



# St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA Melbourne, Australia



Newsletter 16

P. O. Box 551, Rosanna, Vic 3084

March 2012

## Dear Fellow Patricians

*It is with pleasure and it is a privilege that I write to all the members of the Association and families, as another Patrician year comes to an end.*

*Our next function and meeting is the Annual General Meeting which is scheduled for Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to be held at St Paschal's Church, 100 Albion Road, Box Hill hall. The meeting will be preceded by the Holy Mass to celebrate St Patrick's Day and will be celebrated by Rev Fr Anthony Gnanapragasam, Chaplain to the Victorian Tamil Catholic Community at 5.45 pm. As usual the AGM will be followed by the traditional string-hopper meal.*

*On Australia Day 2012, members again participated in a cricket match which was very well supported and attended. The ladies and children participated in an inaugural Rounders match. The matches were followed by a barbeque. The feedback was very positive and a very good time was had by all who attended. The trophies for all the matches will be presented at the Patrician Nite.*

*The January 2012 newsletter enclosed a nomination form for members to volunteer to serve on the Committee for the next Patrician year. The names of the members who have volunteered are published elsewhere in this newsletter including those who have agreed to be the office bearers. The AGM can formally elect them as well as others who are nominated at the AGM as Committee members and office bearers. Similar to last year, a donation of \$10 per family is proposed to meet the cost of the hall. Most of the food is very generously provided by the Committee members and their spouses.*

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Committee members and their spouses for the time and effort they give so generously to the activities of the Association. Three functions are held every year and none of them would be possible without the contribution made by the Committee members and their spouses, as well as other members, even though they do not serve in the Committee, who continue to provide tireless support.*

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## SPC Jaffna OBA—Melbourne

Established : ..... 1992  
Current Membership:..... 28  
No. of Patricians in Vic : ..... 110 Approx  
Annual Membership Fee: .... \$20.00

### Our Objectives:

- Socialise and share the Patrician spirit with benevolence
- Support our Alma Mater in meaningful ways

### Website:

[www.spcaustralia.com](http://www.spcaustralia.com)

### Email:

[secretary@spcaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@spcaustralia.com)

## Committee — 2011/12

**President:** Philip Ravindraraj  
**Secretary:** James Joseph  
**Treasurer :** William Nimalraj  
**Committee Members:** Jeevaranjan Fernando  
Angelo Fernando  
Dr Anton Mariampillai  
Chris Gunanayagam  
Jeyandra Antonipillai  
Dilip Manuelpillai  
Valentine Manuelpillai  
Vincent Pius

## **Messages from Fr Rector**

**Dear Patricians,**

Further to my invitation to the 'Global Reunion 2012' sent on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011, I am pleased to inform you that our Jaffna OBA Website specially designed for "GLOBAL REUNION 2012" is being launched.

The Web ID is: [www.spcjaffnaoba.org](http://www.spcjaffnaoba.org). All necessary information with regard to the Global Reunion in Jaffna is uploaded to this Website. You may please browse this website and inform the membership of your Alumni Association. The bookings for the participation could be done online through this website.

If you need any further information or clarification, you may please denote same in the inquiry form available in this website under the 'General Information' section. We will respond to same within the shortest possible time. We also welcome any of your suggestion that you might feel would enhance the objectives of this 'Global Reunion'.

The Alumni Associations in Colombo and in Jaffna will keep on updating this Website with additional information and keep everyone informed of the updated status.

We are now looking forward for the maximum possible participation from your Membership, and be assured that every effort will be made by our Organizing Committee to ensure a successful and memorable 'Global Reunion' of Patricians!!

### **Message 2**

We hereby confirm the receipt of Rs 180,000/= in our account. This money will be utilized for the development of cricket in the college. Last week our Under 19 Boys played the Division II cricket tournament match against St Thomas College, Matale, and had an outright victory.

Thanking you and all members for your interest in the college.

Yours sincerely,

**Fr. M Jero Selvanayagam**  
Rector SPC / President OBA, Jaffna

## Invitation from the Alumni Association of SPC Canada

*Dear Friends and Family,*

I am pleased to inform you that the St. Patrick's College (SPC) Alumni Association in Ontario will be celebrating 25 years of existence in Canada.

This Association was founded in 1987 by a Group of Past Students who wanted to give back to the college and to the community. These Patricians are grateful to the school which was instrumental in giving them an excellent education which laid the ground work for their careers in Canada and other countries in the world where Patricians have established.

Most importantly, the SPC Alumni Association has provided financial assistance to the college over the years (from their annual fund-raising activities).

In this regard, the SPC Alumni has decided to celebrate in style their Silver Jubilee year. We are holding our Silver Anniversary 'Gala Night' at the **Hilton Garden, Toscana Banquet Conference Centre, in Vaughan, on the night of June 2, 2012.**

Tickets to this event cost \$50.00 per person for a great evening of entertainment and Social Networking within the community & friends. The organizing committee guarantee you a magical night with dance, live music, pulsating rhythms of DJ, enticing refreshments and sumptuous meal by Toscana.

Our guests of honor are as follows:

- Chief Guest - **Dr. Michael Thambayagam**. Sugar Land, Texas, USA
- Guest of Honour - **Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP**, Scarborough-Rouge River
- Special Guest of Honour - **Prof. Alfred A. Christy**. University of Agder, Norway.

Most of you already know that I am a member of the organizing committee and I am asking you to help us make this event a success for all of us. Please let me know at your convenience, how many tickets to reserve for each of you. Remember, you will definitely win points from your significant other for taking them out for a great night of fun and entertainment:-)

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

*Donald Joseph.*

Organising Committee

PS: The Alumni will be issuing a commemorative magazine to mark the silver Jubilee and I would forward the details to you at a later date when the magazine is published.

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The AGM and the dinner afterwards is an informal occasion for Patricians to meet other Patricians and their families and make friendships, as well reminisce about the school activities and their time at the College. I hope that many members will attend this year's meeting. It is also an opportunity to make suggestions to improve the activities of the Association.

The annual subscription of \$20 subsidises the 3 main events organised by the Association as well as pays for the administrative costs covering the newsletter, website, P.O Box etc. We hope members will pay their subscription so that the Association can continue to grow to provide a forum for the alumni to meet and enjoy as well as provide assistance to our dear College.

*P Ravindraraj*

President

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## The Much Looked Forward To Double Celebration in 2012

### *Global Reunion in Jaffna*

(4th–6th August)

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### Centenary Celebration of the Colombo Alumni

(10th–12th August)

Includes a Sports Day at College Grounds,  
an outing to Chaaty and an 8 day Tour  
around the country.

A life time opportunity to revive  
nostalgic memories of school days.

Please stay tuned to updates on Ferdi's  
InterSector emails

## Notice Board

The Annual General Meeting of St Patrick's College, Jaffna OBA, Melbourne will be held on Saturday, 17 March 2011 at St Paschal's Church Hall, 100 Albion Road, Box Hill.

The event will follow the Holy Mass at 5.45 pm. A donation of \$10 per family will be appreciated to cover the hall hire.

**The following members have volunteered to serve in the Management Committee for the year 2012/13:**

Philip Ravindraraj – President

James Joseph – Secretary

William Nimalraj – Treasurer

Other Committee members:

Jeevaranjan Fernando, Angelo Fernando, Chrys Gunanayagam, Jeyandra Antonipillai, Vincent Pius, M R I Cherubim, Noel Rajiv and Anandarajan James.

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### Do you have Books & Stationery that can be sent to the College?

Books appropriate for a school library, stationery, calculators, pens – anything which can be given to students. Please contact James Joseph on 9702 4884 .

### **Annual subscription**

Have you renewed your membership?

**If not, please contact our Treasurer William Nimalraj on 9436 4124 and help us help our Alma Mater.**

**You can also pay your subscription by direct crediting our OBA account number: 063000 11520575 with CBA.**