

100 YEARS 1922 – 2022

St. Peters College Old Boys Social Club Melbourne Inc. Newsletter: Summer 2021



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



REV.FR.Rohitha Rodrigo(Rector)



Calendar 2022

- ❑ College Centenary Celebration
Sat 22 Jan 2022
- ❑ Quadrangular Cricket Tournament
Wed 26 Jan 2022
- ❑ Dinner Dance
Sat 18 Jun 2022
- ❑ Other Events
TBA



SPC Melbourne

Farewell 2021....Welcome 2022

Farewell to a difficult year for everyone as the world opens up...Just in time for a BIG year for our Alma Mater...St Peters College is 100 years old in 2022. The Melbourne OBU will be hosting an exciting event in Jan 2022 to celebrate this milestone .2021 was a restrained year for us with "zoom" the communication buzzword. However, we were able to hold a great "Beach Party" ,Stag Night, Joe Pete Indoor cricket match and remember Peterites departed at a Mass. The AGM brought on another enthusiastic team and a new President. Please continue to support the Club where you can. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Prosperous New Year. Keep that Blue, White & Gold flag Flying High.

Editor's Note

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

I have been given the honour to pen a few lines as we conclude a rollercoaster year that has finally seen some light at the end of the tunnel.

Firstly, I would like to **thank all members and their families** for the continued support extended to the club, for staying safe and being patient throughout this Pandemic

Next year College is **celebrating 100 years** as an outstanding Education Institution. We have Produced some of **Sri Lanka's Finest Gentlemen, Scholars and Sportsmen**. I am sure we are all very proud of this milestone and are eagerly waiting to celebrate it with Joy in our hearts.

In line with this, the committee is presently working tirelessly to give all of you an unforgettable experience with "Cocktails on the Pier" in Jan'22, our centenary celebration here in Melbourne and the "The Centenary Dance" in Jun'22. These are a few of the events on the cards

While we are Fortunate & Privileged to be in Australia, I like to take this opportunity to request you to give some serious thought to the thousands of underprivileged families in our motherland and remind you of the **"Christmas Donation 2021"** drive. Please dig deep as your contribution will put a Smile on many a folk on Christmas day

On behalf of the Committee & Myself I wish you all a **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year**

"Set the Flag a flying Boys, Keep the Flag unfurled"

Jerome Chandrasekera

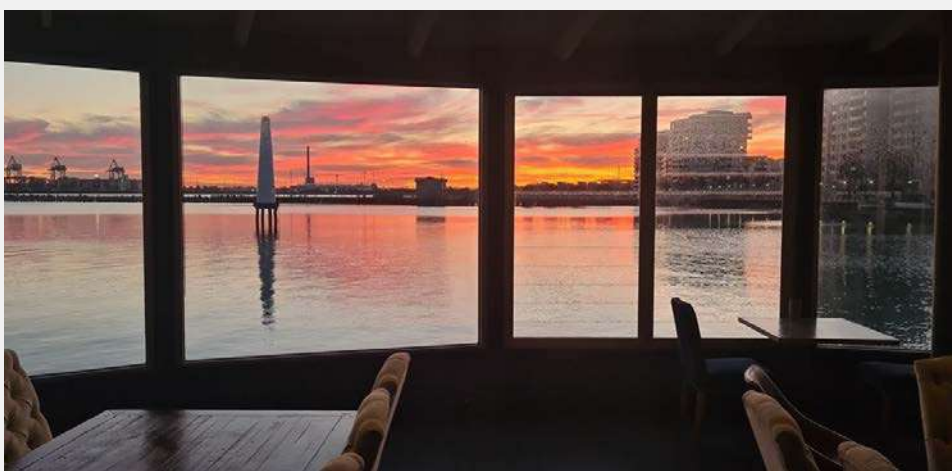
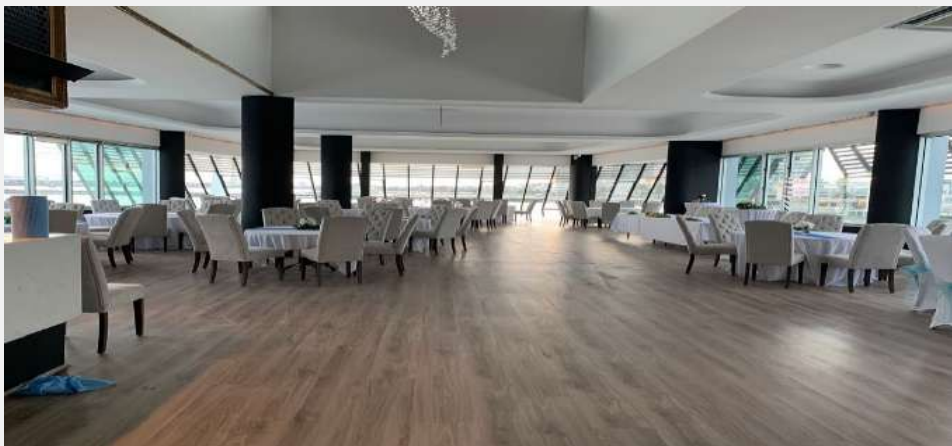
MELBOURNE OLD BOYS CELEBRATE THE PETERITE CENTENARY

The St. Peters College Old Boys Social Club in Melbourne are currently planning an absolutely fabulous evening to commemorate a historic landmark for our college....100 years of providing outstanding education. They have secured a great venue for this event in Trendy Port Melbourne.

Date: Saturday 22nd January 2022

LETS PARTY

Venue: The Waterfront on The Pier



The event will be a cocktail Party (limited to Peterites and Partners) preceded by a mass. Tickets will be very reasonably priced (\$60pp) with a unique complimentary souvenir for each guest. Dress code will be “Gents Jacket” and Ladies evening attire.

Due to Covid restrictions this Event will be confined to fully vaccinated patrons only.
So, watch this space and get in Early

2021 EVENTS (Beach Party)



Melbourne Petes did it again. Despite the weather the boys pulled off a fun night with great food and toe tapping music which had a wonderful crowd of 400 rocking the floor. Special thanks to Ajit Perera for bringing up the concept and steering the event, and to the committee for making it happen. Well, done Petes.



2021 EVENTS (Joe Pete)

Annual Joe-Pete Indoor Cricket Encounter

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 4PM ONWARDS

KNOX INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
108 LEWIS ROAD, WANTIRNA SOUTH, VIC 3152

JOE-PETE OPEN AGE & OVER 40'S GAME

KIDS PLAY AREA

OldJoes Melbourne RESTAURANT WITH LIQUOR LICENSE
Come along with your friends and families. Celebrate an evening of Joe-Pete brotherhood.



The Inaugural Joe Pete indoor cricket match was held in April this year. Two tournaments were played – An “open age” and an “over 40’s”. Awards were given for the Best Batsman, Bowler & Fielder. Both matches were won by the Joes with **The Petes winning best bowler in both categories -Congratulations to Jerome Chandrasekera (over 40’s) and Anjelo Emmanuel (Open Age).**



Our Champion Bowlers



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2021 EVENTS (Stag Night)

SPC MELBOURNE OBSC

Full Toss -2021

15 MAY
7pm Onwards

Tickets \$30
Inclusive of dinner
Drinks at Bar Prices
Slightly no BPO's

Live Stream of game from 2.30 pm

For Tickets Contact
Dasun 0431 000 417
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KNOX INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM
108 LEWIS ROAD, WANTIRNA SOUTH



2021 EVENTS (Mass for the Departed)



A Mass to celebrate the lives of our departed Peterite Brothers in 2021 was held at The Resurrection Church, Keysborough, Melbourne on Sun 4 July 2021 at 11am.

We say a fond farewell to all those who have moved on and remember them with Affection.
May their souls gain Eternal Peace.

IN MEMORIUM

Melbourne Peterites

Theo Rabot
Jeremy Schaffer
Sampath Ratnatunga
Roderick De Rozairo
Arden Nelson
Cedric Forster

Rev. Fr. Chrys "Christie" Abayaratne



Fr. Christie joined College just after being Ordained in 1963. His tenure lasted until 1978. During this time he served as Prefect of Games, Discipline and Studies

Note: Melbourne Peterites above as notified to Club

2021 SPC MELBOURNE AGM (Fri 27/7/2021)

Our 37th AGM

“KEEP THAT FLAG FLYING ANOTHER 100 YEARS”



It was great to see so many Peterites join the “Zoom” AGM (47 to be exact). The Camaraderie among the attendees was really good to see.

We say a heartfelt thank you to the departing committee members led by Valentino Pereira, who had a difficult year with Covid limiting what could be done and welcome the new team.

The 2021-22 Committee



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Treasurer	-Shenal Fernando
Vice President	-Gavin Godlieb
President	-Jerome Chandrasekera
Secretary	-Richard Jayawardena
Past President	-Valentino Pereira

Back Row L to R

Gen. Member	-Roger Rode
Rugby Group	-Madisha Silva
70's Group	-Brian Jayasingha
Editor	- Tino De La Motte
Gen. Member	-Tyrone Le Mercier
Membership Sec.	-Leyon Don
Cricket Group	-Dasun Randika

MEMORIES OF OUR COLLEGE DAYS

College Gates



Remember the Pineapple & Fruit Vendors?



The Canal Bridge and Savoy Cinema



College Hall



1970's Rugby



One Of Coach Archiebald Perera's Classic Teams. I recognize Travis De Jong, Frank Hubert, Nimal Jayasuriya and The Van Lanenberg Brothers.....

FROM OUR ALMA MATER

College Renovations for The Centenary Celebrations

St. Peter's College Colombo 04 with a new look during the lockdown with renovations and colour washing happening throughout the school for the Centenary Celebrations in 2022

The Chapel



The Grotto



College Hall



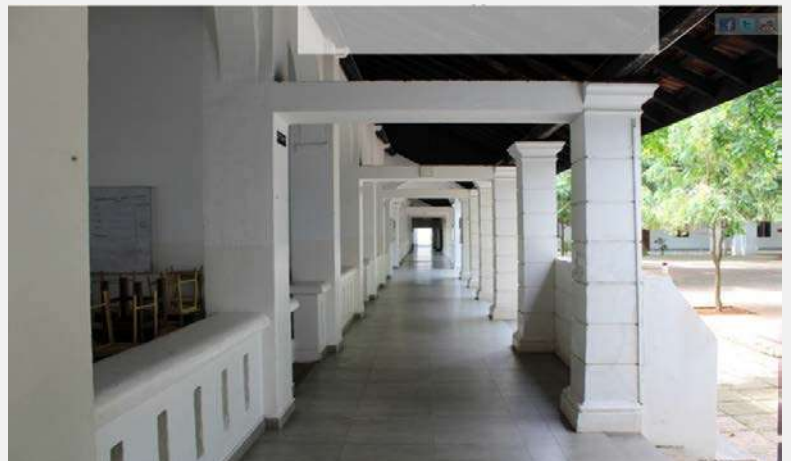
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Washrooms



Classrooms



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Membership & Committee

Inquiries regarding membership or your financial status can be emailed to Leyon Don (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 Club Welcomes the following new members (To October 2021)

Madisha Silva

Sameera Costa

Dushan Suwandaradne

Abhaya Rajakarunanayake

And the below Honorary life members

Rodney Patternot

Prasad Algama



A Big Thank you to Former Editor Antonio Martyn for a great job done over the years 2015 - 2021. Tony has had to resign from the Committee in October this year due to personal commitments.

The Committee and other officials of the Club for the Financial Year 2021/22

President	Jerome Chandrasekera	Editor	Tino De La Motte
Vice President	Gavin Godlieb	70's Group	Brian Jayasingha
Past President	Valentino Pereira	Rugby Group	Madisha Silva
Secretary	Richard Jayawardena	Cricket Group	Dasun Randika
Treasurer	Shenal Fernando	General Member	Tyrone Le Mercier
Membership Sec	Leyon Don	General Member	Roger Rode
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Vice Patron	Johann Gunasekara	Vice Patron	Chanaka Perera
Auditor Yohan Soza			