

# St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA



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## Our Objectives

Socialise and share the Patrician spirit with benevolence.

Support our Alma Mater in meaningful ways.

**“Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”**

**Robert Louis Stevenson**

## President's Message

Dear fellow Patricians! Welcome to the July edition of the newsletter.

As usual, our St Patrick's Day celebrations last March was very successful. Fr Anthony Gnanapragasam said the Holy Mass which was followed by the AGM and dinner. We welcomed Dr Florentine Singarayar as a new committee member, and founding member Basil Patrick joined our Advisory and Support Panel. Dr Anton Mariampillai presented awards to the best performers at the Australia Day Cricket match and the trophy to the winning Bonjean Team. Overall, I received many positive responses and valuable feedback regarding that night, and I thank all those who contributed to its success.

The committee is actively making arrangements for the 'Patrician Nite' which is to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2016. I look forward to seeing all the members, friends and their families at this event. This annual celebration brings us closer as a community to have fun together with fellow Patricians and their spouses. Details of the event, tickets, etc. can be found on page 4. Please contact committee members as early as you can so that the team can plan for a successful night. Our Committee Members will be reaching out to you to sell as many tickets as possible.

The Global Reunion London 2016 is underway. On behalf of OBA Melbourne I have provided a message to the UK Alumni Association wishing them a great success. We hope the event brings together Jaffna Patricians across the globe to reminisce about their old college days with their families.

In response to the queries raised by some members at the AGM, Fr Rector has provided full details of cricket expenditures incurred by the College since 2008. Please have a quick glance of page 3, and I am sure, we can now put the whole matter to rest once and for all.

As you all know, OBA Melbourne will celebrate its Silver Jubilee in 2017 and we are planning to observe this milestone on a grand scale. Special features will be the establishment of the 'Silver Jubilee Perpetual Fund' and publishing of a 'Perpetual Diary'. More details can be found in the adjacent column. We are seeking contributions to the Fund as well as advertisements for the Diary (Full page ad \$500 and half-page \$300). I kindly request you all to support this endeavour in every way possible.

Once again, I invite you all to participate in the up coming 'Patrician Nite' and enjoy the evening celebrating our Patrician spirit and friendship.

**Chryst Gunanayagam**

## Silver Jubilee Perpetual Fund



As most of you are aware, it was decided unanimously at the last AGM to establish the **Silver Jubilee Perpetual Fund**, to mark the 25th anniversary of the Melbourne OBA next year. As explained at the AGM, and in our Newsletter 27, the purpose of the perpetual fund is **to provide ongoing financial assistance to the College's cricket and other educational needs**. The fund target amount is A\$25,000, which will self-fund our annual commitment to the College made to the former Rector Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam (now Bishop of Jaffna). The fund will be established and invested as a resident fund in Sri Lanka, and interest earned will be paid to the College for disbursements appropriately.

Many of our members have responded to our call and contributed quite generously. Some of them have obtained advertisements for the printing of the Silver Jubilee Commemorative Diary. To date we have received **\$8,500** by way of member contributions and **\$3,800** by way of advertisements. For more details of our Platinum Sponsors and Gold Sponsors, please visit our website: <http://www.spcaustralia.com/25th.html>

The **Silver Jubilee Commemorative Diary** was originally planned to be a 2-year Diary. However, as the cost of printing a 2-year Diary is relatively high the Sub-Committee has decided to go for a 1-year 'Perpetual Diary' – the cost of which will be covered entirely by funds raised from advertisements.

Please note that every dollar donated by the Patricians will be used to establish this fund, and will not be used for any other purposes.

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**Next Function— Patrician Nite 2016 on September 3, 2016**

## Starting G. C. E. (Advanced Level) Technology Stream at St. Patrick's College in 2016.

The Government has introduced Technology Stream as a New (fifth) Stream in G. C. E. (Advanced Level) Studies. All these years there were Arts Stream, Commerce Stream, Physical Science Stream (Maths) and Biological Science Stream. In the recent past, it was observed that many students, being unable to cope up with the hard work in Maths and Bio Stream, were going to the Arts Stream and there were numerous Arts Graduates who remain unemployed and unwanted in the job market. In order to attract the students from Arts stream towards technological education, this stream was introduced. I need not elaborate on the great demand for Middle level Technicians in the job market. With the instruction and encouragement given by the Bishop, who is the Manager of the College, we got the approval from the Ministry to start the Advanced Level Technology Stream in 2016. We commenced it on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2016 when we started the 2<sup>nd</sup> Term of our academic year.

The structure of the Advanced Level Technology course will be as follows:

- Subject I** - Science for Technology  
Comprises of Elements of Chemistry, Mathematics, Information and Communication Technology, Statistics, Micro Biology.
- Subject II** - Either Engineering Technology Or Bio Systems Technology.
- Subject III** - Any one of the following  
(Geography, Accountancy, Business Studies, Information and Communication Technology, Agriculture, and Economics)

At the Final Exam: **75%** of the Marks will be from written Paper and **25%** from Practicals.

*For the Practicals:* We need to put up a building that will have the following sections.

1. Mechanical Engineering Unit.
2. Civil Engineering Unit.
3. Bio System Technology Unit.
4. Electrical Engineering Unit
5. Electronic Unit
6. Tissue Culture Laboratory
7. Students Activity Rooms, Tools and Kits.

For the last three years, several attempts were made to begin this stream but we couldn't do so and some of our students left for other schools to pursue Technology subjects. We can delay this no longer.

We have decided to start and work on constructing the Technological Laboratory and furnishing it stage by stage. Mr. Logan Savirimuthu is working on it for construction and fund raising. Already there is spontaneous response from our Alumni local and abroad. We are confident that Patricians will extend their support for this Long Term Project for the future generation of Patricians.

Rev. Fr. M. Jero Selvanayagam  
Rector

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We kindly request every member to make a contribution of his own, and consider talking to potential businesses to obtain at least one advertisement. The committee is confident that it will be able to accomplish this task sooner with your enthusiastic support.



As you can gather from this newsletter, in the past eight years the College has been spending over half a million rupees each year for their cricket activities, and last year alone they spent nearly Rs.700,000. With your generous support we have been able to share a quarter of this expenditure consistently, and we all ought to feel proud of it.

**We trust you will continue to play a collective role in sharing the burden of our Alma Mater in a small way.**

**Sub-Committee for Silver Jubilee Perpetual Fund**

**2008 to 2015 Cricket Expenses at St. Patrick's College  
for Under 13, 15, 17 & 19**

Expenditure in 2008	
Travelling in Jaffna District	18,090.00
Travelling Out Station	79,800.00
Food Meals and Tea	227,074.00
Nutrition items during practice	17,835.00
Umpires fees	27,500.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	187,863.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>558,162.00</b>

Expenditure in 2009	
Travelling in Jaffna District	27,400.00
Travelling Out Station	93,550.00
Food Meals and Tea	139,770.00
Nutrition items during practice	31,750.00
Umpires fees	64,500.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	141,780.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>498,750.00</b>

Expenditure in 2010	
Travelling in Jaffna District	24,650.00
Travelling Out Station	117,000.00
Food Meals and Tea	163,310.00
Nutrition items during practice	26,570.00
Umpires fees	77,000.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	179,830.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>588,360.00</b>


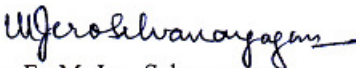
Expenditure in 2011	
Travelling in Jaffna District	14,500.00
Travelling Out Station	104,000.00
Food Meals and Tea	158,515.00
Nutrition items during practice	23,940.00
Umpires fees	73,000.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	191,980.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>565,935.00</b>

Expenditure in 2012	
Travelling in Jaffna District	19,750.00
Travelling Out Station	98,000.00
Food Meals and Tea	193,375.00
Nutrition items during practice	19,465.00
Umpires fees	67,000.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	146,540.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>544,130.00</b>

Expenditure in 2013	
Travelling in Jaffna District	16,500.00
Travelling Out Station	121,400.00
Food Meals and Tea	187,950.00
Nutrition items during practice	20,630.00
Umpires fees	82,500.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	168,210.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>597,190.00</b>

Expenditure in 2014	
Travelling in Jaffna District	21,000.00
Travelling Out Station	111,500.00
Food Meals and Tea	203,736.00
Nutrition items during practice	26,850.00
Umpires fees	77,750.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	163,450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>604,286.00</b>

Expenditure in 2015	
Travelling in Jaffna District	30,500.00
Travelling Out Station	164,750.00
Food Meals and Tea	190,774.00
Nutrition items during practice	18,950.00
Umpires fees	94,500.00
Cricket Materials for all age Groups	195,785.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>695,259.00</b>

  
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**SPC OBA Melbourne Cricket Remittances: June 2008—March 2016**

College Financial Yr	Amount Spent by College	OBA Financial Yr	Amount Sent by OBA	Our Contribution %
2008	Rs.558162	2008/09	\$1500 - Rs.151,425	27
2009	Rs.498750	2009/10	\$1500 - Rs.133,095	27
2010	Rs.588360	2010/11	\$1500 - Rs.150,000	26
2011	Rs.565935	2011/12	\$1500 - Rs.180,000	32
2012	Rs.544130	2012/13	\$1500 - Rs.195,000	36
2013	Rs.597190	2013/14	\$1500 - Rs.176,250	30
2014	Rs.604286	2014/15	\$1500 - Rs.156,750	26
2015	Rs.695259	2015/16	\$1500 - Rs.160,500	23

**The figures speak for themselves.**

In the last 8 yrs, the College spent Rs.4,652,072 for cricket related activities and our OBA sent Rs.1,303,020, which amounts to 28%.

**NOTE: Funds sent by the OBA to date for all purposes have been acknowledged by the Rector.**



## A manifesto against ‘Parenting’

Caring for children shouldn’t be like carpentry, with a finished product in mind. We should grow our children, like gardeners.

**What should parents do?** The scientific picture fits what we all know already, although knowing doesn’t make it any easier: We unconditionally commit to love and care for this particular child. We do this even though all children are different, all parents are different, and we have no idea beforehand what our child will be like. We try to give our children a strong sense of safety and stability. We do this even though the whole point of that safe base is to encourage children to take risks and have adventures. And we try to pass on our knowledge, wisdom and values to our children, even though we know that they will revise that knowledge, challenge that wisdom and reshape those values.

In fact, the very point of commitment, nurture and culture is to allow variation, risk and innovation. Even if we could precisely shape our children into particular adults, that would defeat the whole evolutionary purpose of childhood.

We follow our intuitions, muddle through and hope for the best.

Perhaps the best metaphor for understanding our distinctive relationship to children is an old one. **Caring for children is like tending a garden, and being a parent is like being a gardener.** When we garden, we work and sweat and we’re often up to our ears in manure. We do it to create a protected and nurturing space for plants to flourish.

As all gardeners know, nothing works out the way we planned. The greatest pleasures and triumphs, as well as disasters, are unexpected. There is a deeper reason behind this.

A good garden, like any good ecosystem, is dynamic, variable and resilient. Consider what it takes to create a meadow or a hedgerow or a cottage garden. The glory of a meadow is its messiness: The different grasses and flowers may flourish or perish as circumstances alter, and there is no guarantee that any individual plant will become the tallest, or fairest or most long-blooming. **The good gardener works to create fertile soil that can sustain a whole ecosystem of different plants with different strengths and beauties**—and with different weaknesses and difficulties, too.

Unlike a good chair, a good garden is constantly changing, as it adapts to the changing circumstances of the weather and the seasons. And in the long run, that kind of varied, flexible, complex, dynamic system will be more robust and adaptable than the most carefully tended hothouse bloom.

As individual parents and as a community, our job is not to shape our children’s minds; it is to let those minds explore all the possibilities that the world allows. **Our job is not to make a particular kind of child but to provide a protected space of love, safety and stability in which children of many unpredictable kinds can flourish.**



Love doesn’t have goals or benchmarks or blueprints, but it does have a purpose.

*Extract from an essay adapted from Dr. Alison Gopnik’s “The Gardener and the Carpenter: What the New Science of Child Development Tells Us About the Relationship Between Parents and Children,” which will be published in early August by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. She is a professor of psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, and a regular contributor to Review’s “Mind & Matter” column.*

To read the full article, please visit:

[http://www.wsj.com/articles/a-manifesto-against-parenting-1467991745?utm\\_source=pocket&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pockethits](http://www.wsj.com/articles/a-manifesto-against-parenting-1467991745?utm_source=pocket&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pockethits)

## The Resurgence of St. Patrick's Soccer



With headlines like **St. Patrick's College showered goals; the Patrician dominance continues;** and **St. Patrick's maul St. Peter's in their own back yard**, the College sports activities are thriving once again, making us look back nostalgically on the good old 60's & 70's.

**St. Patrick's College showered goals** in a league match against Nalanda College, Colombo, to enter the Quarterfinals of the Kotmale Chox U19 Football Tournament.

Patricians scored 12 goals while Nalandians scored nil. And the Patrician dominance continues.

1st Match	SPC-05 -- Vs Gilmer College-01
2nd Match	SPC-03 -- Vs Maristela College-01
3rd Match	SPC-01 -- Vs St. Sebastian College-00
4th Match	SPC-05 -- Vs St. Thomas College-00
5th Match	SPC-06 -- Vs St. Peter's College-01
6th Match	SPC-12 -- Vs Nalanda College-00



### St. Patrick's maul St. Peter's in their own back yard

St. Peter's College were hammered in their own back yard by St. Patrick's College by **6 goals to 1** in the Kotmale Chox U19 Schools Football Championship group D encounter worked off at St. Peter's grounds. The visitors started off with a ... .. For full report and photos, visit:

<http://www.thepapare.com/st-patricks-maul-the-st-peters-in-their-own-back-yard/>

**ThePapare.com** named D.H.Hains from St. Patrick's College, Jaffna, the 'Player of the Match'.

**Congratulations to the Rector, coaches and, of course, the team members.**

## பறக்கும் விமானத்தில் இடம்பெற்ற உண்மைச் சம்பவம்

இந்நிகழ்வு 14 அக்டோபர் 1998 அன்று கண்டங்களுக்கிடையேயான பிரயாணமொன்றின் போது விமானமொன்றில் இடம்பெற்றது.

விமானத்தில் பெண் ஒருவர் ஒரு ஆபிரிக்கரின் அருகில் அமர்ந்திருந்தாள். இனத்துவேசியான அந்தப் பெண், விமானப் பணிப்பெண்ணை அழைத்து நீக்ரோவின் அருகில் தன்னால் தொடர்ந்தும் அமர முடியாது என்றும் தனக்குப் பிறிதொரு இடம் ஒதுக்கித் தருமாறும் கேட்டுக் கொண்டாள். ஆனால் விமானம் முற்றிலுமாக நிரம்பி விட்டது என்றும், முதல் வகுப்பில் இடம் இருந்தால் ஒதுக்கித்தருவதாகவும் சொல்லிவிட்டுச் சென்றாள் பணிப்பெண். இந்நிகழ்வை வெறுப்போடு பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருந்த பயணிகள், குறித்த பெண்ணின் பண்பாடற்ற நடத்தையை மாத்திரமன்றி போதாக்குறைக்கு முதல் வகுப்பில் பயணம் செய்யப்போவதை இட்டும் கடிந்து கொண்டனர்.

அந்த அப்பாவி ஆபிரிக்கரோ நடக்கும் நிகழ்வால் அதிர்வுற்றிருப்பினும் அமைதியாக இருப்பதற்கு முடிவு செய்து கொண்டார். பெண்ணோ முதல் வகுப்புக்கு செல்லப்போகும் மகிழ்ச்சியில் பணிப்பெண்ணின் வருகையை எதிர்பார்த்திருந்தாள்.

சில நிமிடங்களுக்குப் பின் திரும்பிய பணிப்பெண் குறித்த பெண்ணிடம் மன்னிப்புக் கேட்டவளாக, "முதல் வகுப்பில் ஒரு இடம் உள்ளது. இந்த விபரத்தை அறிந்து கொள்வதற்கு சற்று நேரம் செலவாகியது. அதன் பிறகு இடமாற்றத்திற்கு விமானியிடம் அனுமதி பெறவேண்டியிருந்தது. விமானியும் "எமது விமானத்தில் எந்த ஒருவரும் தொந்தரவு தரும் ஒருவரின் அருகில் அமர வேண்டிய கட்டாயமில்லை" என்று கூறி விட்டு இடமாற்றத்திற்கு அனுமதி தந்தார்" என்று கூறி முடித்தாள்.

சக பயணிகளுக்கு அங்கு நடப்பவற்றை உண்மையில் நம்ப முடியவில்லை. குறித்த பெண்ணோ இறுமாப்பில் ஒரு அசட்டுச்சிரிப்போடு முதல் வகுப்பிற்குச் செல்வதற்காக தனது இடத்தை விட்டு எழுத் தயாரானாள்.

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# Patrician Nite 2016

Saturday, 3 September 2016

Please arrive by 6.30 pm

Venue: **Sacred Heart Church / Primary School Hall, 21, Johnson Street, Oakleigh (Mel 69 F8)**

DJ Music: *Naz* Entertainment: Tamil and English songs sung by local artists

Smorgasbord: *Curry Kicks, The Concord, Bundoora*

Wine and Soft Drink provided for each table

Raffle Draws - Several Prizes

Tickets - \$40 [Children (5 - 15yrs) - \$15]

*The members and families attending the Patrician Nite have been increasing every year. Members are welcome to invite their friends to come along and spend an enjoyable evening – dining and dancing as well as meeting other Patricians and make new friends. It is a once-an-year occasion for Patricians to celebrate and foster fellowship and network with others. A Committee/Advisory-Panel Member will be in touch with you soon. If you have not been contacted, please call Anandan on 0431 571 066 to obtain tickets.*

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சரியாக அச்சமயம் பணிப்பெண் நீக்ரோ மனிதனைப் பார்த்து, "சார், தங்களுக்காக முதல் வகுப்பில் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டுள்ள இடத்திற்குச் செல்வதற்கு தயாராகுங்கள். விமானியவர்கள், எமது நிறுவனத்தின் சார்பாக உங்களிடமிருந்து இவ்வாறான விரும்பத்தகாத நிகழ்வுக்குக் காரணமான ஒருவரின் அருகில் அமர நிர்ப்பந்திக்கப் பட்டமைக்காக மன்னிப்புக் கேட்டுக் கொள்கின்றார்" என்று கூறி அந்த மனிதரிடம் தன்னைப் பின்தொடருமாறு கேட்டுக் கொண்டாள். குறித்த பெண்ணோ அசடுவழிய பணிப்பெண்ணையே பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருந்தாள்.

சக பயணிகள் பிரச்சினையை சமயோசிதமாக, அழகிய முறையில் தீர்த்து வைத்த பணிப் பெண்ணைப் பாராட்டினர்.

அந்த வருடம் குறித்த பணிப்பெண்ணும் தலைமை விமானியும் நிறுவனத்தின் அதி உயர் விருது வழங்கி கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டனர். அத்துடன் கீழ் வரும் வாசகம் நிறுவனத்தின் அனைத்து அலுவலகங்களுக்கும் ஊழியர்களின் பார்வைக்காக என்று அனுப்பி வைக்கப்பட்டது:

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