

Saints

TERM 1 WEEK 8

WEEKLY ROUNDUP



Building the Brotherhood

One of the unique strengths of our school is the way it brings together boys from age three all the way through to eighteen. This creates a wonderfully rich environment where younger learners naturally look up to the older boys, and the older boys have the opportunity to step into meaningful roles of guidance and mentorship.

To celebrate and grow this bond, we have launched the *Brotherhood Programme*. Each Friday, a few Form 6 learners visit the Junior Primary to spend time engaging with the younger boys. These interactions might include reading together, helping with simple activities, or enjoying a few games. What may seem like small moments are already building friendships, confidence, and a sense of belonging across phases.

For the younger boys, spending time with "big brothers" is exciting and encouraging.

For our Form 6 boys, the programme has been equally impactful. It gives them the chance to contribute to the school in a meaningful way, grow in leadership and feel valued by the wider school community. As this initiative grows, we hope it will become a cherished tradition, one that strengthens our school family and reinforces the values we hold dear. – Mrs Claire Beckedahl (Head of Form 6)



Our Communities

At St Charles College we value community, and so this week our Scrummies boys took the opportunity to walk around our beautiful campus to interact with as many staff members as they could find. Talking to them, thanking them, and handing out sweets and thank you notes, as a token of their appreciation. Our youngest boys were eager to spread the love with big smiles and even bigger hugs.

Seeing the grounds staff, kitchen staff, security guards, and coaches in action has given them a better understanding of the hard work, collaboration, and dedication that it takes to create the best possible environment for growth and learning at our school. – Ms Candice Berridge



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 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)




Saints Sport News

St Charles College finished the summer season in style with very competitive games across the codes. The first water polo tournament in AquaPark was a great success and we thank Mr Richter for initiating this opportunity for the boys before the end of the season. The 1st team basketball and cricket were highly motivated to finish the season well and both achieved wins against respected rivals, Northwood.

A Strong Finish to the Saints Summer Season - Cricket

St Charles College hosted Northwood on a beautiful summer's day for the final senior school summer sports fixture of the term – and it proved to be a memorable occasion.

After winning the toss, the Saints 1st XI elected to bowl first. Despite the picturesque conditions, rain the night before left the wicket slightly slow and spongy early on. As expected, it eased as the innings progressed, but it required discipline and patience from both sides.

Northwood adopted a cautious and measured approach, which paid dividends.

A composed second-wicket partnership of 88 between De Bruyn and Slater steadied their innings and laid a solid platform. However, the momentum shifted dramatically when spearhead bowlers Jack Richards and Jayden Saville struck in quick succession to remove both set batsmen.

Richards, who has produced match-winning spells before, delivered another outstanding performance – claiming three wickets in a single over to leave the Northwood batting line-up reeling with just one wicket remaining. A final partnership of 10 runs pushed Northwood to 194 all out in the 47th over, leaving three unused overs that could have proven significant. Credit must go to St Charles' disciplined bowling attack, who conceded just five extras – a testament to their accuracy and control.

In reply, St Charles College faced early pressure before the fightback began. Christiaan Prinsloo and Connor Simpson steadied the innings with a crucial fourth-wicket partnership of 45. Simpson's innings was brought to an end by an excellent catch, but the momentum was building.

Caleb Sharp entered and batted beautifully alongside Prinsloo, adding a vital 50-run stand. The ever-reliable Relebogile Mokoena contributed meaningfully before Sharp was unfortunately run out at a pivotal stage. With the match finely balanced, Owen Widdows – who has a reputation for finishing games – once again delivered under pressure.



His composed partnership of 48 guided St Charles College to victory, securing a hard-fought two-wicket win.

St Charles College closed out the first-term summer season in fantastic fashion, defending their home ground and showcasing resilience, composure, and belief. Congratulations to the First XI on a superb performance, and credit to Northwood for a well-contested and spirited fixture. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Head Coach)

KZN10 Tournament – A Fitting Finale

The KZN 10 Basketball Tournament this past weekend was a superb culmination to the season, and a true reflection of how far the Saints team has come. Facing the very best basketball schools in the province, the team produced arguably their most consistent and composed performances of the year.

St Charles College topped their pool with confidence, playing disciplined, high-intensity basketball on both ends of the court. The boys executed their game plans with maturity, defended with purpose, and showed excellent composure in tight moments. Big wins over Hilton College, Westville, Clifton, and Northwood were particularly pleasing and underscored the progress made throughout the season.

Advancing to the semi-finals was richly deserved and spoke volumes about the team's growth. In the semi-final, the Saints came up against a strong Kearsney College side. While the result did not go our way, the boys competed bravely and with pride, leaving everything on the court. – Mr Darren Holcomb (Head Coach)



Inaugural SCC Open Water Polo Tournament

This past weekend marked a significant milestone for our programme as we hosted the inaugural SCC Open Water Polo Tournament at AquaPark. We welcomed 12 teams from across the region to compete from Friday through to Sunday in what proved to be an exciting and highly competitive weekend of water polo.

Both our 1st and 2nd teams participated and relished the opportunity to compete on home ground.

2ND TEAM

Our 2nd team played eight matches over the course of the weekend. While the overall level of competition stretched them, the boys remained committed to the process of growth and development. Across the tournament, there was clear improvement in their skill execution, tactical understanding, and overall confidence in the water. The experience gained against strong opposition will serve them well as they continue to build depth within our programme.

1ST TEAM

Our 1st team competed strongly throughout their pool fixtures. Notable performances included a narrow one-goal victory over Westville's 2nd side and a hard-fought draw against Maritzburg College's 2nd team, which unfortunately ended in a penalty shootout loss. Finishing 3rd in their pool, they progressed to the quarterfinals where they faced a strong Northwood side. In a tightly contested match, they narrowly went down 7 – 6, moving into the 5th – 8th playoff bracket. The team responded with determination and composure. In an epic battle against Maritzburg College, they secured a well-earned 6 – 4 victory through disciplined defence and consistent attacking pressure. This advanced them to the 5th/6th playoff against Westville's 2nd team. The final match was fiercely contested and went down to the final minute. With less than a minute remaining, SCC called a crucial timeout and executed the final play, scoring the winning goal to secure 5th place in the tournament.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the teams, coaches, and referees who participated and contributed to making this inaugural tournament a great success. We look forward to hosting many more schools and building this event into a flagship fixture at AquaPark in the years to come. – Mr Jacques Richter (Head of Water Polo)



Prep Cricket

The penultimate cricket fixture for Term 1 was against our friends from Laddsworth, and it proved to be a competitive and exciting block of matches.

Our 4th, 5th and 6th teams played on Thursday and produced some excellent cricket. It was fantastic to see the skills and understanding of the game on display, with all three teams showing great intent and improvement. Unfortunately, all B and C fixtures scheduled for Friday were cancelled due to rain. However, Saturday brought hot conditions, and we were grateful to get a full programme of matches completed.



The U9A team travelled away and came up against a strong Laddsworth side. While the result did not go our way, the U9s have shown immense improvement over the course of the season. One fixture does not define their growth, and they should be proud of the strides they have made in confidence, skill and game awareness.

The U10A match was an absolute thriller. Laddsworth batted first on a difficult wicket and managed to post 71 runs. Our bowlers worked hard and kept things tight throughout. In reply, we found batting equally challenging and lost wickets consistently, reaching 71 for 9. With just one run needed to win, we decided to throw caution to the wind and look to finish the game with a positive stroke. Unfortunately, it resulted in a well-taken catch on the boundary, and the match ended in a tie. What an incredibly close and exciting contest, a wonderful example of how finely balanced cricket can be.

The U11A, 2nd and 1st XI matches were all strong performances by our SCC boys. The U11As secured a 9-wicket victory, while our 2nd XI produced a commanding all-round display to win by 136 runs. The 1st XI capped off the weekend with a superb batting performance, amassing 321 runs, and winning their match by 150 runs. It was a display of composure, intent and quality across all departments.

There were some excellent standout performances across the teams, highlighting both individual brilliance and strong team contributions. Well done to every player for the commitment and pride shown in representing our school. We wish all our cricket sides the very best of luck in their final fixture of the term against Chelsea this weekend. Finish strong, play with pride, and enjoy the opportunity to represent your team one more time this season. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)

Prep A and B Galas

This week marked our final swimming galas for the term. Our A squad took part in the A-Gala, while our B squad competed in the D-Gala.

Both events were hosted at The Wykeham Collegiate and proved to be fantastic occasions, with strong competition and great spirit throughout.

While the boys were naturally a little disappointed not to come away with the wins they were pushing so hard for, the most important takeaway is the effort and determination they showed. Our swimmers competed with pride, gave their absolute best in every race, and represented our school with great commitment. Every boy can be proud of the way he performed and the effort he put in.

There are exciting times ahead for our swimming programme, with AquaPark set to be fully operational for the entire swimming season at the end of the year. This will provide our swimmers with a wonderful facility and even greater opportunities to grow and improve.

A big thank you must go to all the boys and parents for their dedication throughout the season, especially with the early mornings and late afternoons. To the parents in particular, your constant support and encouragement from the sidelines has been truly commendable and greatly appreciated. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



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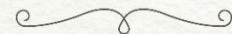
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Mothers Who Care
2026



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)
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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