



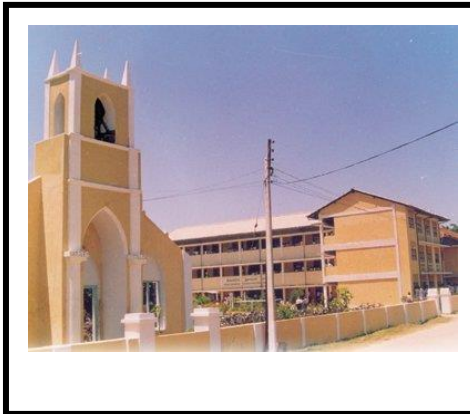
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Editor's Note

World is marking 500th anniversary of Leonardo Da Vinci's demise this year. Leonardo is best known for his paintings Monalisa and Last Supper but he had diverse interests in Botany, Anatomy, Geology and designing blueprints of parachutes and helicopters ahead of 500 years. In the same manner, our association aspires students coming out of Hartley College are multi-talented and have a vision for the future. We are laying the foundations to meet this demand.

I am delighted to present our Autumn 2019 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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**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION OF
NEW SOUTH WALES INCORPORATED, AUSTRALIA**

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Dear Hartleyites

It gives me great pleasure to connect with you all again through this newsletter.

I would like to thank all the members and families who attended the Hartley Family Day on Sunday 16 December 2018 at Fagan Park, Galston. Despite heavy wind and storm on the previous day which caused severe damage in the Hills area, more than 130 people took part in the gathering and fun-filled activities. We initiated discussions to have a Gala Day for the members and families of HCPPA NSW, Methodist Girls High School PPA and Vada Hindu Girls PPA. Further details will be forwarded once the arrangements are finalised. Also, Hartleyites Family Tennis Day will be held on Sunday 09 June 2019.

Mr Karunakaran, one of our long-serving vice patrons announced his resignation in February 2019. On behalf of all the members of the association, I'd like to thank Mr Karunakaran for all his guidance to the management committees over many years. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome two new vice patrons Mr Paskarajothy and Dr Thavaseelan.

The management committee has formed various sub-committees to continue work on constitution amendment, membership drive, exploring fund-raising options and community projects. We are also exploring options again for the association to gain Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR) status.

News from Hartley College: The principal has advised that there has been a significant improvement in academic and sporting activities. Expected University admissions in 2019: 7-Medicine, 12-Engineering, 4-Engineering technology, 3-Bio Systems Technology and 2-Commerce.

The Technical Faculty building construction has been completed. Construction of Laboratory building funded by Mr Ian Karan is progressing well and expected to be completed in mid 2019.

The Sports Facilities Improvement Project (SFIP) has been enhancing the condition of the grounds significantly. The management committee seeks support from the interested members to fund ongoing maintenance of the grounds and further improvement works.

There are 24 students in the hostel this year (increased from 20 last year). A Hostel Scholarship Fund has been set up as agreed by all branches of HCPPA. We require more sponsors to increase the student numbers to 40 within the next few years. Currently many individual sponsors and some branches support the hostel expenses and fees of students.

Fundraising event: We are planning to have a Dinner Night on Saturday 27 July 2019 for the members and families of HCPPA NSW. This will be our fundraising event for the year. Further details will be forwarded once the arrangements are finalised. Your continued support to the success of the event is sought.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for their support and the committee members for their tireless efforts in association's activities.

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



**HARTLEY COLLEGE PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION OF
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Dear Hartleyites

It gives me immense pleasure to communicate to all the Hartleyites through this newsletter. As part of the HCPPA NSW committee of 2018-2019, I would like to share with you all a few lines about the past and current activities of the committee.

The Christmas celebration was a huge success and was held on the 15th Dec 2018 at Fagan Park, Galston. This event has now become a part of our annual calendar. The annual cricket match between NSW and VIC teams took place on the 26h January 2019 in Victoria in where NSW team came out victorious.

The team is currently working on our dinner night for fundraising and networking with our fellow Hartleyites. This event has been scheduled for the 27th of July 2019 and the team is working hard for the success of this event.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our future events.

Sivagurunathan Ragavan

Secretary HCPPA NSW

HCPPA - NSW XMAS FAMILY GATHERING – 2018

Fagan Park, Galston is a great example for philanthropy, as the Fagan family donated the over 10 hectares land for the public. Fagan Park was chosen as the last year's venue for our popular Christmas gathering.

Fagan Park was originally owned by the Fagan family and operated as an orchard and cattle farm. The site was donated by the Fagan family to the Department of Lands, with Hornsby Shire Council appointed as sole trustee for the park. There are Gardens of Many Nations, which covers 10 hectares and has 11 themed gardens, including Japanese, Dutch, Chinese and Mediterranean. The history of this park is written at the Netherby Cottage, the original Fagan family homestead, and the adjoining museum.

We invited all the Hartleyites to be there at 11:00am on 16th December 2018. We planned everything which are under human control, but nature planned something else for us. A series of severe thunderstorms was bringing down trees in north western Sydney, cutting power and pelting some suburbs with large hailstones on 15th December 2018. It was told in the news that most of the roads were blocked. The main road to the park was blocked and volunteers were frantically trying to fix up the fallen trees and roof damage. After their hard work, roads were open for public to use after 10:00 am. Hartleyites started to arrive at the park from 11:00 am. We were serving foods and drinks to all the Hartleyites, their families, relatives and friends.

Kids were running free at two large playgrounds while there was also plenty of open space for kite flying and other games. Some of our kids jumped on their bikes and explored the grounds along the bicycle paths. Adventure seeking families were walking along a short bushwalking trail. Our Hartleyite Santhikumar conducted fun games for kids and ladies, while others were cherishing their evergreen college memories. New members introduced themselves and got to know the other Hartleyites.

This event lasted for about 5 hours and we left the park at 4:00pm. The total confirmed attendance was 174. Due to heavy thunderstorm on the previous day, only 129 persons attended the event. However, it is considered as the highest number of participants in the history of Xmas Family Gathering in NSW organised by HCPPA. HCPPA committee delivered another successful event in their pursuit of arranging fun-filled get-together for the whole family.





AUSTRALIA DAY AND HCPPA VIC VS NSW CRICKET MATCH

This year, Victoria and NSW annual gathering was held in Melbourne and the cricket match took place in the Mount View Primary School grounds. NSW team and their family members arrived in the park and they were greeted by many of the Victorian members and their families.

A light breakfast and lunch was organised for all. The weather was fantastic on that day and all players put their full effort to have a very competitive game. All the spectators cheering up their team to do very well in the ground, even though the magnificent Victoria team played superbly, the talented NSW team beat them. NSW scored a mammoth 250 for 6 wickets. Gopi (NSW) was the man of the match for scoring 107 runs and took a wicket, Raguraman (Vic) was the best batsman who batted really well and got 71 runs. Ravi (NSW) and Sivakumaran (NSW) were the best bowlers as they got three wickets each.

The day ended with an enjoyable meal in Tambo tennis court in Glen Waverley. Many Victorian members joined the dinner to show their unity. The occasion was a great opportunity to mingle and talk in a relaxed environment. Victoria and NSW members are looking forward to the next Australian Day to make this event even better.



CRICKET MATCH HCPPA VS ANBALAYAM 7 A SIDE **ON 13 JANUARY 2019**

Anbalayam is a charity based in NSW in the pursuit of helping the needy people in Sri Lanka who are affected by the war. Seven a side cricket match is one of their fundraising activities. Hartley NSW took part and won four matches effortlessly to qualify for the finals with St Johns. Unfortunately, we lost due to losing a few early wickets while chasing their total.



CRICKET MATCH HCPPA VS ROYAL ON 24 FEBRUARY 2019

Royal batted first and scored a 143 runs and Hartley chased the total (144/6) comfortably by 5 wickets in hand. Hartley won the championship. Johnson, Ravi and Gopi (all from Hartley) were awarded as Man of the Match, best batsman and best bowler respectively.



CRICKET MATCH HCPPA VS COMBINED ON 10 MARCH 2019

After a double-booking drama, Hartley vs Combined OBAs match took place in another ground. Even though there was a middle order collapse, Hartley managed to gain a good score of 151/8 including 2 retired but a full Combined team chased that total (152/6 including 1 retired) Sivakumaran and Thava played very well under pressure and retired (35 or over runs) *with a big 4 runs at their last ball.*



CRICKET MATCH HCPPA NSW VS CENTRAL OBAS IN SYDNEY ON 24 MARCH 2019

A very good start with opening pair Krish and Kannan and a superb knock from the middle order batsmen. Hartley scored 192/8 in the first innings. The bowling unit did a fantastic job to restrict Central for 135 runs. Nishanthan, Dr.Ragavan (both from Hartley) and Bhahi (Central) were awarded as man of the match, best bowler and best batsman respectively.



ANNUAL TENNIS MATCH 2019 – HARTLEY VS HINDU ON 31/03/2019



HARTLEYITES FAMILY TENNIS DAY **AT BARTON PARK, NORTH PARRAMATTA ON SUN 09TH JUNE AT 9.00AM**

Hi Hartleyites;

This is a great chance to enjoy some tennis with your family.

All families and potential tennis players are invited to come to the Barton Park Tennis Court to enjoy a free food, free court hire and why not try Hot shots Tennis, win prizes and receive some giveaways.

Bring the whole family as this event is going to be a good opportunity to catch up with fellow Hartleyites and family to reminisce the school days. The courts will be open for use from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on 09th June 2019. Proceedings of the day would include the followings:

- Children Play Hot shots Tennis with our Tennis team players
- Play social doubles
- Talent Spotting for next year's tennis tournament with JHC
- Kids and ladies get trained by veteran players
- Parents play with kids
- Socialising with tennis friends and families

We are trying to promote a family atmosphere at the ground. All you need to bring is your smile and tennis racket.

A voluntary contribution of \$10 per family would be much appreciated.

Contact the followings for more details;

Sivasaththy 0449157156, Rajaram 0412350201, Gopi 041266271, Kugan 04234601830

HCPPA NSW VS JAFFNA HINDU OBA CRICKET ENCOUNTER 2018



Jaffna Hindu College (JHC) bowled very well to keep the half time score to 4/59. Then we had a great 50 run partnership between Johnson and Nishanthan and another 50 run partnership in just 5 overs between Johnson and our captain Siva. Johnson scored 68 with 8 fours and a six while Siva scored 27 with 4 fours. We were 5/92 at the 30 over mark. Within the last 10 overs we scored 83 runs to make it 8/175. Excellent batting by Johnson and Siva. Also, Kannan, Keeran, Kris Ravi and Nishanthan scored notably.

When it was our turn to bowl, Ravi, Siva, Raga and Nishanthan bowled without much luck with couple of difficult chances and beating the bat many times. JHC was cruising, however our bowlers kept asking the questions. Raga clean bowled their openers and at the break they were 3/84, considerably better than our corresponding score. Thanks to Raga for your commitment playing with a heavy flu. At the 30 over mark, they were 4/141 – needless to say – JHC would have thought that they had won the game already.

However, Hartley bowlers and fielders had other ideas with the mind set of never giving up. Rajaram took 3 splendid catches including a caught and bowled. Rajaram kept the pressure from one end bowling superbly while Ravi and Siva bowled very well in their second spells. There were 3 run outs, 2 in the last 3 overs. Thava fielded very well saving many runs covering an important area. JHC's last 10 over was restricted to 7/29 by Hartley. Excellent work all around boys, considering we had at least 3 fielders with knee injuries limping in the field. Johnson was awarded the well deserving Man of the Match and Rajaram received the best fielder award. Best batsman and best bowler awards went to Vijithan and Packi of JHC respectively.

Well done again boys! Congratulations! Good job Siva leading the team in Gopi's absence. Now, all of you keep fit and be ready for the upcoming challenges with other schools' OBAs.

Good luck Hartley!

Upcoming Local Events:

HCPPA NSW Annual Dinner Night: HCPPA NSW committee is organising an annual dinner night on Saturday July 27. This will be our fundraising event for the year. Committee members are putting all their efforts to make this dinner night a very special one for you. Further details will be forwarded once the arrangements are finalised. We simply need your presence only. This will be a great opportunity to meet all NSW Hartleyites.

HCPPA NSW ANNUAL DINNER NIGHT - JULY 2019

Dear Hartleyite,

Hartley College PPA - NSW is planning to have a grand DINNER NIGHT on Saturday 27 July 2019 at Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Centre. We are inviting our Hartley PPA members in Australia to join us. This will be a night with fine dining, fun (for all age groups) and dinner dance. This is also going to be a good opportunity to catch up with fellow Hartleyites and family and reminisce the school days. Please mark the date on your calendar. The detailed program will be communicated later and also one of the committee members will be calling you to provide further details about this event.

We saw in the past events there were so many talents in Hartleyite families. Please feel free to contact Nanda on 0449 823 457 or gofunv@gmail.com if you are really keen to showcase yours or your kids' talent whether it could be singing, dancing, playing instruments or acting. We can have individual or group performances. Please send us a recording of your or your child's performance so that the social committee can choose the people to perform.

In the meantime, as part of this event we will be printing a souvenir. You are welcome to present your articles to Kananathan (skananathan@hotmail.com) or Naren (arul_narenthiran@hotmail.com) by 30/06/19.

More details to follow.

Regards,

Sivagurunathan Ragavan

Secretary HCPPA NSW

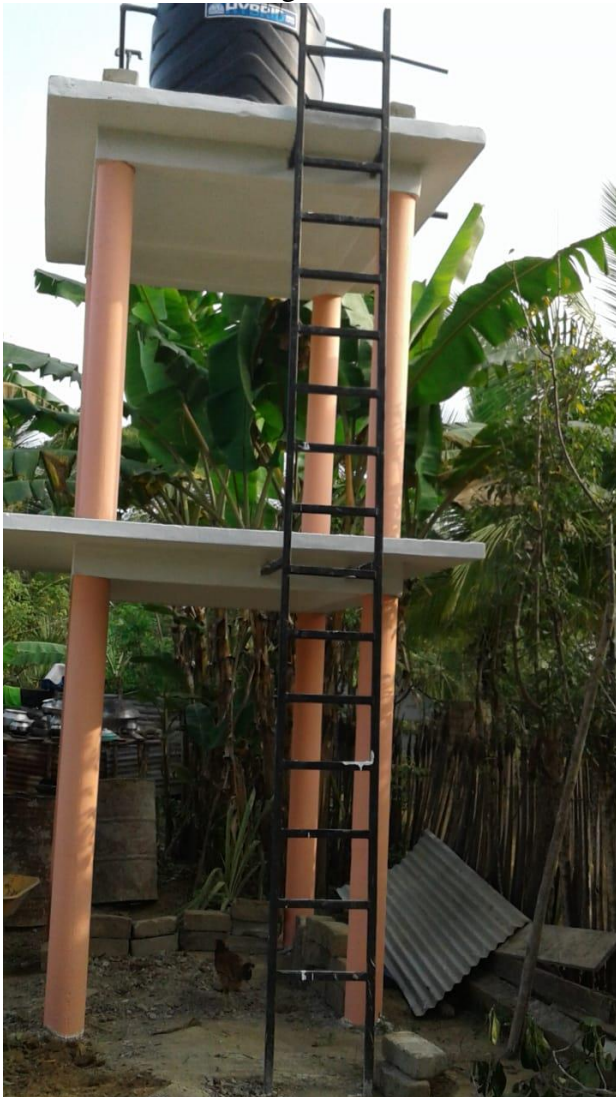
COMMUNITY PROJECTS BY HCPPA (NSW) - 2018/19

Donations to students in Sri Lanka

- 1) Construction of a water tank for the Visvamadu Study Centre – We provided AU \$1,000 for the construction of a water tank for the Study Centre used by the poor children of the area through the Ramakrishna Mission.
- 2) Educational Supplies and shoes to Pallai MMV –A sum of AU \$1,310 was donated to help the children from low income households attending the school. Items of donation included exercise books, school bags, mathematical instrument boxes and shoes.
- 3) Vettrilaikerni Study Centre – We sponsored the salary of two teachers (AU \$1,010) for six months. The centre is attended by impoverished children of the village.

Local Donations for educational enhancement

- 1) Sydney Tamil Resource Centre – Our annual contribution towards the running costs was \$100.
- 2) Australian Society of Graduate Tamils Competition – A sum of \$100 was donated to encourage children of NSW to study and be competent in Tamil language.





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20-Mar-19

Mr.G.Vaseeharan,
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Australia.

Dear President, Mr. G.Vaseeharan,

Sub: Construction of an Overhead Tank – Completed.
Ald Swami Vivekananda Educational Centre, Visuvamadu.

Vanakkam.

Our love and best wishes to you and the members of HCPPA(NSW).

Overhead Water tank construction is complete. Banumathi sent particulars about the cost of construction.

Water Tank		
on Concrete Pillars		
Budget		
Description	Quantity	Amount
12mm Iron Rod	40 Nos	20,000.00
1/4" Iron Rod	30 Nos	3,600.00
Binding wire	5Kg	2,000.00
Cement	20 Bags	18,000.00
Aggregate Stones	1 Load	9,000.00
Sand	2 Loads	8,000.00
2" Iron Nail	3Kg	400.00
3" Iron Nail	2Kg	600.00
Concrete Nail	1Kg	200.00
		61,800.00
Labour Charges		60,000.00
Total Estimated Cost		121,800.00

Water Tank		
on Concrete Pillars		
Cost of Construction		
Description	Quantity	Actual Cost
12mm Iron Rod	8 Nos	5,560.00
16mm Iron Rod	16 Nos	20,800.00
1/4" Iron Rod	35 Nos	17,325.00
Iron	30	4,950.00
Concrete Nail		170.00
Binding wire	5	1,200.00
Cement	20	28,500.00
Aggregate Stones		7,800.00
Sand	3	15,000.00
Rope		1,020.00
Mason wages		25,000.00
Iron work, etc. wages		25,000.00
Misc wages		6,300.00
Total Actual Cost		158,625.00

Plastic Tank and water pump were available in hand before the work started. So there was no need to buy again.

We all thank HCPPA for supporting the construction of tank to enable the children to have easy access to water for drinking and toilets.

Thanking you,

Yours in the Lord,

Swam Aksharatmananda

Swami Aksharatmananda
Chairman & Vice-President

Recent News from Hartley College

O/L Results - 2018

J/Hartley College

Best Results in G.C.E.(O/L) 2018

S.No	Name	Medium
	9A's	
1	KUNESWARAN KALAKESAVAN	Tamil
2	RATHAKRISHNAN KOKILAN	Tamil
3	UTHAYAKUMAR JATHUSAN	Tamil
4	RAMESHKUMAR RAJINTHAN	Tamil
5	ANTHONJESURAJA JUDE ALANRAJ	Tamil
6	GNANABALAN GNANALOSAN	Tamil
7	KRISHNAKUMAR DIROJAN	English
8	KAMALANATHAN JARSIHAN	English
9	KESAVAN SANUJAN	English
10	JEYARAJAH SAYANANTH	English
11	VASANTHAKUMAR ARUSHANTH	Tamil
12	BASKAR SINTHUJAN	Tamil
13	SRILAYENTHIRA SATHANAN	Tamil
14	THAYAPARAN NISHANTH	Tamil
15	UTHAYARAJAN THUSHANTH	English
16	SIVALINGAM KAJANNAN	Tamil

8A's

1	SANTHIRAKANTHAN KINTHUJAN	Tamil
2	ANANTH MATHUMITHAN	Tamil
3	NITHYAJOTHY SAHIRRAM	Tamil
4	SARAVANAKUMAR RENOSHAN	Tamil
5	KULENDRAN GOWTHAMAN	Tamil
6	ELAXSUMIKANTHAN DINOJAN	Tamil
7	SUBRAMANIAM THEVASUTHAN	Tamil
8	CHANDRAMOHAN CHARUMAN	Tamil
9	ARIYARATHINAM KIRUSHNARAJ	Tamil
10	SRIVIMALAKANTHAN SANJAYAN	Tamil
11	SUBAKARAN KALATHARAN	Tamil
12	MEHAVANNAN SARANGAN	Tamil
13	KANNAN KAJANTHAS	English

S.No	Subject	Pass %	
		Tamil	English
1	Religion	100	100
2	Tamil	100	100
3	English	92.8	100
4	Science	100	100
5	Maths	100	100
6	History	99.2	100
7	Commerce	97.7	100
8	Geography	100	100
9	Music	100	100
10	Art	100	100
11	Eng. Literature	100	100
12	Tamil. Literature	94.56	100
13	ICT	100	100
14	Health and Physical Education	100	100
	Number of students	125	18

A/L Results - 2018

Mas. Shanmuganathan Sanjith from Maths stream got 3As and achieved the 1st rank in district level, 6th in Island.

Mas. Jeganathan Mithursan from bio stream got 3As achieved the 2nd rank in District level.

Maths

1. S. Sanjith.	3A.	(1&6)
2. T. Abinesh.	2AB.	(15)
3. S. Kopithan.	3A.	(16)
4. S. Ashokkumar.	2AB.	(25)
5. S. Agalyan.	3A.	(29)
6. J. Nilavan.	2AB.	(34)
7. V. Mathiyalakan.	2AB.	(44)
8. K. Anushan.	2AB.	(49)
9. P. Kajan.	2AB.	(64)
10.K.Rahulan.	2AC.	(66)
11. T. Konesan.	A2B.	(71)
12.S.Sivatharsan.	2AB.	(74)
13.V.Vinoth.	2AB.	(81)
14. A. Henosan.	3A.	(83)

Bio

1. J. Mithursan.	3A	(2)
2. R. Sarusan.	3A.	(8)
3. P. Thayaparan.	2AB.	(9)
4. J. Harryharan.	2AB.	(13)
5. R. Anushanth.	2AB.	(21)
6. P. Kajan.	A2B.	(36)
7. A. Jathusan.	3A.	(50)
8.V.Jathoosan.	2AB	(58)