their combined efforts secured Delalle House a well-deserved victory.



### Form 5 & 6 Competition

The senior division brought experience and advanced strategy to the forefront. Smith House captured first place, bolstered by strong performances from Vaughn Crabtree and Mabhelonke Khuboni, whose solid play under pressure helped carry the house to victory. O'Meara House finished in second place, while Delalle House rounded out the top three.

A special thank you must go to Ms Dredge for organising the competition, and the Culture Council boys who assisted on the day.

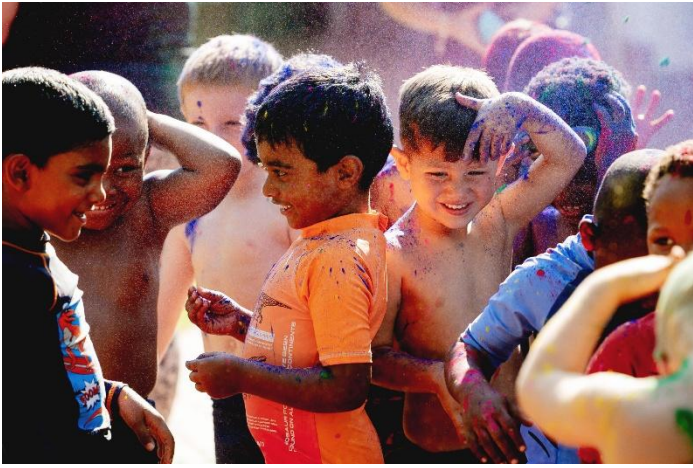
## *Senso* Day in Scrummies

One of our absolute favourite days of the year, Crazy Senso Day, brought learning to life in the most exciting way! After a week of discovering their senses, our Scrummies boys dived into a world of hands-on exploration.

From tasting sour worms and chocolate pudding, to zooming down slip-and-slides into bubbly, foamy water - there was no shortage of laughter and adventure! The boys also explored a sound wall filled with musical instruments and got stuck into a variety of textures with their fingers and toes.

It was a joyful, messy, and unforgettable day - where learning happened through every giggle, splash, squish, and sound. Full-body learning at its best! - Mrs Bronwyn Kusel (Head of Pre-Primary)





# Art in the Junior Primary



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# GOLF & Padel DAY 2026

FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2026

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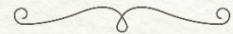
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Mothers Who Care  
2026



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	
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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