

St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA, Melbourne Australia

Committee Report – 2010/2011 year **presented at the AGM 2010 held on 19 March 2011** **at St Paschal's Church Hall, Box Hill**

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting of St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA, Melbourne. Tonight has now become a regular event with a number of members attending every year.

Committee Members for 2009/2010 – James Joseph (President), Philip Ravindraraj (Secretary), William Nimalraj (Treasurer), Jeevaranjan Fernando, Antony Gratian, Dr. Anton Mariampillai, Chris Gunanayagam, Jeyandra Antonipillai, Angelo Fernando, Dilip Manuelpillai, Vincent Pius Valentine Manuelpillai, Canisius Gnanasooriar

The OBA successfully staged the following events:

- St Patrick's day celebrations and AGM – were held on 20 March 2010 at St John's Church and Hall, Heidelberg. Holy mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr Anthony Gnanapragasam, Chaplain to the Tamil Community in Victoria. It was followed by the AGM and the annual dinner – stringhoppers and various curries and desserts prepared and provided - in buffet style as per tradition – by Committee members and their spouses
- The 2010 Patrician Nite – was held on 18 September 2010 at St Scholastica's Hall, Burwood. The event started off with a dance performance by Sangeetha Ratnarajah followed by a "Bollywood" show choreographed by Philip Henderson. Over 130 adult and children's tickets were sold and the night ended with a dinner, catered by Reddy's Kitchen. Members and families took an active part in the Bollywood dance and danced to music provided by "DJVIJAY". 47 members took to the stage to sing the College Anthem 'Alma Mater'. Members then posed for a group photograph which is published in the website. The net profit from the night was \$251.
- Cricket Day 2011 – was held on Australia day at Wattle Park, Burwood. A Twenty20 cricket match between 2 teams representing the Bonjean House and Dunne House was held and Bonjean House won on the day. Rev. Fr. Justin Gnanapragasam, who in 2007 donated the runners up trophy for the annual cricket event and who was in Melbourne on a private visit was the guest of honour and presented all the trophies. The match was followed by a barbeque

Other matters

- The cricket fund sent \$1,350 to the College. This is a total of \$4,350 sent to date from the cricket fund.. There is no doubt that the fund helps to subsidise the College's cricket activities. The College first eleven cricket team has been promoted to Division 2 this year. Additionally, the cricket fund presented the equivalent of \$150 (Rs 16,700) to Rishan Tudor who was selected in the national squad to represent Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup. The fund has also purchased cricket

equipment to the value of \$100 – to outfit one cricketer, which is to be sent to the College

- The Melbourne OBA website – www.spcaustralia.com continues to be updated with photographs from our events, Rector's messages and photographs from the school. There is other information such as the newsletters and also links to other St Patrick's OBA sites. The photographs are courtesy of Angelo Fernando
- We published 3 Newsletters – these are edited by Antony Gratian
- An enormous effort goes towards actually collecting the subscriptions and the cricket fund contributions at every function by Ravi and Nimal. As you know, the association's annual membership fee is \$20. The funds are mainly to organise and subsidise the 3 events for the year as well as some administrative costs such as the PO box, website, newsletters etc.
- The members attended a mass celebrated for the repose of the soul of Rev Fr Alston Mathuranayagam, former Rector of the College on 5 September 2010. Another former Rector, Rev Fr Michael Joseph is still missing after the war ended and there is no news of his whereabouts.
- Similar to last year, the Committee decided to request that the members who take part in the dinner make a donation of \$10 per night. The reasons for this is – in the past years, we had the hall free, but last year and this year and most probably in future years, we have to pay for the hall. We also have to make a donation to the Church. The food has to be purchased. While all the labour involved in the cooking is free, the materials have to be paid for. As you would have seen, there was not much of a surplus this year – due to many factors including less members paying their subscriptions.

That finishes the Committee report. Thank you again for attending the meeting tonight.