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WEEKLY ROUNDUP



Saints Sport News

Kingswood Water Polo Tournament

The mid-term break was a time of rest for many, but not for our 1st water polo team, who travelled to participate in the Rob Charlton Water Polo Tournament hosted by Kingswood College.

The tournament featured a strong variety of teams from both the Eastern Cape and Western Cape, creating a highly competitive environment throughout the weekend.



St Charles College had a tough start to the tournament, facing Glenwood House in their opening fixture. This was followed by a narrow 6 – 5 loss to Hudson Park. Despite the early setbacks, the boys began building momentum with each game, showing steady improvement in structure, intensity, and decision-making.

On Saturday, the team delivered one of their best performances of the season, defeating the hosts 7 – 5 in what was arguably their most complete game to date. Unfortunately, results elsewhere meant they narrowly missed out on a quarterfinal playoff position.

The team, however, responded with maturity and determination. They carried their positive momentum into the final rounds, securing a convincing 14 – 3 victory over Alexander Road and finishing the tournament with a nail-biting 6 – 5 win in the 9th/10th playoff match.

The growth shown over the course of the tournament was encouraging, with clear progress evident in both individual performances and team cohesion. A sincere thank you to our hosts at Kingswood College for organising and running an excellent tournament.

– Mr Jacques Richter (Head of Water Polo)

St John's Basketball Festival

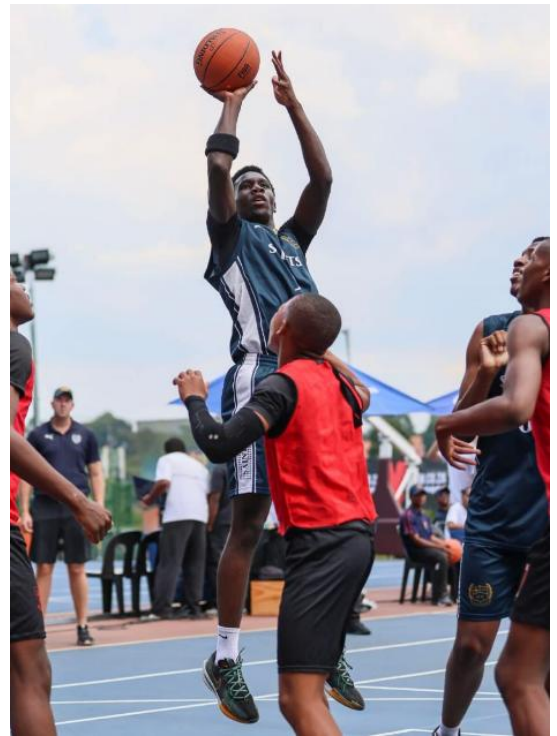
St Charles College once again proved their pedigree on the national stage at the prestigious St John's JHB Basketball Tournament, the largest basketball tournament in South Africa and one the Saints have proudly lifted on two previous occasions.

Pool play began with a tense, low-scoring encounter against Parktown Boys' High School. Both sides battled to find an attacking rhythm in a defensive arm-wrestle, but SCC showed composure to grind out an important opening victory.

The second pool match saw the Saints take on hosts St John's College Johannesburg on centre court. In a standout performance, SCC produced one of their finest games of the tournament, combining fluent offence with outstanding defence to secure a memorable win in front of a vocal home crowd.

Momentum continued in the third game against St George's College, Harare. The Saints executed their game plan with discipline, defended aggressively, and controlled the tempo to claim another well-earned victory.

The final pool match carried extra significance as SCC faced St Alban's College, now coached by former Saints Head of Basketball, Mr Myburgh. In a dominant display, SCC played with confidence and cohesion, running away as comfortable winners to close out pool play in style.



In the quarter-finals, the Saints met Michaelmount in another defensive struggle. Fatigue began to show as SCC battled to find offensive flow and execution, eventually bowing out to a disciplined opponent who would go on to win the tournament.

The playoffs saw narrow heartbreak with a two-point loss to Kingswood College in the 5th/6th position match. The Saints, however, responded with character, defeating St Stithians College to finish the tournament in a commendable 7th position overall.

Beyond results, SCC's conduct off the court was exemplary. The team was deservedly awarded the Spirit Cup for their outstanding behaviour, manners, and sportsmanship throughout the tour.

Basketball is about far more than wins and losses. It is about character, resilience, and life lessons. In that respect, the Saints can be immensely proud. The spirit in which they played, along with their sportsmanship, decency, and unity, truly embodied what it means to represent St Charles College.

An excellent effort from the Saints. – Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)

Saints Prep Cricket Festival

It was a quieter week on the cricket front with many schools breaking for mid-term, but our 1st XI was very much in action as they took part in a festival hosted by St Charles College.

From the outset, the boys represented our school with distinction. Numerous compliments were received from opposition staff regarding their manners, sportsmanship and the way they conducted themselves off the field.

Their behaviour and attitude reflected great credit on both their families and the College, and they truly flew the SCC flag high throughout the festival.

On the field, their performances matched their character. While winning all of their fixtures (bar one rain cancellation) was an impressive achievement, it was not simply the results that stood out, it was the manner in which they achieved them. The team played consistent, mature cricket, showing composure under pressure and maintaining a positive spirit in every match. Their “never say die” attitude and willingness to fight for every run and wicket set them apart. It was this combination of discipline, skill and mindset that placed them in contention as arguably the top team at the festival, a testament to the hard work that has gone in behind the scenes.



A big congratulations to all the players and staff for their commitment and for representing St Charles College with such pride and integrity. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)

Prep Championship *Gala*

It has been a spectacular week of swimming at AquaPark, with the facility in full use and showcasing the very best of our school and provincial talent.

The KZN trials were hosted at AquaPark over the weekend, and we were delighted to have some of our St Charles College boys representing the school.

A special congratulations must go to Jayson Smit and Wihan Slabber, who have qualified for the SA Junior Nationals in Port Elizabeth. This is a tremendous achievement and a testament to their hard work and commitment.

We wish both boys every success as they continue their preparations and take on the best junior swimmers in the country.

The excitement at AquaPark did not end there.

On Wednesday evening, our Prep School swimmers had the opportunity to compete in their first gala in the new facility at the **SCC CHAMPIONSHIP GALA**. With all A and B squad swimmers in action, the atmosphere was electric. The boys rose to the occasion, delivering outstanding performances in what is proving to be an incredibly fast pool.



The evening produced thrilling heats and some superb racing, culminating in five new records being set, a fantastic achievement.

Our Age Group Champions for 2026 are:

- U9 – Lleyton Moodley
- U10 – William Ferrer
- U11 – Kellan Kusel
- U12 – Wihan Slabber
- U13 – Jayson Smit

Congratulations to Jayson Smit, who was also crowned this year's Victor Ludorum, a fitting reward for an exceptional evening of swimming.



Well done to all our swimmers for their effort, courage and sportsmanship. A sincere thank you to the many parents who came out to support, and to the large number of staff who gave up their evening to assist and ensure the gala was such a success. AquaPark is already proving to be a fantastic venue for high-quality competition, and we look forward to many more memorable events ahead. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



Mini Cricket



Wellness Year 000



Movement is a vital part of learning in the early years. Our wellness lessons support the development of key physical skills, including coordination, balance, and confidence, all while encouraging a love of active play.

This week, our Year 000 boys took part in their very first wellness lesson. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting the coaches and are beginning to build positive connections in a fun and supportive environment. - Mrs Megan McCall



Inter House Gala

St Charles College hosted its 2026 Inter House Swimming Gala at the world-class AquaPark, marking the first time this prestigious internal event has been held at the facility. The venue provided an excellent competitive environment and contributed to a gala of exceptional quality, sportsmanship, and performance. The standard of racing across all age groups was outstanding, with close finishes, strong team spirit, and two new records established on the day.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The competition for the Old Boys Cup was hard fought, with Delalle producing a consistent performance across both individual and relay events to secure overall honours.

Final Standings:

Delalle – 253 points

Smith – 215 points

Conway – 118 points

O'Meara – 57 points

Old Boys Cup for House Champions: Delalle

Delalle further strengthened their dominance by claiming the: **Crossan Shield for the Relay Champions**, the points from the relay events allowed Delalle to take a grip on the standings that they never relinquished.

AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS

De Villiers Trophy (U14 Champion): Daniel Harris (Conway)

Naudé Trophy (U15 Champion): Connor Crutchley (Smith)

Fleming Cup (U16 Champion): Yashen Aungamuthu (Delalle)

Chad Idensohn Cup (U17 Champion): Ziya Jasat (Smith)

OPEN DIVISION AND SPECIAL AWARDS

The Open division produced some of the day's strongest performances, led by Rayhan Khonat and Shane van der Linde both of Delalle.

Dalton Floating Trophy (Open Individual Medley): Rayhan Khonat (Delalle)

Osmond Floating Trophy (Open Champion): Rayhan Khonat (Delalle)

Brother MacArtin Cup (Senior Victor Ludorum – U16 to Open): Rayhan Khonat (Delalle)

ADDITIONAL AWARDS INCLUDED:

Kyle Cup (Junior Victor Ludorum – U14/U15): Connor Crutchley (Smith)

Brock Progress Trophy: Tshepi Thwala (Delalle)

Callixte Cup Best Performance: Awarded for the Open 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay, which produced a new school record which now stands at 1:39.46. This is a record that will not be easily beaten.



TWO RECORDS WERE BROKEN DURING THE GALA:

U14-U17 4 x 50m Medley Relay: Smith recorded a time of 57.15, eclipsing the previous record of 1:02.56 (2021).

Open 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay: A new school record was established in this event, highlighting the depth of talent in the senior ranks.

The 2026 Inter House Swimming Gala will be remembered as an important milestone for St Charles College. Hosting the event at AquaPark elevated the competitive standard, and the boys responded with performances that reflected dedication, preparation, and strong house pride.

Congratulations to all swimmers, staff, and supporters who contributed to a successful and memorable day. – Mr Brett Croeser (Head of Swimming)



Year 3 Oral Presentations

Our Year 3 boys have been busy showcasing their confidence and creativity! They recently completed their first oral presentations on the topic "Who I Am", exploring their own cultures and identities. With proud smiles, our boys shared fascinating facts about their traditions, families, and what makes them unique. From favourite foods to fun facts, they raced into the spotlight and impressed us all! A big well done to our Year 3s for their hard work and bravery! - Mrs Gail Du Toit



Form 3 Market Day

The recent Market Day hosted by the Form 3 boys was a vibrant and memorable event that brought entrepreneurship to life in the most practical way. As part of the project, each group of boys was challenged to develop a business idea based on either selling a product or providing a service. From the initial brainstorming stages to the final sale, the learners were responsible for every aspect of their businesses, making the experience both demanding and rewarding.

The boys began by identifying potential gaps in the market and exploring creative ideas that would appeal to their peers and teachers. Once their concepts were finalized, they developed detailed financial plans and projections. This included calculating stock and operating costs, estimating pricing strategies, forecasting potential profits, and assessing possible risks. The exercise required careful budgeting and critical thinking, as they had to ensure their ventures would be financially viable.

Marketing played a key role in the success of the day. The boys designed posters, created promotional messages, and actively advertised their stalls ahead of the event to build excitement. On the day itself, the school grounds were transformed into a lively marketplace filled with energy and enthusiasm. Stalls were attractively set up, products were neatly displayed, and service providers confidently explained their offerings to customers.

The results were varied but valuable. Some businesses performed exceptionally well and generated impressive profits, reflecting strong planning and effective marketing. Others experienced losses, providing equally important lessons about pricing, demand, cost control, and competition. Regardless of the financial outcome, every group gained firsthand insight into the realities of running a business.

Overall, the Market Day was a great success. Beyond the numbers, the boys developed teamwork, problem-solving skills, resilience, and confidence. Most importantly, they experienced the satisfaction of turning an idea into reality. It was a powerful lesson in entrepreneurship and a reminder that both success and setbacks are part of the journey in business. – Mr S'celo Zuma



International Educational Link *Roadshow*

The iconic 19th Annual Roadshow successfully took place on Wednesday, bringing together universities and specialised institutions from a record number of countries, including those offering medical, veterinary, fashion design, hotel, and business programmes. Strategic partners such as Standard Bank, the British Council, Qatar, and Genius were also in attendance, providing valuable support and information. Boys and parents were able to engage with all the institutions and ask questions throughout the event. – Mrs Claire Beckedahl (Head of Form 6)



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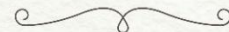
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Mothers Who Care
2026



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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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)
Lessons Commence (Grade 000 - Grade 12)	14 January (Wednesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	20 February - 23 February
Human Rights Day (21 March)	21 March (Saturday)
End of Term	27 March (Friday)
TERM 2	
Easter Weekend 03 April - 06 April (Friday - Monday)	
Staff and Boarders Return	20 April (Monday)
Lessons Commence	21 April (Tuesday)
Freedom Day Public Holiday (27 April)	27 April (Monday) School Day
Workers' Day (01 May)	01 May (Friday) School Day
OLD BOYS' REUNION WEEKEND	15 May - 16 May (Friday and Saturday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	22 May - 25 May
Youth Day (16 June)	16 June (Tuesday) School Day
End of Term	26 June (Friday)
TERM 3	
Staff and Boarders Return	20 July (Monday)
Lessons Commence	21 July (Tuesday)
FAMILY DAY	25 July (Saturday)
FOUNDERS DAY	26 July (Sunday)
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)
End of Term	17 September (Thursday)
TERM 4	
Staff and Boarders Return	28 September (Monday)
Lessons Commence	29 September (Tuesday)
Mid-Term Exeat (Friday and Monday No School)	30 October - 02 November
End of Term (Pre-Primary, Junior Primary and Senior Primary)	26 November (Thursday)
End of Term (Middle School and Upper School)	27 November (Friday)
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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