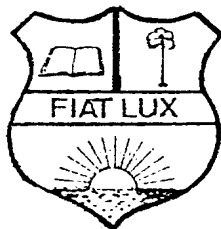


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## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND HOPPER NITE 2008

The Annual General Meeting was held on the 20th September 2008 and was well attended by members. The meeting was carried out as per the Agenda and the following members were elected unopposed to serve in the Committee for 2009.

President: N. Nanthakumaran

Vice President: K. Sriharan

Secretary: T. Dharmakulasingam

Treasurer: C. Mathyalagan

Committee Members:

R. Jeyaprakash K. Palasubramaniam

T. Amalan

S. Thayalan

Members, their families and friends then enjoyed a Hopper Nite which has become very popular among the gathering. Light music and video was on the big screen. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the night and promised to return this year. Thanking you organisers! The auction of the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Stamps helped to collect over a thousand dollars which will be used to help our Alma mater.

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## FAMILY GET-TOGETHER AND CRICKET MATCH

The Annual Family Get-together and Cricket Match took place on the 25th of January 2009 at Mt.View Primary School, Mt. Waverly. It was very pleasing to see many of our younger generation participating in the cricket match together with the older Hartleyites. Kids enjoyed a sausages during the drinks break. By noon everyone was hungered by the fabulous smell coming from the delicious Tom Yum soup, which was prepared at the ground by one of our member's family who were trained in Cambodia. A big thanks goes to Pathmasiri and his wife; they promised to do it again next year.

### Medical Jokes

#### How much will this cost me?

Patient: How much to have this tooth pulled?

Dentist: \$100.00

Patient: \$100.00 for just a few minutes work?

Dentist: Well I can extract it very slowly if you like

#### I think I need glasses

Patient: Doctor, I think I need glasses.

Teller: You certainly do! This is a bank.

## ***Our Association's Financial Supports to-date to our school.***

Our Association is always at the forefront of providing support for our Alma mater. Here is the brief account of our association's support to-date.

In 1993 a sum of \$ 1,500 was provided to the school for the purchase of books for the school library. In 1995 the association provided a sum of \$900 towards the publication of the school's Miscellany. In 1999, the association remitted \$4500 to the school for the purpose of setting up a Fixed Deposit account, the interest earned from the account is to be used to grant annual awards to students who excelled in Mathematics in Years 10 and 11 in honour of late Professor Eliezer. A sum of \$ 500 each in 1999 and 2001 was donated to purchase books and other items for the school library. A sum of \$ 2500 was contributed in 2002 towards the purchase of land and a further sum \$1850 for cricket gear for the under 13 cricket team. The association donated \$2625 to the Nilogen fund, which was sponsored by the school to provide financial assistance to an A Level student who needed a heart surgery and a kidney transplant. Another Rs 10000 was given to support the family through the School's Trust Committee. Recently we responded to a request from the Trust and remitted Rs 500,000 for the school's Auditorium project.

## ***News from the Principal***

- Annual Inter House Athlete Meet was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2009 at the College grounds and the Chief Guest was Dr. Sivakolundu Srisatkunaraajah Ph.D Senior Lecturer, Dept of Maths and Stats, University of Jaffna.
- A new building housing the Staff room, English Activity room, Extra Curricular Activity hall and Study hall (building costs of Rs. 14.6 million) was ceremonially opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2009.
- Under 17 Cricket team has progressed to district level finals and National level tournament.
- School won the Under 19 and 15 Chess championship held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2009 in Mannar. They will now attend the National level competitions.
- Cricket super six final match against Anuradhapura Central College will be played on our college grounds on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2009.
- G.C.E O/L 2008 Result Analysis:  
Number of Students Applied: - 113

Number of Students Qualified – 112 (99.1%)

Number of Students scored 9A – 1

Number of Students scored 8A – 5

Number of Students scored 6A – 24

- 2008 A/L best results details appears in the next two pages..
- The construction of an Auditorium (picture below) with a 1000 student capacity is well underway.

## **Tax Help—Business Tax Break**

If you own a small business that turns over less than \$2,000,000 a year, you can claim an extra 50% tax deduction on the cost of eligible assets which cost \$1,000 or more..

The above tax deduction is in addition to the deductions for decline in value you can claim for the cost of an asset you use in your business..

The tax break is temporary and deadlines apply.

The tax break is not a refund, rebate or tax offset. It's a tax deduction to reduce the assessable income of your business. Some conditions apply, so seek advice from your tax adviser or visit [www.australia.gov.au/businessstaxbreak](http://www.australia.gov.au/businessstaxbreak) to find out more..

The tax break covers new, tangible, depreciating assets such as: cars, vans, trucks and other business vehicles, computer hardware, tools and furniture..

To qualify for the 50% tax break you must buy the asset between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2009 and install the assets between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2010.

## **AUDITORIUM construction site**



## A/L Best Results 2008

### Engineering

Name of Student	Results	District Rank	Island Rank	Z Score
Sathyanathan Haritharan	2A, B	29	482	2.1739
Ratnarajah Rajeevan	2A, B	25	448	2.1739
Sivabalasingam Sathiyavara-	3A	10	202	2.1944
Kanapathipillai Vaheesan	2A, B	11	230	2.3883
Pulendiran Vijitharan	2A, B	39	592	2.1118
Mahendran Senthoooran	3A	28	468	2.1809
Tharmakulasingam Mukunthan	3A	1	35	2.8172
Rajendra Hareesan	3A	7	159	2.4765
Selvaratnam Vishakan	3B	51	792	2.0048

Total Number of students who sat for the exam: 51. Number of students selected for Engineering: 09.

Another 20 students from Mathematics stream will be selected for various courses in Universities.

### Medicine

Varatharasan Prashanth	A, 2B	26	968	1.8841
Nithyanandan Vasikanran	A, 2B	33	1130	1.8395
Jeyakumaran Poongunran	2A, B	39	1262	1.8075

Total Number of students who sat for the exam: 33. Number of students selected to Medicine: 03.

Another 10 students from Bio Science stream will be selected for various courses in Universities

### Arts

Kamalanathan Sutharsan	3A	65	1143	1.6021
Sriskyntaraja Jeyanthikumar	2A, B	210	3398	1.3845
Kirubaharan Ambujan	2A, B	259	4177	1.3325
Jeyasingam Thushanthan	2A, B	292	4615	1.3061

Total Number of students who sat the exam: 32.

Number of students selected to the Entrance: 04.

### Commerce

Kanthathasan Kamal	3B	112	7244	1.1704
Loganathan Nagarajan	2A, B	41	3099	1.5391
Velmurugu Sentharan	2A, C	49	3748	1.4684
Sribaskaran Thevakarunan	2A, S	139	8104	1.1080

Total Number of students who sat the exam: 23

Number of students selected to the University Entrance: 04.

# HARTLEY COLLEGE COMPLETES 170 YEARS IN SPHERE OF EDUCATION

An Article from the Ceylon Daily News written by Kalabhooshanam Chelvatamby MANICCAVASAGAR

*"The arrival of the British in Sri Lanka laid the foundation for the beginning of the growth of the Methodist schools especially after it had removed the ban on the Missionaries by the East India Company by an Act of Parliament in 1813. The Missionaries waited for this opportunity and made arrangements for the expedition in the East.*

*It was at this time that John Wesley's Lieutenant Dr. Thomas Cook who had the reputation of having converted millions of people to Christianity sold his property and set sail for Ceylon (Sri Lanka) as it was then called, with six other Missionaries in spite of his old age, in December 1813 though Dr. Thomas Cook died, five Missionaries arrived near Galle on June 29, 1814 and two of whom namely Lynch and Squance came to Jaffna in August the same year.*



*After spending some days in the Jaffna peninsula, Rev. Thomas Squance leased out a plot of land from a Nagappar of Point Pedro near the seaside where the present Methodist Girls College is situated. A building was constructed on that plot of land wherein a Tamil school was functioning.*

*In 1826 Rt. Rev. Peter Percival who was one of the Christian Missionaries came to Ceylon to convert the people of Ceylon to Christianity but in 1830 he was sent to Calcutta to start a mission there.*

*There his attempt proved futile. Later he came to Ceylon in 1832 when a remarkable change in the administration of British rule occurred as a result of the recommendation of the Colebrooke*

*Commission. This marked the significant event of their religion which eventually had its reflection on the education system.*

*Rev. Peter Percival started the Jaffna Central School in 1834 and in 1838 started an English School in Point Pedro which was known as Point Pedro Wesleyan Mission Central School. Thus the founding of the school took place due to persistent efforts and aspirations of the Methodist Missionaries.*

## **Progress**

*The Point Pedro Wesleyan Mission Central School started by Rev. Peter Percival progressed well with about 50 students. However an account of the nature of the people prevailing at that time the number attending the school fluctuated from time to time.*

*Nevertheless due to the continuous effort and aspirations of Rev. Peter Percival, the General Committee in London was satisfied with the progress of the school and paid Rev. Peter Percival the sum of Sterling Pounds 400 in 1854 which he had incurred as expenses.*

*Since its inception in 1838 it has been continuously functioning as a school except for a brief interval in 1860. It was in 1861 that the school was re-opened with D. P. Niles, a graduate of the Batticaloa seminary.*

*As the school headmaster from 1861-1868 he worked hard for the progress of this school and it was evident at a time when Jaffna Central College was in great difficulties on account of Hindu religious revivalism.*

*When D. P. Niles was transferred to Jaffna Central School Samuel Hensman succeeded him as headmaster of the school. However with the passage of time the number of students started*

growing and in 1875 it had become a necessity on account of the increasing numbers to shift the school to the present site while allowing the old site to be used for the girls school. It was at this juncture John Chickering Thamotherampillai Sherrard became the headmaster of this school.

He was so closely connected with the school and so popular among the parents of that area and everyone began to call and refer the school as Sherrard's school, instead of using the name Point Pedro Wesleyan Mission Central School.

After the retirement of Sherrard the appointed S. A. Paulpillai as its principal. He was a disciplinarian and eventually died in 1906. After his death Stephen S. Kanapathipillai succeeded him as principal. He was a graduate of the Calcutta university. He was a keen sportsman and a soccer player. He taught mathematics and science. He functioned as its principal till 1908 and resigned to do law. In 1912 E. S. Abraham, a graduate of the University of Calcutta was appointed as principal.

The year 1915 marked a turning point in the history of the school when C. P. Thamotheram was appointed as principal. He was a graduate of the University of Madras and during his period of 28 years, significant changes took place. The school was named as Hartley College in 1916 when Rev. Marshall Hartley laid the foundation for a chemistry laboratory.

### **Recognition**

During Thamotheram's tenure of office, he had capable assistants who played vital role for the development of the college. Notable contribution was made by W. A. Walton who was a veteran in Shakespeare's plays. He inspired the students to take an active part in the Shakespeare's play.

Further, during his time Hartley's results at the Cambridge Examination were exceptionally good, Hartley College earned its recognition as a leading school during Thamotheram's tenure of office. After a long period of 28 years as principal of Hartley College he retired in 1943 at the age of 60.

In 1943, K. Pooranampillai succeeded him as principal of Hartley College. He was a graduate of the London University and a post graduate trained at Selly Oak College, Birmingham.

Indeed, Poornampillai's period was 'golden era' in the history of Hartley College. The academic standard was maintained. He made the college a place for the acquisition of skills necessary for life.

In order to achieve this objectives, he widened the scope for extra curricular activities and formed school societies. It was during his period the gymnasium was inaugurated, additional classrooms too were put up. Poornampillai had his own system of conducting the examinations. He conducted the weekly test, monthly test and the term test and examined the performance of every pupil and brought it to the notice of the parents.

After relinquishing of office by Poornampillai as principal of Hartley College, Ratnasabapathy (1967-1971), C. Rajadurai (1971-1973), P. Ahambaram (1973-1975) and W. N. S. Samuel (1975-1985) functioned as principals with great acceptance both by the students and the parents.

Thereafter S. P. Balasingam, a distinguished old boy of Hartley College who strained every nerve of his to keep the flag of Hartley College flying amidst tension and turmoil when he was appointed as principal of Hartley College.

### **Contribution**

Despite the turmoil and tribulations in the Jaffna peninsula in particular and the country in general Hartley College has not failed in its duty to hold the torch of learning, burning aloft and mould its students as useful citizens of the country. The present principal N. Theivendrarajah who pilots the affairs of Hartley College is a science graduate (BSc) from the University of Peradeniya.

In 1985 he obtained his science degree and in 1994 he completed his Post Graduate Diploma in Education from the University of Colombo.

In 2002, he got a Postgraduate Diploma in Education Management from the National Institute of Education and Master in Education from the University of Jaffna in 2003.

*In 1986, he got his appointment as a graduate teacher at Warakapola and in 1999 he was promoted to Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service. Further, he was appointed as principal of Hartley College on 5.12.2005. Prior to this he functioned as Director of Education attached to the Department of Education, Dehiowita.*

*In fact, Theivendrarajah is a remarkable personality who discharged his responsibilities with distinction. He is constantly pragmatic and practical in his approach to the problems of the college and willing to seek out and accept solutions wherever they could be found. He always puts his heart and soul into the activities of the students and identify himself with them.*

*Further, two students namely Vimalanathan Rajeevan and Sri Sothinathan Nimalan have done extremely well in the GCE (A/L) 2007 in the maths stream and bio stream.*

*In fact, Rajeevan has come first in the All Island through Tamil medium and third in all mediums taken together. Even Nimalan has achieved excellent results in the Jaffna district in the bio stream. Theivendrarajah is a highly disciplined individual who translates thoughts and intentions into action, every minute into valuable moments. Indeed, he should be highly commended for piloting the affairs of Hartley College with unsurpassed distinction and unsullied honour.*

*Besides all these, the Hartley College Past Pupils Association (Colombo branch) main objects met and discussed about necessary requirements for the advancement of social welfare as may be conducive to the interior and well-being of past and present pupils of the college, to make all efforts which may be necessary to ensure that students leaving Hartley after their education, pursue their higher education in universities in Sri Lanka or abroad and to secure suitable employment, to honour past pupils who reach distinguished status, academic/professional excellence.*

### **Funds**

*Further, the College provides scholarships and funds for various purposes. It has school development fund, sports fund, Vairamuttu memorial fund, S. S. Somasundaram memorial fund, S. C. Rasaratnam memorial fund, K. Ganeshalingam foundation fund, Prof. Thuraiajah memorial scholarship fund, K. Pooranampillai memorial scholarship fund, T. Kangadaran memorial cricket fund, Nesamani Mahesan memorial fund, Rajaratnam Family Foundation (Ceylon) Ltd.*

*Even gold medals are presented to all students who obtain 3As at the Advanced Level examination. In fact, the college had its ups and downs due to the conditions that prevailed and the difficulties and problems encountered. However overcoming these problems and progress achieved in the spheres of education and sports from its inception is purely due to the dedicated services which the principals, students, parents, past pupils' associations both local and abroad.*

*Finally, let the light, the Christian Missionaries lit 170 years ago continue to shine in every way despite the ongoing war in the North and the East.*

*May this light-house of knowledge Hartley College, steer many more thousands of students to success and fame in their lives in the years ahead."*

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### **AGM 2009 and Fund Raising Hopper Nite**

The 2009 AGM and fundraising Hopper Nite will be held on the 19th of September 2009 at St Jude's Community Centre, 49 George Street, Scoresby, Vic 3179 (Melway ref:72 G5). Meeting starts at 6.30 pm and will be followed by the Hopper Nite.. All proceeds will be sent North to provide assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters, so please come and show your support.

### **Cricket Tournament Organised by Jaffna Hindu College Past Pupils Association**

Jaffna Hindu College Past Pupils Association organised a Eight a side seven over cricket match on the 04th of January 2009. Our association was able to field a team consisting of some of our members and their children. Thanks to Amalan for leading the team and to the rest of the team members..