

Saints

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

TERM 2 WEEK 3



HAPPY
*Mother's
Day!*

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.

Prefect Announcement

At St Charles College, leadership is viewed as an open and evolving journey, grounded in the belief that young men mature, grow and are called into service at different times in their lives. Leadership is nurtured and revealed through character, faith, humility and consistent example. When these qualities are evident, leadership is affirmed and celebrated.



It is in this spirit that we proudly announce the appointment of Mayande Baai, Thingo Makhathini, Joshua Milne, Abdulrahman Rasulbaksh and Ethan Smith to the prefect body. Each of these young men has demonstrated integrity, responsibility and a willingness to lead in a manner consistent with the College's Christian ethos. Their appointments reflect not only personal growth, but also their readiness to serve the College community with humility, commitment and purpose.

As they step into their new responsibilities, the prefects are guided by the principles of the Prefects' Creed, which calls them to lead with kindness, fairness and quiet strength. We look forward to the positive contribution they will make to the life of the College as they serve with integrity and dedication. - Mrs Claire Beckedahl (Head of Form 6)



KZN Inland *Hockey*

St Charles College is proud to announce that the following hockey players, across our Prep and Senior School, have been selected to represent their province in their respective age-groups. Congratulations, gents!

Front Row: Samkelo Ngubane (U13A), Matthew Pedley (U12A), Okuhle Majozi (U13A), Khanya Nkosi (U12B), Spencer Boucher (U13A), Mikha'il Osman (U12A), Zachary Francis (U14C). **Middle Row:** Leuna Lechesa (U16C), Diketso Mokoena (U14C), Tariq Ramchandra (U14B), Samuel Black (U14B), Sebastiaan Jordaan (U14C), Kamohelo Liphapang (U16B). **Back Row:** Luthando Sokhela (U14C), Connor Green (U18B), Dintle Mokoena (U16C), Will Rhodes (U18B).



Together with the Prep Hockey representatives, we congratulate the following boys for their selection to the Midlands Rugby Teams:

U13A: Samuel Sharp, Samkelo Ngubane and Nathan Barry.

U13B: Judah Blanks and Okuhle Majozi

U12A: Khanya Nkosi

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

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Saints Sport News

Hockey vs Maritzburg College

The St Charles College 1st XI travelled away for a highly anticipated encounter against Maritzburg College, with expectations set for a tightly contested fixture. From the opening whistle, the match delivered on that promise, played at a relentless tempo, with both sides showing intent to press aggressively and impose themselves physically and tactically.



The first quarter was evenly balanced, with neither team willing to concede an inch. However, the game sparked into life when Maritzburg College earned a baseline entry that resulted in a penalty stroke. The opportunity was calmly converted, giving the hosts an early 1 – 0 advantage.

St Charles responded with real determination, building momentum through multiple circle penetrations and earning a series of short corners. Despite promising execution, they were unable to capitalise and draw level.

The second quarter continued in a similar vein, with both teams enjoying phases of possession and moments of attacking threat. While the structure of the game began to open slightly, neither side was able to find the finishing touch, and the half concluded with Maritzburg College holding a slender lead, setting the stage for an intriguing second half.



After the break, the contest stretched further, with the hosts increasingly utilising direct, long-ball tactics to test the St Charles College defensive unit. Although clear-cut chances remained limited, sustained pressure eventually told. A well-weighted ball over the top allowed a Maritzburg College attacker to get behind the defence, and a sharp spinning finish caught the defenders off guard, doubling their lead to 2 – 0.

Facing a two-goal deficit, the Saints entered the final quarter with urgency and intent, lifting the tempo and committing numbers forward. Their efforts were commendable, but as intensity increased, discipline began to slip, resulting in a mid-quarter card that made the task even more challenging. Despite this setback, the boys continued to fight, showing resilience and pride in their performance. However, the risk of pushing forward left space at the back, and Maritzburg College continued to look dangerous on the counterattack.

In the closing moments, another swift transition exposed the defence, leading to a second penalty stroke. Once again, the home team made no mistake from the spot, sealing a 3 – 0 victory.

While the scoreboard favoured Maritzburg College, the match was far more competitive than the result suggests. St Charles College showed patches of excellent attacking play and created several scoring opportunities but were ultimately undone by clinical finishing and effective counterattacking from the opposition.

Credit must go to the St Charles College side for their effort, intent, and willingness to compete throughout. On another day, with sharper execution in key moments, the outcome could well have been different. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head Coach)

Rugby vs Maritzburg College

St Charles College faced Maritzburg College in the highly anticipated annual derby, with significant hype and expectation surrounding the fixture. The two sides had produced a thrilling encounter in 2025, and anticipation was high for another exciting contest.

Preparation for St Charles College came under slightly challenging circumstances following a tour to PE the previous week. With a shortened turnaround, the focus was on managing player load, addressing niggles, and ensuring the squad struck the right balance between freshness and readiness. Despite these challenges, the week's preparation was detailed and purposeful, with clear objectives set heading into the clash.

The match began on a difficult note for the visitors, with an early error from the kick off gifting Maritzburg College entry into our half. The opening six minutes were played at a high intensity, with St Charles College forced to defend their line for extended periods.

The boys showed commendable grit and determination during this passage, repeatedly repelling a relentless attacking effort. However, the sustained pressure eventually told, with Maritzburg College scoring two early tries within the first 12 minutes. The Saints responded positively, with a well-executed cross-field kick finished superbly by PJ Dlamini, narrowing the score to 14 – 5.



What followed was an open and entertaining passage of play, with both sides willing to move the ball and attack space. Despite the competitive nature of the contest, Maritzburg College extended their lead before halftime, taking a 28 – 5 advantage into the break.

At halftime, the focus for us was on tightening our defensive structures, particularly around the middle of the field and in wider channels where the hosts had found success, especially from turnover situations. Emphasis was also placed on improving our second effort post-tackle and our physical presence at the breakdown.

The response in the second half was encouraging – the boys in Blue and Gold came out with renewed energy, showing greater intent in contact and a willingness to compete physically. The boys threw themselves into the contest and matched the intensity early in the half. Nevertheless, Maritzburg College's quality and firepower proved decisive. The hosts dominated collisions on both sides of the ball and were clinical inside the 22, converting opportunities into points with impressive efficiency. While both teams continued to play positively and the match featured big collisions and wonderful attacking moments, Maritzburg College ultimately maintained control.

The final score read 45 – 5 in favour of Maritzburg College.

We would like to extend our thanks to College for hosting an excellent day of rugby. There were competitive fixtures across all age groups, with a number of positive performances and close contests. Appreciation is also extended to the match officials for their role in ensuring a well-run and enjoyable day. Finally, credit must go to the St Charles College players and coaching staff for their efforts throughout a demanding week. There are valuable lessons and positives to take forward as the teams prepare for the upcoming Sharks Day fixtures. – Mr Craig Dwyer (Head Coach)

Prep Rugby vs Cordwalles

Cordwalles Preparatory School visited the campus on Saturday for a highly anticipated day of rugby against St Charles College, and it proved to be a memorable occasion from start to finish.

From the opening whistle, the campus was alive with energy as players, coaches, parents and supporters created a fantastic atmosphere around the fields. The morning showcased rugby at its very best, with both schools displaying tremendous skill, determination and passion throughout the age groups.

Equally pleasing was the outstanding sportsmanship shown by all involved, which added greatly to the spirit of the occasion and made for an enjoyable day of schoolboy rugby.

The SCC junior teams (U9 and U10) enjoyed the edge overall against their Cordwalles counterparts, although many of the fixtures could easily have gone either way. One of the standout contests of the morning came in the U10A fixture, where the two evenly matched sides produced an entertaining, end-to-end encounter that ultimately finished in an exciting 20–20 draw.

The senior fixtures continued in much the same fashion, but this time, Cordwalles took the honours overall. Despite this, several matches were fiercely contested and played at a very high standard, highlighting the quality and competitiveness of rugby at both schools.

The fitting finale to the day came in a thrilling 1st team encounter. In a match played with great intensity and commitment, both sides threw everything at each other while still maintaining the excellent spirit in which the entire day had been played.

With momentum swinging throughout the contest and neither side willing to give an inch, the match ended in a 17 – 17 draw, a result that reflected the effort and quality displayed by both teams.

It was a superb day of rugby and fellowship between two proud schools, and we thank Cordwalles for their visit and the fantastic contests played throughout the morning.
– Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



Prep Football vs Riverwood

The St Charles College football programme kicked off its season this week as the boys took to the field for the first time this year against Riverwood College, across Monday and Tuesday's fixtures. There was plenty of excitement amongst the players as the season finally got underway after the preparation and training.

The matches produced several closely contested battles, with both schools showing good skill and determination throughout the fixtures. The SCC boys, however, delivered a particularly strong showing overall and managed to dominate the majority of the games

across the various age groups. There were encouraging signs in both attack and defence, with the teams playing with energy, confidence and a strong work ethic. Unfortunately, the much-anticipated 1st team fixture was postponed due to rugby trials, meaning the senior side will have to wait a little longer to get their season underway. The group remains eager and excited to get their first match under their belts in the coming weeks.

Overall, it was a very positive start to the football season for St Charles College, with many promising performances and plenty to build on moving forward. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)

Tag Rugby

Our Year 0, 1 and 2 boys have been thoroughly enjoying their tag rugby sessions over the past few weeks, with plenty of excitement, energy and enthusiasm on display at every practice.

The fields have been full of smiling faces as the boys continue to develop their skills while learning the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and enjoyment through the game of rugby. The young players have been incredibly active and engaged, throwing themselves into every session with great enthusiasm. From exciting running rugby to determined tag-pulling and excellent support play, the boys have shown fantastic improvement and growing confidence each week.

The focus at this level remains on participation, enjoyment and skill development, and it has been wonderful to see the boys embracing every opportunity to learn and play. The energy and enjoyment on the field have created a fantastic atmosphere, and it has been very encouraging to see so many boys developing a love for the sport.

The future of rugby at St Charles College certainly looks bright, with these young Saints already showing great passion and enthusiasm for the game. – Mr Matthew Coombes (Head of Prep Sport)



A beautiful sunrise greeted our Prep School boys, as they warmed up for their early morning cross country training.

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

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THURSDAY, 14 MAY!

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COLLABORATION
Concert

THURSDAY, 14 MAY
18:30-20:15
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GHS Choir | GHS String Ensemble

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ATKV Applous Choir

Competition

Yesterday evening, the St Charles College High School and Chamber Choir participated in the regional round of the ATKV Applous Choir Competition. Held at Hilton College's Memorial Hall, the evening session was a celebration of choral excellence and a testament to the dedication and artistry of the choristers and their conductor, Mr Tazlo Jacobs.

Debuting at the ATKV Applous competition, the St Charles College High School Choir performed a vivacious and crowd-pleasing repertoire set that saw them commended by audience members and judges alike. The set started with the striking traditional anthem, *Sivela KwaZulu!* (We Are from the Zulu Kingdom!), followed by *Can We Talk?* by Tevin Campbell, *Go! Said the Star*, and finishing with the worshipful, *Meer As Ooit* (Above All) by Paul Baloche.

The evening saw the St Charles College Chamber Choir awarded a stellar Silver Award, in the "Meriete" category, for their diverse and engaging performances of the catchy jive-twist piece, *Rock This Town*, *Die Donker*, *Gebed* by Niel van der Watt, and reverently charismatic *Inkosi Namandla* (God of Strength).

It was an outstanding evening of music, thoroughly enjoyed by a warm and appreciative audience. – Mr Pierre Frenzel (Head of College Music)

Debating News

Our Senior Debating team has had an outstanding season so far, finishing the five preliminary rounds with an impressive record of four wins from five debates. Along the way, the boys have continued to grow in confidence, critical thinking, and teamwork, while representing St Charles College with maturity and professionalism.

In the final preliminary round, the team faced Hilton College on the motion: "This House believes that developing countries gain more from leaving international organisations than staying in them." The boys delivered a confident and well-prepared performance to secure their fourth victory of the season, with Elihle Hloba earning Best Speaker for his excellent contribution.



Reflecting on the season, new team member Matthew said: "This debating season has not only been an enormous learning experience, but also a thrilling adventure for not just me as a new member, but for the team as a whole." Words from our captain, Zenande: "Each debating successive round filled me with hope as our team grew stronger and we each became greater speakers."

Beyond the results themselves, debating has continued to challenge the boys to engage thoughtfully with complex issues, listen respectfully to opposing perspectives, and communicate their ideas with clarity and conviction. In doing so, the team has embodied the values and ethos of the school, developing not only as competitors, but as young men prepared to contribute meaningfully to the world around them. We are extremely proud of Zenande Mazibuko, Elihle Hloba, Lwandile Gwala, Kaidan Pillay, Thuthuka Gina, Matthew Reynolds and Polycarp Awezaye for their level of commitment and passion towards debating this season.

The team now looks ahead with optimism to possible qualification for the quarter finals in Term 3, as well as selection for the Provincial Championship. - Mrs Saiuri Naidoo (Head of Debating)

Mother's Day Celebrations

Scrummies

Our Moms and Boys Morning was a truly special time filled with love, connection, and meaningful moments together. Moms and their sons enjoyed calming mindful yoga, creating beautiful, beaded jewellery, and sharing thoughtful activities such as picking flowers and decorating delicious biscuits together. A heartwarming moment was when the boys treated their moms to a gentle hand massage, showing care and appreciation in their own special way. The sun finally came out, and the morning ended with a delicious picnic shared together, creating precious memories and celebrating the beautiful bond between mother and son. – Mrs Megan McCall





Junior Primary

As part of our Junior Primary theme this year, **Curiosity**, we were excited to welcome our moms to a special morning celebration in the lead-up to Mother's Day. The morning was filled with opportunities for our boys and their moms to read, create and discover together.

A book sale reminded us that books are powerful tools for curious minds, opening doors to imagination, questioning, and problem-solving. Our mini science experiments encouraged the boys to think like inventors and investigators as they explored simple but exciting scientific concepts. In the classrooms, our LEGO Six Bricks activities called for attention, memory and listening skills through hands-on learning and play.

It was a lovely morning celebrating not only the important role our mothers play in the lives of our boys, but also the wonder and excitement that curiosity brings to learning every day. – Mrs Lauren Riley (Head of Junior Primary)





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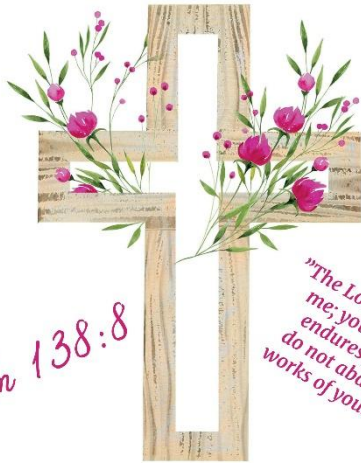
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Mothers Who Care 2026



*"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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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

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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 | |
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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) |
| 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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