



Editor's Note

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Once again, I am delighted to present our Autumn 2014 edition of Palmyra on behalf of the Hartley College Past Pupil's Association NSW Branch.

This edition contains number of interesting and successful events including student achievements in the recent past. Also, this edition provides you the inside of the community projects which is supporting underprivileged Tamil families in Sri Lanka through community projects.

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.

On this occasion, we would like to warmly invite you for other annual major events for year 2014 including Annual Tennis, Cricket, KC 14 and AGM & Family Day.

Once again, We would like to thank the people who have been contributing to this newsletter and supporting in various aspects of our vision. Please feel free to communicate to us your comments, suggestions and feedback.

Message from the President

Hello again with another edition of the newsletter. I would like to highlight on couple important initiatives we have started recently and they are:

- sporting facility improvement project at Hartley College; and
- approach to expand community projects,

New initiative at Hartley College

Hartley College has been one of the leading educational institutions in Sri Lanka. The school has not only been popular for producing high academic achievers but also for producing leading sports personnel.

The recent civil war has had a great impact on school activities affecting badly the academic and sporting performances. After 2009 most of the parents appear to be solely focused in education for their children neglecting any investment of time in sports. Consequently tuition has become almost compulsory in a student's life at the expense of other activities at school. Most schools in the Northern Province are used as tuition centers in after school hours.

It is true that education should be the number one priority for our people in the current environment. However, sports and other extra-curricular activities are also important to students to become fully fledged future leaders. We (PPAs) have a role to sow the seeds of this awareness in the minds of parents, teachers and students. We believe by improving (or providing) the existing (or new) sporting facilities we will re-ignite interest in sporting activities that will benefit the students and school to achieve high standards in this area. (contd...)

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Upcoming Events:

- **Annual Tennis Match** with Jaffna Hindu Old Boys. Sunday, **30 March 2014** Barton Park, North Parramatta.
- **Kalaizh Chuwei 2014** Saturday, **13 September 2014** Bahai Centre, Silverwater.
- **Annual Cricket Match** with Jaffna Hindu Old Boys Monday, **6 October 2014**.
- **AGM & Family day** Sunday, **19 October 2014**

School Sports Meet – Feb 2014



School Hostel Opening



(contd. from previous page....) Hartley College Past Pupil Association NSW (HCPPA NSW) has initiated a project called "**Sporting Facility Improvement Project**". We have come up with an action plan. The first step of this plan is to initiate a feasibility study with the objective to prepare a staged implementation plan to:

- improve the condition of playing field and sporting facilities; and
- introduce appropriate new sporting facilities in consultation with the school, students and the feasibility study is currently underway.

New approach for community projects

We funded building a community/educational facility at Vishvamaadu at a cost of about \$2,060. The facility is currently in operation. We are committed to support this Centre by employing two teachers to help needy students during after school hours. For this year (2014) we also funded for books, power connection to the centre, and roof repair works for an existing facility next to the one we built. The total contribution for this year towards this educational facility centre is about \$900. This project is being channelled through **Ramakrishna Mission** in Colombo.

We have also initiated another educational project in Vanni area through **AssistRR**. This project is to fund an after school tuition facility for G.C.E A/L students for the entire Mullaitivu zone (about 325 students in total). We have funded \$2,600 for this project which provides a nominal reward for the teachers.

We are currently investigating needs to fund feeder school to Hartley College. This will help those schools those have difficulties in raising fund as they do not have strong PPAs in overseas.

Recently members (including myself) of HCPPA NSW visited Homeland to see and report on the above projects and identify other needs. We are happy about overall progress and effectiveness of the above projects. We have gathered some information about those needs. We have shared some of the basic needs that we identified to a number of organisations and individuals who are undertaking similar projects back home. To our delight Anbalayam (a charity organisation here in Australia) immediately agreed to fund some of the projects. I would like to thank Anbaalayam for that. We also communicating with other potential sources who may want involve in these projects.



R.Krishnakumaran President. HCPPA NSW

Sports Secretary's Message

Gopinath Satcunarajah

Dear Hartleyite,

The matches against the J/Hindu OBA teams were played on the Labour Day holiday in October 2013 at Jones Park, Parramatta. We also played other cricket games for charity and friendship in late 2013 and beginning of 2014. In 2013 we had friendly cricket games with Jaffna College, Royal College and Combined schools. We represented in Anbalayam trophy- charity event in January 2014. We won some matches and lost some, but either way it was enjoyable experience and good opportunity to meet Hartley College and other Sri Lankan Schools' old boys & their families. All these events were organised with food and drinks.

The annual Tennis event with Jaffna Hindu College (JHC) is being held on 30 March 2014 at Barton Park, North Parramatta from 8am to 2pm. There will be 5 teams representing HCPPA, NSW for group tennis event for the group event trophy. The best of the five teams from respective schools also will play for an individual team trophy. Our upcoming cricket annual event with JHC is on Monday, 6 October 2014 on the Labour Day at Jones Park Parramatta. Also, there will be an over 40 and open age match will be conducted in two grounds.

We would like to thank you again or you support, and welcome you to our tennis and cricket annual event with JHC where food and drinks are provided for refreshment at lunch time. This will be a good opportunity to meet the Hartley College and JHC communities. Also I would like to inform in this occasion that our committee is working with some dedicated individuals from NSW on Hartley Sports facility Improvement project back home, and we will inform the progress in the future newsletters and KC 14 souvenir. Anyone who would like to participate or be part of these events please contact us.

Social Secretary's Message

Paramatheva Paramanirupan

அன்புடையீர் வணக்கம்,

எமது கழகத்தின் "பணைமரம்" என்கின்ற செய்தித்தாளின் ஊடாக உங்களை சந்திப்பதில் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகிறேன்.

எமது கழகம் உங்களின் தொடர்ச்சியான ஆதரவின் ஊடாக எமது பாடசாலைக்கும், தாய் நாட்டிலில் உள்ள மற்றைய பாடசாலைகளுக்கும், அத்தோடு உதவி தேடி நிற்கும் போரினால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட மாணவர்களுக்கும் காலத்திற்கேற்ற செயற்பாடுகளை ஆற்றி வருகின்றது. மேலும் நாங்கள் வாழும் மாநிலத்திலுள்ள (நியுசவுத்வேல்ஸ்) தமிழ் இளையோரின் கல்வி மேம்பாட்டிற்காகவும் சில செயற்திட்டங்களை முன்னெடுத்து வருகின்றது.

எமது கழகத்தால் ஆண்டுதோறும் நடாத்தப்படும் "கலைச்சுவை" எனும் நிகழ்ச்சி இந்த ஆண்டும் உங்கள் முன் புன் முகத்துடன் பிரமாண்டமாக அரங்கேற உள்ளது.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியின் மூலம் எமது தாய்மொழி மற்றும் கலைகளை ஊக்குவிப்பதோடு இளைய சமுதாயத்தினரையும் எங்களுடன் இணைத்துக்கொள்கிறோம்.

இந்தக் கலை நிகழ்ச்சிக்கும் எமது கழகத்தின் தொடர்ச்சியான செயற் திட்டங்களுக்கும் உங்களின் அன்பான ஆதரவை வேண்டி நிற்கிறோம்.

"வாழ்க எம் இனம், வளர்க எம் தமிழ்"

"வாழ்க எம் கல்லூரி, வளர்க எம் கல்வி"

HCPPA – NSW Branch has been carrying out number of school projects as well as various community projects in the war affected area as outlined below.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

➤ Furniture Repairs	\$900.00
➤ Contribution to Annual School soccer	\$1,100.00
➤ Supply of new computers – Stage 2	\$TBA
➤ Land Purchase	\$2,500.00
➤ Improvement of Sporting Facilities	\$TBA

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

➤ Vishvamadu teachers' payment	\$850.00
➤ Vishvamadu building works – Roof, Electricity connection	\$700.00
➤ Sponsoring 100 English learning books to Rama Krishna Mission	\$250.00
➤ Provision of A/L Tuition to 325 Students in Mullaitivu district	\$2,600.00
➤ Proving books to five schools in Vadamarachi East	\$940.00
➤ Special Appeal for Vision 2020	\$TBA

Community Projects by HCPPA(NSW)

SWAMI VIVEKANANDA EDUCATIONAL CENTRE VISVAMDU

Visvamadu Educational Centre run by Ramakrishna Mission is running very well. Our President Krishnakumaran and Treasurer Aravinthan visited the centre recently and met the teachers and students and very pleased with the efficient management of the centre.

We are committed to continue funding the teachers. Based on the request from Ramakrishna Mission Swamiji, Swami Ritamayananda, who is an old Hartleyite, we agreed to pay the cost of Honorarium payment of Rs.96,000 to the teachers the year 2014, we are also funding the cost of books and work book cost of Rs.24,000. The existing cadjan roof of the second temporary building needed replacement and we are contributing Rs.25,000 for this purpose. Electricity connection cost of Rs.35,000 has also been paid. The committee also agreed to pay 100 English books at Rs.300 each.



AFTER SCHOOL TUTIONS IN MULLAITHIVU

HCPPA (NSW) is funding after School tuition classes at Puthukkudiyiruppu Maha Vidyalayam for 384 GCE(A/L) students in Mullaitivu district. Assist RR, www.assistrr.org a UK charity is running these classes with the help of Mullaitivu Educational Trust fund, run by Mullaitivu GA.

Majority of the students confirmed that they do not attend any other private lessons and depend on these tuition classes to improve their chances of enhancing their lives. The teachers are also glad that they participate in this initiative and helping these students

A large number of students are dropping out after sitting their O/L examinations in Vanni. There are only 408 students learning science subjects compared to 2176 students in O/L learning science subjects.

Assist RR believes that it could try and resolve this by encouraging them to follow A/L science subjects with the provision of free after school tuitions. Some mothers did tell Assist RR that their children opted to do arts/commerce subjects in GCE A/L because of their inability to pay for private tuition fees. They believe that these after School tuition classes would give them better chances of gaining admissions to universities.

LIBRARY BOOK DONATION TO SCHOOLS

Five Vadamarachi East schools have been identified as in need of essential books for their libraries, worth of \$940 will be handed over to the Principals of the respective schools through Vadamarachi East Undergraduate Student's union and supervised by a Hartleyite Mr Pasupathy Thayanathan.

SCHOOL FUNITURE REPAIRS

There are 135 Student tables and chairs including 70 Student Iron tables have been repaired. The photos are shown below of the repaired.



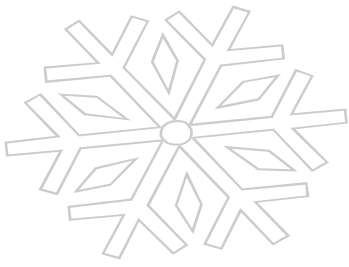
HARTLEY COLLEGE HOSTEL OPENING CEREMONY

Ian Karan Hostel – Hartley College declared open on Saturday, 1 March 2014.



Hartley College – G.C.E (A/L) Examination – Results – 2013

NAME	RESULTS	DISTRICT RANK	ISLAND RANK
MATHS STREAM			
1. Uthayamoorthy Keerthanam	3A	2	5
2. Baskaran Kirubakaran	3A	14	
3. Thillainathan Suthakaran	3A	17	
4. Kamalanathan Pirasanth	2A,1B	28	
5. Srikantharanganathan Dinesh	3A	35	
6. Panchadsaramoorthy Gowsigesan	2A,1B	42	
7. Thiraviyarajah Ajanthan	1A,2B	46	
8. Sathiyaseelan Shuluckson	2A,1B	53	
9. Santhiralingam Paraneetharan	2A,1B	57	
10. Arudpiragasam Kirnaragavan	1A,2B	58	
11. Santhirabalan Nirmalarajah	2A,1B	61	
12. Nanthakumar Vivek	2A,1C	62	
13. Siththirasenarasa Kowarththan	1A,2B	63	
BIO STREAM			
1. Sivagnanaselvam Thinesh	3A	1	6
2. Kasilingam Kiritharan	3A	3	
3. Kulasingam Gowrishangar	1A,2B	25	
4. Sivanantham Nithurshan	1A,2B	33	
COMMERCE STREAM			
1. Tharmaseealn Nirojan	3A	11	
2. Alagarasa Jeyaeswaran	2A,1C	18	
3. Murugananthan Ramanan	2A,1B	20	
4. Yogarajah Joysteepan	1A,2B	69	
5. Arudchevam Mohanaruban	1A,1B,1C	81	
ARTS STREAM			
1. Rasathurai Janakan	2A,1B	10	
2. Mahalingam Vishnukumaran	1A,2B	54	
3. Nanthagopal Ramanan	1A,1B,1C	100	
4. Ketheeswaran Kirusanth	1A1B1C	102	
5. Selvarah Johnson	1A,1B,1C	257	



EVENTS

CALENDER

2014

HCPPA - NSW

The annual tennis match with Jaffna Hindu Old Boys
30 March 2014 at Barton Park North Parramatta

Kalaizh Chuwei 2014
13 Sep 2014 at 6.00 P.M., Bahai Centre Silverwater
 Niroshan Sathiyamoorthy's '**Puthiya Poobalam**'
 A leading Tamil Band from Melbourne will be performing.

Also please enrol yourself if you would like to perform
 in "**Kalakkapouvathu Yaru**" comedy act



The annual cricket match with Jaffna Hindu Old Boys
6 Oct 2014 at Jones Park Parramatta

The AGM 2014
19 Oct 2014

Hartley College Sports Meet – February 2014



Hartley College inter House Athletic Meet - February 2014 Events Points of Houses

	A	K	P	S	T
March Past	20	5	15	10	25
Field Events	118	122	125	85	138
Track Events	94	89	82	122	140
Relay	58	52	53	58	55
TOTAL	290	268	275	275	358