



Darley News

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Hopper lunch and Trivia a sell-out once again

THE HOPPERS AND TRIVIA event on 4 August turned out to be very successful again this year with a capacity crowd filling up the moderately sized hall of the North Epping Bowling Club. Although usually attracting senior Old Joes it was encouraging to see many younger Josephians as well as children and grandchildren of the Old Joes patronising this daytime event.

The early arrivals rushed to the bar to get their initial drinks and the entrée of Sri Lankan spicy treats were soon filling the tables. President Lalith Grero welcomed the guests and mentioned that he was happy to see a full house with a good number of Old Joes. While the caterers got the fires burning to turn out the hoppers, Quizmaster Aubrey Joachim once again demonstrated his flair for conducting the Trivia with an assortment of questions ranging from current affairs, history and facts of St. Joseph's College.

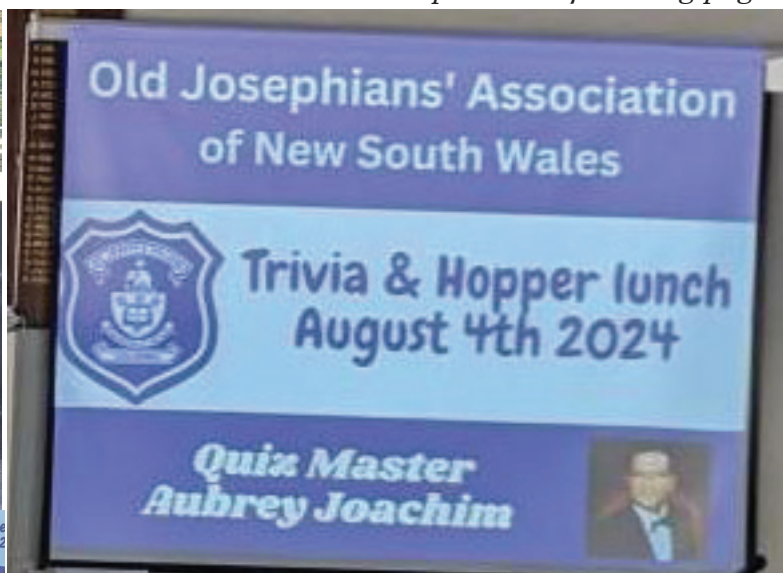
After spelling out the Trivia rules, Quizmaster Aubrey displayed the interesting and intriguing questions, one by one on the screen. While giving the answers, Aubrey provided an interesting background to some of the ques-

tions that served as a learning exercise. In spite of many groups scoring high with correct answers, there was a clear winner, unlike last year. He was presented with the first prize, and a consolation prize was given to the runner-up.

President Lalith thanked Quizmaster Aubrey for his valuable time in preparing and conducting another interesting Trivia. He was also appreciative of the support provided by Upeka Perera, Gihan de Silva, Fidel Moldrich, Pramuka Perera and the others who assisted in setting up the hall. He displayed a list of upcoming events: the Joe-Pete including a separate over-40s game and the Christmas Carols event being the highlights.

Two verses of the College Anthem were sung, and the caterers took up the challenge of providing the food for the hopper lovers, a firm favourite of the Sri Lankans residing overseas. Most of Old Joes and their friends stayed till the 3 p.m. closing time enjoying the fellowship with some lovely music being played in the background.

Yet another enjoyable event for the Old Joes, their families and friends. *See photos on following pages.*





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Coming events for 2024

Josephian-Peterite Limited-Over Cricket

15 September 9 a.m.

See details on pages below

Friendship Cup Interschool Cricket

6 October

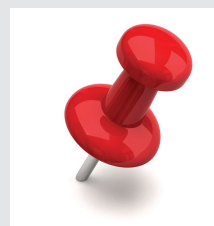
Annual General Meeting

Carols Night and Buffet Dinner

30 November 6.30 p.m.

Thornleigh Community Centre

More information will be announced closer to the events



YOUR FEES and DONATIONS WANTED

**Please pay your 2024 subscriptions
and support the Association with donations**

Family \$20. Single \$10. Pensioner family \$10

The funds are needed to meet
the club's routine expenses and stage the events

Pay on line to Old Josephians' Association of NSW
BSB 062 000 Account no. 0092 4464 or
send cheque to the President at 17 Wimbledon Court,
Wattle Grove NSW 2173

Old Joes participate in tennis tournament

THE INAUGURAL Sri Lankan schools Invitational Tennis Tournament for the Sydney Cup organised by the Royal College Old Boys Association in NSW was held on 11th August at the Parramatta Tennis Centre. Players from the old boys associations of Royal College, St Thomas's College, Trinity College, Kandy, Ananda College and St Joseph's College participated with six players from each school playing eight games each as doubles.

Despite the very short notice, Old Josephians' Association Sydney did not hesitate to set their footprints on another sport. We reached out to Philip Muller, Dilip D. S. Wijeyeratne, Roger Isaacs, Sudesh Dimuthu Wijesingha, Hasaranga Fonseka, Upeka Perera and Pamal Dias to field a team. A few training sessions were coordinated despite the very busy schedules of players. The team was ready to take on the challenge on a beautiful Sunday morning at the Parramatta Tennis Centre.

The Joes started on a very positive note by winning all their three seeds in the first two rounds. Doubles were paired by Philip and Dilith, Sudesh and Roger and Pamal with Hasaranga. Each pair were seeded to play eight games with each school.

After a very warm and tiring day of tennis the Joes managed to get 42 points and finished fourth at the end of play.

Royal College ended up becoming the champions, followed by Ananda and St. Thomas'. The challenge and commitment shown by the Joes was commendable considering the short time frame to practice and know each other.

Thank you to all the players and their families for their commitment and energy to be part of the Joes tennis team. The event was witnessed by a lot of dedicated tennis fans from all schools and it was yet another successful event for Old Josephians' Association of NSW.

Special thanks to President Lalith Grero and the Committee for their magnanimous support of funding and assisting to field a tennis team for the very first time. This signifies their commitment to promote sports activities, providing opportunities for Old Joes of all ages and collaboration with other Old Boys Associations.

Sports Coordinator Upeka Perera did a splendid job in getting the team together and arranging practice sessions, to be ready for the tournament in a short period of time.

— With reporting by Upeka Perera





JOE - PETE

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BATTLE OF THE SAINTS



Live DJ
Delicious Sri Lankan food



Sunday 15th of Sept 2024
@ 9:00AM

Venue: Kareela Reserve,
Doonside

Masters match at 9.00AM
Main match at 10.30AM
Social starts at 5.30PM

For more information, get in touch with
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Shehan 0433328490
Petes:
Trevin 0403 896 827



Chaminda Vaas's (on right) commitment to nurturing young talent reflects his deep passion for sports and its power to transform lives

Honouring Josephian sports achievers

By Maruthai Ravindhiran from *Daily Mirror* 3 Aug 2024

THE Annual Colours Day of St. Joseph's College, 2019 to 2022 Courage, Quadrennial Sports Awards Ceremony to honour Josephians who excelled in sports, was held recently at the Rev. Fr. Dr. Stanley Abeysekara Sports Complex.

The distinguished old Josephian, veteran world class player and Sri Lankan cricketer, **Chaminda Vaas**, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Vaas was a member of the Sri Lankan team that won the Cricket World Cup in 1996 and he is the only bowler to take an eight-wicket-haul in one day internationals.

At present, he is bowling coach for various teams, including the Sri Lankan national team. He has contributed significantly to developing young bowlers and franchise cricket.

In his speech, Vaas conveyed a message to the young Josephians: "In order to move forward and reach the pinnacle of success in sports, you need to be courageous and work laboriously, with dedication and determination." His message for the parents of the young Josephians was to encourage their children to participate in sports and not force them to participate and not to interfere with their sports activities in order to evolve independently.

Vaas, fondly recalled his golden memories of playing for St. Joseph's College, Colombo, and with his elephantine memory he could remember all the school matches he played in and in particular the first match played in the 1990s.

In his speech, Rev. Fr. Ranjith Andradi, Rector and Principal of St. Joseph's College, appreciated and admired the illustrious career and remarkable achievements made by Chaminda Vaas on the cricket field that have brought immense pride to St. Joseph's College and have made an indelible mark on the history of Sri Lankan cricket. His dedication, skills and sportsmanship have earned him a well-deserved place among the cricketing greats and his record-breaking performances

and ability to inspire his teammates have played a pivotal role for many Sri Lankan triumphs on the international cricket stage.

Furthermore, Fr. Andradi appreciated Chaminda Vaas's contributions that extend beyond the cricket field. As a mentor, coach and ambassador for the sport, he has continued to inspire and guide the next generation of cricketers. His commitment to nurturing young talent and giving back to the community reflects his deep passion for the game and his unwavering belief in its "power to transform lives."

"St. Joseph's College has been the undisputed champions in swimming, cricket, basketball, soccer and badminton and has done exceptionally well in athletics, rugby, hockey, tennis and other sports. This dominance is a clear reflection of the profound ethos we maintain at St. Joseph's. By providing the necessary facilities and expertise to compete at the highest level, we inculcate discipline, the right values and positive attitudes in our students. At St. Joseph's College, we invest heavily in sports, because we firmly believe in its educational value.

"For many decades, our college has taken the initiative to provide facilities and opportunities for students to harness their God-given talents. We are committed to offering extensive resources and access to modern techniques to help them overcome their limitations. Participation in sports builds individuals for the future, equipping them with the skills and attitudes needed to navigate today's complex world. This foundation enables our students to meet challenges and thrive in any circumstances."

The Josephian award winners have brought glory and honour to their Alma Mater with their outstanding achievements from 2019 to 2022.

An astounding record of over 500 Josephians included 228 Josephian coloursmen and 48 Josephians who represented Sri Lanka in various sports and 23 Josephians who have won the most prestigious and highest award for a Josephian achiever, "JOSEPHIAN BLUE" and 269 Merit award winners were honoured on that day.

Sportsmen of the Year were Dishane Ranaweera (swimming) 2019, Shenal Sandesh (football), Shehan Fernando (basketball) 2021 and Dunith Wellalage (cricket), 2022.

High jumper Ethirveerasingham dies in Los Angeles

Dr. Nagalingam Ethirveerasingham, one of the greatest sportsmen born in Sri Lanka and who won Sri Lanka's first gold medal in the Asian Games, passed away in the United States of America last April. Dr. Ethirveerasingham, who was 90 years old, held the Sri Lankan high jump record for nearly four decades since 1953. He won the gold medal at the Third Asian Games in Tokyo, Japan, in 1958 by setting a new Asian Games record of 2.03 metres and won the silver medal in the same event in 1962.

Dr. Ethirveerasingham also represented Sri Lanka in the 1952 Helsinki and 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

He was an alumnus of Jaffna Central College and St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

Later, he made a great contribution to the development of athletics in Sri Lanka and launched a number of programs for the development of athletics, especially in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, and was constantly associated with the Sri Lanka Athletics Institute until his death.

When American Olympic decathlon champion Bob Mathias visited St Joseph's College, Colombo, in 1955 he observed Ethir doing the high jump in his usual crouch position. Mathias suggested he try the western roll. Ethir obliged and cleared the bar.

- With reporting by Fazli Sameer



The College Scout Den was reconstructed recently with financial assistance from several sources and organisations including a gold sponsorship of the Old Josephians' Association of NSW



Young and old, friends, well-wishers and schoolmates came together to have a day of fun and enjoyment

Photos courtesy of Upeka Perera

B. ROOTS	D. PRAGNELL	A. LANG	S. TUCKWELL
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S. BOLTON	D. PRAGNELL	A. WILLARD	G. DAVIS
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Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Venue
Sri Lankan Schools Tennis Tournament (Organised by the Royalists)	11th August	Parramatta City Tennis, Barton Street
Joe-Pete (NSW) including Over 40's	15th September	Kareela Reserve, Doonside
Friendship Cup - Cricket (Organised by Richmond - Mahinda OBU)	6th October	Venue to be finalised
Christmas Carols & Get-together	30th November	Thornleigh Community Centre

