

OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear fellow Peterites,

I trust this message finds you in excellent health and high spirit

This past year presented formidable challenges for us all, marked by the global economic downturn. The club found itself navigating complex situations, making tough decisions to safeguard its interests. Despite these hurdles, we successfully overcame all obstacles and emerged stronger, resilient, and more united than ever before.



I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the 70s group for orchestrating a highly successful Seniors Luncheon. Your efforts have undoubtedly contributed to the vibrant spirit of our beloved community.

As we swiftly approach the joyous festive season, with Christmas merely weeks away, I am delighted to announce that our hardworking committee is diligently working on organising our annual Christmas celebration. This year, we have chosen to host a Christmas lunch, a decision made to welcome and encourage the participation of young families within our Peterite community.

I am pleased to inform you that through the hard work and dedication of our committee, we have secured the support of a generous sponsor. Their contribution has allowed us to subsidise the costs for children up to the age of 12, thereby easing the financial burden on families during these challenging times. I take this opportunity to urge each and every one of you to extend the invitation to your family and friends, encouraging them to join us in the festivities of this year's annual Christmas party.

I eagerly anticipate the pleasure of your company at the Christmas party. However, should our paths not cross during the event, I wholeheartedly wish you a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year filled with love, prosperity, and good health.

Kind Regards, George Ajith Perera

UP COMING EVENTS

KINGSWOOD TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT (SATURDAY 18/11/2023)

Please keep the date free for a great day of Rugby 7's with fun for the whole family — face painting, Jumping castle, Food & Beer stall, DJ and live music, Rugby Queen contest and Kids Rugby and Over 40's Rugby segments.

The plate champions last year, St Peter's are back training hard for honours again this year. This year will be the 13th year this tournament has been held.



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"FELIZ NAVIDAD" (SUNDAY 26/11/2023)

Come join the Peterites in Melbourne to celebrate Christmas 2023.

The Christmas season is fast approaching and the Melbourne OBSC is busily preparing for Peterites and their friends to enjoy a festive lunch at a great venue.

Singalong Carols, Santa for the kids, and Christmas cheer all around A great way to kick off the Xmas season for all.



UP COMING EVENTS

SAINTS QUADRANGULAR CRICKET MATCH (FRIDAY 26/1/2024 -Australia Day)

Our Annual Cricket tournament between College, St Joseph's, St Benedict's, and St Anthony's. College was second runner-up this year.

PETERITE GOLF TOURNAMENT (SUNDAY 25/2/2024)

Peterite Golfers keep the day free for another day of friendly competition.

JOE PETE BIG MATCH(SUNDAY 24/3/2024)

Our Annual Melbourne "Big Match". A very well patronised event and a fun day for everyone. Our boys won the Open Age Match this year. We trust the Ladies of St Bridget's and HFC will join again next year for their "Big Match".

ANNUAL DINNER DANCE (Date to be Announced)

One not to miss. Another spectacular Dance to look forward to. What is going to be the theme to follow "Autumn Ball"? Watch this space.

EDITORS NOTE

Hello Everyone,

I trust our members out there will enjoy reading this newsletter. We have tried to keep ithe content broadbased with a focus on our OBSC and College but with just a few other things thrown in.

Our Facebook page "SPC Melbourne" seems to be taking off in a big way with a current following of over 2700. We will continue to try and improve content on an ongoing basis with a focus on Original material.

Until Next Time - Take care and Best wishes for the festive season.

Tino De La Motte











1970'S GROUP LUNCHEON 2023

A great afternoon was had by all. It was good seeing Peterites catching up in an informal atmosphere and enjoying the delicious food by Desmond of Silverline Caterers. A big thanks to the organisers (special mention must be made of Pat Jayasinghe for her tremendous contribution)and all the supporters and helpers who made the event what it was ... and let us not forget the fantastic karaoke performers(Everard Hoffman, great job on the music). A very enjoyable Sunday afternoonand for the lucky ones, raffle prizes (thanks again to those who donated)











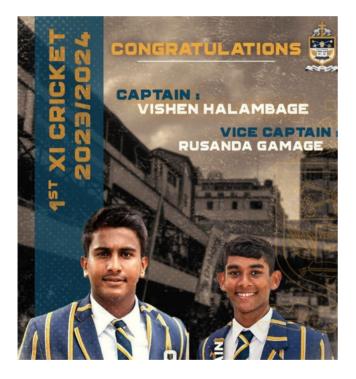




NEWS FROM COLLEGE & OTHER OBU'S













THE FIRST JOE PETE CRICKET MATCH

THE FIRST ENCOUNTER

by CYRIL EKANAYAKE

1933 was the year of the 1st Encounter. Prior to this there had been relations of a sort between these two institutions on the field of cricket, but nothing that could be called an inter-collegiate fixture. St. Peter's by virtue of a few decisive victories over some of the 'smaller fry' of the school-cricket world seemed now to have graduated to intercollegiate cricket and so on the 23rd and 24th of February, 1935 the 'big match' was born.

Whispers soon went the round of the Peterite corridors that this was no ordinary inter-collegiate match. Tents there were to be, and distinguished visitors, and music and all the mafeking school boys associate with matches of this nature. This was interesting. For weeks before the match, classes were in a turmoil and hardened ne'erdo-wells who had hitherto shown no interest either in studies or sports, suddenly found occasion to surreptitiously creep out of class rooms and help in the putting up of the Peterite tent. A group of little chaps wating operations in connection with the sinking of an artesian well, ominously nodded their heads and whispered: This is also for St. Joseph's.!

In those pioneering days of Peterite cricket there had been no opportunity for her cricketers to pit their strength against opponents worthy of their mettle. And so there was no measure by which Peterites could gauge how good, or to be more precise, how bad Josephian cricketers were according to Peterite standards. Unfortunately the Maradana team led by the redoubtable Robert Fernando had not had a very successful season, while the Peterites led by George Jayaweera had carried all before them in their engagements with a few teams from the suburbs of Colombo. On the score of these victories there was a quiet confidence and optimism not only in our playing field. but even on our corridors. The general feeling among us all was that the parent school was biting a little more than she could chew.

And so to the great day itself. The Peterite strategy was simple and forthright. If we won the toss we would send the Josephians

in to bat, bundle them out and then give them the leather-hunt of their lives. As simple as that. This had been a never failing remedy in all our other engagements and so with light-heartendess that was incredible and with a generosity unequalled from the days of Sir Philip Sidney, our dapper skipper George called right, and sent the Josephian to what was meant to be "a slaughter of the innocents," even while the sun smiled pitilessly on him, and his men as they took the field. Meanwhile, we leaned back in our chairs and waited for the First Josephian wicket to fall. But from this point on things happened contrary to our expectations (Bob) Fernando with a ferocity unknown to him punched the first deliveries of our demon bowler (Herat) right to the sight screen. From then, somehow, these Josephian lambs whom our bowlers would have slaughtered, while the music played and a brave crowd looked on, turned out to be most disappointing masquerading wolves. And while the pitiless sun sapped the energy out of our heroes' limbs, the smack of willow on leather left a taste in our mouths that not the sweetest of sweet waters could take away. Cyril Dias alone with his wily spinners and deceitful googlies commanded a measure of of success and when the last Josephian batsman was seen off to the Pavilion, singing Peterites carried out Cyril shoulder-high to our tent. His bag of 9 for 64 remained for many years a record for Peterite bowlers to emulate.

And then! as our opening pair walked to strike, the storm clouds ominously and the deceitful sun hid its head. Against this gloomy background Peter Peries the Josephian speed-merchant started his menacing run. A never-ending procession of our batsmen to the pavilion Then and as we watched our heroes Kenneth Everad and Jayaweera wend their way to the wicket and back our enthusiasm for the cricket evaporated. In the short space of an evening and within an hour and a half of an afternoon's play our pride and our batsmen bit the dust. And so we were bundled out twice for 50 and 70 leaving the Josephians' victors by an innings and 105 runs!

COLLEGE CRICKET TEAM - 1963(CAPTAINED BY TYRONE LE MERCIER)



Seated. R. Fernando, T. Fernando, Rev. Fr. R. Benedict, M. Deckker (Vice Capt.) Rev. Fr. Arthur Fernando (Rector) T. le Mercier (Capt.) Mr. M. Wanigaratne (Coach) D. Heyn A. de Silva. Standing. N. Wijewickrema, D. Wimalaratne D. le Mercier, F. Asgerally, A. Patternott. C. Harridge, C. Chrisoffelsz

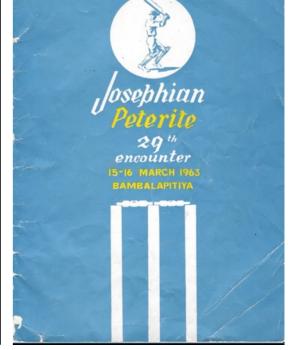
1.	T. LeMercier	_	19 years—Captain—5th year. Very capable batsman who has not done justice to himself. Scored record 239 not out against St. Anthony's last year, but has to find the same form this year. Steady left hand bowler. Fair fieldsman.			
2.	M. Deckker		19 years vice captain 4th year. Right arm opening bowler. One of the fastest in the schools today who has not lived up to expectations due to muscle injury, but did well to get the hat trick against St. Benedict's. Hard hitting batsman. Good field.			
3.	D. Heyn	-	17 years—3rd year—Promising left hand batsman. A gifted all-round cricketer who is capable of a good performance when the occasion demands it. Excellent fieldsman in any position.			
4.	T. Fernando	-	17 years—3rd year. Accurate left hand opening bowler, capable of moving the ball both ways. Fair batsman and good fielder.			
5.	A de Silva	-	17 years—3rd year— Right hand middle of the order batsman. Steady field in any position.			
6.	R. Fernando	7 L	17 years—2nd year—Sound right hand batsman with a good temperment. Wicket keeper of the side.			
7.	F. Bowen	-	16 years—2nd year—Promising all rounder. Bats right handed and bowls right arm off spin. Good fielder in any position.			
8.	D. Wimalaratne	-	16 years—1st year—Right handed opening batsman with a sound defence. Very good fieldsman in the covers			
9.	D. LeMercier		16 years—1st year—Promising all-rounder. Right hand middle order batsman and left arm spinner. Very good fielder in any position.			
10.	A. S. Manuel	-	17 years—right arm pace bowler of much promise. Fair batsman and fielder.			
11.	F. Asgerally	_	16 years—Right handed opening batsman. Fair off pinner and slow field.			
12.	C. Harridge	_	15 years—Fair left hand opening batsman.			
13.	A. Patternott	_	15 years—Hard hitting right hand batsman. Bowls right arm medium pace and is a good fielder in any position.			
14.	C. Christoffelsz	_	15 years—Reserve keeper and fair right hand batsman.			
15.	P. de Neise	_	16 years-Stylish left hand batsman and brilliant slip fielder.			

17. N. Wijewickrama - 15 years-Solid right hand batsman. Fair off spin bowler.

- 17 years—Bowls right arm, medium pace. Fair bat and field.

TYRONE LE MERCIER





PETERITE RUGBY - 2023 DUAL CHAMPIONS

St Peter's are double champions for 2023 having won the Presidents Cup and the Dialog schools championship (Winning against Isipathana both times). A great job by Captain Ashain Madigaspe and his boys.



DIALOG SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Unbeaten St. Peter's College clinched the Dialog Schools Rugby League 2023, after a lapse of 13 years, with a resounding victory over last year's winners Isipathana, points to 17. St. Peter's came into this League Decider as the only unbeaten side, while Isipathana's goal, on the other hand, was to defend their Dialog Schools Rugby title. The Peterites had the possession in the initial stages with Sudesh Jayawickrama making a huge mark with a fabulous 50-22 kick, which gave the hosts an attacking lineout and a Peterite Try. Isipathana ended the first half on a high when Rinesh Silva. showcased some lovely stepping to go over to cut the deficit for the defending champs. Half Time: St. Peter's 15 (2T,1C,1P) - Isipathana 10 (1T,1C,1P) St. Peter's continued to play a fast-paced game, in the 2nd half and in the 6th minute scored the third try for game. (SPC 20 - 10 IC) .The Pathana Forwards put on a solid show as their rolling maul gained some valuable vards forward and scored to cut the deficit to 3 points. (SPC 20 - 17).St. Peter's were feeling the pressure, but the back line stood up to make an impressive move as Pasindu Bandara along with Sudesh Jayawickrama, opened up the Isipathana defence to send the Full Back Kushan Tharindu over the line to increase the lead to 8 points. (SPC 25 - 17 IC). The icing on the cake for the Peterites was the fullback Kushan Tharindu slotting over an important three points, which ensured that the glory days were back for the Bamba Brigade after a lapse of 13 years.

PRESIDENTS CUP

Unbeaten League Champs St. Peter's College secured the Double as they took home the President's Trophy 2023 with а resounding victory over last year's winners Isipathana College 25 points to 16. Isipathana had a few early opportunities, especially with their rolling maul, as they managed to put the Peterites under pressure. Still, sloppy play from the green prevented try-scoring chances.The Peterites continued to play fast, open, running rugby. With their backs to the wall, Isipathana rose to the occasion as they hit back at the Peterites just before the half-time break when they won the ball from an excellent counter-rucking turnover and sent the ball to the corner for Skipper Naveen Kanishka to go over. Half Time: St. Peter's 19(3T,2C)-Isipathana 80 (1T,1P). Isipathana started the second half as they had ended the first, as Rinesh Silva added three more points to keep the defending Champions in the game. Just after the restart, Isipathana gave away a penalty in front of the sticks and the Peterites moved 11 points clear. (SPC 22 - 11 IC)St. Peter's went down to 14 as Aiden Fernando was sent to the bin for a late tackle and the Isipathana forwards took advantage, a rolling maul allowing hooker Senuth Senarathna to go over and cut the deficit down to 6 points. (SPC 22 - 16 IC)St. Peter's were dealt another blow as their skipper Ashain Madugaspe was sent to the bin but the Peterite defence held the Isipathana onslaught without giving any points, and the Peterites added a three-pointer from the halfway mark to seal the President's trophy as they ended the season as the Unbeaten Double Champions.

OUR CHAMPION ATHLETES FROM 1987





Air Vice Marshal Surashi Fernando, Son of the well-known college games Master Austin Fernando

A BIT OF NOSTALGIA









OLDEST KNOWN PETERITE TURNS 100

We are pleased to announce the 100th Birthday of Peterite Joseph Vernon Forbes, which was on 7/10/2023

SOME PERSONAL DETAILS BELOW:

Born: 7 October 1923 - Son of William Alban Forbes & Myra Pollocks.

Education: St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, St. Peter's College, Colombo and St. Sylvester's College, Kandy.

Military Service: Royal Army Service Corp. Enlisted Colombo and served in India, East Africa – Kenya, Mombasa, Nairobi, Ethiopia, and Tobruk.



Employment: Joined the CGR, as a Guard in 1946, retired in 1970 as Head Guard. In Melbourne, Vernon was employed by Australia Post.

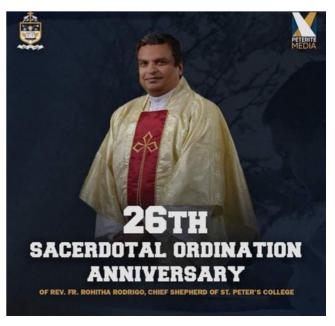
Family Life: Married to Vilma Rudolph, 12 August 1950 (They celebrated their 73rd Wedding Anniversary recently). They have three children: Marie Stainwall (dec), Verville, and Vylette Raymond. They migrated to Melbourne in 1970 and lived at Gladstone Park.

Joseph is probably the oldest known Peterite in Australia and the world at this time.

We wish him God's Blessings for good health.

REVEREND FATHER ROHITHA RODRIGO'S 26TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

We offer our felicitations to Fr Rector on this auspicious occasion which occurred in September 2023.



CLASS OF 1990(CAN YOU RECOGNISE THE BOYS?)



OUR OBSC EX PRESIDENT SINGS WITH THE PETERITE CHORAL IN COLOMBO

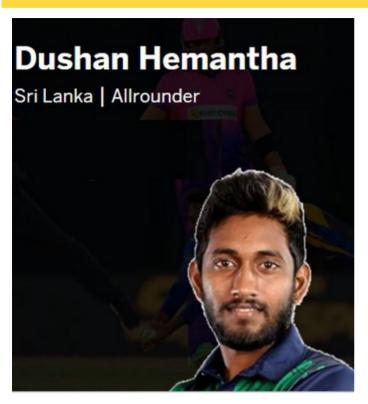
Jerome Chandrasekera sings with the Peterite Choral and catches up with his music teacher Priyanthi Seneviratne and her friends.







PETERITE DUSHAN HEMANTHA SELECTED FOR SRI LANKA WORLD CUP 2023 CRICKET SQUAD





Dushan Hemantha is an all-rounder who is a right-handed batter and a right-arm leg-break bowler. Hemantha first learned how to play cricket from his father, Sujith Hemantha, who is also a cricket coach. He joined the junior national athletic squad and took part in the South Asian Junior Athletics Championships in the same year claiming a bronze medal in the men's 1500m. He continued to participate in athletic events while also progressing with his cricketing ambitions. He completed his secondary schooling at St. Peter's College. He captained the college under-19 team in the 2012-13 season and won the best captain's award at the all-island schools cricket awards. He represented the College successive big match encounters. In the 2012 Battle of the Saints, he played a pivotal role in helping his school win by picking up seven wickets. He had a stellar 2012/13 school cricket season taking 60 wickets and scoring 840 runs and for his performance he was adjudged the Runner-up in the Sunday Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year. He made his first-class debut for Colts Cricket Club in 2013-14. He made his maiden century in 50 Over cricket against Bloomfield. Hemantah took his maiden five-wicket haul in 50 Over cricket on 21 November 2021, against Kandy Customs Sports Club. In January 2023, he was named in the Sri Lanka squad for their first-class and ODI series against the England Lions. On 18 February 2023, he bagged a five-wicket haul helping his team to defeat the England Lions in the second unofficial ODI. He took eleven wickets in the List A series at a health average of 11.45 and was named the player of the series for his bowling performance. In April 2023, Hemantha earned his maiden call-up to the Sri Lanka cricket team for their Test series against Ireland, following his impressive performances against the England Lions. In May 2023, he was named in Sri Lanka's One Day International (ODI) squad for their series against Afghanistan and then onto the 2023 cricket World Cup.

OUR HISTORY...MINUTES FROM OUR FIRST OBSC AGM HELD ON 3/11/1982 AT HEAHERTON HOSPITAL RECREATIONAL HUT

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ANOTHER PETERITE SWIMMING CHAMPION

AIM Haathim, another promising Peterite swimmer, has been selected to compete at the 11th Asian Age Group Swimming Championship in Capas, Philippines between December 2nd and 9th, 2023. Competing in the under 14's Haathim shattered the 28 year old 100m butterfly record at the all-island school games championships clocking a time of 1:06.29 erasing the previous record of 1:08.00. St Peter's emerged as champions in these games defeating Ananda by one point. We wish Haathim the best of luck.



Haathim leads St. Peter's to victory at School Games

SAJEEWA JAYAKODY

In a remarkable performance at the All Island School Games Swimming Championship, teenage swimmer AIM Haathim stood out as the star performer for Champion St. Peter's College. The championship, organized by the Sri Lanka Schools Aquatics Sports Association under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, concluded on Monday at the Sugathadasa Swimming Pool.

Competing in the Under-14 age group, Haathim achieved an impressive feat by securing five gold medals, including a new meet record in the 100m butterfly event. Among his victories were three individual gold medals and two relay gold medals, which led the Peterites swimming team to an exhilarating one-point victory over Ananda College. This victory marked St. Peter's College's third consecutive championship title at the annual All Island School Games.

Haathim's outstanding performance in the 100m butterfly event saw him clocking a remarkable time of 1:06.29, erasing the previous record of 1:08.00 set by Janidu Gangahagedara in 2018. The 13-year-old swimmer also secured gold medals in the 100m freestyle and the 50m butterfly as individual medals.

Additionally, he contributed to two relay



AIM Haathim (right) with St. Peter's Head Coach Shehaan Dias (left) at the Sugathadasa Swimming Pool.

gold medals in the 4x50m freestyle and 4x50m medley relay events.

In a recent selection trial, AIM Haathim achieved a remarkable total of 517 FINA points in the 100m freestyle, securing his spot as the youngest qualifier for the 44-member team set to represent Sri Lanka at the 11th Age Group Championship in the Philippines this December.

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"

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

- *Elisha Silva
- *Francis Weerasinghe
- *Ramin Dharmaratne
- *Aaron Nonis
- *Shannon Smith
- *Ralph De Niese
- *Radley Ambrose

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CLUB

(THE APPLICATION FORM IS ON THE NEXT PAGE)



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



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Phone: +61 404 620 430

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. (documentary evidence may be requested at the discretion of the Club)							
First Name								
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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 Yes (tick appropriate box – if left blank, consent will be implied) 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 1st 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	A Cheque in favour of:	ST PETERS	ST PETERS COLLEGE OBSC					
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The Proposer and Seconder must be Financial Members of the Club at the timing of signing								
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							
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