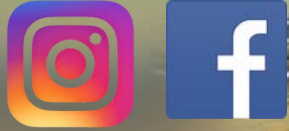


ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OBSC MELBOURNE



WELCOME TO THE 2023-24 COMMITTEE



L to R :

- *Vice Patron - Tyrone Le Mercier
- *Vice President- Gavin Godlieb
- *Editor - Tino DeLa Motte
- *Treasurer - Valentino Pereira
- *70's Group - Kevin Gomez
- *Golf Group - Niroshan De Cruze
- *President - Ajith Perera
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- *Secretary - Sheyenne Algama
- *Membership Secretary- Rashaad Jamaldeen
- *Cricket Group - Dellon Udugamasooriya
- *General Member - Asela Silva
- *General Member - Prasad Algama
- *Rugby Group - Dilan Abeygoonewardena
- *Vice Patron - Michael Van Langenberg
- *Immediate Past President- Jerome Chandrasekera
(Not In Photo)

2023-24 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM was well patronised by the members with over 50 attending. Ajith Perera was reappointed as President for a second term and the Committee welcomed three new members Rasaad Jamaldeen, Dellon Udugamasooriya, and Kevin Gomez. Peter De Niese and Michael Van Langenberg were appointed Honorary Life members for their service to the Club with Michael also coming on as Vice Patron for the year with Tyrone Le Mercier. We thank departing members Antonio Martyn and Brian Jayasingha for their long service to the club. It was heartening to see the number of younger members present and the camaraderie among those present.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dear fellow Peterites,

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits.

I am humbled and honoured to address you once again as the re-elected President of our esteemed club. It is with great pride that I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support and trust in me to lead the new committee for the years 2023-2024.

The past year has been a journey marked by incredible achievements and shared moments of camaraderie. None of this would have been possible without the diligent efforts of the committee of 2022-2023. Their dedication, enthusiasm, and tireless work have been the driving force behind our club's success. From organising memorable events to fostering a sense of unity among our old boys, their contributions have truly made a positive impact on our Peterite community.

I also want to express my deep appreciation to you, the membership. Your belief in our vision and your participation in club activities have been instrumental in shaping the vibrant and thriving Peterite community that we are today. Your involvement is a testament to the enduring spirit of St. Peter's College and the strong bonds that tie us together as old boys.

As we embark on this new chapter together, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the possibilities that lie ahead. With the continued support of our dedicated membership and the passion of the incoming committee, I am confident that we will build upon the foundation laid by our predecessors and create even more memorable experiences for all.

In the spirit of camaraderie and shared values, let us unite to uphold the legacy of St. Peter's College and the Old Boys Social Club. Together, we can create a future that honours our past while embracing new horizons.

Thank you once again for your trust, your enthusiasm, and your commitment to our club. I look forward to the journey ahead and to celebrating our collective achievements. Until then stay safe and may God bless you and your families.

Kind regards,

George Ajith Perera

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY 22/9/2023 - NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP

A new initiative this year. It is all about getting together with Fellow Peterites and friends. Please Contact below for Tickets:

*Dilan - 0425 297 585

*Prasad - 0401 271 816

*Niro - 0433 468 710

*Gavin - 0425 610 024



SUNDAY 15/10/2023 - 70'S GROUP LUNCHEON

One of our most popular Luncheon get-togethers. Organised by the 70's Group Spearheaded by Kevin Gomez it's Good food, Music, and a great afternoon. Please Contact below for Tickets:

*Brian Jayasingha - 0437 108 887

*Tyrone Le Mercier- 0466 974 660



SATURDAY 2/12/2023 - A PETERITE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Peterites Invite you to celebrate Christmas with your family, friends, and Classmates.

It is always a fun event for kids of all ages.



A BIT OF "ST PETER" HUMOUR



WELCOME, MS. TURNER. UP HERE YOU'LL FIND THAT LOVE HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH IT.



OK, YOU'RE ALL NOW OFFICIALLY BACKUP SINGERS...

THE LATE MAURICE FORSTER REMEMBERS HIS COLLEGE DAYS



My journey started in the kinder class in 1940 at the site of the present college and progressed through to every branch of the college until 1955.

Minuwangoda Branch: Shortly after WW2 broke out the college was taken over by the British Army and became a military hospital for servicemen. The enormous Dahoodboy home on the Wellawatte side of the canal was also requisitioned as nursing quarters. St. Peter's was divided into three branches, one of which was in the Catholic school at Minuwangoda. The brick building became the school boarding with camp-cot beds and an adjoining brick house became the office, dining room and kitchen. Across the road and a fair walk through paddy fields and swamps took one to a fast flowing stream; at one point the stream widened, we bathed and fished there. The days catch was curried for breakfast the next morning. Hoppers and fresh Lulla curry – Yummy!

There was a resident priest, but he was housed in a separate building, his birth name I cannot recall, however, his nickname was Manja. Of the teachers I remember Messrs. Dahanayke (Myna), V.B.M. de Silva (Wabam), Mrs. Attapatu and several others who rented nearby. The parish priest was a genial Frenchman, Rev. Fr. Pupon. He often joined us for a swim in the 'ella', cutting a very athletic figure. Supervision was scant and we did have secret opportunities to make our own pipes with scooped out arecanut bowls and bamboo stems. Smoking dried papaw leaves was no pleasure, but it was the thrill of defiance. After a few months of this boyhood living, my mother brought my brother and I back to Colombo.

Dehiwala Branch: In Colombo we attended the Dehiwala branch of St. Peter's where we shared Cadjan huts with the boys of St Mary's. We Peterites had the premises from early morning till mid-day and the Marians had the premises thereafter. Rev. Fr. Arthur Fernando was the principal of the primary school; he was a tough disciplinarian. A boy wrote the 'F' word on a vacant black board and Fr. Fernando made him go kneeling on the gravel path to every class and apologise to every class teacher. At the end of this ritual his knees bled. Yet we had our mischievous moments; on rainy days someone would get a long

THE LATE MAURICE FORSTER REMEMBERS HIS COLLEGE DAYS

Bamboo pole and displace the Cadjans over the teachers' desks, thereby earning ourselves a few rain holidays.

Seminary Branch: Where the Bambalapitiya flats now stand was a catholic seminary which accommodated the 3rd branch of the college. I transferred there from the Dehiwala branch. The boys attending college here were from the affluent residential suburbs and many were dropped off at school in chauffeured cars. There was an Aussie attending school too! While we were there, Mr. Willie Gomes joined the staff and introduced boxing as a college sport. Instantly successful, several of our boys won the best boxer awards and St. Peter's won the Stubb Shield (The island wide schools comp.) in the second year of competition.

One St. Peter's College: One bright morning, post war, we were lined up and marched from the seminary to the old college. And wasn't it a mess. There were brick buildings being demolished and the pavilion was under construction. It was truly remarkable how the demolition and restoration work proceeded. After a frosty beginning the social interaction of the students from the three different branches of the college, proceeded quite well.

OLDEST KNOWN PETERITE IN AUSTRALIA CELEBRATES 74TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Yves Kelaart (97 years) and his wife Philomena (90 years) celebrated their 74th Wedding Anniversary on 25/6/2023. Yves and Mina have 12 children (maybe another on the cards!!!!).

Of their 7 boys, 5 attended St Peter's College

Congratulations to a great couple



PETERITE RUGBY

PETERITE TO LEAD CR & FC FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON

Former national sevens and XV's player Suhiru Anthony was chosen to lead the CR & FC rugby outfit for the 2023/2024 rugby season.

Anthony played for the Bambalapitiya school for three years and in his last year in 2010, he was in the team under Keith Gurusinghe.

He later went on to play for the Sailors from 2011 to 2014 before heading to the Central Hills and playing the next six years of club rugby for Kandy SC.

He returned to Colombo in 2021 to play for the Longdon Place club.

He represented the Junior Under 20 national outfit that toured Thailand under Shenal Dias.

From 2012 to 2019 he represented the national XV's team while from 2012 to 2017 he represented Sri Lanka in Sevens rugby, part of the Hong Kong Sevens outfit in 2017, and the team that represented the country at the Monaco Sevens (Olympic Qualification) event.

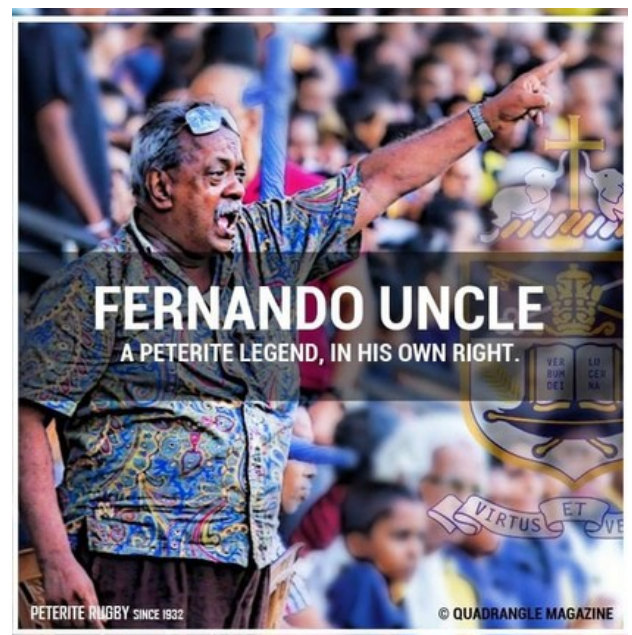


FERNANDO UNCLE

This gentleman has been a loyal driving force in the Bamba Brigade crowd for years, in both victory and defeat. His signature voice with "GAME PUTHA, GAME" is quite hard to miss at any Peterite game.

He is our no.1 fan and will always be there for every game being an inspiration to all young and old passionate Peterites out there.

Cheers to Mr. Fernando



PETERITE RUGBY

PETERITES EMERGE AS SCHOOLS RUGBY CHAMPIONS 2023 BEATING ISIPATHANA



THE "MELBA BRIGADE " GATHER AT "MOOD LIFT CAFE " TO CHEER ON OUR RUGBY TEAM



THE MATRIARCH OF PETERITE RUGBY

Audrey Perera, wife of Peterite Rugby Legend Archibald Perera passed away on 6/6/2023 at 99 years. Her husband and son Sunil both captained St Peters in Rugby. Further, her two brothers Harold and Kenneth also captained College in the 1940s.

May her soul rest in peace



PROFILING SUMAL PERERA

We thank Sumal Perera for his 44 years of silent service to St. Peter's College Colombo which includes 33 years of being the Manager of the Peterite Swimming Club.



THE JAYAMAHA FAMILY

Three Generations at St. Peter's College

"We have a family tradition of attending St. Peter's College in Colombo 4, Sri Lanka. My father, myself, my brother, and now my son have all had the privilege of studying at this prestigious institution. We have all been inspired by the school's commitment to excellence in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities, and we have made lifelong friends at St. Peter's. We believe that the values and skills instilled in us by St. Peter's College have helped us succeed in our lives, and we're honored to be a part of this rich history."



MELBOURNE OBSC PRESIDENT HOSTS “THANK YOU” DINNER FOR “AUTUMN BALL 2023” DANCE COMMITTEE

Ajith Perera hosted a fun night at the Brick House Bar and Restaurant in Berwick on 23/6/2023.

A great Sri Lankan Buffet, Good Cheer, Peterite Camaderie, and Karaoke led by the masters Gavin and Wanda. Thank you, Ajith for a great evening from the Dance Committee.



COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAPTAINS 1955-2023

| BASKETBALL CAPTAIN | BASKETBALL CAPTAIN | BASKETBALL CAPTAIN |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1955 SAM CHANDRASENA | 1991 SURESH ARSEKULARATNE | 2013 ASITHA ERAND |
| 1956 LESLIE FERNANDO | CHRISTOPHER SEBASTIAN | CHRIS DIAS |
| 1957 LESLIE FERNANDO | 1992 FAIZAL MAHOMED | 2014 DION MUTHUKU |
| 1958 DAYA CHANDRARATNE | HESHAN PARANAVIT | VISHVA SAMAR |
| 1959 TISSA CHANDRARATNE | 1993 RAJITHA PERERA | 2015 YOHAN DILAKS |
| 1960 SAM RAJAH | 1994 MUSTAQ AHMED | BINOD |
| 1961 NOWFEL MAHROOF | 1995 CHAMMIKA | WIJEGUNAWAR |
| 1962 JUSTIN PERERA | KURUKULASURIYA | 2016 DASUN FONSEK |
| 1963 MERVIN FERNANDO | 1996 ASANGA PERERA | 2017 CHRIMESH PERI |
| 1964 ROYDEN SILVA | 1997 THARANGA DE SILVA | 2018 RYAN FERNANDO |
| 1965 ROYDEN SILVA | 1998 SUDHARSHANA | 2019 KUSAL KODITHU |
| 1966 ASHROF MAHROOF | FERANND | 2020 ARIJ ADAM |
| 1967 NIHAL PERERA | 1999 RUWANTHA | 2021 MANESH PERER |
| 1968 RANJITH SOYSA | PERERAPULLE | 2022 MANESH PERER |
| 1969 CLIFFORD VANDERGERT | 2000 DULANGA ATHALE | 2023 RANDIL HENRY |
| 1970 KUMAR BASTIANPIILA | 2001 TREVIN | |
| 1971 NEMANTHA | KUMARASINGHE | |
| HATURUSINGHE | 2002 ANTON NIROSHAN | |
| 1972 HERBERT PRINS | FERNANDO | |
| 1973 HERBERT PRINS | 2003 RASITHA FERNANDO | |
| 1974 NIRMAL JAYASURIYA | 2004 RASITHA FERNANDO | |
| 1975 BERNARD SILVA | 2006 SHANAKA GUNASEKAR | |
| 1976 DORIC ATTON | HAMISH FERANND | |
| 1978 HUSSEN DIDDI | 2007 RUKSHAN FERDINADO | |
| 1979 RAJ PERUMAL | JERARD FERNANDO | |
| 1980 DULEEP GUNSEKERE | 2008 AARON GOMEZ | |
| 1981 MARLON FERNANDO | 2009 LAKSHAN SAMARASING | |
| 1982 KEVIN GOMESZ | ANDRE JAYAKODY | |
| 1983 SAMANTHA | 2010 ARUN GUNARATNE | |
| WIJEKULASURIYA | SUDESH PAIVA | |
| 1984 SRIYAN WIJEYERATNE | 2011 JEEWAKA ERATH | |
| 1985 ANTON CYRIL FERNANDO | AHSAN RATHNAYAKE | |
| 1986 SOHAN WIMALARATNE | 2012 HIRAN RODRIGO | |
| 1987 MARIO MOTH | DUBHA KALPAGE | |
| 1988 TERENCE PERERA | | |
| 1989 CHAMINDA | | |
| SEMBUKUTTIARACHCHI | | |

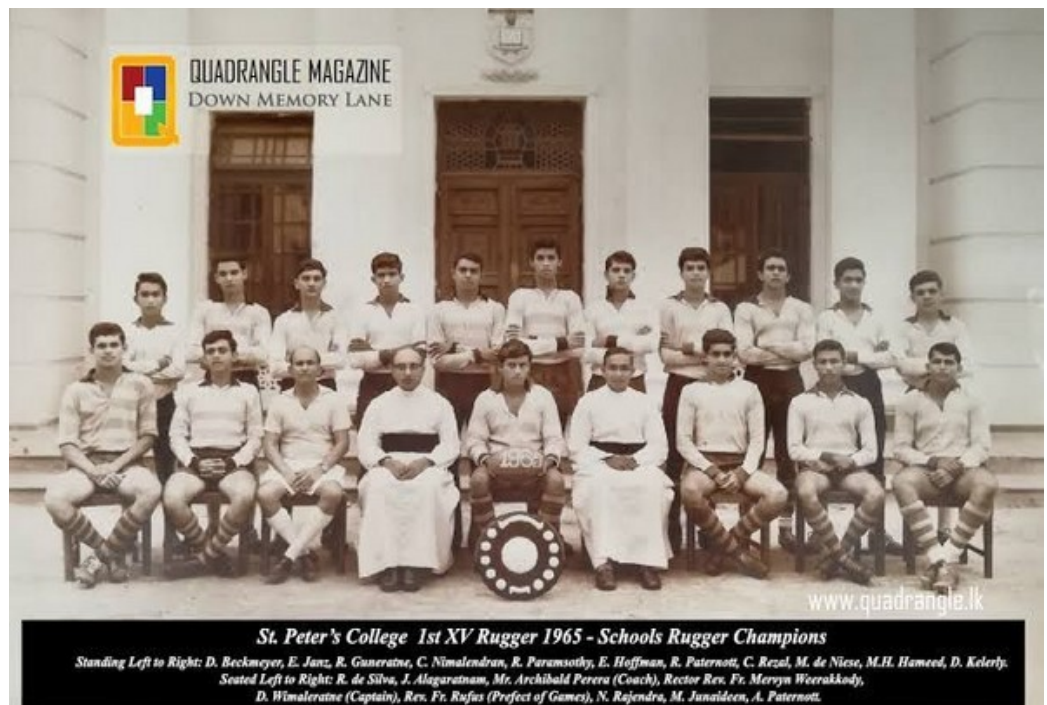
OUR VICE PRESIDENT, GAVIN GODLIEB, REPORTS FROM TOKYO

“Even in Tokyo, they have an SPC coloured building....”

PS: Tokyo OBU? Is there a Secret OBU we don't know about!!!!



DARRELL WIMALARATNE AND THOSE RUGBY AND CRICKET GREATS FROM ST PETERS COLLEGE



(Extract from “A Tribute and a stroll down Memory Lane”
By S Sivendran)

DARREL WIMALARATNE AND RUGBY

The unassuming ruggerite who captained St. Peter’s College, CH & FC, and represented the Low Country in the Capper Cup, and also Sri Lanka. Darrel also played for Colombo Schools and Combined Schools as a fly-half. Having left school, he first played for Havelocks SC and then joined CH & FC and went on to become the third Ceylonese Rugby Captain after Lorensz Pereira and Brian Baptist. CH & FC was, previously, an exclusively expatriate club catering to the English. When Darrel captained CH & FC he had some great rugby caps, viz:

LORENSZ PEREIRA
KUMAR BASTIANPILLAI
BRIAN BAPTIST
LAKSHMAN DE CHICKERA
MAURICE MARINNON (an Australian)
JIZWI NIXZAR
JOHN BURROWS
DAVE HUNTINGTON
MICHAEL HAWKE

Darrel also represented the Low Country captained by HADJIE OMAR, who was another Peterite and CR & FC Player who later captained Ceylon for several years and had players such as:

Dr. TONY DE SILVA
SARI DE SILVA
BUMPY JAYASEKERA
OMAR SHERIFF
GEOFF RATNAM

The Up Country team was captained by ROHAN ABEYSUNDERA, a tall and hefty forward from St. Peter's College who also went on to represent the Country.

Darrel was also selected to play for Ceylon against England.

Hadjie Omar captained a National Side which included,

JEYER RODRIGUEZ
ROHAN ABEYSUNDERA
ROYDEN DE SILVA
DARREL WIMALARATNE
DIDACUS DE ALMEIDA

All from St. Peter's College.

Darrel, a naturally talented sportsman was a dashing fly half and a center three-quarter who began his rugby career at St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya, and represented his alma mater from 1963 and captained his school in 1965, playing in the pivotal position of fly-half. He had, in his young side some brilliant rugby players, such as:

ROYDEN DE SILVA

A towering second-row forward who went on to captain Havelocks Sports Club and also represented the country in Rugby and Basketball.

AUBREY PATTERNOTT

Another giant of a second-row forward who later turned up for Havelocks, Dambulla, CH & FC, and the Ceylon Barbarians,

RONNIE GUNARATNE

A hard-running center three-quarter, who later played for UVA and CR & FC and is presently the Vice President of the CR & FC. He was also a top cricket administrator with Sri Lanka Cricket.

HAMZIE HAMID

A public school sprint champion who played as a flying winger, went on to captain the Combined School's Team and later played for the CR & FC and Ceylon.

M JAINUDEEN

Was selected to play as Scrum Half for Colombo Schools.

DURAND BECKMEYER

Another fast winger

RODNEY PATTERNOTT

A well-built center three quarter, who later played for Havelocks Sports Club, CR & FC, and the Presidents XV against foreign teams. He coached St. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia and was an 'A' Division referee.

RAJAN RAJENDRAN

A fast-breaking wing forward and a hard tackler who continued his rugby at CR & FC and Kandy SC.

D WAKISHTA

Another crash-tackling wing forward who later played for the University and CR & FC.

Dr. PARAMSOTHY

A well-built wing forward who later played for the University, CR & FC, and Air Force,

MICHAEL DE NIESE

A sturdy prop forward who later migrated to Australia and became a Professor.

CHRIS RAZEL

Another strong Prop Forward.

CHELLIAH NIRMALENDRAN

A dusky Hooker

JAMES ALAGARATNAM

An exciting No. 8

MERVYN FERNANDO

A lock forward

EVERARD HOFFMAN

A solid full-back with a safe pair of hands who represented Colombo Schools and Havelocks SC.

DENNIS KILLERLY

Another center three-quarter

HAROLD JANSZ

Another young Wing Forward. This champion team was coached by the legendary Archibald Perera and was hailed by all as the best St. Peter's College Rugby Team since WW II.

DARREL WIMALARATNE AND CRICKET

Darrel was also an outstanding cricket player who played for St. Peter's College as an opening batsman and opening bowler and went on to captain his alma mater and had in his team such greats as:-

RONNIE GUNARATNE

RODNEY PATTERNOTT

AUBREY PATTERNOTT

C NIRMALENDRAN

EVERARD HOFFMAN

STEPHEN DE NIESE

MERVYN FERNANDO

to name a few.

He played for the Sri Lanka Schools Team under the captaincy of Anura Tennekoon. Having left school he joined Colombo Colts Cricket Club and later the Colombo Cricket Club and played with distinction. He is also a qualified Level 2 Cricket Coach, accredited to the Australian Cricket Board, and has functioned as head coach of St. Peter's College which won the Schools Limited Over Championship. He also coached the Tamil Union and the Sinhalese Sports Club, later on.

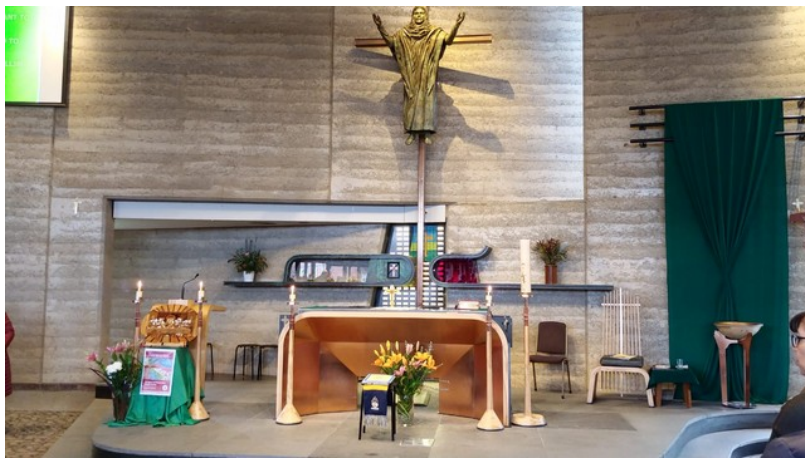
MASS FOR DEPARTED PETERITES(HELD ON 2/7/2023)

This Melbourne Peterite Tradition, started in the late 1990s by Rienzie Machado and the recently Deceased Dalston De Rosayro, is an annual ritual held the Sunday after the feast day of St Peter. The names of departed Peterites and Teachers are placed on the Altar together with a memorial tribute being read. After mass, there is a fellowship gathering in the church hall, with the names of individual Peterites and Teachers being read out and their former classmates reminiscing about them. At the end, the college Anthem is sung.

This year, it was really great to see the gathering for this event with over 50 people attending and the great support from everyone to make the event a success. A big thank you to everyone. Sadly, Event co-founder Dalston De Rosayro's name was one of the names read out.

As a tribute to Dalston, an appeal was made to support the Fred Hollows Foundation with donations - Again, a big thank you to all who generously supported this initiative. If anyone wishes to make a donation, the link is provided below:

[https://www.hollows.org/au/about-fred.](https://www.hollows.org/au/about-fred)



This year, the names of 30 Peterites and teachers were read out....they are listed below:

1. Acton Mortier
2. Ainsley Jansz (Melbourne) 7/6/2023
3. Alston Torrington Mortier (Sydney) 11/9/2023 – No Photo
4. Arden de Silva (Melbourne) 1/5/2023
5. Clarence Fernando (Staff)
6. Dalston de Rozairo (Melbourne) 10/3/2023
7. Dr Lalantha de Alwis
8. Errol Jayawardena
9. Fr Crispin Leo (Sri Lanka Teacher) September 2022
10. Georgie Martin
11. Clarence Fernando (Sri Lanka – Teacher) January 2023
12. Maurice Forster (Melbourne) March 2023
13. Maurice George Hesse (Melbourne) 5/6/2023
14. Neil Peiris (Melbourne) December 2022
15. Raj Rodrigues
16. Rajanathan Sri Balasubramaniam (Melbourne) 13/2/2023
17. Ricardo Solomons (Melbourne) 14/3/2023
18. Rohan Abeysundera (Melbourne) November 2022
19. Stephen de Niese (Melbourne) 2/6/2023
20. Suresh Motoomul Melvani (Sri Lanka – TT Player) 22/2/2023
21. Clive Inman (England-Cricketer) 7/12/2022
22. Desmond Kelly (Melbourne) 29/4/2023
23. Lucien D’Olivera (Melbourne) 9/8/2023
24. Franz Perera (Melbourne) 9/10/2022
25. Vincent Jayatilaka (Sri Lanka – 100 years old) 28/11/2023
26. Irangani Balasuriya (Sri Lanka – Teacher) March 2023
27. Dicky Depechitra (Location TBA - Boxer) 25/12/2023
28. Kingsley Jayasinghe (Sri Lanka -Teacher) January 2023
29. Marjorie Fernando (Sri Lanka- Teacher) September 2022
30. Jan Koch (21/6/2023)



SANJEEVA ABEYGOONWARDENA APPOINTED TO LEAD ST PETERS COLLEGE COLOMBO OBU FOR 2023/24



At the AGM held on 2/7/2023 Sanjeeva Abeygoonawardena was appointed as the President of the Old Boys Union of St. Peter's College taking over from Ravika De Silva.

Sanjeeva comes from an illustrious line of Peterite sportsmen. He Captained the College Championship Rugby side in 1995 which won the inaugural trophy for the first time. Furthermore, his brother Dilan Abeygoonawardena Captained the College Rugby team in 2001 where they won the Singer 7's Trophy for the first time. It should also be mentioned that his cousin Rajith Abeygoonawardena Captained College Rugby in 1985 when we beat the "Trinity Hoodoo" after 44 Years and his other cousin Roshan Abeygoonawardena led the college Athletic team in 1987.

Sanjeeva and his dad, the late Camillus Abeygoonawardena, became the first father and son duo to hold the position Of Colombo OBU President. Camillus Abeygoonawardena held this position from 1993-1996.

A business leader with a firm conviction for growth opportunities and a result outcome-oriented business drive Sanjeeva has 25+ years of experience in Logistics and Supply Chain Management. Well-versed in providing influential leadership to achieve excellence through high-performing teams and adept at continuous improvement.

During his acceptance speech at the AGM Sanjeeva shared a quote that captures his vision for the OBU: "To make a change is often easy, but to champion a cause for a sustainable future is both admirable and a challenge that must be embraced."

We thank Ravika De Silva for his contribution to the College during his Tenure and Congratulate Sanjeeva on his appointment.

PETERITE BADMINTON



Congratulations to Sachin Fernando on becoming the under 20 singles Western province Champion.



THE CLASS OF 92 HAVE FABULOUS FIFTY CELEBRATION IN COLOMBO

The Class Of 92 had their 50-year celebration with a Gala Do at the Colombo Hilton on 12th August 2023. Our Melbourne OBSC was represented by Sheyenne Algama(Secretary) and Gavin Godlieb(Vice President)



LAWRENCE MACHADO REMINISCES ABOUT HIS SCHOOL DAYS



When 'cutting' was cool

By LAWRENCE MACHADO

FOR scores of Peterites through the years, many hours were spent not studying diligently as our parents expected but in the splendid surroundings of the Savoy and Canal View restaurant.

Maybe the Savoy of today is not so impressive but it was to us those many moons ago when the type of movie did not matter but rather the chance to "cut" class and sneer at the poor sods left swotting back in college.

This cinema featured many of the United Artists film releases such as the James Bond series.

On an official side, the college

had strong ties with Savoy, organising many benefit shows to raise funds to compensate for those who did not pay their school fees.

The best part was, of course, to pull a fag (when it was cool to call a cigarette a fag), eat some icy chocs, if we had a rich classmate with us, and then brag about it to our classmates the next day.

The Savoy was also home to numerous swindlers who prey on hapless schoolboys cutting classes. One of them was the omnipresent chap with a measuring tape wound tightly and he would double your money if you could find the centre with

a pin. His golayas would easily find the centre and that would lull you into thinking it's as easy as ABC. But that would be the last you see of your hard-got money as the trickster would pull the tape the other way, leaving you a dumb loser.

I'm sure the staff at the ticket counters knew we should have been in school but turned a blind eye specially since most of the tickets we purchased were for the gallery seats, where we mingled with the sarong johnnies and smoked cheap cigarettes, or even beedis!

It was not uncommon to watch an adult movie via the bucks queue. ■To next page

For a pukka tea and fag, there was nothing to beat the Canal View, though with the unique smell of the Wellawatte Canal its aura left much to be desired.

The Canal View was the most popular place for the boys, including leading sportsmen, and the staff thrived on our business. Some of them even had accounts there and were treated royally by the staff, which made the rest of us envious and wishing we also smoked more.

Of course, we had to dodge the ever-vigilant Prefect of Discipline and his cohorts, newly appointed prefects, and prepare to lie with a poker face, though that sometimes failed to trick our masters of interrogation, who would have made the Gestapo swell with pride.

Like the neighbouring Savoy, Canal View was deemed the

Nothing like showing off to the classmates that you beat the dreaded cane of the Rector by sneaking off to Canal View for a quick punt and tea

number one public enemy of priests, masters and prefects, making it even more alluring

Nothing like showing off to the classmates that you beat the dreaded cane of the Rector by sneaking off to Canal View for a quick punt and tea and then getting back into class without your absence being noticed. Of course, guava leaves and other vegetation had to be used and chewed purposefully to nullify the smell of the tobacco.

Canal View was raided more times by Peterite masters and prefects than brothels were targeted by police but even that

failed to dent its popularity. It was a typical café with malu paans, roast paans, buns, kim-bula bunnis, in addition to traditional sweets such as the all-time favourite Gunasiri Bulto.

Even though most of us can now afford more of life's luxuries, nothing can compare to the precious plain tea and cigarette at Canal View, even though we always had to look over our shoulders for any member of the college administration.

Despite the threats of suspensions, caning and warnings to students, the Canal View never lost a single truant Peterite.

THE HISTORY OF THE CRICKET BAT

1720



Looking more like a hockey stick, it's hard to believe that the earliest cricket bats looked like this, although some believe that the game was first played using Shepherd's crookes.

1750



Somewhat of an improvement on the previous stick/crooke, we still wouldn't fancy facing a 160km/h ball with this spatula-shaped bat!

1774



These flat-backed bats started to much more closely resemble today's cricket bats, although the blade was smaller and the bottom of the bat still quite rounded.

1790



Slightly taller bats were introduced, but still look awkward to play with due to the thin blade and the asymmetrical rounded bottom.

1800



The most noticeable difference is the much flatter bottom on this bat. At this time the entire bat and handle was still thought to be made out of one piece of willow.

1840



The bat became slightly shorter and more symmetrical, with flat edges and a flatter bottom. Whalebone 'springs' started to be used in bat handles.

1900



By this time, overarm bowling was widely used in cricket, so the bat was further refined to deal with faster bowling speeds. You can see that it very closely resembles today's cricket bat.

today



Today's wider blade means more surface area for striking the ball. Today's bats are still made out of the willow - either English or Kashmir Willow.

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St Peters College

Old Boys Social Club Melbourne

Virtus et Veritas

As old boys of one of the largest Catholic schools in Sri Lanka we are committed to supporting each other no matter how far and wide we are spread across the world.

The Old boys social club of St Peters College Colombo 04 Melbourne branch was created to continue to foster our relationships that were built during our school days and to help each other and our alma mater.

Jesus Christ said 'My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.' (John 15:12)

We, the old boys of St Peters College are committed to foster relationships through social activities and events and to help each other and our much loved school.

Click on the following link to download our [club membership](#) form.

We are all proud to be Peterites.

St Peters College Colombo 04 at a Glance

4K+

Current Enrollments

250+

Qualified Staff

125+

Support Staff

20+

Old Boys Clubs Around the World

MEMBERS - PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Do consider keeping your membership current. It enables you to attend the AGM annually and member only events such as "The Centenary Cocktail" function which was heavily subsidised by the club and our Upcoming "Fellowship Night". **To pay please deposit your money in BSB: 013-275 & AC: 3315-17987 mentioning your Name and the words "Membership Subs"**

If you need to clarify your status you can email the membership secretary at 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.

Please consider life membership - One Payment and thats it

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT - PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US



St Peter's College Old Boys Social Club Melbourne Inc.

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The completed application and cheque / proof of internet payment must be sent to the Membership Secretary above.

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| Eligibility | Any person 18 years and over who attended St Peters College Colombo 4, Sri Lanka or its branches, and his male offspring because of emigration from Sri Lanka was unable to be educated at St Peters College, Colombo, Sri Lanka is eligible to apply for membership. <i>(documentary evidence may be requested at the discretion of the Club)</i> | | |
| First Name | | | |
| Family Name | | | |
| Address | | | |
| Date of Birth | | | |
| Telephone | Mobile | Home | Work |
| Email | | | |
| Period at St Peters College | From (year) | To (year) | |
| Membership Register and Correspondence | Do you object to the above details appearing in the membership register of the Club No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(tick appropriate box – if left blank, consent will be implied)</i> Please note that all correspondence will be via electronic and Social media only | | |
| Family Membership | Upon you being duly elected as a member your partner and children under the age of 18 will automatically be enrolled as non-voting family members | | |
| Annual Subscription | Subscription is due on or before the 1 st of July each year, currently \$10 per annum. As an incentive, a payment of 5 or more year's subscription will entitle you to an additional year's membership. Only members who have paid their annual subscription on the due date (financial members) is entitled participate in sports activities of the Club. | | |
| How to Pay <i>(attach to this application)</i> | A Cheque in favour of: ST PETERS COLLEGE OBSC Proof of Internet Transfer: BSB 013-275 ACCOUNT NO: 3315 17987 | | |
| Proposed by | Name | Signature: | |
| Seconded by | Name | Signature: | |
| <i>The Proposer and Seconder must be Financial Members of the Club at the timing of signing</i> | | | |
| I hereby apply for membership of the St Peters College Olds Boys Social Club Melbourne Incorporated (Club) and agree to be bound by the Club's Rules and directives at all times and shall not do anything that will be detrimental to the goodwill of the Club. | | | |
| Name of Applicant | | Signature & Date | |
| Official Use Only | | | |
| Date of Receipt | | President's Signature | |
| Date of Approval | | Membership Secretary's Signature | |

THIS IS YOUR CLUB

Have Your Say: What do you think of this newsletter?

Please email your views, anecdotes, stories, and trips down memory lane to the Editor at "tino.delamotte@gmail.com "

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram at "Spc_Melbourne"

Club Key Contacts

*Inquiries regarding membership or your financial status can be emailed to Rashaad Jamaldeen (Membership Secretary) at "membership.spcmelbourne@gmail.com"

*General Inquiries can be emailed to Sheyenne Algama (Club Secretary) at "secretary.spcmelbourne@gmail.com"

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- *Vinura Costa
- *Shenal Menusha Luke Fernando
- *Rohan Rajaratnam
- *Roger Van Hoff
- *Pathum Liyanage
- *Nimesh Ranathunga
- *Hiranthan Nissanka
- *Dulanga Athale
- *Avishka Gunawardena
- *Shetika Fernando

- *Geeth Perera
- *Liyanage Silva
- *Rashaad Jamaldeen
- *Anton Wasalathontrige
- *Anton Sanjeewa
- *Dimitri Perera
- *Randy Fernando
- *Ashan Pieris
- *Sunil Perera

And our two new Honorary life members:

*Peter De Niese

*Michael Van Langenberg



PETER DE NIESE



- *Peter has been with The Peterite club from the inception going back to that first cricket match in 1973 that started it all in which he played.
- *He was a part of the very first joint Joesphian Peterite social club committee which was formed in 1979.
- *Has been an OBSC member from the inception in 1982
- *OBSC Vice President 2 Years (1989/90 & 1990/91)
- *OBSC President 1 Year (1991/92)
- *Spearheaded the establishment of our first club room at Packer Park Carnegie.
- *Facilitated two OBSC Cricket teams entry into the YCW Sunday Cricket competition
- *Initiated a big membership drive that identified over 1000 Peterites in Australia of whom 500 joined OBSC.
- *Setup infrastructure to open club house to membership including holding of functions such as Christmas Parties etc.
- *After membership survey established the name "St Peters college old boys social club"

MICHAEL VAN LANGENBERG



- *Was OBU President FY 2004/5 & 2005/6.
- * Served on OBU committee 5 years :FY 2004/5,2005/6,2006/7, 2007/8 ,2013/14.(Besides 2 years as President , 2 years as Vice President & 1 year as General Member)
- *Michael has been the champion of golf in the club, strongly promoting this activity and the chief organiser of the annual golf tournament over a number of years.
- *Was a strong supporter of the club before and after his Presidency and was always there when the club needed support.eg. Drummed up members to ensure AGM attendance, Advertising support for events etc