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LET THERE BE LIGHT



Editor's Note

Always dream your dreams to reach your stars! HCPPA NSW dreamt for a Global Hartleyites Day (GHD) and great sporting facilities for Hartley College. Last year, we saw the inauguration of GHD and a concept design in achieving a state of the art grounds and multi-sport indoor stadium with the support of all HCPPAs. See our fully packed newsletter for more information.

I am delighted to present our Autumn 2018 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.

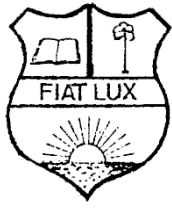
We invite you to communicate to us with your comments, suggestions and feedback.

Thank you,

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Dear Hartleyites,

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you all through this newsletter. I would like to give a brief summary of the Association's activities and news together with updates from our '*alma mater*' since November 2017.

For our members and families: Despite a high-30 degree summer's day, a number of Hartleyites and their families made a trip to Hunter Valley on Saturday 16 December 2017. Everyone had a good time with delicious lunch followed by a visit to Hunter Valley Gardens to watch the Christmas Lights Spectacular.

Continuing the tradition from last year, on Australia Day 26 January 2018, HCPPA VIC and HCPPA NSW played a cricket game at Henley Park in Burwood. We will explore to have this event on a different day in the future to attract the attendance of even more Hartleyites and their families.

We have arranged a dinner night for Hartleyites' families on Saturday 21 April 2018 at Epping Community Centre. This will be a great opportunity to recollect those good old memories with other Hartleyites and also to meet the families. I am looking forward to catching up with you all at this event.

The Global Hartleyites Day (GHD) event will be held from Saturday 7th to Monday 9th July 2018 at Hartley College. HCPPA Colombo branch is making arrangements with the assistance from all other branches. Events include various sports activities and cultural programs. GHD Committee will forward these details as soon as they are finalised.

News from Hartley College: It is with great happiness and pride I inform you that Hartley produced a 1st rank in island wide in 2017 A/L Maths stream. Hartley students' performances in academic and sports are improving every day. I am certain our school is on its way to the glory of yester years.

As part of Sports Facilities Improvement Project (SFIP) Master Plan, a renovation of the playing field work excluding stormwater drainage work will commence before April 2018

Fundraising event: Our Association's annual fund raising event Kalaizh Chuwei 2018 will be held on Saturday 28 July 2018 at Baha'i Centre. Further details will be forwarded when finalised. I seek your continued support to the success of the event.

Other matters: As promised after the AGM 2017, our Association's constitution is currently being reviewed by a sub-committee. It is planned to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) in May 2018 to present the proposed amendments to the members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee members for their invaluable efforts in association's matters. If you have any query or suggestion related to the Association's activities, please contact me via hcppa_nsw@googlegroups.com or on 0412 261 235.

Ganeshan Vaseeharan
President HCPPA NSW

Hunter Valley Gardens Trip

Australia has a number of beautiful colonial gardens, botanic gardens designed by landscape architects and countless private gardens. Hunter Valley Gardens is one of the gems in Australia and it is located around 120 KM from Sydney. The garden has various displays through the seasons and some of the permanent displays are rose gardens, Italian gardens, Chinese gardens, formal gardens, Indian gardens and many others. The venue will be illuminated with more than two million sparkling lights to create a magical wonderland during the Christmas period. The gardens boast themselves as the biggest lighting display in the southern hemisphere.

Following the success and encouragement from the last year's picnic to Wiseman Ferry, this year HCPPA Committee decided to have a picnic in Hunter Valley Gardens and enjoy the lighting display.

Even though it turned out as one of the scorching days in Sydney, a good number of Hartley College families turned out for the event. However, due to hot weather the air was filled with sweet, fresh and refreshing eucalyptus scent from nearby gumtree bushes.

At late afternoon, a picnic was arranged in a park close to the gardens. Committee members prepared heartiest food and every one indulged with great satisfaction. All kids played cricket, soccer and badminton despite the hot weather and had immense pleasure themselves, while others cherishing their evergreen college memories.

When the dusk came, everyone gathered for the lighting display. The drifted fragrance from the gardens and mesmerising sounds from the waterfalls welcomed Hartley College families enthusiastically. All trees, plants, pathways, buildings and fun activities were illuminated with colourful lights to form various shapes, patterns, people, animals, cartoon characters, Santa with reindeer & elves, and many other themes to have a scintillating experience in your lifetime. Later, everyone left the garden reluctantly but filled with joy. HCPPA committee delivered another successful event in their pursuit in arranging fun-filled get-together for the whole family.





Australia Day and HCPPA NSW vs VIC Cricket Match

Last year Australia day was a historical event for HCPPA, as the first ever cricket match was held between Victoria and NSW branch in Melbourne on the day. Most importantly, this match proved that we are bonded and bounded by our *Alma Mater*.

Australia day is celebrated with events like, flags raising ceremony, citizenship ceremony, live entertainment, free barbecues and many family & friendly events throughout Australia. In the recent years there are calls to move this to another day to respect indigenous people's feelings, as many of them treat this as a day of invasion by the British.

This year, Victoria and NSW annual gathering was held in Sydney and the cricket match took place in the lushy green Henley Park. Victoria team and their family members arrived in the park and they were greeted by many of the NSW members and their families. A light breakfast and lunch were organised for all.

Even though the ground glistened in the humid weather on the day, all players put their full effort to have a very competitive game. All the spectators cheering up their team to do very

well. Even though the magnificent Victoria team played superbly, the talented NSW team beat them.

The day ended with an enjoyable meal in a restaurant. Many NSW members joined the dinner to show their unity. The occasion was a great opportunity to mingle and talk in a relaxed environment. NSW members can be proud that we were able to match the hospitality given to us by the Victoria members last year. Victoria and NSW members are looking forward to the next Australian Day to make this event even better.



HCPPA NSW Annual Dinner Night

Our merry-go-round lives are revolved around work, home and families. We yearn to have a great time with our friends and families but many of us could not find the time to organise it. A great news to your ears - HCPPA NSW committee is organising an annual dinner night on Saturday April 21 at Epping Community Centre. Committee members are putting all their efforts to make this dinner night a very special one for you. We simply need your presence only. This will be a great opportunity to meet all NSW Hartleyites.

We have arranged Sydney's ultimate entertainers to ensure the children have a great time with games, balloons, magic, dancing and so much more. We are sure that kids will remember this party and treasure it forever. In addition, we have organised light entertainment, music and dance, for adults. A delicious buffet dinner and limited wine will be provided.

We need your support in buying tickets for you and your family and spreading the news to your friends. Please find the leaflet below for further details.

HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION NSW PRESENTS
ANNUAL DINNER NIGHT 2018

An evening with delicious dinner and an opportunity to mingle with your Hartley friends and families (not a fund raising event)

Saturday, 21 April 2018
6.00 PM to 11.00 PM

Venue: Epping Community Centre 9 Oxford Street, Epping, NSW 2121
A light entertainment for kids and adults will be provided

For tickets, please contact the following members:

Pahee: 0417 246 510	Mani: 0423 178 479	Single: \$30.00
Kris: 0425 260 826	Ramesh: 0466 006 240	Family: \$75.00 (Adults and children)

Global Hartleyites Day

It was a new era for Hartley College, as the first Global Hartleyites Day was celebrated last year. Many former students from Sri Lanka and all over the world attended to pay gratitude to their 'Alma Mater'. We took part in significant preparation to run the event smoothly and it has been exciting and positive time to be part of this.

Master of compère B.H. Abdul Hameed composed an awesome song for Hartley College and this was recorded by talented artists from India. This musical creation touched our hearts and filled the radio airwaves in Sri Lanka and all HCPPA countries to attract more participants for the GHD event.

Last year, the GHD event started auspiciously with a special Pooja in 'Vallipuram Vishnu' temple and we received immense blessings. The event included a parade from the 'Arthiyadi Pillaiyar' temple to the school, awards, recognition of teachers' service, many cultural events, speeches, sporting competitions, lunch, dinner and workshops for aspiring students. These workshops were held by doctors, engineers, accountants and bankers. These professionals helped the students to prepare the right steps for their chosen future.

Our GHD event created newspaper headlines and social media was flooded with photos and videos from the event. Those people, who could not make it to the event, felt that they were absolutely in Hartley College when they were overwhelmed with photos and videos. Last but not the least, we are indebted to our immediate previous president and the team for their efforts and sleepless nights to make the first GHD event very successful.

GHD was a historical moment that brought members of all OBAs to point Pedro to express gratitude to our alma mater, pay respect to our teachers and inspire current students. More importantly it was an opportunity to steer all HCPPAs to work as a unified family for our school development. We are striving to make it better and better every year with your generous support and guidance. This year's GHD event is taking place from July 7th to 9th at Hartley College. Please come along with your friends and families to mark the day as a memorable one. Please find below your invite.



அனைத்துலக ஹாட்லியர் தினம்
(ஆடி 7,8,9-2018)
கல்லூரி வளாகம் - பருத்தித்தறை

ஹாட்லி அன்னையின் மைந்தர்கள் நாம் நாட்டிய நற்பெயரை
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ஒன்று குலாவி கல்வித்தாயின் மடியில் மகிழ்ந்து கொண்டாட
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Community Projects by HCPPA (NSW) - 2016/17

- 1) Funding for "Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam cycle park" project AUD 2,050 (Individuals contributed and funded through Global Trust Rs 240,000). Many of you may know that Puttalai Maha Vidyalayam provided sanctioury to our students during the civil war period.
- 2) Annual honorarium (2018) salary for one teacher in Visvamadu AUD 800 (Funded through " Ramakrishna mission Rs 96,000)
- 3) Educational assistance for Vettrilikerni displaced children AUD 2,000
- 4) Two laptops were donated to Aliyawalai C.C.T.M School by a Hartleyite (Suthakaran)



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

- 1) Funding for the sports grounds development (levelling grounds) \$ 2,500 (Funded via trust)
- 2) Contribution towards Global Hartley Day 2017 AUD 1,000
- 3) Continuation of school's annual soccer expense

Hartley College Sporting Facility Improvement Project

The SFIP Blueprint has the following defined stages

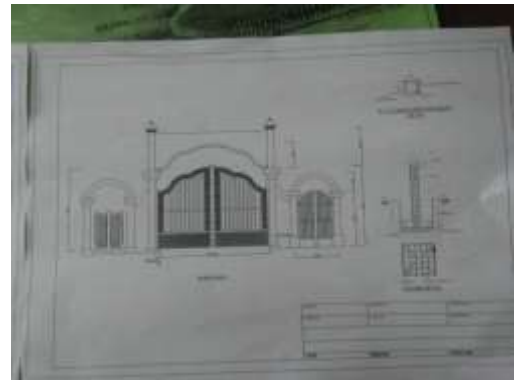
- Stage 1 : Renovation of playing field, storm water drainage, irrigation facilities and good grass coverage
- Stage 2: New training pitches, scoreboard and side screens
- Stage 3 : New Basketball and Tennis courts
- Stage 4 : New Volleyball court
- Stage 5: New Moderate size stadium/change room for players
- Stage 6 : New Multi-purpose sports hall and parking facilities
- Stage 7 : New Main Spectator stadium (Large) with Toilet facilities

Currently stages 1 and 6 are active:

Stage 1 work (excluding Stormwater drainage work) recommended by local team to be carried out by mid to late April 2018 at a cost of approximately LKR 2.5million. Soil for this development had been delivered on the school ground. Blocking External Water entering in to grounds and improve the entrance appearance - LKR 1 million - and this work is to be sponsored by Colombo branch. A new gate is to be located closer to north side of the wall to accommodate the future sports complex/car park facilities as per the SFIP blueprint. Other activities of stage 1 are either planning or seeking for fund state.

As part of stage 6, an estimated LKR 37 million worth of multisport stadium concept design had been proposed and this proposal had been duly reviewed by the HCPPA NSW. The design

is being reviewed by all other PPAs. This multisport stadium will have facilities for playing badminton, basketball, soccer and a state of the art gym.

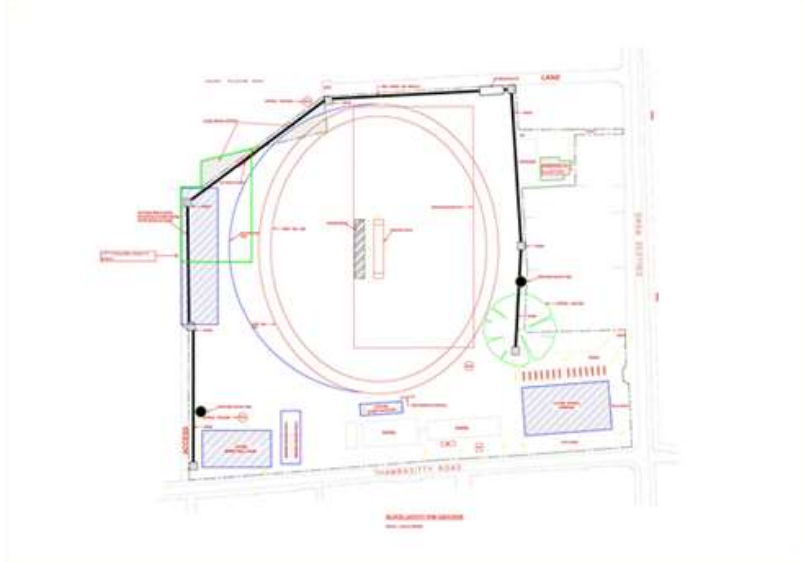


Expansion of the Sports Ground - Lot #4

Sydney Harbour Bridge is a brilliant example of engineering and the bridge is recognised by everyone in the world. In addition to this iconic status, the bridge serves 6 lanes for vehicles, 2 tracks for trains and two cycle paths. It's impressive that it had been planned for the future generations 100 years ago. We are thinking in the same line for our SFIP. We have been waiting for a long time to acquire the 'Lot #4' plot shown in the layout. We never give up our hope even our negotiations reached the dead end. We have been eagerly looking forward as if Santa fulfils a child wish list.

Our dream is about to come true. The owner of 'Lot #4' had expressed their interest to sell their land and the 'Aladi Pillaiyar' temple authorities had agreed to swap with a small part of the 'Lot #4' land. This news is like winning a jackpot in the lottery for us. As you can see from the layout shown here, the acquisition of 'Lot #4' will improve the ground to accommodate more playing area. As Sydney planned for the Harbour Bridge, we are buying the land to cater for all future Hartley generations' sporting needs. Our desire is that this improved ground may host an international match. Wouldn't you be proud of this?

All HCPPAs are contributing their share towards this purchase. We are looking for individual donations from our Hartleyites in NSW to enshrine their name in history. If you are generous enough with this approach, then please contact either our president (vasee@outlook.com 0412 261 235) or one of our committee members. Every little bit helps!



Cricket match HCPPA NSW VS St. Johns OBAs in Sydney

A cricket match was arranged between HCPPA NSW and St. Johns OBA. The match was scheduled to take place on Sunday 25th February 2018 but was washed out due to bad weather. A re-match is being arranged.

Upcoming Events:

- 1) **Hartley vs Jaffna Central cricket match (over 40 years):** Sunday 08th April from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Auburn Park Grounds, Auburn
- 2) **Annual Dinner night 2018:** Saturday 21st April 2018 at Epping Community Centre. An opportunity to meet and mingle with other Hartleyites, friends and families.
- 3) **Special General Meeting:** Sunday 27th May, venue tbc. An opportunity to review and update the association's constitution.
- 4) **Family Tennis Day:** Sunday 24th June from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm, Barton Park, North Parramatta
- 5) **GHD 2018:** Global Hartleyites day 2018 (7/8/9th July 2018) at Hartley College, Point Pedro. This is an opportunity to meet other Hartleyites, students and teachers. We will be happy to help you with organising local transport and accommodation.
- 6) **Kalaizh Chuwei 2018:** Our cultural night and main fund raiser event for this year. It will be held on Saturday 28th July 2018 at Bahai centre, Silverwater.
- 7) **Hartley vs Hindu cricket match:** Monday 01st October 2018, venue tbc.
- 8) **AGM:** Sunday 28th October 2018, venue tbc.

Contact Details Update Request:

We are in the process of updating all of our members' contact details to ensure all our communications and event information are promptly dispatched to you. We would be grateful, if you would send us your contact details in the following format in an e-mail to hcppa_nsw@googlegroups.com

Name:

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

Hartley Academic Year:

A/L Batch or O/L Batch:

Recent Photos & News from Hartley College

A/L Results



**J/HARTLEY COLLEGE, POINT PEDRO
G.C.E. A/L – 2017 Best Result**

No	Full Name	Result	District Rank	Island Rank	Z-Score
Maths					
01	Sritharan Thayarakan	3A	1	1	2.7343
02	Thayalan Thayaraban	2AB	20	234	2.1532
03	Ravichandran Ragavan	3A	28	310	2.0927
04	Karthigesu Puvinthas	3A	44	538	1.9675
05	Kamalanathan Pirthees	2AB	45	580	1.9498
06	Raventhirasa Saenjan	2AB	53	808	1.8667
07	Sathyanathan Nishankar	2AB	60	902	1.8309
08	Irfairan Krishnalojan	2AB	65	960	1.8121
09	Jeyarajithan Thasiyanthan	A2B	81	1289	1.7244
10	Subramaniam Thiluxan	2AB	87	1405	1.6960
11	Karthikesu Thinesh	A2B	88	1408	1.6957
12	Srikanth Thilasilan	A2B	90	1436	1.6898
13	Winosokomathan Thevasathan	2AB	93	1471	1.6809
14	Edmaneege Edman luksan	2AB	94	1476	1.6800
15	Yogaratnam Piranavan	2AB	96	1502	1.6736
16	Puduparajali Kamamaruthan	2AB	98	1510	1.6716
17	Maheswaran Thayannanth	A2B	101	1618	1.6514
18	Karunasathi Ragulan	2AB	122	1925	1.5932
19	Puratheepan Gajan	A2B	153	2499	1.4826
20	Mahendra Rahulan	ABC	162	2635	1.4568
21	Sivagananiam Agalyan	A2B	177	2935	1.4064
22	Srikanthan Lalithakanthan	ABC	185	3074	1.3835
23	Shivachandrar Neerajan	A2B	192	3176	1.3678
24	Kanagaratnam kajaruban	ABC	195	3231	1.3590
Bio					
01	Thayalan Thayanithy	3A	3	48	2.3752
02	Maheswaran Mathumithan	2AC	52	1232	1.8456
03	Kumar Kavithas	A2B	70	1582	1.7641
04	Suntharamoorthy Vithujan	2AB	107	2315	1.6317
05	Selvanthas Anojh	ABC	121	2604	1.5853
06	Mahendran kurutharsan	ABC	167	3802	1.4133
07	Sivalingam Pirathas	2BC	172	3862	1.4058
08	Nanthakumaran Virushan	ABC	192	4681	1.3080
Commerce					
01	Sakthivel Thatheeshan	2AB	60	2602	1.5960
02	Vijayakumar Mathankumar	2AB	91	3996	1.4635
03	Veerakumar Ajanthan	A2B	195	8963	1.0919
04	Kaneshakumar Thasiyanthan	A2B	206	9487	1.0565
Technology E-Tech					
01	Maikkal Ferash	2AB	2	10	3.1340
02	Parameswaran Tharshan	ABC	16	378	1.7088
03	Sisharasa Jathurshan	2BC	26	665	1.4225
04	Yoganathan Pirunthan	3C	29	765	1.3433
05	Shantharoopan Sarukanth	3C	39	932	1.2289
06	Kobinath Kumaran	3C	50	1196	1.0878
Technology B-Tech					
01	Suresh Suganthan	2BS	66	912	1.0478

Hartley College Sports Meet 2018



Hartley College Sports Achievements





Smart Classroom Opening Ceremony



Good bye cloud of chalk dust... Hello smart classroom.