



# St Patrick's College

## OBA – Melbourne, Australia

P.O. Box 574 Rosanna, Vic 3084

Newsletter 3

### MESSAGE FROM RECTOR.....



Dear Patricians,

It is with great delight I wish you a very happy feast of St. Patrick, our heavenly Patron. Also I wish you a successful gathering wherever you meet to celebrate this event. Let us implore St. Patrick to intercede with the Lord Almighty to "come to our aid and in our battle take part"

As proud Patricians enriched by finest tradition and inspired by high ideals of nobility & character let us continue to foster the great heritage we take pride in, as we meet for celebrations now. Your growing enthusiasm and commitment towards the welfare and the growth of the College is really amazing.

In our homeland, we are striving to forge ahead despite several barriers. With the war situation that surrounds us, panic and fear being our daily bread, we have not succumbed to despair. Our students are performing well in studies and in co-curricular activities.

The new management at College lays greater emphasis on qualitative development in both academic & co-curricular aspects. Enhancing the teaching learning process by providing better equipment and technology will be our immediate priority.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all those who sent greetings to me when I assumed duties. The support and encouragement we obtain from our Alumni, urges us to work more effectively to rise to still greater heights.

With kind regards and prayerful wishes,

Rev.Fr. M.Jero Selvanayagam.  
Rector SPC, Jaffna

### SPC OBA Melbourne:

**Address:**.....P.O.Box 574,  
Rosanna Vic 3084

**Established :** .....1988

**Annual Membership Fee:** ...\$20.00

**Current Membership:**.....22

**No.of Patricians in Vic :** .....100 Approx

**Objectives.....:** Patricians & their family members to Socialise & Help SPC Jaffna in need.

**OBA Locker :** St PASCAL's Church,  
100, Albion Rd, Box Hill.

### Current Committee 2007/08

**President:** .....Jeevaranjan.F

**Secretary:** .....Angelo Fernando

**Treasurer :** .....P. Ravindraraaj

**Social Secretary:** .....Nimal Augustine

**Members:** .....Jerry Anthonipillai

Reg Cherubim

Cornelius Sebastian

Jerad Jogaratnam

Brian Alexandar

### Team Captains 2007/08 :

**Matthews Team :** Ranjan Gunaratnam

**Long Team .....** I.F. Manoraj

### Special Guests/ Visitors 2007/08:

Rev.Fr.Ted Teal Parish Priest H'Berg.

Rev.Fr Justine G. Former Rector SPC.

## From the President...

Dear Patricians,

I am happy to meet you via the newsletter again within the short time.

It has been a busy and a rewarding year for us with some major achievements. At the first meeting we clearly defined not to focus on any fundraising activities, but to improve relationship and participation through constant communication. To a certain extent we have achieved that. Throughout the year, the team worked tirelessly and enthusiastically to accomplish this, for that I would like to thank our committee members for their dedication.

There have been requests to form **Bonjean** and **Dunne** teams. At the next AGM, we will ask for expressions of interest from the old boys who like to play for the teams.

**Special Thanks go to the sponsors of the College Cricket Fund and people who supported us in all our ventures.** I greatly appreciate their commitment and willingness in this matter.

In the past, we have been requested to help the Patricians' Perpetual Trust Fund (Colombo). Rev Fr Justin also mentioned about this issue during his visits. (See the PPTF secretary's message).

I would like to invite you all in the celebration of St Patrick's Day mass, dinner and the AGM on **29th Saturday**.

Wish you all a very happy feast of St. Patrick and a Happy Easter.

With the blessings of risen Christ,

Jeevaranjan

## Secretary's Report.....

It has been a terrific year, filled with success and refreshed college day memories, for all of us, the close knit community of St. Patrick's College OBA Melbourne, all achieved with our college motto "Fide et Labore" Faith and Labor.

It is particularly pleasing to be able to give you this "Summary of OBA activities 2007/08" with such an up-beat comment of appreciation rooted in my personal experience with you all, your family members and friends through out the period. All of your participation, support and encouragement have been simply outstanding. Especially, it has been very encouraging to see the engagement of past presidents and committee members along with many sponsors and supporters.

It was a great head start that we had our college day celebration last year on the very day of St. Patrick, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2007. A good number of Patricians participated that enabled the formation of the 11-member committee.

Drawing from the visions of past presidents and committees, in the light of current circumstances and preferences of members, committee decided to embark on the mission of "improve and strengthen goodwill among the members and support the Alma Mater with financial assistance".

Committee was quick on the job by setting ambitious goals, with the following major ones:

- Membership-drive with improved communication.
- Fundraising towards supporting College benefits.
- Setting rules and regulations for the SPC-OBA Melbourne

Translation of them has been attributed to seven meetings with following major outcomes:

Members' database: As the backbone for the communication, built up the strength to 84 members with up-to-date contact details.

Social Night 25<sup>th</sup> August 2007: Socialising function in a casual atmosphere. We all witnessed that opportunity was used by patricians in making and strengthening the goodwill.

Cricket & BBQ 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008: The successful fund raising event; Used the opportunity to honor Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam as well.

Communication: Newsletters have been the main communication mode to report all OBA activities. Information superhighway was also used efficiently so that to put SPC-OBA Melbourne on the map of our patrician communities around the world. A PO Box has been registered to have a permanent address for communication with OBA.

A no-go decision was made in building a website within this period, due to lack of resource to meet the efforts involved in keep it updated and sustainable.

Decisions on Constitution and Trust Fund have been deferred to get the members' opinion in the AGM.

St. Patrick's Day celebration and AGM 29<sup>th</sup> March 2008: Traditional celebration with the AGM to select the next committee.

Special praise should go to this year's committee. From the day one, committee members have been very engaging. It was unfortunate that vice president Vincent and secretary Phillip who contributed tremendously, had to step down due to personal commitments. President Jeevaranjan's determination towards the mission and sheer hard work has been exemplary.

We patricians are loyal and have the interests of our Alma Mater at heart. We are aware of the responsibility that we owe to the long-sufferings our college back home. We have come through a long way to build up the current foundation and I hope that future committees will sustain the endeavor and keep the momentum going. I also urge all members to continue providing support to the forthcoming committees.

Once again, congratulations and thanks to all of you.

On behalf of the committee, I welcome you all for the St. Patrick's Day 2008 function.

Yours sincerely,  
Angelo Fernando.



Long Team 2007/08

William Rajendram, S.D.Jeyanathan, Jerad Jogaratnam, A.Adrian, G.Canisious, S.Cornelius, Philip Ravindraraaj, Edward Arulnesathasan , I.F.Manoraj(C), A. Jayanthira, G.Stephen, Tyrone Kulanayagam,



Matthews Team 2007/08

J.Vijayaratnam, Suresh Anthonipillai, Kumar Mutthiah, Reg Cherubim, Basil Patrick, Ranjan Gunaratnam(C), Chris Gunanayagam, Pillai Mariasegaram, Jeya Balasingham, Ramesh Anthonipillai, Philip Christopher



### SPC Cricket Sponsorship Fund Donors:

Angelo Fernando

Antony Gratton

Basil Balendran

Basil Patrick

Suresh Gunaratnam

Chris Gunanayagam

Cornelius Sebastian

Dr Douglas Bastiampillai

Dr A. Mariampillai

Edward Arulnesathasan

Florentine Singarayer

Isidor Manoraj

James Augustine

Jeevaranjan Fernando

Jerad Jogaratnam

Jerry Alphonsus

Jeyendra Antonipillai

John Pathinathan

Kumar Mutthiah

M Jesurajah

C. Arulnayagam

Philip Ravindraraaj

Ranjan Gunaratnam

Reg Cherubim

Stanislaus Jeyanathan

Suresh Anthonipillai

Tyrone Kulanayagam

J. Vijayaratnam

William Nimalraj

William Rajendram

**St Patrick's Day Mass, Celebration and  
Annual General Meeting.**

Will be held at :

St John's Church

Cape Street

Heidelberg

on

**29th March 2008**

**At 7.15PM**



**Activities this year 2007/08:**

Social Night .....25th Aug 2007

Cricket & BBQ .....28th Jan 2008

St. Patrick's Day .....29th Mar 2008

**Event Sponsors 2007/08:**

Reg Cherubim .....Financial

J. Vijayaratnam.....Financial

Jerad Jogaratnam...Sound/Music

H'berg Parish.....Venue

Parks Victoria.....Venue

Want to be in touch  
with our St. Patrick;s  
College Community  
around the world?

Please join the Ferdi's  
email list by sending  
your email address to:

**[e\\_ferdinand1@ekit.com](mailto:e_ferdinand1@ekit.com)**

**Message from PPTF Secretary.....**

Dear Patricians,

A list of donations received by "THE PATRICIANS' PERPETUAL TRUST FUND" during the year 2007 is being sent (in the attached file), for your information . Included with the attached list, is an appeal to EVERY PATRICIAN, to kindly assist in building up the Trust Fund, as quickly as possible.

You may send your donations direct to the PPTF - or contact the SPC Alumni Association in your area, to arrange donations collectively with other members of your Alumni Association. A donation to the PPTF is an excellent way of keeping alive the memory of your dear departed Parents, Teachers, Priests etc.

You or your Alumni Association, can establish a scholarship in memory of your beloved one - and thus help a deserving student through College - with an initial donation of just 500 Pounds - or 1000 US \$ . We need not point out that such an arrangement will be of timely help to the many students yearning for assistance during this difficult period in Jaffna.

A scholarship for undergraduate students (in Sri Lankan Universities or Other Educational Institutions in Sri Lanka) would cost just a little bit more - but such scholarships will be of great benefit to students of the College, just after their period of studies at the College. If a few Patricians in your town get together, it would not be too difficult to establish a scholarship for one or two students in need.

The PPTF is willing ( and yearning) to assist you in making your dreams come true. Your donation will be held in deposit and benefits will flow to Patricians in need, year after year. "The need is great but the donations are few". Let's pray to our Heavenly Father to inspire potential Patrician benefactors to act fast.

Best Regards.

M.D. Jesuthasan Secy (PPTF)

Donor	Total (LKR)
SPC AA Colombo	7,800.00
SPC AA Jaffna	9,700.00
SPC AA Toronto	596,000.00
Mr. A. Christian	260,000.00
Mr. P.M.G Selvarajah	8,000.00
Mr. C.N. Lawrence	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	
<b>Total</b>	<b>906,500.00</b>