



St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA

Melbourne, Australia

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Newsletter 9

December 2009

Dear Fellow Patricians

Once again it is a privilege to write a few words for the December 2009 edition of the newsletter of St Patrick's College Jaffna, Melbourne OBA

Thank you to all the members who purchased tickets, attended the function and contributed to the success of the Patrician Nite 2009. The event was a 'sell-out' and it was a great night going by all the feedback received. Special mention to the performers including Pillai who choreographed the "Koothu" which was well received. The net proceeds from the event amounting to \$1,500 has been sent to Fr Rector for assistance to the students from Vanni. Photographs from the night have been published in the website - www.spcaustralia.com

Our next function is the Cricket day/Sausage sizzle scheduled for Tuesday, 26 January 2010. This year, the plan is to revive the "Battle of the Golds" - between St Patrick's OBA and Jaffna College OBA. The nominal contribution is \$10 for those over 12 years and \$5 for children between 6 and 12. The charge is to pay for the grounds and the food. We hope to see many Patricians and their families at this event. More details elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Committee also decided to make the AGM - usually held during the weekend after St Patrick's day - as brief as possible, which was one of the requests at the last AGM. Enclosed with this newsletter is a nomination form - for members to volunteer to serve on the Committee for the next Patrician year. The Committee meets about 6 times a year and is a great way to be involved in planning the association's activities. The names of those members who have volunteered to
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SPC Jaffna OBA—Melbourne

Established : 1992
Current Membership:..... 46
No. of Patricians in Vic : 100 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.

Website: www.spcaustralia.com

Committee— 2009/10

President: James Joseph
Secretary: Philip Ravindraraj
Treasurer : William Nimalraj
Committee Members: Jeevaranjan Fernando
 Antony Gratian
 Anton Newton
 Angelo Fernando
 Dr Anton Mariampillai
 Chris Gunanayagam
 Jeyandra Antonipillai

Cricket Team Captains—2008/09

Matthews Team : Ranjan Gunaratnam
Long Team : Isidore .F. Manoraj
Dunne Team : Terry James
Bonjean Team : Dilip Manuelpillai



Happy New Year

To you and your loved ones.

May the Prince of Peace
show us new pathways in
2010

My dear Patricians,

I am delighted to convey my Seasonal Greetings to you as you gather for the Annual Christmas get together.

The Angels sang 'Glory to God in the highest, and Peace to his people on earth'.

May the peace of Christmas prevail in our country that is tormented by war. This Christmas comes when we are engaged in resettling our brethren returning from the IDP camps in Vavuniya. May our service to these suffering brethren find its meaning and fulfillment in the event of 'Our Lord's presence among his people'.

We have admitted 93 students who returned from Vanni to various classes. This number will continue to increase later. We hope to accommodate students above Grade 6 who have lost their breadwinners in the recent Vanni operation, to the college hostel under the sponsorship of our Alumni.

This year had been quit a successful one both in curricular and co-curricular activities. 75% passed the G.C.E. (O/L) examination. 54% of the G.C.E. (A/L) 2009 students qualified to apply for university admissions. 14 students passed the Grade 5 scholarship examination. The Under 19 cricket team emerged as the Best team in Northern Province and the Under 19 soccer team went up to the quarter finals at National level.

As we are stepping into the 160th year of our College in 2010, we hope to organize special events, such as an Exhibition and Invitation Tournaments in soccer and cricket.

I express my sincere gratitude to all the members of our Alumni Association Melbourne for the unstinted support rendered to the College this year.

Let the 'Patrician Spirit' continue to glow in our mist, enriching one another in all our endeavors.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year 2010.

Rev.Fr. Jero Selvanayagam

RECTOR

Cricket 2009

The year 2009 was very remarkable for St. Patrick's for cricket.

The under 19 cricket team emerged champions in Jaffna district. It was selected as the Best Team in Northern Province and promoted to Division II of Sri Lanka school Cricket Association. M.D. Sajeenthiran, P.Navatheepan and S.Milando played for the Jaffna District team. Hereafter, the First XI cricket fixtures are with the southern schools.

In the under 19, 6 A side cricket tournament St. Patrick's emerged champions. S.Milando captained the Jaffna District under 19 selected team while P.Navatheepan was the Vice captain.

The under 17 Cricket Team emerged champion in Jaffna District and eventually became Provincial champion.

M.D.Kajenthiran , Morris and A.Ajith Darwin played for the under 15 Jaffna District cricket team and later for North East Province. A.Ajith Darwin, the captain of the North East Provincial team, was awarded the Best Bowler of the tournament at National Level.

As the Alumni Association branches in Melbourne and Sydney help the College for the Development of the game of cricket, we sincerely thank them for the great support given by them to enable us to obtain these achievements.

Fr. Jero Selvanayagam

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Our Boys' Achievements in Cricket



Under 15 All Island Best Bowler



Best Team in Northern Province



Winners of 50 overs



Six a side Champions



Team that met Bandaranaike College

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Australia Day Cricket Match & Barbeque — **Tuesday, 26 January 2010 at 9.30 am**

St Patrick's Day Mass , Celebrations & AGM — **Saturday, 20 March 2010**

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serve on the Committee will be published in the February 2010 newsletter and the AGM can then formally elect them as Committee members and office bearers. The evening will be available to meet and get to know other members and their families and enjoy the dinner and the AGM itself would be of short duration.

Also enclosed with the newsletter is a reminder form to pay the annual subscription. There are many ways to pay the subscription and we hope members who have not paid their subscription for 2009 will do so before the end of the year.

A X'Mas message from Fr Rector to the Melbourne OBA is published in the newsletter including the following: "I express my sincere gratitude to all the members of our Alumni association Melbourne, for the unstinted support rendered to the College this year".

The "Jaffna SPC Cricket Sponsorship Fund" has remitted \$3,000 during the last 2 years and we have no doubt the funds we sent contributed in some measure to the success of the various cricket teams as detailed in the message. We hope that more members will join the sponsorship fund. The names of the contributors are published in our website

Wishing all our members and their families an enjoyable and safe X'Mas and a happy New Year.

James Joseph

President

Have you visited our website lately?

Why not today?

Let us know what you think about it.

Notice Board

Australia Day Cricket Match and BBQ

Battle of the Golds



Australia Day 2010 Cricket Match and BBQ will be held on Tuesday, 26 January, at 'Wattle Park', 1012 Riversdale Road, Burwood (Melway: 60J2). Registration of Team members will begin at 9.30 am with match starting at 10.00 am sharp.

This year it will be a battle between the old boys of St Patrick's and Jaffna College. **Fr Eugene Francis, Chaplain for the UK Tamil Catholics, will be an honorary guest at this event.** This will be an exciting family fun day for all of us – An opportunity to catch up with Patrician families and friends from Jaffna College. So please turn up in great numbers, BYO, enjoy the food and **above all make new friends!**

Tennis court and leisure activities are available for children, with BBQ to follow the match.

Patricians committed to sponsor the cricket activities of our Alma Mater please make your contributions on this day.

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Annual subscription

Have you renewed your membership?

If not, please contact our Treasurer William Nimalraj on 9436 4124 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.

Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Traps in the Family Home

1. SUBDIVISIONS

If you live on a large block and sell some of the land surrounding your home you will face CGT on the sale because you 're not actually selling off the family home itself.

2. BIG BLOCKS

CGT exemption for owner-occupied property applies only to two hectares.

3. CONSTRUCTION

If you 're building the family home you 've got a four-year deadline after buying the land in which to move into your new property to be totally CGT - exempt.

4. BUYING AND SELLING

While you can have only one main residence, there is an overlap rule whereby you can list two properties as a main residence for up to six months if you are selling one house and buying another.

5. UNTENANTED HOLIDAY HOMES

If you have a holiday home acquired after August 20, 1991, that 's going to be subject to CGT on selling.

6. CHANGE OF USE

If your family home becomes income-producing any time after August 20, 1996, the basis for working out any tax liability which may arise on sale is the market value of the property at the time it is rented out or used for a business.

7. DESTROYED HOMES

In cases of accidental destruction of your family home - for example if your house burns down - you can elect for the vacant land to be your main residence. It remains CGT-free.

8. INHERITANCE

If you inherit someone else 's principal residence and want to sell it, you 've got two years in which to do so before incurring CGT.

9. IMPROVEMENTS

Even if you inherit a property bought before September 20, 1985, and you 're not living in it, you will incur CGT if you make big capital improvements to the home.

10. ABSENCE

There is a six-year "absence rule " whereby if you work overseas or interstate your family home keeps its CGT exemption even though you are not living in it and even if it is rented out..

11. COMPANIES AND TRUSTS

Be very cautious about putting your family home in a company or trust structure - Your home will lose its CGT exemption and you 're likely to face land tax.

12. WORKING FROM HOME

If you operate a business from your family home, the proportion used for the business of the profit will be liable for tax after a sale.

The entire article can be found in our website www.spcaustralia.com

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Nomination Form

Nomination for the election of Management Committee Members for the
year 2010/2011

Full Name of Nominee :.....

Position Nominated for:.....

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

Signature:..... Date:.....

To be completed at the AGM

Full Name of Proposer:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....

Address:.....

Full Name of Seconder:.....

Signature:..... Date:.....

Address:.....

Renewal of Membership for the Year 2008/2009

Full Name:.....

Address:.....

Ph:..... Annual Membership Fee \$20 [Attached / Direct Credit]

Please complete the relevant part of this form and return to

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