

St. Peters College Old Boys Social Club Melbourne Inc.

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The Alumni of Old Boys of St Peters College Colombo, Sri Lanka – Since 1982

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12th June 2021



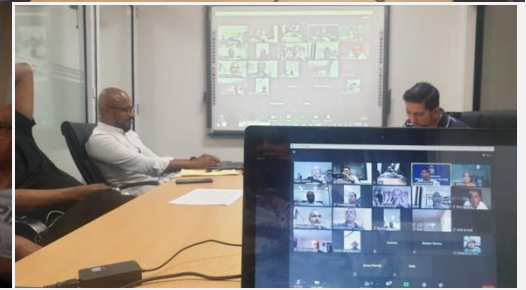
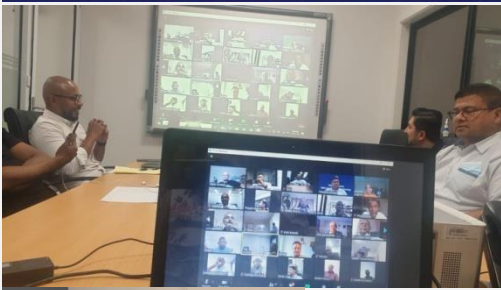
And here we are at the end of a tumultuous year. Never seen anything like it. COVID-19, restrictions, so many people sick or dead, no parties, weddings, or funerals, no family get togethers, no handshakes or hugging, families separated by State and International borders for months. The New Year can't come fast enough. Sadly almost all events were cancelled for the year. We did manage to have a belated AGM via Zoom which was a new and interesting experience for us all. The committee now has some new names in the mix. Still the Peterite fighting spirit lives on and we will be bigger and better next year. Plans are afoot for a dinner dance in June given that restrictions are being eased all the time and we may yet be able to have our normal numbers. Looking forward to your support to keep this great club moving. Let's keep that flag unfurled.

Editor



Past Events

Melbourne AGM



A delayed AGM was held via Zoom and while this was something new for most of us, the meeting went well. Some new faces were introduced to the team with some members changing roles. President: Valentino Pereira. Vice President: Jerome Chandrasekara. Past President: Prasad Algama. Secretary: Ahmad Farihan. Treasurer: Shenal Fernando. Membership Secretary: Gavin Godleib. Editor: Tony Martyn. 70's Group: Brian Jayasingha. Rugby Group: Dilan Abeygoonawardena. Cricket Group: Niroshan De Cruze. General members: Tyrone Lemerrier and Ajith Perera.

From the archives



Winning Saints ... the 1965 Peterite Cricket team: Standing, left to right, Stephen de Niese, Shabbir Asgerally, Mervyn Fernando, Charlie Goonasena, Everard Hoffman, Tony Opatha, Christopher Harridge, Rienzie Deckker, Rodney Paternott and Colvin Christoffelsz. Seated, left to right, Peter de Niese, Fr Rufus Benedict (Prefect of Games), Travice Fernando (captain), Fr Mervyn Weerakkody (Rector), Darrel Wimalaratne and Aubrey Paternott.



OUR SILVER JUBILARIANS
in harness

C O L L E G E
TUTORIAL STAFF

Mr. L. G. MOREL
B. Sc. (Hons.) Ceylon
Joined on 12-5-52
Sectional Head Master
Master House Master from 1982

Mr. AUSTIN LEO FERNANDO
Joined on 1-10-45
Master-in-Charge of Cricket and Rugby from 1968
Anthony House Master from 1984 to 1992
Sectional Head Master from 1992
Prefect of Games from 1989

Mr. VICTOR ABEYAGUNAWARDENE
Joined on 1-4-57
Master House Master from 1975-1982
Sectional Head Master from 1975
Head Master Administration

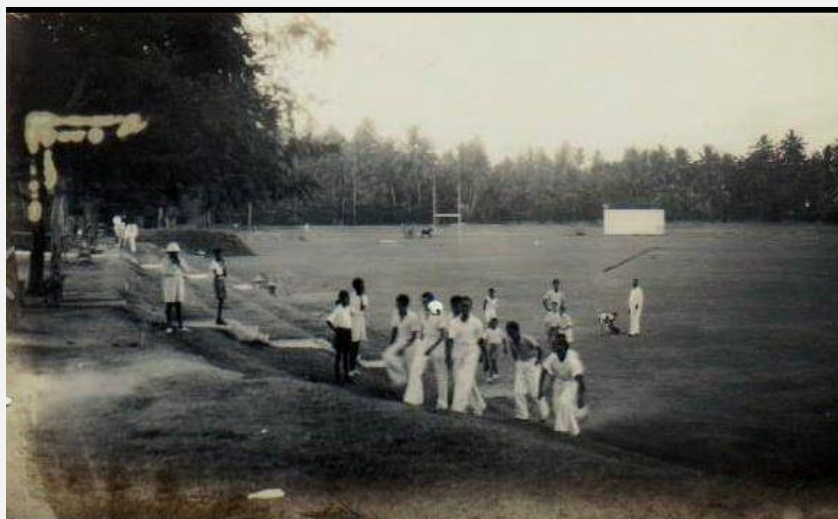
P R I M A R Y
SCHOOL TUTORIAL STAFF

Mr. A. S. PEIRIS
Joined on 15-1-47
Head Master

Mrs. F. V. BASTIAMPILLAI
Joined on 1-5-48

MISS NOREEN DE ZYLVA
Joined on 1-2-50

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Items of interest

Back to the 70's The Seventies Group of the Peterite community in Melbourne kicked off their inaugural event on a bright spring day on Sunday the 30th October at St James Anglican Church Hall, Dandenong.

The

flurry in the sale of 100 tickets in a record time of 2 weeks highlighted the needs of the group to attend such informal chat events. It was a day for casual friendly chats from "How are you Machang to how are you going mate" as the youthful Petes made good use of their time to recall their past memories and friendship. Peterites from near and as far as NSW, turned up for a fitting get-together.



One of the highlights was the presence of six past Peterite presidents which included the inaugural

president Nihal Gunawardene to the present day president Chanaka Perera who paid tribute to all the past presidents and committees for their vision and sustenance of the Peterite Social club.

While Rosie & Greg Caterers provided us with a sumptuous meal, LoneStar belted out music that was



an enjoyable reminiscent of our era. The lovely cake in the Peterite crest was formerly cut by Stanmore Casperz the oldest Peterite in attendance.

The proceeds of the raffle in aid of Prostate cancer were well supported by all the attendees as a few privileged Petes walked away with their raffle gifts. The Peterite anthem was again sung with pride without the use of lyrics sheet before all the Petes made their way out.

The membership is open to all Petes who attended college, if you did miss out I'm sure the organising thrust behind this movement especially Stephen de Niese and Tyrone Le Mercier will find a way to invite you along.

Based on the success of this event, I am well aware that plans are afoot in organising a bigger event in 2017. So guys watch this space and do not miss out again as I am sure it will be another sell out. Last but not least a word of thanks goes out to Stephen, Tyrone and Jean, Johann and members of the current committee along with their spouses who made this happen in a relatively short time frame.

As I was once told 'Being a Peterite is like a birth right', so let's live up to that image with pride and humility, lending a hand and heart to believe who we are. **By Rienzie Machado.** Click to view more [Pictures](#)



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MESSAGE FROM

THE PRESIDENT

Dear Peterites,

As I sit down to write this message to you, I have pondered on the trials and blessings of 2020. It has been a year like no other, particularly in light of the impact COVID-19 had in all areas of our lives. Our families, friendships, health and relationships and more importantly our faith in God were all tested and continues to be tested.

Therefore, it is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God with the birth of his only son Jesus Christ on Christmas day. We are blessed to have survived this global pandemic and be able to celebrate Christmas with our loved ones.

While we in Victoria celebrate Christmas in a near-normal COVID safe environment, let us spare a thought for our fellow Peterites in Sri Lanka, New South Wales and other parts of the world who may not be unable to celebrate due to the pandemic. May the good Lord bless them and keep them safe.

I take this opportunity to wish all Peterites and their families a very happy Christmas and new year filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings.

Stay blessed and stay safe.

President

SPC Melbourne

Virtus et Veritas

Have Your Say

Please email your views, anecdotes and trips down memory lane to the Editor; <mailto:keithmartyn3@gmail.com>

Membership & Committee

Inquiries regarding membership or you financial status can be emailed to the Gavin Godlieb (Membership Secretary) membership.spcmelbourne@gmail.com. Current membership is just \$10 per annum.

You can pay up your subscription for life and avoid the annual hassle of renewing your membership at the following rates; Over 60 yrs. \$100, 40-60 yrs. \$200 and Under 40 yrs. \$350.

The Committee and other officials of the Club for the Financial Year 2018/19

President	Valentino Pereira	Editor	Tony Martyn
Vice President	Jerome Chandrasekara	70's Group	Brian Jayasingha
Past President	Prasad Algama	Rugby Group	Dilan Abeygoonawardena
Secretary	Ahmad Farihan	Cricket Group	Niroshan de Cruze
Treasurer	Shenal Fernando	General Member	Tyrone Lemercier
Membership Sec	Gavin Godlieb	General Member	Ajith Perera
Patron Rev. Fr. Rohitha Rodrigo			
Vice Patron	Johann Gunasekara	Vice Patron	Chanaka Perera
Auditor Yohan Soza			