

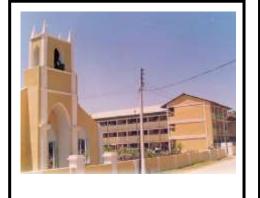
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Editor's Note

Sydney heat records hit all time high in this summer. Our city was drenched throughout March with continuous rain. Dorothea Mackellar's (1885 – 1968) My Country poem comes to my mind. *"I love a sunburnt country, A land of sweeping plains,*

A land of sweeping plains, Of ragged mountain ranges, Of droughts and flooding rains, I love her far horizons, I love her jewel sea, Her beauty and terror, The wide brown land for me"

I am delighted to present our Autumn 2017 Edition of *Palmyrah* on behalf 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,

Arul Narenthiran Editor, HCPPA-NSW email:hcppa_nsw@googlegroups.com



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Dear Hartleyeites,

I am delighted to meet you all again in this Autumn Edition 2017 Newsletter.

The primary objective of our branch is to help the Hartley College students to attain good academic and sports achievements. Helping other needy students in various parts of our homeland is the other part of our focus.

Global Hartleyites Day

It gives me a great pleasure in sharing some of the most exciting and milestone initiatives and achievements of the branch, since the last issue of the Newsletter. First and foremost among them is the forthcoming launch of the Global Hartleyites Day. First time in the history of HCPPAs such an initiative becomes a reality on a Global scale. This I believe is an essential step forward in consolidating and advancing the HCPPA network in support of our College needs. Substantial effort and time has been invested in engaging all stakeholders and reaching agreement among all the HCPPAs across the globe and the College. Following this agreement the date picked for Global Hartleyites Day and its launch was unanimously endorsed by all HCPPAs and our school alike. Now we need to work much harder to organise the event well and make it a memorable one in every sense. This is the responsibility of every member of all HCPPAs, not just the Executive Committees. There are a number of members from various HCPPAs agreed to take part in the proceedings of the events in person. We encourage every one of you to take part in this unique initiative and contribute positively to the success of the event. Many have already started working tirelessly and we would like to see more members coming forward to help the Global team in whatever way possible. We are extremely glad to invite you for the three days (September 4th, 5th, 6th) during the Global Hartleyites Day celebrations and get together. As a member of our branch your presence on these days will enhance the good name of our branch. It is also a golden opportunity to meet your teachers, classmates and friends from yesteryears.

Please see attached flyers and proposed itinerary below.

New Dawn - HCPPA Australia

This Year's Australia Day helped to open a new chapter in the history NSW HCPPA and Victoria HCPPA relationship after 27 years since foundation of these two branches. Playing a cricket match at one of the home grounds has been in the back of the minds of many for quite some time, however it came to reality only this year by the effort and strong commitment of both branches. HCPPA NSW visited Melbourne with a team of 11 players and played a historic cricket match with Victoria on the Australia Day – 26 Jan 2017. The event was held in Glen Waverley and was well attended by members of HCPPA Victoria. A very warm welcome, upheld friendly traditions and marked with a lot of fun, food and above all unique opportunity for networking and catching up with Hartleyites after many yers. This is a new dawn in the history of HCPPAs in Australia. The aim of such events is developing personal touch and that is an important and essential element in nurturing and growing the support network that will lead to outstanding support to our College back home. Further we are working as a global team and our goals to form HCPPA Australia/NZ to bring all Hartleyites from other states to be part of HCPPA family.

Sri Lanka Visit

I visited Sri Lanka in early part of January 2017 and had the opportunity of meeting many members of the Colombo and Point Pedro HCPPAs, Educational Zone Directors, Executive Board Members of Sri Lankan Cricket Board and other related Governments officials. I understand that the Hon Prime Minister of Sri Lanka has promised to fund the building of a 250 seats sports pavilion at the College grounds. My sincere thanks to the Colombo HCPPA branch president, Vishnukanthan and his team for their efforts to close the deal with the government. Concerted lobbying by Hartleyites from OBAs and support from key people in the government delivered such a good outcome. I believe we should continue to maintain such links and associated relationship in the best possible manner.

Silver Jubilee Ceremony

I am sure you are aware by now that your branch, HCPPA NSW is celebrating the Jubilee Year since its inauguration

We have established a committee to plan and deliver the Silver Jubilee event. Celebrations have been planned to involve children and young local talents of all categories from our own school and community.

We invite you and your family to join us in this major event on 26th of August Saturday at Sydney Baha'i Centre.

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

Yours sincerely S. Kathirkamanathan President, HCPPA NSW

Wiseman Ferry Trip

There are many things in life that make us happy and going for a picnic is one of them. It is even better going with more than one family. Imagine the fun of around fifty families from Hartley College spending a day in Wiseman Ferry for a picnic.

Sydney has an abundance of great picnic spots and Wiseman Ferry is one of the hidden jewels. It is located 75 km North West of Sydney and was named after 'Solomon Wiseman', a former convict who received the land from Governor Macquarie in 1817. Wiseman established the ferry service on the Hawkesbury River which is still ongoing managed by NSW RTA.

Prior to the picnic, HCPPA Committee members contacted all Hartley College families in Sydney and received overwhelming support from around fifty families. Many others were disappointed that they could not take part due to their holiday arrangements. Committee members meticulously arranged and co-ordinated the event. Members and their families prepared breakfast, lunch and drinks for all attending.

All cars pass through historic Northern Road which has a number of sharp and hair-pin bends and both sides of road are covered with sky reaching impressive array of eucalyptus trees. Driving on this road is a sheer joy for a passionate driver exploring this big country. All cars reached Picnic Grounds one-by-one around 10 o' clock. Wiseman Ferry welcomed us with a clear blue sky, beautiful mountain ranges interweaved by Hawkesbury River and lush green lawns. Australian lyre birds are famous for mimicking sounds and mobile ring tone is their favourite. The lyre birds have secured a place on Australian 10 cents. Resident lyre birds in Wiseman Ferry wished that they had known our school anthem to welcome the Hartley College families.

It was fascinating to see everyone reminiscing their memories of Hartley College. Kids quickly formed a bond between them and they played cricket, soccer and badminton. While ladies were sharing their tips on Christmas sale among them, men were pondering about Christmas parties in their group.

A variety of tasty foods were laid on the table and everyone enjoyed them. Numerous accolades were won by the faluda drink and yummy Arabic sweet. Final photo shoot with everyone will be a cherished memory for many years to come. Finally everyone parted reluctantly wishing we could do this often. HCPPA NSW deserved a pat on their shoulder for organising a successful event in a short notice.













Australia Day and HCPPA VIC vs NSW Cricket Match

Captain James Cook's first successful expedition exposed Australia and New Zealand to Europeans. January 26 is the Australia day to mark the British settlement in 1788 by Governor Arthur Phillip. There are a number of free barbecues, fireworks and many other activities take place to celebrate this day all around Australia.

Australia day 2017 was chosen for the HCPPA NSW Vs VIC friendly cricket match in Melbourne. HCPPA NSW and VIC are merely separated by the distance but united as brothers in relentless support to their Alma Mater - Hartley College.

HCPPA NSW cricket team grouped together in a few cars to travel to Melbourne on the 25th January ahead of the match day. Sydney Ferry race is famous on the Australia day and this event attracts a number of people resulting in many advance bookings for the ferry for the day. In line with this racing tradition, HCPPA NSW cricket team had a car race of their own on Hume Highway in their cars (winner is not revealed here) on their way to Melbourne.

On the match day, cold and rain kissing Melbourne was blessed with a beautiful day with sunshine and 23C temperature – a perfect day for playing cricket. On the contrary, Sydney had a grey sky to reflect the anxiety on the outcome of the cricket match. Cricket oval was stunning with pristine green ground and secluded by tall trees to provide natural shade for the spectators and a cooler effect on hot sunny days. Cricket match was very competitive but the magnificent VIC beat the talented NSW. However NSW team won the trust and formed a strong bond to achieve many things together in the future for the benefit of the members and our school.

The day ended with joyous tug of war. It was incredible to see all men, women and children took part and gained immense pleasure by encouraging to win each other's side, teasing the losers and revealing the usual fun oriented dirty tricks employed by the winning team.

Last not least, HCPPA NSW cricket team received an excellent hospitality treatment from HCPPA VIC families. Everything was superb from breakfast, lunch to dinner and HCPPA VIC showed their generous heart.



HCPPA NSW Silver Jubilee Event

While Queen Elizabeth II is making history on her Sapphire Jubilee -65 years on the throne, HCPPA is taking a momentous step into the Silver Jubilee year. The queen has been patron of more than 600 charities. HCPPA NSW has been following queen's footsteps in supporting charities and performing charitable acts through community organisations.

HCPPA NSW Silver Jubilee celebrations will take place on Saturday 26th August 2017 in Sydney Silverwater Bahá'í Centre - a popular venue for accommodating a large number of audience and musical events. HCPPA had organised a number of dinner nights, cultural evening and many other activities in the past but this year's Silver Jubilee celebrations will take us in to another level of achievement. HCPPA NSW is planning and organising to present you with a magnificent evening of celebrations together with a mega musical night. The starstudded programme will include talented singers and dance presentations from our enthusiastic young performers, guest speakers, VIPs from Sri Lanka and many other activities to give you an unforgettable winter evening of your lifetime. We need your support in buying tickets for you and your family and spreading the news to your friends.



Global Hartleyites Day

Hartley College is one of the leading schools in Sri Lanka. Our school has been nurturing and producing finest high calibre and inspiring students who are living all over the world and working for many great organisations. We are blessed and honoured to have studied in a prestigious educational establishment. Former students of Hartley College continue to demonstrate their gratitude to their Alma Mater by forming Hartley College Past Pupils Associations (HCPPA) for the purpose of helping the school development even though they are far away from the school. HCPPAs are found in Sri Lanka, North America & Canada, UK, Australia and recently efforts are under way in Switzerland to form a branch. Needless to mention that all HCPPAs are doing a highly commendable job for the school development by organising a number of fund raising activities.

HCPPA NSW conceived the idea of organising an annual event of gathering for HCPPA members from around the world in Hartley College, Point Pedro. Following the reaching of consensus among all HCPPAs and the school our idea of promotion of the assembly of members has blossomed in to a first ever gathering of Hartleyites titled "Global Hartleyites Day (GHD)". HCPPA NSW's dream is becoming a reality in the shape of Global Hartleyites day and is taking place from 4th to 6th September 2017. As in the confluence (sangamam) of rivers - Ganges, Yamuna and Saraswati in Triveni, Global Hartleyites day will be a confluence of Hartleyites from far corners of the world and the event will be inscribed in the history of our Alma Mater. Global Hartleyites day will have interactive sessions, discussions, rewards, appreciations and sports including cricket, soccer, basketball, traditional games and many others.

GHD is the brain child of HCPPA NSW and our members have put in tremendous effort behind the scenes in promoting and gaining acceptance. Therefore this is your event and we need your presence to and making yourself part of the history. We are putting together the travel and accommodation arrangements to make your life easier. Please see below the flyer for more information.



Community Projects by HCPPA (NSW) - 2016/17

1) Funding for "Visvamadu education centre" roof repair project AUD 1,030 (Funded through "Ramakrishna Mission, Colombo")

2) Educational assistance for Vettrilikerni displaced children AUD 1,100 (Payment for two volunteer teachers for one year, funded through " Tears of Vanni ")

School Development Projects by HCPPA (NSW) - 2016/17

- 3) Funding for the English development program at Hartley College AUD 550
- 4) Funding for the clean-up and construction of the wall at the school grounds
- 5) Funding for the employment of part-time Administrative Assistant
- 6) Funding the shortfall in hostel running expenses
- 7) Funding the basic needs project

Hartley College Sporting Facility Improvement Project

HCPPA NSW has reviewed the design report prepared by LNR for the stage 1 and 2 work of Sporting Facility Improvement Project (SFIP). We would like to propose an alternative and cost effective solution for the first two stages and the proposed solution is summarised below:

Summary

The proposed SFIP blueprint contains many stages, namely the following;

- Stage 1 : Renovation of playing field, stormwater drainage, irrigation facilities and new grass
- Stage 2: New cricket pitch, 2 X New training pitch, scoreboard and side screens We have sponsors for the training pitches.
- Stage 3 : New Basketball and Tennis courts
- Stage 4 : New Volleyball court
- Stage 5: Moderate size stadium/change room for players Possibly funded by government. It is expected that the details to be announced soon.
- Stage 6 : Multi-purpose sports hall and spectator stadium (Large)
- Stage 7: Additional toilet facilities behind hostel We understand this is currently in progress.

Related matters

An adjacent plot next to the ground has been purchased by one of our Hartleyite for the purpose of sporting facilities and another plot is currently likely to be purchased by joint efforts by all HCPPAs.

Ian Karan Visit to Sydney

HCPPA (NSW) hosted a lunch in honour of Mr Ian Kiru Karan on 30th March 2017 at a Sydney hotel attended by about 15 members of the Branch.

Ian donated the newly built Hartley College Hostel at a cost of Sri Lankan Rupees 55 Million. The opening ceremony of the building was held on the 1st March 2014. It was a nice felling to join this unbelievably down to earth humble philanthropist on a day when heavens opened to welcome him to Sydney. Ian studied for only two years at Hartley College attending school from the hostel. It was a nice gesture on his part to pay back his Alma Mater on a scale that is very difficult to match by any Hartleyite for a long time.

Among the many issues Ian discussed, he emphasised the collective responsibility of all the expatriate Sri Lankans to make the lives of people living back home in Sri Lank a happy one. He spoke about creating opportunities that addressed the economic and emotional well-being and positive outlook in an environment after long years of war.

Ian briefly discussed about some of the school projects close to his heart that he was supporting such as the Thunnalai Hindu School, Methodist Girls High School and Hartley College. He mentioned about his ongoing works of financial support for arts and educational institutions in Germany and projects in Sri Lanka indicating his willingness to part fund any worthy future community projects that will uplift the lives of ordinary people of our community.

All attendees departed reluctantly at the conclusion after brushing shoulders with a great Hartleyite and an extra-ordinarily humble man who has done so much to the community and country of his birth and expressing his willingness to continue his works of philanthropy as long as he can.

Long live Ian Karan.





Cricket match HCPPA NSW VS St. Johns OBAs in Sydney

Hartley and St. Johns maintain a college rivalry with each other over the years. The friendly rivalry is mainly found in academic achievements and sports. A cricket match between these two colleges can be dubbed as 'Oxford vs Cambridge boat race' and former students continue their competition in their diaspora countries. These matches always bring a nostalgic feeling. HCPPA NSW and St. Johns OBA cricket match was held on Sunday 19th February 2017 at Henley Park, Enfield, Sydney. The winning team is awarded the Pooranampillai Memorial Trophy – commemorating the incomparable services of our late principal, Mr. Pooranampillai who served as principal for both schools. HCPPA NSW allows extra preparation for a match against St. Johns. The match was played in one-day international format and HCPPA NSW blasted with runs but St. Johns OBA's valiant attempt to chase the target fizzled out. Yes, HCPPA NSW was crowned as the winning team again.



Cricket match HCPPA NSW VS Central OBAs in Sydney

Three days after HCPPA NSW beat Central College superbly, Test cricket celebrated its 140th anniversary. The first ever Test match was played on March 15, 1877 between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. It is a great coincidence to celebrate our victory along with a great remarkable day of cricket. HCPPA NSW and Central College cricket match took place on Sunday 12 March at St. Jones Park, Parramatta. Every player played passionately and with great commitment to continue their winning streak. Congratulations to everyone who took part in the matches and a job well done for our skipper Johnson.



Tennis match HCPPA NSW VS Hindu College OBA in Sydney (Hot off the press)

Annual tennis match between HCPPA NSW and Hindu College OBA was held on 28th May 2017 at North Parramatta. Our boys played magnificiently and bet the talented Hindu College OBA team. Congratulations to our boys!



Upcoming Local Events:

 HCPPA NSW Silver Jubilee – Saturday 26th August 2017 @ Sydney Silverwater Bahá'í centre

Recent Photos & News from Hartley College

A/L Results

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கணிதப் பிரிவு :

- 3A : R. திருபரன், s. வித்தகன், s. கோகுலன், R. அனங்கன், N. கபிலன், s. துவாரகன், K. பானுகோபிகன்
- 2A, B : s. சைலேஷ், v. கோகுலன், s. சதாரூபன், м. விக்னரூபன்
- 2A, C : T. ரமணன், K. கஜரூபன், M. தயானந், R. சானுஜன்
- A, 2B : M மணிவண்ணன், எட்மன் லுக்சன்
- A. 2C : R. கிவாஸ்கர், P. விதுசன்

விஞ்ஞானப் பிரிவு :

- 3A : R. நிரோஜன்
- 2A, B : м. சிவதர்சன், s. இளங்குன்றன், к. பிரசாந்தன்
- A. B. C : R. ஆதித்யன், E. அருண்

வர்த்தகப் பிரிவு :

- 3A : R. திலக்சன், B. சதுற்தீபன்
- 2A, B : M ராகுலன்
- A, 2B : K துஷ்யந்தன், L வேணுகரன்
- A, B, C : R அஜித், K ரமணன், P கோபிராஜ்

பொறியியல் தொழினுட்பப் பிரிவு :

- A. B. C: s. ŋ 愛情貴端
- B. 2C : J. சாத்விகன், s. ஜீவாந்த்
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உயிர் முறைமைகள் தொழினுட்பப் பிரிவு :

2B, C: R கஜன்ராஜ்

கலைப் பிரிவு :

2A, B: s. திபாகர்

G.C.E.(A.L.) EXAMINATION - 2016 SCIENCE SUBJECTS FIFTY FOUR HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS IN THE ISLAND PERFORMANCE INDICES PREPARED ACCORDING TO THE STANINE SCALE (OUT OF SCHOOLS WHERE MORE THAN 20 CANDIDATES HAVE APPEARED FOR THE EXAM)

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3	CS/METHODIST COLLEGE, COLOMBO 3.	37	60	64	0	67	64	63	2
4	HO/5-THOMAS' COLLEGE,MOUNT LAVINIA.	98	64	66	0	60	59	63	2
5	CS/MUSAEUS COLLEGE, COLDMBD 7.	194	60	61	68	61	60	61	5
6	I /VEMINADY GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, JAFFINA.	218	59	62	63	61	67	61	- 5
7	CS/ROYAL COLLEGE, COLOMBO 7.	494	65	63	46	60	54	61	5
8	CS/ANANDA VIDVALAYA, COLOMBO 10.	504	63	61	63	59	59	61	5
9	T /ZAHIRA M. VID., TRINCOMALEE.	-46	57	64	0	60	60	60	
10.	LAVARTER COLLEGE POINT PEDRO.	96	100	61	50	59	61	60	
11	GM/RATHNAWALIE BALIKA M.V.,GAMPAHA.	397	59	60	80	59	58	60	
12	I /CHUNDIRIJLI GIRLS' COLLEGE, JAFFNA,	50	54	59	70	64	63	59	12
13	J /ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, JAFFNA,	51	63	64	35	67	63	59	12
34	J /METHODIST GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL POINT PEDRO.	62	57	59	55	67	57	59	12
15	CS/SIRIMAVO BANDARANAYAKE B.V.,COLOMBD 07.	218	.57	57	60	63	63	59	17
16	K /RANABIMA ROYAL COLLEGE PERADENIYA.	112	62	61	0	56	50	54	16
17	J /HINDU COLLEGE, JAFFNA.	194	58	58	50	54	62	58	16
18	CS/NALANDA VIDYALAYA,COLOMBO 10.	267	60	60	54	57	51	58	16
19	CS/BISHOP'S COLLEGE, COLOMBO 3.	28	56	56	0	56	63	57	19
20	T /ORR'S HILL VIVEKANANDA COLLEGE, TRINCOMALEE.	32	56	57	0	52	67	57	19
21	BT/VINCENT GIRL'S HIGH SCHOOL, BATTICALDA.	95	55	59	78	55	56	57	19
22	KM/AYESHA MUSUM LADIES COLLEGE, AKKARAIPATTU.	22	53	55	0	64	46	56	22
28	I /VADAMARACHY CENTRAL LADIES' COLLEGE, KARAVEDDY.	23	58	58	-0	70	53	56	32
24	BT/ALIGHAR M.M.Y., ERAVUR.	55	54	57	0	\$7	58	56	22
25	CS/HINDU COLLEGE, COLOMBO 4.	69	54	58	0	67	51	56	27
26	G /SOL/THLANDS VIDYALAWA, GALLE.	223	55	56	0	55	59	56	22

Hartley College vs Rahula College Cricket Match



HCPPA NSW President's Visit to SL















Hartley College Sports Meet 2017

