



St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA

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for Patricians in Victoria, Australia



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President's Message

Dear Fellow Patricians,

Once again it is a privilege to write a few words for the November 2013 edition of our newsletter .

Thank you to all the members who sold the tickets, purchased tickets, attended the function and contributed to the success of the Patrician Nite 2013. The event was a 'sell-out' it was a great night going by all the feedback received. The play "அதிரடி மன்னர்கள்" was the highlight of the night. The "stars" of the show were then invited to perform at another function in Canberra!

Our next function is the Family Day to include cricket matches, rounders and Hopper feed scheduled for Sunday, 26 January 2014. We hope to see many Patricians and their families at this event. More details elsewhere in the newsletter. The annual family cricket day is also the day when members contribute to the SPC Cricket fund which is remitted annually to support the College's cricket activities. The names of the members who have contributed this year to-date are published elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you again to all the contributors. Without you, there will not be a Cricket Fund.

The Committee is pleased to announce that the OBA is getting involved in an exciting project to provide health education to students of the College. Dr Saravanamuthu Poologanathan - a Patrician who is practising as a medical doctor in UK and Melbourne - has proposed that the Melbourne OBA sponsor First Aid and CPR classes for a specified number of selected Patrician students to be delivered by IOFM Jaffna. IOFM is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation founded by Dr Poolo and other benefactors to offer health services at no or very low cost to the community in Jaffna and surrounding areas. More details about IOFM can be found in <http://www.iofmjaffna.com/about.html>. It is to be trialled first in 2014 and if considered feasible, acceptable and successful, can be provided annually. The details are yet to be negotiated with the Rector and I will provide more details to members as they become available.

The Chapel Renovation Fund was a huge success and a total of \$4,080 was contributed by Patricians from Victoria and interstate. \$3,500 was remitted to the College and the project has been completed. The balance \$580 is to be sent to the College to fund an educational project - the details of the project to be provided by the Rector in the near future and I will provide these details also in the next newsletter and at the AGM.

Anandarajan James

SPC Jaffna OBA—Melbourne

Established : 1992

Current Membership:..... 31

No. of Patricians in Vic : 130

Annual Membership Fee: \$20.00

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Our Objectives:

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

Committee — 2013/14

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A unique scoreboard in Jaffna *by Reemus Fernando after a visit to Jaffna*

Article published in Sunday Island Online Sportstar, Upali Newspapers Ltd

The Sportstar came across a unique scoreboard at a school venue last week. If you guessed it to be in Colombo you were wrong. This unique piece of cricket accessory is majestically standing at **St. Patrick's College Cricket ground, Jaffna**.

A four-storied building, the scoreboard is the first object you see when you enter the huge ground of St. Patrick's that comfortably holds a cricket ground and a football field simultaneously. And it is also the only building other than the pavilion that is erected in the ground. The scoreboard and the pavilion stand face to face in line of the wicket and one could get a full view of a match from the top stories of both buildings.

The St. Patrick's scoreboard is probably the only manual scoreboard at a school venue in Sri Lanka (D. S. Senanayake College has an electronic scoreboard, but currently it is not functioning) that can display a full scoreboard, a luxury even most of the Premier Cricket playing clubs are yet to acquire. Most of the school scoreboards, and club scoreboards display a few details of the match like the total, number of overs bowled and the scores of the two batsmen at the crease. But the scoreboard in discussion, although it is not as huge as the one at SSC or at R. Premadasa, could give possibly all the details displayed on those scoreboards. It could display from the total to the number of wickets fallen, from the number of overs bowled to the number of overs bowled by each bowler (at least six bowlers), with the wickets taken by them. While it could display the names of all players playing the match with the runs scored by them, it could also showcase the 'fall of wickets'.

The most significant feature of this scoreboard is none of the above. The unique feature is the way the main scores are operated. The main scores are displayed on linen belts. The two ends of the belt are rolled to pulleys fixed either side of the score window. They are manually operated. The method is both space and energy saving. Unlike the huge rollercoaster type iron wheels which are used in most of the scoreboards in Sri Lanka, the method used in St. Patrick's scoreboard saves space and could be easily operated. Incidentally, the whole scoreboard was seen operated by a few 13-year-old kids.

The St. Patrick's scoreboard also has a spare store, the one on the top floor which could accommodate a few spectators. Probably that space could accommodate a tiny press box. Although the face of the scoreboard is wide, its interior is narrow but two people could move about easily without clashing. And there is no risk of being hit by suddenly falling number plates as in some of the scoreboards in Sri Lanka.

Whoever designed the scoreboard, the person had taken a note to keep the operators of the scoreboard comfortable and safe. There are cement staircases to each floor unlike in many scoreboards island wide where operators have to climb unsafe and uneven iron ladders.

However there was one deficiency observed which could be rectified easily if wanted. When the linen tape comes to the number 9 digit it has to be rolled back in the reverse direction. Who ever looking at the scoreboard will see one of the score lines reversing for a while when this happens.

The rest of the scores are displayed on iron plates which are placed and removed by busy teenagers. The whole scoreboard during the historic two-day Under-19 match between Bandaranaike College, Gampaha and St. Patrick's College, Jaffna (13-14 October) was operated by 13-year-olds. And they did it admirably well leaving no space for umpires to point out mistakes.

This unique scoreboard is a place to visit if anyone is interested in getting an idea of how to build scoreboards saving space and giving prominence to the safety of both scorers and the operators.

Christmas Greetings from the Rector

I am pleased to convey my Greetings and Wishes for the New Year 2014. This is the season of great joy and happiness. The angels announced "A Saviour is born for you". Jesus is born to save us from Sin and death. Bethlehem literally means Home of bread. God became flesh to be our food and drink. He came to save and to sustain our lives. Our world is darkened by the pride, selfishness and sin. We need Jesus to reconcile us with God and one another. We need a Bethlehem experience in our lives to know how God loves us. The joy of Christmas is an eternal joy of experiencing God's unconditional love.

Here in Jaffna, hoping for a better future for our children we are committed to achieve excellence. We thank the Old Patrians who constantly support us in all our endeavours. Many have helped us this year for various projects. It is encouraging to see that our Alumni branches at home and abroad are always concerned about the progress of our students.

We have begun constructing a new Block for our Primary Section. May I kindly appeal to all our Patrician Alumni to render their valuable assistance in our project. May the blessings of the Lord of Bethlehem be bestowed on you and your families in abundance in the New Year 2014.

Rev. Fr. M. Jero Selvanayagam

St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA Melbourne

Nomination Form

Nomination for the election of Office Bearers, Committee & Panel Members for the year 2014/2015

Full Name of Nominee :

Position Nominated for:

I, volunteer to serve in the Management Committee in the abovementioned position.

To be completed at the AGM

Full Name of Proposer:

Signature: Date:

Address:

Full Name of Seconder:

Signature: Date:

Address:

SPC Cricket Fund

The SPC cricket fund was launched by the former Rector of SPC (the current Vicar General of the Jaffna Diocese) Rev Fr Justin Gnanapragasam on January 28, 2008—the cricket and BBQ day—as the means by which the Melbourne OBA would support the College's cricket activities. To date, the OBA has remitted \$7,500 (i.e. \$1,500 was sent every year from 2009) to the College for this purpose. The annual cricket / family day is held so that members can contribute to the fund. The names of the members who have contributed this year are as follows:

Anandarajan James

Angelo Fernando

Antony Gratian

Anton Newton

Dr. Anton Mariampillai

Chrysostom Arulnayagam

Chrys Gunanayagam

Isidore Manoraj

James Joseph

Jeevaranjan Fernando

Jerad Jogaratnam

Jeyandra Antonipillai

Joseph Vijayartanam

Nimal Augustine

Noel Rajiv

Philip Ravindraraaj

Ranjan Gunaratnam

William Nimalraj



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

*To all Patricians, your families and loved ones.
May the Prince of Peace dwell amongst us and
bring happiness to all. May we rejoice in His love
and walk in His light.*

Notice Board

Annual Family Day

Cricket, Rounders & Hopper Feed

Australia Day cricket match, preceded by a "Hopper Feed" will be held on **Sunday, 26 January 2014** at **Wattle Park**, 1012 Riversdale Road, Burwood (Melway ref: 60 J2)

- Time: **11.00 am** - Hopper Feed to be followed by cricket and rounders matches.

It is a fun day for all members of the family. Tennis courts have been booked for the kids. Please bring your racquets. A game of rounders for the ladies. Trophies to be presented to all winning teams at the Patrician Nite. Ladies, please come prepared! Members and families who would like to participate in the cricket match (T20 format), please contact Jeyandra (0404 108 659) or Noel Rajiv (0421 859 197)

Cost: Hopper Feed - \$10 (\$20 for a family)

College News from Fr Rector

W.C.L. Livingston won silver medal for Javelin throw at the South Asian Federation Junior Athletics meet 2013 held in November in Ranchi, India. Felicitation function held on November 19, 2013 was graced by Hon. T. Kurukularajah, Minister of Education, Sports and Culture, Northern Provincial Council.

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