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Editor's Note

Sydney streets and railway lines are decorated with orange 'Clivia' flowers, 'Wisteria' tree is fully covered with purple flowers which imitate like bunch of grapes, 'Bottle Brush' is blossomed with fiery red flowers, waking up to birds' dawn chorus, lighter evening ahead and kids are swapping from soccer to cricket season. Welcome to Spring!

I am delighted to present our Spring 2016 Edition of ***Palmyrah*** 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.

We invite you to communicate to us with your comments, suggestions and feedback.

Thank you,

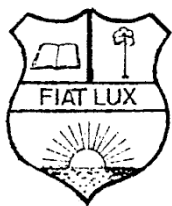
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Dear Hartleyeites,

I am delighted to meet you all via my first Newsletter for the Spring Edition 2016.

The primary objective of our branch is to help the students to get good academic and sports achievements also help other needy students in various parts of our homeland.

Hartley College is a leader in high academic achievement but we would like to see this level of performance is repeated in sporting activities as the school did in yesteryears. I am pleased to announce that HCPPA NSW team is playing a key role in consulting with other HCPPA around the world and the school to improve student's sports achievement with new sports venue to be built with your support and all of our hard work will be written on the history.

I trust you are as excited as our organisation has reached 25 years service in 2016. I am sure you will help us continue our tradition of success to make the best year in our chapter. In order to accomplish this enormous goal, we request your continued involvement in as many events as possible and encourage other Hartleyeities yet to involve in our journey.

It was an honour to arrange a catch up with our former principal Mr. Balasingam in September 2016 in Sydney. Mr. Balasingam wrote a very touching response on his return.

The highlight in our Branch activity this year was the "Hartley Family Night" which was held on Saturday, 30 July 2016; meticulous planning was taken to assist members to connect, socialise and foster fellowship among Hartley families in New South Wales. A similar event will be organised every year following popular requests from many of our members.

First time in the history, a **Hartley College International Day** is taking place next year in April/May at Hartley College, Point Pedro. HCPPA NSW committee and members are leading to arrange this event. I will appreciate if you all could come along with your family to mark this as a historic event. Purpose of the event is to appreciate all the hard work contributed by the Hartley College principals and teachers including current and past. Also this will be a good opportunity to finalise the sports stadium project in face-to-face with all HCPPA around the globe.

We seek to maintain our sporting tradition and member involvement in playing sports. Our upcoming local events are listed on this Newsletter and on our new website being constructed for your easy planning.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at Wiseman Ferry Family trip on December 17th and more update will follow soon from our secretary.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns then please either reach out me or our committee members via group email id hcppa_nsw@googlegroups.com.

Yours sincerely

S. Kathirkamanathan
President, HCPPA NSW

Mr. Balasingam's visit to Sydney

It has been a pleasure in spending an evening with one of our Hartley College former principals Mr. Balasingam in Sydney. This event was organised by HCPPA NSW. We are grateful that Mr. Balasingam accepted our invitation in his short visit in Sydney. This wonderful memory will remain with us forever as same as our time at Hartley College. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Balasingam for making this event.



Hartley College Sporting Facility Improvement Project

We are thrilled to inform that Harley College hostel and sporting ground fence had been completed successfully and this project is fully funded by HCPPA NSW.



The HCPPA NSW Project Team is currently working on Sporting Facilities project. We have already communicated with all HCPPA branches around the globe to deliver this project. It is very important that all constructive feedback and clarification of this report have been received before the implementation stage.

The project report will be ready for clarification on third week of November 2016. LNR Constructions have been involved to prepare the project report in consultation with the principal and the HCPPA NSW project team.

The project report will be circulated for all HCPPA around the world for final acceptance.

Define Project Stages:

Stage 1: Preparing the ground – cleaning, levelling, drainage, stormwater harvesting (If required), Construct Irrigation facilities, grass laying and appointment of a groundsman

Stage 2; Laying training pitches and net, scoreboard and side screens

Stage 3: Proposed to prepare an artistic view of proposed further stages (4, 5, 6, etc.)

Project Schedule – Stages 1 & 2

Scope	Responsibility	Due date
The project blue print and the design report including implement stages, tasks & cost breakdown. Project proposal report reviewed and accepted by HCPPA NSW Committee.	Project Team	3 rd week of November 2016
HCPPA NSW President sends this proposal to all HCPPA branches for their comments and feedback.	HCPPA NSW President	1 st week of December 2016
The report will be finalised and ready for implementation stage.	Project team and HCPPA NSW	End of January 2017
Staged implementation of works based on priority and fund availability, explore funding opportunities for projects.	All HCPPA branches	End of May 2017
Proposed to have a Hartley International day in the month of April or May 2017 to secure funding for this project.	All HCPPA branches	End of June 2017
Prepare a business case for the sporting facility project.	HCPPA NSW & project team	End of June 2017
Completion of project	Principal and All HCPPA branches	End of June 2018

Proposed future stages 3, 4, 5 etc.

Details	Responsibility	Due date
Prepare an artistic view of proposed future stages – to make sure facilities are built at the right location with efficient utilization and available resources.	HCPPA NSW & project team	3 rd week of November 2016
HCPPA NSW President sends this proposal to all HCPPA branches for their comments and feedback.	All HCPPA branches	End of January 2017
The report will be finalised and ready for implementation of project stages.	All HCPPA branches	Discussion on Hartley day with the Principal
Staged implementation of works based on priority and fund availability; explore funding opportunities for projects	All HCPPA branches	Discussion on Hartley day with the Principal

Hartley Dinner Night 2016

This year we decided to have a Hartley dinner night for our annual get together. It turned out the event was very successful, as all Hartleyites joined with their family had a great time. The event provided a platform for socialising & networking for all Hartleyites and fundraising. All children were entertained with magic shows, movies and many other activities on the night. We witnessed awesome music & dance talents of our Hartleyites and their children. A special activity was organised for ladies to keep them amusing. The event completed with great dance on the floor. Watch out for a big event next year as we are celebrating our silver jubilee anniversary!

The event was sponsored by Bridge View Medical Practice (Dr. Thavaseelan and Dr. Shanthini Seelan). The chief guest for the event was Hartleyite and long-time member of HCPPA, Mr. Ramasamy Sithambarapillai, who has supported our school and HCPPA for many years. We managed to raise A\$ 12K by organising this event.



Community Projects by HCPPA (NSW) - 2015/16

Swami Vivekananda Educational Centre Visuvamadu (Ramakrishna Mission)

On-going annual teachers' salary support: A\$ 900

Centre roof replacement/installation fund: A\$ 2,500

Visuvamadu Educational Centre under Ramakrishna Mission is serving the community of the area well. Our committee members continue to visit the centre and meet the teachers and students. The centre is being efficiently managed and the students are doing well. HCPPA (NSW) continues to support the centre requirements through Ramakrishna mission.



School projects funded by HCPPA (NSW) during the current financial year

Basic necessity funding	A\$ 850
Link class funding	A\$ 250
PA for principal	A\$ 1,200

Cricket Match HCPPA NSW VS Jaffna Hindu OBAs in Sydney



Match Summary:

Hartley College PPA and Jaffna Hindu College OBA cricket match was held on Monday 3rd October 2016 at Jones Park, Mays Hill, Sydney.

Hartley College over 40 team played impressively and won the game by 4 wickets. Hartley team opening pair built the strong platform with keeping in mind the run rate needed and the middle order finished in style. Captain's strategy to change the batting order played a key part in winning the game:

Best Bowler - Mahinthan (Hindu)

Best Batsman - Kannan (Hartley)

Best Fielder - Gobinath (Hindu)

Man of the Match - Mani (Hartley)

Hartley College open team played well but lost the game to Jaffna Hindu College team:

Best Batsman - Murali (Hindu)

Best Bowler - Niranjan (Hindu)

Man of the Match – Vijithan (Hindu)

Best Fielder - Ramesh (Hartley)

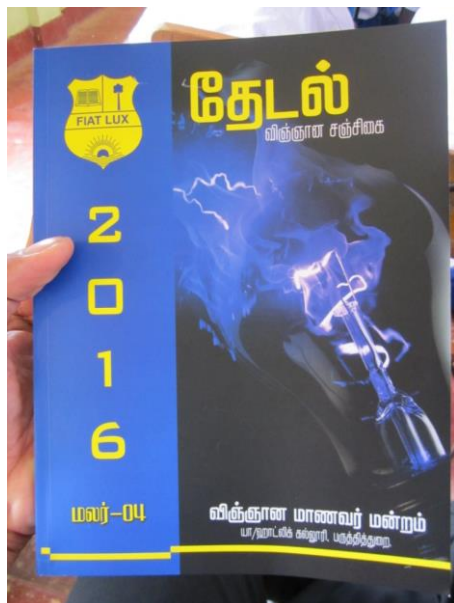
Our heartiest congratulations for all the players and supporters involved in the both matches and you all made our school even prouder.

Upcoming Local Events:

- 1) Hartley College vs Royal College cricket match – TBC
- 2) Family trip to Wiseman Ferry (BYO) – Saturday 17th December 2016
- 3) Father & Son cricket games - January 2017
- 4) Family social tennis – March 2017
- 5) Annual dinner/dance night – April 2017 (TBC)

Recent Photos from Hartley College

Republication of science magazine 'Thedal' at Hartley College



A prize giving ceremony was held at Hartley College on 2nd July 2016

