

Saints

TERM 2 WEEK 2

WEEKLY ROUNDUP



SCRUMMIES

OPEN MORNING

WHERE LITTLE BOYS BEGIN BIG ADVENTURES!
DISCOVER SCRUMMIES PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL AT ST CHARLES COLLEGE.

WEDNESDAY, 13 MAY 2026
9AM - 10:30AM

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE RSVP FORM BY FRIDAY, 8 MAY.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FRIENDS OR FAMILY WITH YOUNG BOYS WHO ARE LOOKING TO START PRE-PRIMARY SCHOOL? Invite them to our upcoming Open Morning by sharing this invitation and RSVP link with them!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ScrummiesOpenMorning>

These early years are full of wonder, growth, and big little moments. Our approach is all about sparking curiosity, building confidence, and making sure learning is as joyful as it is meaningful.

Saints Sport News

Winter Sport Wrap Up

It was a busy weekend for the boys in Blue & Gold as they played rugby in Port Elizabeth and Howick, as well as hockey in Durban, Balgowan, Hilton and on Harwin Road.

It is always a great experience to travel to the Eastern Cape and take on schools that we don't usually get to compete against. Running rugby is the name of the game in the Border province and Graeme, Pearson and Kingswood all lived up to that reputation.

The report, as provided by our Rugby Specialist, Mr Craig Dwyer, is as follows:

The U14A, U15A, U16A and 1st XV rugby teams recently attended the Grey High Rugby Festival in Gqeberha, an exciting and valuable experience for both

players and staff. The festival brought together a number of top rugby schools, providing an excellent platform for our boys to showcase their talents and represent our College with pride. The quality of opposition was of a very high standard, which we take as a compliment given our recent performances and growing reputation at this festival.

Day one presented near-perfect conditions for running rugby, and all teams delivered outstanding performances. Across the board, our boys played with intent and freedom, producing some excellent passages of play and doing the College proud.

Day two, however, posed a different challenge, with strong and gusty winds impacting conditions. Despite this, the boys adapted commendably, showing maturity in their decision-making and game management. Once again, they represented the College with distinction and resilience.

The festival itself was exceptionally well organised. The standard of officiating deserves special mention, as it allowed for an open and flowing style of play, aligning well with the festival's ethos of "let the boys play". This created an environment where players could express themselves and embrace an attacking brand of rugby.



A sincere thank you must go to the festival organisers for hosting such a successful event, as well as to our staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the tour ran smoothly – their efforts were instrumental in making this experience both enjoyable and rewarding for all involved.

Our hockey teams produced some amazing performances against Hilton College last weekend, and our U16A and U14A participated in the KZN tournaments. All the results can be found on the app.

The 1st Team Hockey report is supplied by our Hockey Specialist, Mr Matthew Coombes:

The St Charles College 1st XI hockey team travelled to Michaelhouse this past weekend to compete in one of the country's premier school tournaments. Facing top opposition from across South Africa, the event provided a demanding test of both physical endurance and mental resilience, with five high-intensity matches played over three days.



St Charles College opened their campaign against Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool in a tightly contested encounter. The Saints boys showed great defensive organisation and created several promising scoring opportunities. Affies, however, edged ahead in the final chukka. In a dramatic finish, St Charles College earned a series of short corners after the final whistle, but were unfortunately unable to convert, going down narrowly 1 – 0.

Their second pool match saw them face local rivals Northwood School. Despite getting on the scoreboard, St Charles came up against a clinical and well-drilled Northwood side, who capitalised on their opportunities to secure a 7 – 1 result.

The third fixture was against the tournament hosts, Michaelhouse. In a tactical and evenly balanced match, both teams showed patience and structure, particularly in their pressing systems. Ultimately, Michaelhouse's efficiency from short corners proved decisive, converting three to claim a 3 – 1 victory.

In their final pool game, St Charles College took on a strong St Andrew's College outfit. After conceding first, the Saints boys produced an outstanding response, lifting their intensity. A spirited attacking display saw them score three well-worked goals, securing an impressive 3 – 1 victory. This result set up a playoff clash against Paarl Boys' High School. Paarl applied relentless pressure with an aggressive pressing game, testing St Charles' composure and defensive discipline. The Saints boys, however, showed tremendous character to absorb the pressure. In a decisive late moment, they broke away to score the winning goal, sealing a hard-fought 1 – 0 victory.

Overall, it was a weekend defined by growth, resilience, and character. Competing against some of the strongest hockey schools in the country, our St Charles College players represented the school with pride and determination. The experience gained will undoubtedly stand them in good stead for the remainder of the season.

SA Nationals Success

A massive well done to Shane van der Linde, Ziya Jasat, Dax Herbst, Connor Crutchley, and Tshepahalo Thwala on their outstanding achievement of representing KZN at the SA Schools Swimming Championships. This is no small feat – it reflects countless early mornings, long training sessions, and a level of dedication that truly sets you apart. Your commitment, discipline, and perseverance have paid off, and you have made St Charles College, and your province, proud.



Building on that success, we congratulate Shane van der Linde and Rayhan Khonat on their exceptional performances at the South African National Youth Championships and the SA National Aquatic Senior Championships.

Shane van der Linde delivered a phenomenal showing, claiming gold in the 100m, 200m, and 400m Freestyle. In a remarkable display, Shane broke the 200m Freestyle record in the prelim and then smashed it again in the finals, securing his place as the new record holder.

Competing against the very best in the country, both Shane and Rayhan rose to the challenge, proudly securing Top 10 finishes in South Africa in their respective individual events.

We are incredibly proud of you all – may this be just one of many milestones in your swimming journeys. – Mr Divan van Wyk (Sports Marketing)

Cricket News

We wish four of our cricket stars all the best as they leave today to participate in the CSA U17 Regional TAP Cricket Camp. The camp takes place at Hollywoodbets Kingsmead Stadium and forms part of Cricket South Africa's talent identification pipeline:

Relebogile Mokoena | Ryan Clarke | Tlotlang Kobe | Keegan Vermaak



Prep Rugby

This past weekend saw our Prep School rugby teams take on a strong Howick outfit in what proved to be a day filled with intensity, character, and outstanding effort across all age groups.

From the younger teams through to the senior prep sides, the matches were fiercely contested. Despite facing some particularly tough fixtures due to staggered team strength, our boys rose to the challenge with admirable resilience and determination. Many of these encounters were decided in the closing moments, highlighting not only the competitive nature of the day but also the courage and fighting spirit shown by our players.



At the A team level, the standard of rugby was especially high. These matches were physical, tactical, and hard-fought throughout. Pleasingly, our teams demonstrated excellent preparation, composure under pressure, and a strong understanding of their roles, which allowed them to gain the upper hand in most contests.

The highlight of the day came from our 1st team, who delivered a composed and determined performance to secure an impressive 18 – 14 victory. Against a well-organised and competitive Howick side, the boys showed great character, discipline, and belief to come out on top in a tightly contested match.

A special mention must go to all the players for their commitment and sportsmanship throughout the day. - Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



ST CHARLES COLLEGE

TO THE FAITHFUL ONE, A CERTAIN REWARD

OLD BOYS WEEKEND

15-16 MAY 2026

SPORTS ASSEMBLY

9AM, FRIDAY 15TH MAY
SAMKE KHUMALO ARENA

FOLLOWED BY A TEA AND A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL

MEET & GREET REUNION

5PM, FRIDAY 15TH MAY
COACH HOUSE,
SMART CASUAL | R150

ENJOY A RELAXED HARVEST-TABLE DINING
EXPERIENCE, CENTRED AROUND GOOD FOOD
AND GREAT COMPANY!

THERE WILL BE HOCKEY UNDER LIGHTS
ON BECKETT ASTRO.

RUGBY & HOCKEY VS GLENWOOD

SATURDAY 16TH MAY

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS
ON SALE AT THE COACH HOUSE

CONTACT GILL SHEPPARD:
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Night of the SAINTS

performances *by* the choirs, bands, and orchestras of
St Charles College & St John's D.S.G.

Friday, 12th June
18:00-20:00

Samukele Khumalo Arena (SKA) | St Charles College

u8 Free | Ages 8 - 13 R40 | Ages 13 -18 & Pensioners R75 | Adults R140

Tickets available on Karri App.



ST CHARLES COLLEGE
SOUTH AFRICA

✝ LOVE CULTURE



NIGHT OF THE SAINTS

This is the event we have all been waiting for! Hosted by St Charles College, in collaboration with St John's D.S.G., featuring the Choirs, Orchestras, and Bands from both schools, expect to be left in awe of the talent in the two schools.

Tickets can be purchased through the **KARRI APP**.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, 14 MAY!

Join us for a concert in collaboration with Pietermaritzburg Girls' High School. This promises to be an evening filled with exceptional talent and inspiring performances from both schools.

SCC & GHS
COLLABORATION
Concert

THURSDAY, 14 MAY
18:30-20:15
ST CHARLES COLLEGE
CHAPEL

FREE ENTRY

FEATURING:
SCC Chamber Choir | SCC Choir | SCC Orchestra
GHS Choir | GHS String Ensemble

1875
SCC
PIETERMARITZBURG
GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL
EST. 1920

Chamber Choir

Performance

On Sunday afternoon, the St Charles College Chamber Choir graced the hallowed Drakensberg Boys Choir School Ken MacKenzie Auditorium as invited guests for their annual *Music in the Mountains* festival. The concert featured exceptional performances by the St Charles College Chamber Choir, Michaelhouse Chamber Choir, and the Drakensberg Boys Choir School's Old Boys.

The St Charles College Chamber Choir opened with a high-energy performance of their jive-twist piece *Rock This Town* by Brian Setzer, followed by the contemplative *Die Donker* and the sacred work *Inkosi Namandla*, delivering a dulcet and moving set that left the audience captivated.

The afternoon also saw the St Charles College Chamber Choir conductor and Drakensberg Boys Choir School Old Boy, Mr Tazlo Jacobs, take to the stage as a soloist performing the soul-stirring *I Know Where I've Been* by Marc Shaiman and reverent *Die Heilige Stad* by F. E. Weatherly.

Bringing the concert to a fraternal ending, the St Charles College Choir closed with a mass item, the rock classic, *We Are the Champions* by Queen. The Drakensberg Boys Choir School Old Boys Variety Concert was a joyful celebration of community and music, filled with artistry, unity, and uplifting performances that will be remembered long after the final applause.

In upcoming events, the St Charles College Chamber Choir will take part in the ATKV Applous regional choir competition on Thursday, 7 May 2026 – we ask that you join us in extending prayer and best wishes to our boys as they undertake this event.



Outreach Trip

The Outreach SCC boys accompanied Mrs Joubert to the Husky Rescue KZN Centre near Pietermaritzburg on Friday, 24 April. On arrival, they received a brief introduction to the work of the centre and the circumstances that led to the dogs being in their care.

It was an informative and meaningful experience, particularly in learning more about the Siberian husky breed.

As companion animals with high energy needs, huskies are often misunderstood, requiring regular physical activity, stimulation, and close interaction with people to thrive. The boys were excited to meet the dogs, who responded warmly and enthusiastically to their visitors. Time was spent playing with and interacting with the dogs – an important part of their socialisation and overall well-being.



Over eighty dogs live together at the farmhouse, and as a non-profit organisation, the centre relies entirely on public support. Fundraising is ongoing, including initiatives at the Shongweni Farmers Market, as well as their Book Nook, which sells books, CDs, and DVDs.

The visit was a rewarding afternoon of service and connection. The dogs were energetic, vocal, and clearly delighted to have so many visitors, and the boys of SCC thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage with them, support the organisation, and act as ambassadors for animal welfare. – Mrs Debby Joubert

Raptors and Reptiles

On Friday, our Scrummies boys were treated to a special visit from the African Raptor Centre. Although there were a few initial nerves, these quickly melted away as the boys learnt more about each animal and witnessed them being handled with care and gentleness. They were especially excited to have the opportunity to get up close to a variety of snakes and owls, making the experience both thrilling and memorable.

Along the way, the boys gained valuable insight into the importance of protecting and caring for these remarkable creatures. It was the perfect way to end a week focused on caring for the Earth and appreciating all of God's incredible creations.

– Mrs Bronwyn Kusel (Head of Pre-Primary)





Workers' Day Assembly

This morning, in our Junior Primary assembly, we interviewed some of our everyday heroes and thanked them for all they do to make our school family work.

To our nurses who patch scraped knees, calm worried tummies and keep us healthy – thank you for your commitment and huge hearts.

To our security guards who watch over us, rain or shine – thank you for keeping our gates, classrooms and school safe.

To our cleaners, ground staff, cooks and the team who deliver snacks to the classroom with a smile – thank you for fuelling bodies and minds every day.

Happy Workers' Day! We see you. We appreciate you. – Mrs Gail du Toit



Spotted in *Scrummies*



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE

GOLF & Padel DAY 2026

FRIDAY, 24 JULY 2026

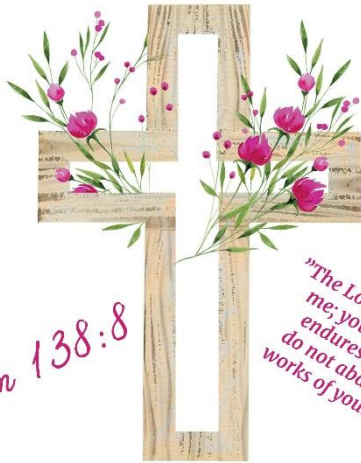
MARITZBURG GOLF CLUB

SPACES ARE LIMITED AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE!

Contact us at sportsmarketing@scc.co.za to find out more.

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Mothers Who Care 2026



*"The Lord will vindicate
me, your love, Lord,
endures forever—
do not abandon the
works of your hands."*

Psalm 138:8

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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YOU'RE INVITED

MOTHER'S DAY TEA WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

Trish Flanderio
*"The beauty of becoming undone in
motherhood"*

&
Shelagh Lechmere- Oertel
"Creative Connect"

MAY | 11TH | 2026

7:30 - 9:30AM

RSVP

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St Charles JP
Pavillion Staffroom

Hosted by
Mothers Who Care



MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER TRISH FIANDERIO

TRISH IS A REGISTERED NURSE, MIDWIFE
AND COUNSELLING
PSYCHOLOGIST, WHO HAS A PASSION FOR SEEING
FAMILIES THRIVE AND PARENTS
EQUIPPED IN RAISING GROUNDED,
EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY CHILDREN.
SHE HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL
IN TRAINING LAY COUNSELLORS AS
PART OF HOPE COUNSELLING,
A NON PROFIT THAT PROVIDES
"FREE CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING,
OF A HIGH ETHICAL STANDARD,
TO THE COMMUNITY".
SHE IS MARRIED TO DAN
AND THEY HAVE 2 CHILDREN AND HAVE ALSO BEEN
FOSTER PARENTS.
TRISH WILL BE TALKING ON
"THE BEAUTY OF COMING UNDONE IN MOTHERHOOD".



MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER SHELAGH LECHMERE - OERTEL

SHELAGH AND HER HUSBAND RICHARD HAVE BEEN IN
MINISTRY FOR MANY YEARS.THEY LED NORTH HILLS CHURCH
AND WROTE THE PARENTING COURSE CALLED
"PARENTING WITH VISION".
THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT EQUIPPING PARENTS
WITH PRACTICAL PARENTING TOOLS, WHICH ARE INVALUABLE IN
ESTABLISHING CHILDREN WHO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF
IDENTITY,BELONGING AND PURPOSE.
SHELAGH HAS A PASSION FOR ART AND FACILITATES
CREATIVE CONNECTS, WHERE SHE USES CREATIVITY TO ENGAGE
WITH GOD AND WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE WILL HAVE
A CHANCE TO ENJOY HER CREATIVE CONNECT DURING OUR
MOTHER'S DAY TEA TOGETHER.



ST CHARLES COLLEGE

S O U T H A F R I C A

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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