



St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA

Melbourne, Australia

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Newsletter 7

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Dear Fellow Patricians

Once again, it is a pleasure to meet you through this newsletter.

As you may know, we had our Cricket & Barbeque on Australia day at Wattle Park, located in Surrey Hills. The weather was fantastic and the encouraging sign was the increased number of participants. The children enjoyed playing tennis, the youngsters played a friendly cricket match and the women enjoyed the tug of war.

The BBQ was outstanding. There was a variety of chicken, lamb, corn, and salad, with the specialty of the day - goat meat curry with bread.

The feedback from participants were very positive. The 20/20 cricket match finished on time, and the trophy was won by the determined Matthews team, led by Ranjan Gunaratnam. Well done to all of the Matthews team. It was good to see that some new players were introduced to both teams.

A few patricians made voluntary contributions in response to the 'Cyclone Nisha Appeal' by our Rector, Fr. Jero Selvanayagam in our last newsletter. Those who would like to contribute to the Cyclone Nisha Appeal can still do so within the next two weeks.

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Hail, glorious Saint Patrick, dear saint of our Isle

Thy people, now exiles on many a shore;

*Ever bless and defend the sweet land of our birth
On Lanka's green valleys look down in thy love.*



SPC Jaffna OBA—Melbourne

Established : 1992

Current Membership:..... 46

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

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

Committee— 2008/09

President: Jeevaranjan Fernando

Secretary: Antony Gratian

Asst. Secretary: Angelo Fernando

Treasurer : Philip Ravindraraaj

Social Secretary: Nimal Augustine

Committee Members: Cornelius Sebastian

Jerad Jogaratnam

Anton Newton

Guna Arulanantham

Alfred Reynold

William Nimalraaj

Cricket Team Captains—2008/09

Matthews Team : Ranjan Gunaratnam

Long Team : Isidore .F. Manoraj

Dunne Team : Terry James

Bonjean Team : Dilip Manuelpillai

Hello fellow members of the OBA Melboure! Following is a list of the donor members of the OBA. Thank you for your wonderful support in the past year. We are constantly trying to update our records in order that we may serve our Alma Mater best. If your name is spelt incorrectly, written back-to-front or missing, please contact either the Treasurer or Anton Newton whose phone numbers can be found on page 4 of this Newsletter. We kindly ask your cooperation in this matter, and particularly those Patricians who haven't renewed your membership, please do so either electronically or at the upcoming AGM.

Name		Cricket Fund	Cyclone Fund
Anton	Albert		Yes
William	Anandaraj		Yes
Jerry	Anthony pillai	Yes	
Jeyendra	Antony pillai	Yes	
Suresh	Antony pillai	Yes	
Gunaratnam	Arulanatham	Yes	Yes
C	Arulnayagam	Yes	Yes
Basil	Balendran	Yes	
M.R.I.	Cherubim	Yes	
Bertram	Constantine		Yes
Dr. Basty	Douglas	Yes	Yes
Angelo	Fernando	Yes	Yes
Jeevaranjan	Fernando	Yes	Yes
Dr. S.K.	Florentine	Yes	
Antony	Gratian	Yes	Yes
Chrysostom	Gunanayagam	Yes	
Lucky Bicknel	Gunaratnam	Yes	
Ranjan	Gunaratnam	Yes	
Augustine	James	Yes	Yes
Jenith	Jesuthasan		Yes
Stanislaus	Jeyanathan	Yes	Yes
	Jeyendra		Yes
Jerad	Jogarathnam	Yes	Yes
Saverimuttu	Kulanayagam	Yes	
Tyronne	Kulanayagam	Yes	
Cyril	Kulendran		Yes
Francis	Manoraj	Yes	Yes
Dr A.	Mariampillai	Yes	
Pillai	Mariasegaram	Yes	Yes
Anton	Newton	Yes	
Canisious	Nicolan		Yes
William	Nimalraj	Yes	Yes
John	Pathinathan	Yes	
William	Rajendram		Yes
Noel	Rajeev		Yes
Philip	Ravindraraj	Yes	Yes
Alfred	Reynold	Yes	Yes
Cornelius	Sebastiampillai	Yes	Yes
William	Sugantharaj		Yes
Joseph	Vijayaretnam	Yes	

Please note that about 50% of the Cricket Fund committed by the donors is yet to be collected. We will welcome receipt of these funds as soon as possible.

**Thank you all for your generous support and understanding
Without you—Patricians—there is no OBA**

We look forward to another year of meaningful interaction with you and the College in 2009—10

Patrician Nite 2008



Hi All

Just want to let you know guys that you have done it in style this time. Congratulations to all committee members. It is nicely organised and glad to see the children of Patrician have formed a new Music group (Shamrockers). We all should encourage this budding talented young group to grow and perform a number of similar programs like this. Well done Jerad.

I hope the committee will continue this approach for future events and

Best Regards

Vincent Pius

Cricket and Barbeque 2009



Dear Jeeva uncle

Many thanks to you for organising the SPC OBA cricket match.

I had heaps and heaps of fun. I met heaps of new friends both guys and girls.

We talked and laughed a lot. The weather was great and the food was great too.

Everyone brought a little something for us all to enjoy at the barbeque!

It was fun playing on the tennis courts. I think that this SPC OBA cricket match has got to be one of the best ones yet! And I'm really looking forward to another great SPC OBA cricket match next year, I'll get to see all my friends again for another great day and you will be able to see your friends too!

Thanks again for a great day.

Ashanthi G.



Ladies young and old took part in the tug-of-war competition under the able direction of Guna Arulanantham. Despite some unexpected casualties, all participants enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly, ending with a sumptuous BBQ.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

St Patrick's Day Mass , AGM & Celebrations — 21 March 2009 at 6.30 pm
St Pascal's Church, 100 Albion Road, Box Hill



Saint Patrick

St. Patrick of [Ireland](#) is one of the world's most popular saints. Patrick was born around 385 in Scotland, probably Kilpatrick. His [parents](#) were [Romans](#) living in Britian in charge of the colonies. As a boy of fourteen or so, he was captured during a raiding party and taken to [Ireland](#) as a slave to herd and tend sheep. [Ireland](#) at this [time](#) was a land of Druids and pagans.

During his captivity, he turned to [God](#) in prayer. He wrote "I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain". Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from [God](#) in which he was told to leave [Ireland](#) by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britian, where he reunited with his family.

He had another dream in which the people of [Ireland](#) were calling out to him "We beg you, holy youth, to come and walk among us once more."

He began his studies for the priesthood. Later, Patrick was ordained a bishop, and was sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He arrived in [Ireland](#) March 25, 433, and began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to [Christianity](#) when hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of [Ireland](#) for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for [God](#) in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. He died at Saul, where he had built the first church.

Why a shamrock?

Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity, and has been associated with him and the Irish since that time.

In His Footsteps:

Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in [God](#) should be a shining example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even death, so complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission.

Notice Board

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please contact our Treasurer Philip Ravindraraj on 9551 6918 or Anton Newton on 9440 1960 and help us help our Alma Mater.

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

Senior Patricians

are invited to **Share your Experience, Stories and Memories of the Good Old College.**

You have many fabulous stories of the 40s, 50s & 60s. Write to us or ring us.

It could be a joke, an incident or a great achievement that can add flavour to our newsletter!

Let us share the collective memory of the

Glory of our Alma Mater

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This year, a few more sponsors joined the Cricket sponsorship Fund. The committee wishes to thank each and every one of the sponsors for their generous support to the college cricket.

Our next social event is St Patrick's Day. We are gathering to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saint, with a holy mass followed by AGM and the traditional string-hopper meals, at St Pascal's church situated in Box Hill. The holy mass will be celebrated by visiting priest Reverend Fr. Florentine Rajaratnam. It is a great opportunity to revisit the old days to meet and greet new and old faces with the same sprit of our Alma Mater.

I invite all of you to attend the celebration of Saint Patrick feast on this special occasion.

Jeevaranjan

President

St Patrick's Day Greetings and Cricket Report from the Rector

My Dear Patricians in Australia,

I wish each one of you and your families, warm greetings on St. Patrick's Day.

Let us invoke our Heavenly Patron to intercede on our behalf to "**come to our aid, in our battle take part**".

It is my special duty to thank **all members of Melbourne Branch and Sydney Branch** for all the encouragement and support rendered to the College for Cricket in 2008.

In spite of the grim situations prevailing here, our students did very well in studies and sports in 2008. In cricket, their performance was outstanding. As I wrote to you earlier, the Under 17 Cricket Team was the District Champions. They went up to the quarter finals at National Level. The under 15 was the Runner up at District Level and they went up to the pre quarter finals at National Level.

This year, the under 19 (First XI) Cricket team had a very exciting season and emerged as Northern Provincial Champions. They will go to the south for pre quarter finals soon. I hereby submit below the detail accounts of Cricket expenditure in 2008 for your kind perusal. (See Attachment for photographs)

I thank you once again for your continued support to the College.

God Bless You

Fr M Jero Selvanayagam

Rector

Money Received from Old Boys in Australia for Cricket in 2008

15.02.2008	From Mr Nelson Ambrose –OBA Sydney	50,000.00 Rs
02.05.2008	From OBA Sydney	194,000.00 Rs
30.07.2008	OBA Melbourne through Mr. A.Gratian	<u>151,425.00 Rs</u>
	TOTAL Received	<u>395,425.00 Rs</u>

Expenditure in 2008

Cricket Materials for the Four (Under19,17,15,13) Teams		187,863.00 Rs
Nutrition items during practice days		17,835.00 Rs
Umpires Fees		27,544.00 Rs
Lunch, Tea & snacks at 28 Matches		227,074.00 Rs
Travelling		
- within Jaffna District	18,090.00	
- by ship to Trinco to south (Under15)	79,800.00	<u>97,890.00 Rs</u>
	TOTAL Expenditure	<u>558,206.00 Rs</u>

Fr. A. P. Thirumahan

Bursar

Fr. M. Jero Selvanayagam

Rector

(Please see photos next page.)

