

St Patrick's College Jaffna Old Boys Association

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Our Objectives

Socialise and share the Patrician spirit with benevolence.

Support our Alma Mater in meaningful ways.

Fide et Labore

Faith and Labour

"If you can dream it, you can do it."

- Walt Disney

Message from the President

Dear fellow Patricians!

Happy new year to everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the President of the Melbourne OBA for the last two years. Special thanks to everyone who helped us out in so many ways at different functions and activities of this Association to deliver great outcomes. Also, it is wonderful to see some new faces joining, attending the functions organised by the Association and extending their help to facilitate various events.

We are stepping into the 27th year of the formation of our Association and I had the privilege to see the growth of this wonderful organisation from day one. In school life, a generation is about 12 years (Year 1 – to Year 12). I see this Association's leadership is slowly getting passed on to the 3rd generation of Patricians in Melbourne. I had the pleasure of working with the OBA's 1st and 2nd generation leaders in various roles. What I could see from my experience is that all generations have the common goals of uniting the local members socially and help our Alma Mater in whatever possible ways, but each generation have their own style to achieve these common goals. It is great to see the members adapting to the changes of leadership style and the challenges of the College needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the members and leadership teams of the past 27 years, who spent their valuable time for the growth of this Association. Special thanks to all the committee members who helped me during the last 2 years making my life easier. I also appreciate the sincere involvement of our Secretary Berchman Tennakone, who tirelessly helped me in so many ways in fulfilling my duties as the President of Melbourne OBA.

I look forward to seeing you all at the annual

Family Day events at Wattle Park later this month.

William Nimalraj

Office Bearers and Committee Members 2018-19

William Nimalraj - President

Jeyandra Antonipillai - Vice President

Berchmans Tennakone - Secretary.

Rukshan Theophilus - Assist. Secretary

Noel Rajiv - Treasurer

Richman Mangalanayagam - Assist. Treasurer

Committee Members:

Anandarajan James, Angelo Fernando, Chrysostom Gunanayagam, Dr Florentine Singarayar, Dr Sanjeev Alfred, Jeevaranjan Fernando and Philip Ravindraraaj.

**The Committee of the OBA Melbourne
wish you all a**

PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS

2019

**Happy
New Year!**

Next Function — Annual Family Day — Sunday, January 27, 2019

@ Wattle Park

Christmas Greetings from Fr. Rector



Monday, 24 December 2018

Dear Patricians,

I am pleased to send you all our sincere and prayerful greetings of the Seasons. We wish that the birth of Our Lord may bring you real happiness and peace in your life. We thank you sincerely for all your generous support to your Alma Mater. As you may know, people here particularly in Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi and Mannar have been affected very much by the recent flood. Let us think of them in our prayers in a special manner.

The school reopens on the 3rd Jan. 2019 for the new academic year. We assure you that we will continue to work hard for the development of our students and hope to achieve greater heights in academy and sports.

Happy holiday to you all and wish you a wonderful time during the Seasons.

Wish you all a Christ-filled Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

Fr. Rector, Staff and Students

St. Patrick's College, Jaffna.

பாரதி பாடல்

இன்னரும் கனிச் சோலைகள் செய்தல்
இனிய நீர்த்தண் சுனைகள் இயற்றல்
அன்ன சத்திரம் ஆயிரம் வைத்தல்
ஆலயம் பதினாயிரம் நாட்டல்
பின்னருள்ள தருமங்கள் யாவும்
பெயர் விளங்கி ஒளிர நிறுத்தல்
அன்ன யாவினும் புண்ணியம் கோடி
ஆங்கு ஒர் ஏழைக்கு எழுத்தறிவித்தல்

Meaning

Educating an under privileged person **merits greater blessings** than
planting orchards, creating fountains, setting up one thousand soup kitchens,
building tens of thousands of temples or any other good deeds.

The GCE A/L results for the College received from the Rector can be found on the next page.

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G.C.E. (A/L) Exam Results – 2018

❖ Maths Stream

1. A. Castro Diron	-	3A (Dist -2)
2. A. Anton Sinthujan	-	A, 2B
3. P. Thisan	-	A, B, C
4. S. Anushan	-	B, C, S
5. R. Thakshan	-	2B, C
6. A. Tishanth	-	A, C, S
7. R. Rajkumar	-	3C
8. T. Dukeshan	-	B, 2C
9. A. G. Desman	-	B, 2C
10. P. J. Canistan	-	B, 2C

❖ Bio Stream

1. T. Sanjeevan	-	A, B, C
2. T. Vanushan	-	3C
3. B. B. Niluxshan	-	2C, S

❖ Commerce Stream

1. S. Renold	-	3A
2. M. Dishanthan	-	3A
3. R. Roshan	-	3A
4. G. Aenosh	-	2A, B
5. A. Morinstan	-	A, 2B
6. S. R. Renold	-	A, 2C
7. P. G. Niroshan	-	B, 2C
8. J. Jerinsan	-	B, 2C
9. A. J. Charles Anojan	-	B, 2C

❖ Arts Stream

1. A. Arjanraj	-	2A, B
2. E. Perinsan	-	2A, B
3. A. Jeyakumaran	-	2A, B
4. J. Sunil Kumara Peris	-	A, 2B
5. Y. Jerons Basti	-	2A, C
6. M.F.X. Rajithan	-	2A, C
7. A. M. Basdiyaan	-	2A, S
8. J. Jeyatharshan	-	A, B, C
9. M.A. Jathushan	-	A, B, C
10. S. Thesiyan	-	A, B, S

❖ Technology Stream

1. R. Tharsiya Priyan	-	3B (Dist -5)
2. A.T. John Hildan	-	B, 2C
3. A. Dilaxshan	-	B, 2C
4. S. Linkeshan	-	3C

Rev. Fr. A.P. Thirumahan
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Rector

"FIDE ET LABORE"

Family Values

Presence of love, respect, and healthy communication is what makes a family a place to be.

A child is born into a family first and becomes a part of the society later. And when one lives in society, living harmoniously with others becomes important—if there has to be peaceful existence, that is. There have to be certain rules that need to be in place, which determine the kind of behaviour and actions that promote a peaceful existence and therefore should be encouraged and those that do not and therefore should be discouraged.

How do we learn about behaviour that is acceptable to others and that which is not? One is by living in society, but the other, more important one is being taught by our family by way of traditional family values. And what are family values exactly? They are the social, moral and ethical behaviour that are imparted in a family set up through speech, actions, and behaviour. It is these important family values that we will be discussing in the AptParenting article that follows.

Family Values List

There are instances in which family values are influenced by cultures. Though different cultures give importance to different values, the root and the base of family values are mostly even throughout the world, because what they have at their base is something very primal. This includes how to be a better human being so that one can adjust well in society. Given below is a list of family values that are stressed upon in life.

Love and Respect

With love and respect, most barriers in relationships are solved. And this works not only at the level of the family, but also at the societal levels. Love and respect allows you to be human and accept people and things in society, to feel a bonding and therefore becoming a part of society in the true sense of the word.

Communication

Communication solves most problems in any relationship and lends to healthy relationships that do not have at their base, misunderstandings and other negative emotions. Developing the ability to talk and communicate with others the problems that you face so that you can aim at a better relationship becomes an important value to learn.

Understanding/Sensitivity/Empathy

Understanding others, being sensitive to their needs, and being emphatic to their sorrows is something that makes a good human being. One cannot live as a single entity in society, which means that in order to live well with others, he has to be sensitive to their needs and wants and therefore this forms for an important value in society.

Sharing

Egocentricity or selfishness are traits that take you away from exemplifying what a good human being is. Sharing facilities and things with others is a trait that not only makes for a good human but also allows one to be well settled in society.



Teach your child to share what he has, with those around him. It doesn't need to be with other children. If no other child is around, ask him to offer his chocolate to all adults in the family.

The piece of chocolate may be small, and you would want your child to have it all. But do take a small bit off that little bar once in a while so that your child knows that, if he offers his goodies then he has to mean it as well.

This value of sharing will help him experience the joy of giving and sharing. He would be more selfless, and as an adult would be able to act in greater good of all, rather than just being hung up on petty things in life.

Tolerance

We aren't born clones of the other and therefore there are bound to be differences in the way each person thinks and acts. Moreover, every culture will influence a person's behaviour and provide an individual with different traits, habits, and values. An individual who lives as a part of society therefore needs to develop the quality of not only tolerating those differences but accepting them as well, and making them work.

Honesty

Being honest and true to yourself allows you the credibility and integrity as a person, and that reflects in your work and habits. It automatically allows you to be respected and appreciated in society and there is a sense of pride that you feel.

Hard Work

There really is no substitute for hard work and there should not be any, either. When it comes to instilling values in children, they should be taught that nothing comes in easy and there has to be hard work put in if they want to achieve something in life. Learning this trait early on prepares you for life's challenges and trials.

Forgiveness

The ability to forgive others for hurting you is a trait that only a few can develop, but it is a very, very important trait nonetheless. Forgiveness is letting go of all the negativity and the bad emotions, of unburdening yourself.



Children who don't learn to forgive, grow up to be bitter adults. Through the act of forgiving, children develop the value of compassion. But do you just order your child to forgive the action of a fellow child who has hurt him? No, that won't work.

Rather listen to your child talk out his hurt, and explain that holding on the grudge would hurt them even more. This value would, in turn, instill another important value to teach children and that is *kindness*.

Flexibility/Adjustment

If there are different types of individuals living together in one society, there are bound to be conflicts, and being flexible and understanding others' points of views, not being stubborn, and instead being open, helps a person better adjust in society.

These values become almost inborn and innate traits that an individual develops when he is a part of a family. But along with that, parents and teachers can develop family value lesson plans in order to drive these traits and values home in a more unique manner.

Compiled from:

<https://aptparenting.com/list-of-family-values>

and <https://aptparenting.com/important-values-to-teach-children>

Patrician Nite 2018



Participants had a great night

Shared History of SPC Jaffna and Iona College Brisbane



Most Patricians will be aware that on October 1, 2018, Rev Fr Michael Twigg OMI – Rector of Iona College, Brisbane – together with some of the staff and senior students visited our College and was received by the Rector Fr Thirumahan. The College Band, Staff, Prefects and other students feted the visitors at a special function organised in their honour.

Iona College Brisbane was co-founded by Fr Timothy Long OMI in 1957/58. In 2018 the College celebrated its 60th anniversary and the trip to Jaffna was to celebrate the occasion. Melbourne OBA can rightfully feel proud that the visit was made possible after Fr Michael contacting us following browsing the Melbourne OBA's website! We then communicated to our Rector the Iona College's intention to visit SPC Jaffna as part of their Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The Rector and the Staff were excited. And the rest is history.



Following the Welcome Function at our College, the Iona College students also visited the Jaffna Library and posed for a photograph at the site of Fr Long's statue. Fr Long was instrumental for the establishment of the then South East Asia's largest library.



At the end of the tour, which they called **Fr Tim Long O.M.I. Mission Immersion Tour - Sri Lanka**, the visitors returned via Kandy and other world heritage locations, visiting several historical Oblate schools, etc.

Photographs of the Welcome Function can be browsed at the OBA website:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/spcobamel/albums/72157701972099885>



First class of Iona gather for photo in 1958 [Fr Long, seated 2nd left].

More historical photographs of Iona College from its Foundation Day can be found in the following video:

https://youtu.be/7sK_8ilpgc

The words of Pope Francis on “Being Happy”

You may have defects, be anxious and sometimes live irritated, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can prevent it from going into decadence. There are many that need you, admire you and love you.

I would like to remind you that being happy is not having a sky without storms, or roads without accidents, or work without fatigue, or relationships without disappointments. Being happy is finding strength in forgiveness, hope in one's battles, security at the stage of fear, love in disagreements.

Being happy is not only to treasure the smile, but that you also reflect on the sadness. It is not just commemorating the event, but also learning lessons in failures. It is not just having joy with the applause, but also having joy in anonymity.

Being happy is to recognize that it is worthwhile to live, despite all the challenges, misunderstandings and times of crises.

Being happy is not inevitable fate, but a victory for those who can travel towards it with your own being. Being happy is to stop being a victim of problems but become an actor in history itself.

It is not only to cross the deserts outside of ourselves, but still more, to be able to find an oasis in the recesses of our soul. It is to thank God every morning for the miracle of life.

Being happy is not being afraid of one's feelings. It is to know how to talk about ourselves. It is to bear with courage when hearing a “no”. It is to have the security to receive criticism, even if it is unfair.

It is to kiss the children, pamper the parents, have poetic moments with friends, even if they have hurt us.

Being happy means allowing the free, happy and simple child inside each of us to live; having the maturity to say, “I was wrong”; having the audacity to say, “forgive me”.

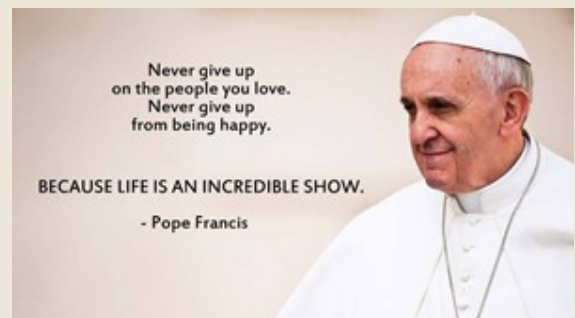
It is to have sensitivity in expressing, “I need you”; to have the ability of saying, “I love you.”

So that your life becomes a garden full of opportunities for being happy...

In your spring-time, may you become a lover of joy. In your winter, may you become a friend of wisdom. And when you go wrong along the way, you start all over again. Thus you will be more passionate about life.

And you will find that happiness is not about having a perfect life but about using tears to water tolerance, losses to refine patience, failures to carve serenity, pain to lapidate pleasure, obstacles to open the windows of intelligence.

Never give up Never give up on the people you love. Never give up from being happy because life is an incredible show. And you are a special human being!



End of Year Message (2015)

Notice Board

Events for the Year 2019

- **Annual Family Day—Sunday, January 27**
Barbeque, Cricket, Tennis, Golf and Rounders.
Start @ 10.30 am

Wattle Park, 1012 Riversdale Road, Burwood (Melway ref: 60 J2)

Cricket match to follow the barbeque. And, yes, '**Kothu Rotti**' is part of the menu.

Tennis courts have been booked for the kids (please bring your racquets). Rounders for the ladies.
Golf course waiting for the amateurs! BYO elbow brace!!

All Patricians are invited to take part or join others for a great day out. **Cost: Adults \$15; Kids \$5.**

Patricians who wish to be included in the Team, please contact:

Berchmans Tennakone on 0430 657 736 or **Jeyandra** on 0428 366 504.

Trophies will be presented to the winning teams at the AGM.



- **AGM— Sunday, February 24**
St Paschal's Church Hall, 100 Albion Road, Box Hill. Further details will be advised.
- **St Patrick's Day Celebrations—Saturday, March 23**
- **Patrician Nite 2019—Friday, September 27 - Grand Final Eve holiday (provisional).**

Membership Fee Reminder

We call on the Patricians in Victoria who haven't paid or renewed their membership to kindly do so.

Annual subscription: ONLY



Contact Treasurer **Noel Rajiv** on: **0421839197**

TOGETHER

WE CAN ACHIEVE
GREATER THINGS

St Patrick's College Jaffna OBA Melbourne

Nomination Form—Office Bearers and Committee Members for the 2019 / 2020 Patrician Year

Full Name of Nominee:

Position Nominated for:

I, volunteer to serve in the OBA Management Committee in the abovementioned position.

Full Name of Proposer:

Full Name of Seconder:

Signature: Date:

Signature: Date:

Address:

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