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Editor's Note

I am delighted to present our autumn 2012 edition of **Palmyra** on behalf of the new executive committee of the Hartley College Past Pupil's Association NSW. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed in the form of articles, comments and in numerous other ways.

Palmyra plays an important role in supporting our association's objectives by bringing our Hartley Community together, providing a forum to consolidate and communicate reports, articles, ideas, news or feedback from our Hartleyites.

Last year we held our second mega fund raising event called **Kalaizh Chuwei 2011** & it was so successful; we are determined to make the **Kalaizh Chuwei 2012** even more successful.

Please feel free to communicate to us your comments, suggestions and feedback.

Thank you.

Mahesan Aravindan

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Please support needy students and school development program

Kalaizh Chuwei 2012

Annual Fund Raising Event

Date: Saturday, 8th September 2012

Time: 6:00pm - 10:30pm

Venue: Sydney Bahai Centre, 107, Derby Street,
Silverwater, NSW



**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION OF
NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED, AUSTRALIA**

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Dear Hartleyite,

Vannakkam,

I am glad to bring this publication to you in addition to our regular updates on our web page www.hartleycollegensw.org. Firstly I welcome Vanni PPA, the new member formed by Dr Sivakumar during the latter part of last year.

The much anticipated “Construction of Hostel” which is fully sponsored by Senator Ian Kiru Karan is progressing well. This project is facilitated by German embassy, project managed by Mr. Rohan Gomis and co-ordinated by Colombo branch. Soil test, architectural plan and finalising a seven member project steering committee are now complete. This hostel will be a three story modern building and expected to be completed by mid-2014 at a cost of Rs 45 million.

In this financial year our branch had already assisted our school in the following activities:

1. Purchasing Veenai for our music students
2. Secured a 4 year sponsorship for a needy Hartley student to complete his Dip in fine arts
3. Annual art prizes for two best students
4. Funding substitute chemistry teacher who is on medical leave
5. Purchasing soccer sports materials

In addition we have funded a sewing project for the people in Vanni through an NGO called CFCD.

My visit to Harley:

Principal Mr Theivendrarajah invited me to visit the school for one day and another day as a guest for Miscellany publication. On the first day reaching magistrate office around 7:40am, I could feel the Hartley environment, the head students guiding the traffic from magistrate office and the uniformed students moving into school in an orderly manner. The striking differences to my seven year old memory are high energy level of disciplined students, cleanliness (certainly I was not this lucky) and the number of new structures. I could notice boundary wall is taken its shape, auditorium progressing slowly, canteen growing out of the soil, basket ball court getting ready, cycle shed being installed, new toilets (students) nearing completion. I noted that students and teachers working hard on a Sunday to erect basketball posts showing their belongingness to the school. I must acknowledge that these changes are

made possible due to the dedication and hard work of our beloved Principal, teachers and PPAs.

I was lucky to meet the retired teachers Mr J S Rajaratnam, Mr Gunaseelan, Mr VK Balasubramaniam at Hartley college Miscellany publication. I was humbled by the opportunity given to meet and network with the PPA's in Srilanka (Parent body, Colombo and Trust).

During my visit I could notice that Hartley and other schools are experiencing teacher shortages. Our committee is exploring this to make effective contribution to overcome this. In addition we are exploring opportunities to assist Vanni students through our network. You can see any of these updates on www.hartleycollegensw.org or share your comments via an email to HCPPA_NSW@googlegroups.com.



Students' arriving school in single line file



Students and teacher erecting basketball post on a Sunday

I thank you for your continued support and looking forward to receive your views and comments.

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S.Yoganathan
HCPPA-NSW

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Arts Scholarship

By Mr P Elango

An active Hartleyite and philanthropist living in Sydney along with his family is sponsoring 2 art prizes (each worth Rs 5,000) every year at Hartley and ex Hartley College Student Master Menon doing fine arts degree in art at Ramanathan Academy (Jaffna University). He wishes to remain anonymous and we shall respect his wish.

The request for financial help for the student came from the Principal. The scholarship / financial is Rs 48,000 per year for the duration (4 years) of his study at Ramanathan Academy. Menon is from a very poor family whose only income is derived by his mother selling vegetables. Now she had become old and unable to work at the market and Menon would not have been able to continue his studies without outside financial help. This timely help by this philanthropist is very much appreciated by the Principal, the recipient Master Menon and HCPPA NSW Branch.

To select the students for the art prizes the Principal will organise annual art exhibition. This will be judged by eminent art teachers and artists living locally.

We applaud the active Harleyite for his generosity and love of his alma mater. WE are also pleased to publish a photograph of the scholarship recipient Master Menon below:



Master Menon

CFCD Sewing Training

The Centre for Child Development (CFCD) Vavuniya is running six (6) months-sewing training project in Chettikulam to train 20 marginalised and traumatized women, at a cost of Rs 530,000. This is to give them an opportunity to be self-employed and earn a living to better their life.

The war in Vanni had resulted in many war widows. Many of them are young with young children. Women headed families have increased dramatically. In addition number of children and young girls are dropping out of schools for various reasons.

HCPPA NSW Branch had contributed A\$1,000 to assist with this project. The training will be completed by May / June his year and CFCD will provide us with a report detailing the outcome at the end of the training. Please see the photo of the sewing centre in action.



Social Secretary's Report

By Mr R. Krishnakumaran

We would like to thank all for the excellent support towards our annual fund raising event Kalaizh Chuwei. We have now completed two successful programs. Last year's program was even bigger than the previous year in terms of number of participants, audience and live actions. We also thank you for your feedbacks towards last year's program and we assure that we are taking each and every feedback into account and will make every effort to improve the performances of this year's program. We also offer special thanks for program sponsors and each one of you for your great support. **Kalaizh Chuwei 2012** will be held on Saturday **8th Sep 2012** at **Sydney Bahai Centre, Silverwater** (107 Derby Street). This year's program (Three Essences of Tamil Arts) will contain three programs with modifications to each of them compared to previous years. There will be exciting new items into each program including support and participation of leading performers in Sydney. The fund raised through this event goes to number projects for Hartley College and outside Hartley College.

Sports Events

As we have reported earlier through our web page Hindu College won both Cricket and Tennis matches against us last (2011) year. The details have been published in our web page. Please visit www.hartleycollegensw.org to see more on this. Also please do visit our web page regularly as we always keep on updating about Events, News, Stories, Projects, Articles, Photo Gallery, Obituary, etc.

Recent cricket match summary between Hartley College and St.Johns college in Jaffna is as below

	First Innings	Second Innings
Hartley College	164 all out J.NIRUBAN 52 S.THANANJEYAN 16 N.BALAMOCHAN 18 S.KETHEES 13 T.PRATHEEP 14 R.KIRUTHTHIKAN 13 J.PIRASATH 5/47 (17 OVERS) – St.Johns	HC 52/5 (2ND INNINGS - 12 OVERS)
ST.JOHN'S	206/6 (47 OVERS)	
Match Drawn		

Upcoming Sports Events in Sydney

The annual tennis game between Hartley College and Jaffna Hindu College will be held on the 20 May 2012 and 27 May 2012 at Barton Park, North Parramatta. Further information will be circulated to all members later and also on our web site.

The annual cricket games between Hartley College and Jaffna Hindu College will be held on the 1 Oct 2012 long weekend Monday at John's Park, Parramatta.

More member participation

We are looking at options for more and more member participation in sports and social events and AGM. We would like to obtain your feedback to find a suitable option.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012-13 And BBQ

HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED, AUSTRALIA

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Hartley College Past Pupils Association of NSW.

Date: Sunday , 14th October 2012

Time: **AGM & BBQ** 10:30am to 3:00pm

Venue: Ted Burge Hall, Centenary Road, Merryland West

Entrance via: Hollywood Street

UBD Reference: 210F8

Ample car parking space available.



Due to popular requests from our members of hosting a social event, this year a social BBQ has been organised along with AGM.

Please mark the date in your diary and express your support of our Alma mater.

HARTLEY COLLEGE
PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION INC. NSW BRANCH
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA



MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Sunday 25th September 2011
at Alpha Park Centre, Blacktown, NSW 2148

The president Mr S. YOGANATHAN chaired the meeting.
The recorded attendance was 19 members.

1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME ADDRESS

President Mr S. Yoganathan opened 2011 HCPPA-NSW AGM at 4:15pm with a minute silence for the lost lives back home due to the war. Then he welcomed all the members and thanked for supporting the Association during the past year.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 19th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Secretary Mr A. Srikumar presented the minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting held on 17th October 2010 at Homebush Boys High School. Members adopted the minutes as correct record of the meeting. Proposed by Mr P. Elango and seconded by Mr K. Sreetharan.

3. PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES DURING PAST YEAR BY PRESIDENT

Mr S. Yoganathan explained various activities the NSW branch had undertaken during the past year. Key activities mentioned are listed below:

- The Land has been purchased for vocational centre. Our contribution was \$5,200.00 raised from KC2010 under Mr. Thirukumaran's leadership.
- Replaced 22 Computers in the computer lab which was constructed by NSW branch in 2005.
- Donated \$600.00 towards Hartley College soccer team annual expense.
- Supported two Non-Hartley activities: (i) \$600.00 towards Batticalloa flood victims and (ii) \$700.00 towards purchasing furniture for Puttalai Mahavidyalayam.

He commended the team especially Mr R. Krishnakumaran for planning and successfully conducting Kalaizh chuwai 2011 fund raising activity.

He thanked Mr R. Manimaaran for the great effort on developing an informative web site for NSW branch.

Mr S. Yoganathan informed that Hartley old boys living in Vanni inaugurated HCPPA-Vanni branch under Dr. Sivakumar's leadership.

Further he pointed out few milestones related to the school development as below:

- The water tank construction and the rebuilding of the tsunami damaged wall work have been completed.
- The school's new hostel building foundation ceremony was held recently. This project has been sponsored by Mr. Ian Kiru Karan, an old boy of Hartley College who is a renowned entrepreneur and a senator for Economic affairs in Hamburg at a cost of Rs.40 million.

4. CULTURAL EVENT, KALAIZH CHWEI AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES BY SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Social Secretary Mr R. Krishnakumaran has thanked everyone who has helped towards the KC2011 for the success. Further he mentioned that the format of the program may vary next year to further improve the program.

Further he mentioned about the Tennis & Cricket competition HC Vs JH. He would like more members to participate in the events with their families to encourage the players.

5. PRESENTATION OF HCPPA-NSW FINANCIAL REPORT [2010/2011] BY TREASURER

The Treasurer Mr A. Aravinthan presented the audited financial report for the financial year ended 30 June 2011. He explained the revenues, expenses and the deficit for the year. Members adopted the financial report. Proposed by Mr. S. Subenthiran and seconded by Mr S. Yoganathan.

6. HCPPA-NSW CELEBRATING 20 YEARS ANNIVERSARY BY MR P ELANGO

Vice Patron and a founding member of the organisation Mr P. Elango shared few milestones from the long journey as below:

The organisation was formed in 1991 with 7 committee members.

In 1996, the first newsletter was published and life membership started.

In 2006, the organisation has achieved 100 life members. Mr. Elango has thanked Mr K. Selvarajah who worked hard to bring the number of life members to 100 during his period in the committee. Further Mr. Elango has requested the next committee to get more life members to the organisation.

7. OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Thirukumaran enquired if there was any feedback from the school related to the Necessity Fund. Committee agreed that they will follow this up with the school.

Mr K. Selvarajah has suggested helping small schools surrounding Hartley College. The committee will talk to college principal and find out the possibility of helping them.

From the floor several members asked about the possibility of helping schools at Vanni via HCPPA-Vanni branch. This will be followed up with Vanni branch.

8. ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE 2011-2012

Mr A. Srikumar presented the nominations received for the members of the Executive Committee for 2011-2012.

Membership elected the positions as below:

President:	Mr S. Yoganathan
Proposed by:	Mr S. Subenthiran
Seconded by:	Mr A. Aravinthan
Vice President:	Mr A. Srikumar
Proposed:	Mr M. Aravindan
Seconded:	Mr S. Yoganathan
Secretary:	Mr S. Subenthiran
Proposed:	Mr S. Yoganathan
Seconded:	Mr A. Aravinthan
Treasurer:	Mr A. Aravinthan
Proposed:	Mr A. Srikumar
Seconded:	Mr B. Aravinthan
Social Secretary:	Mr R. Krishnakumaran
Proposed:	Mr A. Srikumar
Seconded:	Mr S. Gopinath

Joint Secretary:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr S. Gobinath

Mr R. Krishnakumaran

Mr A. Aravinthan

Editor:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr M. Aravindan

Mr A. Srikumar

Mr A. Aravinthan

Committee member 1:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr G. Thavalingam

Mr A. Aravinthan

Mr A. Raguramankumar

Committee member 2:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr B. Aravinthan

Mr A. Aravinthan

Mr M. Aravindan

Committee member 3:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr G. Vaseeharan

Mr K. Visakulan

Mr K. Selvarajah

Committee member 4:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr K. Sreetharan

Mr K. Kaneshalingam

Mr A. Raguramankumar

Committee member 5:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Mr S. Ranjaan

Mr S. Gopinath

Mr S. Subenthiran

9. ELECTION OF AUDITOR 2011-2012

Mr V. Sugumar has been elected as the auditor.

Proposed by Mr S. Yoganathan and seconded by Mr A. Srikumar.

10. CONCLUSION

Mr Yoganathan thanked the members for attending the AGM and their continued support to HCPPA-NSW. The AGM 2011 was concluded at 7:00pm.

Minutes recorded by

S. Subenthiran

Secretary

25th September 2011



S. Yoganathan

President HCPPA(NSW)

S. Subenthiran

Secretary HCPPA(NSW)

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	K. Sreetharan	(M) 0408 648 566
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HCPPA-NSW 2011-12 Key Dates

Date	Event	Venue
20th & 27th May 2012 Sunday	Tennis Match	Barton Park, North Parramatta
8 th Sep 2012 Saturday	KC2012	Bahai Centre, Silverwater
1 st Oct 2012 Monday (Long weekend)	Cricket Match	John's Park, Parramatta
14 th Oct 2012 Sunday	BBQ & AGM	Ted Burge Hall Merryland West