



St Patrick's College Jaffna

OBA – Melbourne, Australia

P.O. Box 574 Rosanna, Vic 3084

Newsletter

10 November 2007

President's message

My Dear fellow Patricians!

On behalf of the OBA Committee I write to thank you for the wonderful support given for our get-together held on Saturday, 25 August. It was great pleasure to meet the many faces of the Patrician Family, young and old, some of whom we met for the first time, and share information on each other's life and well-being.

In particular, it was an evening that refreshed our college memories and brought out the nostalgic feelings in us for our 'good old College'.

As most of you know, the Rector Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam in his recent email (a copy of

which is enclosed) has asked us – the OBA Melbourne – to do one thing in particular: **“What we expect from you is to support our cricket teams.** We spend a lot of money for that. I had asked, when I visited you all, to **take up sponsoring the cricket expenses.** If you can do that, it will be good”.

In this respect, and following my appeal during the social night *“...to consider the OBA as less of a social club, but more of an arm of the college that is looking to uplift its poverty-stricken pupils, to give them a future...”*, more than a dozen Patricians have committed to donate \$100 per annum to support the ‘SPC

cricket’ **IT IS GREAT NEWS.** And we are looking for as many Patricians to join the scheme of sponsoring the ‘SPC cricket Team’.

Those who would like to be a sponsor please contact the President or Secretary.

Many have gladly requested that we arrange for a **cricket match cum barbeque** on a weekend to promote the idea among our friends. I am happy to say that this excellent idea will come to fruition very soon. We have decided to host this event on Sunday, 27 January 2008. Please set aside this date for a great day of fun. This may well be the be-

ginning of an annual fundraising event for the college's cricket needs.

As to the other long term needs of the college, such as contributing to the Patricians' Perpetual Trust Fund, which some of you may want to do over and above, and other proposed activities, more details will be forwarded in due course.

No doubt we have a lot of work ahead. And I am sure you all will continue to assist us, keeping the long-term betterment of our Alma Mater at heart.

Yours sincerely
Jeevaranjan . F

President

A Big Thank You. During the social night some concerned members volunteered to contribute extra funds if necessary to cover the cost towards the function. We wish to inform that we ended the night with surplus. Once again Thank you for your kind concern.

Philip Ravindraraj

Treasurer



Our New Postal Address

OBA has been registered with the following new address:

St Patrick's College OBA
P.O.Box 574
Rosanna, Vic 3084,

OBA Melbourne

“Cricket & BBQ on Sunday 27 January 2008. venue- TBA later. Members who want to play are requested to contact:

Ranjan - 9790 5003

Manoraj - 9305 1704

Before 15th December 2007.



Social Night Photos: For info and photos of the Social Night 2007, please visit our web link: <http://www.patrician.ca>

Apology: Our sincere apologies in selling the multiples of same raffle tickets during the social night. Philip Christopher – Secretary

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25 Years of Priesthood - Fr Albert Yogarajah celebrates his Silver Jubilee. The OBA Melbourne Victoria Congratulate you upon your Jubilee

Patrician Nite & Dinner Dance 2007

Organized by
St. Patrick's College, Jaffna - Alumni Association
(Colombo Branch)
on 22nd December 2007
at Qaladari Hotel, Colombo
Commencing from 8.00 p.m.

Table No: _____ Ticket No: _____
Dress: Lounge Price: 2000/=

CELEBRATIONS OF JAFFNA - AUSTRALIA

**30th ANNIVERSARY JUBILEE DINNER
IN AND OF OUR LOCAL SOCIETY BUILDING HALL**

**When: 6.30 PM ON SATURDAY 8th
DECEMBER 2007**

**Where: Christ The King Church Parish Hall
2, Stratham Avenue, North Rocks NSW-2151**

**Chief Guest: Dr. Paul Dominic
(Old Patrician and Legal Expert)**

PLEASE ARRIVE 60 MINUTES BEFORE THE OCCASION

FOR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Mr. A. L. Wilson : 8730 0870
Mr. E. Annasabesan : 8627 9828
Mr. Jeeva Thean : 8865 1806
Mr. Theodoropoulos : 8735 3992

Good news from Fr. Rector

Our students, Man-nivannan Mathushan from Grade 5 sat for the Grade five Scholarship exam in August 2007 and came 2nd in the Island and 1st in the District scoring 189 marks at this competitive examination. The first place went to a girl from Kilinochchi who scored 190 marks. The papers in Jaffna and Colombo carried this excellent performance of these two students who took up this exam in spite of the difficulties and hardships they undergo daily. Once again St.Patrick's flag is kept flying high by the marvellous performance of this student, Mathushan.



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சிறீலங்கா இராணுவத்தின் ஆழ மனநிறுவும் அண்யினரால் படுகொலை செய்யப்பட்ட அனைத்துலகக் கத்தோலிக்க அமைப்பான JRS நிறுவனத்தைச் சேர்ந்த மன்னார் மாவட்ட ஒருங்கிணைப்பாளரும், எங்களுடைய நண்பரான கிபி அருட்தந்தை நீக்கிலாப்பிள்ளை பாக்கியறுஞ்சித் துழைகளார் படுகொலை செய்யப்பட்டதை எதிர்த்து கரும் கண்டனம் தெரிவிப்பதற்காகவும், அவருடைய ஆன்ம இணைப்பற்றிக்காகவும் வேண்டி எதிர்வரும் நவம்பர் மாதம் 18ம் திகதி (3ம் சூரியநிறுக்கிமுமை) பற்பகல் 4மணிக்கு இரங்கற்பலிப்புரை இடம்பெற உள்ளது. எனவே அனைத்து தமிழ் மக்களையும் பங்குபற்றுகின்ற அன்புடன் வேண்டி நிற்கிறோம்.

**Place: St John Church,
52 Yarra St
Heidelberg
Date: 18 November 2007 at 4pm**



An e-mail from our Rector.....

15 August 2007

Dear Mr.Jeevaranjan,

Thanks for your email. I have to reply your letter now, or else, I will be able to do that only after I return from Colombo on the 29th or so. Hence, this quick note.

01. As you know we have started giving a mid-day meal to all the students as they were and are still going through difficult times. Price of things are thrice that of CMB!!!

The World Food Programme came forward to give some dry ration to feed the children in Grade One to Nine. However, I have started giving meal to all the children in the school, up to the Advanced level classes. The old boys in UK and Canada have helped us. The Muslim Aid (an International NGO is also assisting us with a substantial amount of money for this programme.

02. Under 15 Cricket team beat

St.John's by a big margin in the final and became Champions (District).

03. Our Students have done well in the Drama Competitions at District level as well. The Primary and the Senior Drama have been excellent.

04. The Advanced Level examination started on the 6th of August and is going on. About 180 students of ours are sitting for this exam.

05. We will be having our Annual Prize Giving in September.

06.What we expect from you is to support our Cricket teams. We spend a lot of money for that. I had asked, when I visited you all, to take up sponsoring the cricket expenses.If you can do that, it will be good.

07.Yes, Certainly we can link our college with a school in Melbourne. I have already twinned SPC with the Christian Brothers

College, in Dublin. A teacher of ours will be going to Dublin to spend three months in that school, at the invitation of CBC Dublin. You can let us know how you intend going about the twinning of SPC with a school there.

08. As you all know, I am doing the Vicar General work also, in addition to being the Rector of SPC. I hope to retire in December and hand over the reigns to Fr.Jero Selvanayagam.

These are some of the ideas I have in my head at the moment. Should you need more information, please, do not hesitate to contact me.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all (Old Boys) a pleasant gathering on the 25th of August. May St.Patrick intercede for you and for your loved ones.

With every good wish,

Yours in the service of St.Patrick's

Father Justin B Gnanapragasam
Rector.