



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OBSC MELBOURNE



OUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Fellow Peterites,

I trust this message finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embark upon the new year. I hope each of you enjoyed a splendid beginning to 2024.

As we reflect on the conclusion of last year, Our Rugby team secured third place in the Kingswood Touch Rugby tournament, remaining undefeated throughout. Despite a draw with Dharmaraja College in the semifinals,

determined by a coin toss as per the tournament rules, we narrowly missed advancing to the finals. we are grateful to Dilan Abeygoonewardena and the team for their outstanding dedication throughout the tournament. It brings me immense joy to acknowledge the resounding success of our Christmas celebration at the Lincoln of Toorak. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you who contributed to making our annual Christmas gathering such a delightful event, particularly the wonderful turnout of young families. The festive ambiance was truly captivating, and I'm certain that nobody missed the opportunity to capture memories against the amazing backdrop. Of course, the arrival of Santa Claus remains a cherished highlight for us all, complemented by the sumptuous lunch provided by the venue.

Our journey into the new year commenced on a triumphant note with the Peterite cricket team clinching victory in the Quadrangular tournament on Australia Day. In a thrilling match, we emerged victorious over our rivals St. Joseph's College by a margin of 11 runs. My heartfelt congratulations go out to the Peterite Cricket team, and I commend the spirited performance of our counterparts from Joe's. It brings me great pride to have witnessed the increasing participation of young Peterite players in the tournament, under the exemplary leadership of our admired Kaushal Lokuarachchi, who represented the Sri Lankan cricket team from 2003 to 2012. Following our triumph, the team and fellow Peterites convened at Wallawwa Noble Park, where we celebrated our victory over a friendly dinner, accompanied by shared stories and a sing-along.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Delon Udugamasooriya and the committee for their unwavering dedication to ensuring the success of the cricket tournament.

Looking ahead, our committee has organised an exciting raffle featuring enticing holiday packages to Vietnam, a luxurious cruise, and a blissful two-night stay at the Crown Promenade. With a limited number of tickets available, this raffle serves as a special fundraiser for the renovation project of the Nicholas Perera Hall.

I encourage each member to participate eagerly for a chance to win one of these exceptional prizes and contribute towards a worthy cause.

I eagerly anticipate meeting you at our upcoming Peterite events, including the Golf Tournament and the annual Joe-Pete encounter scheduled for the 24th of March 2024, followed by our annual gala dinner dance. Until then, stay safe, and may God bless you and your families.

George Ajith Perera



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE



OLD BOYS SOCIAL CLUB
MELBOURNE
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MELBOURNE OBSC 2024 EVENTS CALENDER

- * Peterite Golf Day - Sun 25th Feb
- * Joe-Pete Big Match - Sun 24th Mar
- * 'Arabian Nights' Dinner Dance - Sat 27th Apr
- * Mass for Departed Peterites - Sun 7th Jul
- * Annual General Meeting - Fri 30th Aug
- *70's Group Luncheon - Sun 20th Oct
- * Christmas Party - Sun 8th Dec

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "SPC MELBOURNE"

GRAND RAFFLE (LIMITED TICKETS)

Don't miss the chance to win grand prizes in this very limited raffle draw.

We have a Vietnam Tour, a South Pacific cruise, and a two-night stay at the Crown Promenade.

This Special Fundraiser is in aid of the long overdue renovation of the Nicolas Perera Hall, which we all fondly remember.

Get in early so you don't miss out.

The draw will be held on 22nd March 2024

"ARABIAN NIGHTS" IS COMING

Get ready for another magnificent event hosted by the Peterite Melbourne OBSC!

This year, we're introducing a brand-new theme to Melbourne: "Arabian Nights." The committee is buzzing with excitement, and you'll be too when you join us on April 27th at Cathie's Lane. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting teasers!

PETERITE POWERLIFTER

Peterite Rohan Paulas represented Sri Lanka at the Asian Classic Powerlifting Championship 2023, winning three Gold and one silver in the masters category.

Congratulations on a great achievement.

Rohan was an accomplished athlete while in college, Captaining Rugby in 1982, Batting at number 3 in cricket and also playing hockey. Furthermore, he also took part in Shakespeare competitions.



SPECIAL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE DRAW

TICKET PRICE \$100 LIMITED TICKETS

ORGANISED BY SPC OBSC MELBOURNE

ENTER OUR EXCITING RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN AMAZING PRIZES!

PRIZE	PRIZE	PRIZE
2 PRIZE CRUISE THE SOUTH PACIFIC VALUED AT \$5,000 On an 8-day journey for 2, including flights to Sydney. Visit Noumea in New Caledonia & Mystery Island in Vanuatu.	1 PRIZE VIETNAM TOUR VALUED AT \$7,500 Embark on a 10-day adventure with a Vietnam Tour for 2, including flights. Explore the beauty of Hanoi, Halong Bay, Hoi An, and Ho Chi Minh City.	3 PRIZE TWO-NIGHTS STAY AT CROWN PROMENADE VALUED AT \$1,000 Experience luxury with a two-nights stay at Crown Promenade for 2, including breakfast.

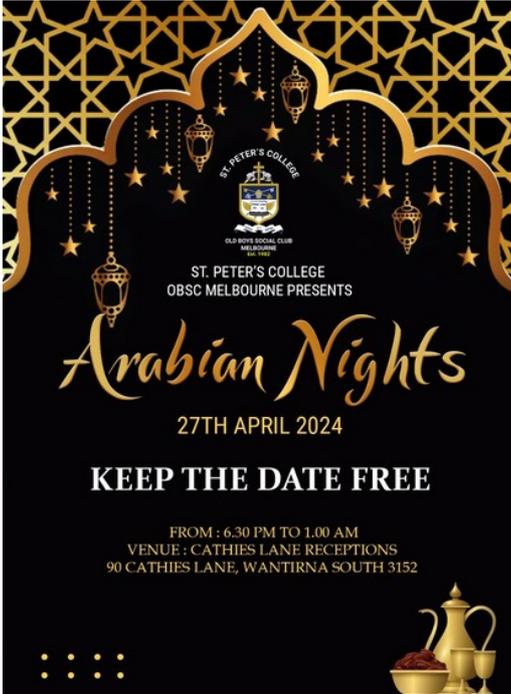
DON'T MISS OUT ON THE CHANCE TO WIN THESE INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCES!

THE RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN ON THE 22ND OF MARCH 2024 AT 7.30 PM AT THE MOUNT WAVERLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE 47 MILLER CRESCENT, MOUNT WAVERLEY 3149.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER RAFFLE IN AID OF NICHOLAS PERERA HALL RENOVATION PROJECT AT SPC COLOMBO.

* Private circulation only. * Winners will be personally notified.

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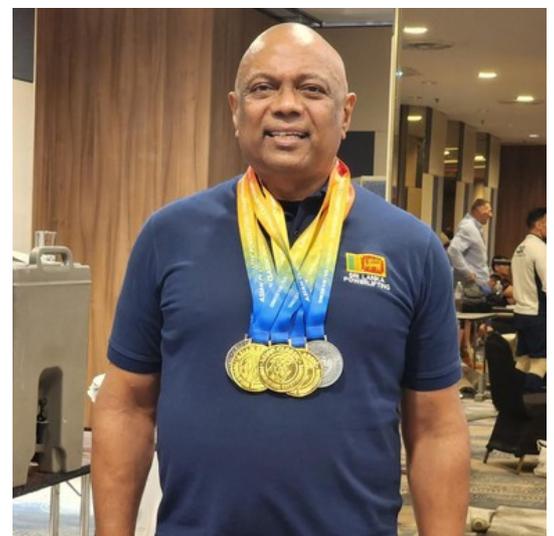
ST. PETER'S COLLEGE
OBSC MELBOURNE PRESENTS

Arabian Nights

27TH APRIL 2024

KEEP THE DATE FREE

FROM : 6.30 PM TO 1.00 AM
VENUE : CATHIE'S LANE RECEPTIONS
90 CATHIE'S LANE, WANTIRNA SOUTH 3152



THE MELBOURNE OBSC CHRISTMAS PARTY(26/11/2023)

Our last function for 2023 provided a great afternoon out for our 250+ guests at the Lincoln of Toorak who provided an outstanding buffet with all the Christmas trimmings.

The venue looked great with a fantastic backdrop to take those family Christmas photos ...in fact, you had to queue up at one stage to get on.

It was heartwarming to see the 40 or so kids enjoying the day, especially when Santa made an appearance.

And the afternoon rocked on to the groove of Clarence Rey and DJ Pio.

We wish all Peterites and their families and friends (not forgetting our sponsors throughout the year without whom we could not do what we do) a new year that sees all your resolutions come true.

We hope to see our guests during 2024 at our functions.



MELBOURNE OBSC CHRISTMAS PARTY FROM THE 1980'S

These photos are from one of the earliest Melbourne OBSC Christmas parties from the early 1980s.

In the photo to the left, the singers were Bede de Zilwa, Ron and Bubbles Forbes, Estelle de Niese, Peter de Niese, and George de Niese on keyboards.

(Contributor: Marina De Niese)



THE SAINTS QUADRANGULAR CRICKET MATCH(26/1/2024)



St Peter's triumphed in the tournament final winning against St Joseph's(the College last won this tournament in 2022)

SPC played the Bens in the first game where we made 132 runs to win the game.

In the final against the Joes, we made 131 to win by 13 runs.

Against the Joes, the Best player was Vinu Mohotty who scored 40 not out.

Kaushal Lokuarachchi(Our Captain and former Sri Lanka Cap) took 4 vital wkts.

Congratulations to our Cricketers.

The Ladies' match was won by Holy Family Convent.



PETERITE CRICKETERS

THREE PETERITE CRICKET CAPTAINS TOGETHER

From Left to Right:

- *Rumesh Ratnayaike SPC Cricket Captain 1983,
- *Michael Elias SPC Cricket Captain 1981,
- *Susilough De S Wijerante SJC Cricketer,
- *Rohan Paulas SPC Cricketer & Rugby Captain 1982,
- *Niranjan Rodrigo SPC Cricket Captain 1982.



COLLEGE RUGBY STALWART FRANK HUBERT

Frankie Caught up with Fellow Peterite Malcolm Paiva in England after 50 years recently.

Frankie and Malcolm played cricket together in 1974. In 1975 Frankie Vice Captained College in Cricket in the inaugural 50 over Joe Pete which College won.



MALIN SILVA 2001 COLLEGE CRICKET CAPTAIN

Malin Silva was the 2023 Casey Tuskers cricket team captain. In 2001 he captained the college 1st XI cricket team and in the big match scored 105 not out and took 5 wickets, being awarded the man of the match trophy.



RUSANDA GAMAGE COLLEGE CRICKET VICE CAPTAIN 2023/24

Rusanda showcased his talents on the national stage, averaging 74 runs in his first three ODI innings for the Lanka Lions.

A proud moment for us and a testament to his exceptional talent. Congratulations on this stellar achievement and we firmly believe this is the first step on a great journey to come.



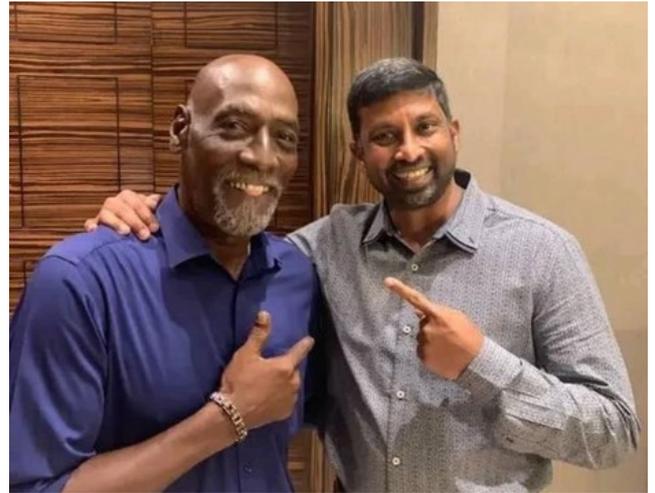
PETERITE CRICKETERS

TWO TOP CRICKETERS ...ONLY ONE IS A PETERITE ...WHICH ONE?

Sir Viv Richards and Russell Arnold.

Russell Arnold is the Peterite who has scored the most runs for Sri Lanka in test cricket(1821) and One Day Internationals (3590).

Sir Viv Richards scored 8,540 Test runs while also shining in the ODI arena, scoring 6,721



MELBOURNE OBSC PRESIDENT VISITS COLLEGE

While on a brief trip to Sri Lanka, Ajith Perera visited college on his birthday, December 18, 2023. During his visit, he met with Fr. Rector and reminisced about his college days. The second photo captures the area near Fr. Rector's office where Ajith used to park his 125cc motorcycle for safekeeping.

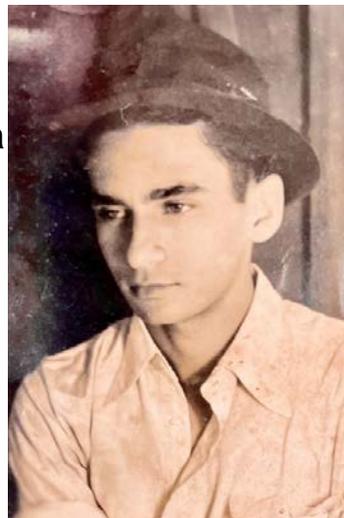


YVES KELAART TURNS 98

On 4th January 2024 Yves Kelaart turned 98.

Yves is the Third known oldest Peterite in the world (Behind Joe Forbes 100 years and Jaya Peiris already 98 years)

Yves lives in Melbourne with his wife of 74 Years, Mina, and has 12 Children.5 out of his 7 boys went to St Peter's College.



A BIT OF SAINT PETER HUMOUR



"You'll be glad to know your web browsing record gets erased before you get here."



"Yeah, Saint Peter here. I locked myself out again."

GCE "O" LEVEL RESULTS FOR 2023

Congratulations to our successful Candidates.

Every year on average around 200-240 students sit the exam from College.

Island wide for this year 472,553 students sat the exam of which 13,588 students got 9 A's.

The students who got the best results island-wide were:

- *First Place : Samadi Ranawaka from Mahayama Girls School Kandy.
- *Second Place: Aksheiya Swanand from Vembadi Girls School Jaffna
- *Third Place: Haritha Alahakoon from Royal College.

A certificate of congratulations for St. Peter's College Colombo. The certificate features the college's crest at the top. The text reads: "ST. PETERS COLLEGE COLOMBO - 04", "G. C. E ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATION - 2022", "Best Achievers", and a list of results: "9As - 26", "8As + 1B - 12", "8As + 1C - 03", and "7As + 2Bs - 09". Below the list, it says: "May the success you've achieved today be a stepping stone to even greater accomplishments in the days ahead. Wishing you a future filled with triumph and prosperity." The certificate ends with "Congratulations!" in a large font.

Best Achievers	
9As	- 26
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MELBOURNE OBSC RUGBY

STC TOUCH RUGBY 5'S 2023 IN ADELAIDE

Peterites "All Whites", not "All Blacks" getting ready for Adelaide over 40 touch rugby. The T-shirts say it all...



MELBOURNE OBSC RUGBY

THE KINGSWOOD RUGBY TOURNAMENT(18/11/2023)

Congratulations to the boys on a great job and all the hard work put in...not forgetting our sponsors and everyone behind the scenes who contributed.

The Peterites were so close to the Championship final and it came down to a coin toss !!!!

The boys won against Trinity and Royal in the preliminary rounds and then came up against the Rajans in the championship semi-final, securing a draw. Unfortunately, the tournament rules say that in this situation the match will be decided on a coin toss which went against the Pete's.

The championship was won by Wesley.

We will be back next year for that championship cup !!!!!

After the match, the team gathered at "The Attic " in Pinewood to socialise and groove to the beat of DJ LUV D

A noteworthy mention goes to the SPC B team, which demonstrated excellence by securing the runner-up position in the Bowl segment. Their resilience, especially after a 4-2 setback against Champion Wesley in the group stages, is commendable.



PETERITE AVIATION PIONEER

Air Ceylon's first flight (which was on a DC3 aircraft) to Sydney, Australia was on 30th May 1948

Crew L-R: R/o. John Vethavanam, Flight Engineer Bunny Molamure, Commander Capt Peter Fernando, First Officer P.B. Mawalagedera and 2nd R/o. D.L. Sirimanne.

Captain Peter Fernando was a Peterite



CAPTAIN PETER FERNANDO
PIONEER CEYLONESE AVIATOR

PETERITE JUNIOR TENNIS PLAYERS NOMINATED TO REPRESENT SRI LANKA AT INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

Well Done boys

Out of the Sri Lanka team of Six Tennis Players, Three are Peterites

Congratulations !

The following Peterites have been chosen to represent the Junior Sri Lanka teams in 2024.

(Under 14)
**World Junior
Tennis Championship
2024**

**Mayooran
Kubherane**

**Ashlin
De Silva**

(Under 16)
**Junior Davis Cup
Tennis Tournament
2024**

**Ganuka
Fernando**

Remembering that all **Sri Lanka teams are three member teams** it is highly noteworthy that out of the six boys who will represent Sri Lanka in the above two events, **three of them are Peterites.**

MELBOURNE OBSC PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAYS DEC 2023

AJITH PERERA- 18th December

Ajith, our current President has been an ardent supporter of the club from behind the scenes before joining the committee in 2019-20.

He has been focused on rebranding the club with the new logo, website, social media, and merchandising to give SPC Melbourne prominence within the Sri Lanka school space in Australia. He is an enthusiastic supporter of all things Peterite and expends much effort and time to make whatever the OBSC does a success.

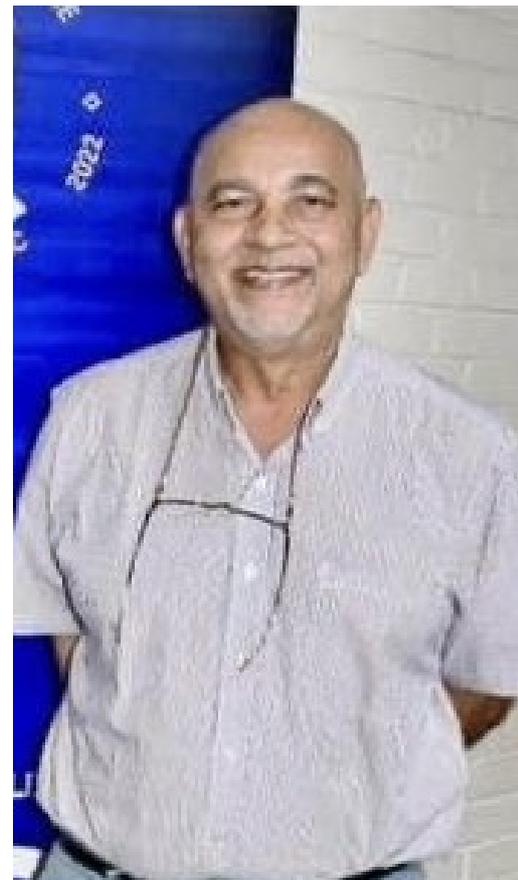
He used to ride his 125 cc bike to college and park it near Fr Rector's office.



RODNEY PATERNOTT - 24th December

Rodney was our 5th President and served during the years 1992/93 to 1993/94 and 1999/00 to 2001/02.

Rodney has always been a very strong promoter of club functions both during and after his Presidency. Rodney was only 14 years when he first donned the Peterite Rugby Jumper to represent college in 1964 and next year at 15 years he was included in the Peterite cricket team . He Captained St Peters College in Rugby(1967) and Cricket(1968) and went onto to play Rugby for CH & FC and Cricket for CCC. He is among an exclusive group of 5 others, who have had the honour of Captaining College in both Cricket and Rugby (Shirley de S Illesinghe, Percy Perera, Jayantha Fernando, Adiel Anghie and Darrel Wimalaratne)



WINSTON FOENANDER -20th December

Winston served as President from 1995/96 to 1996/97, 1998/99 and 2002/03 to 2003/04. He was always very generous with donations towards OBU events, especially the dances. Winston was one of those instrumental in supporting the club sponsorship in 2003 of Peterite Cricketer Lahiru Peiris who won a scholarship to Carey Baptist Grammar School in Melbourne. Lahiru completed his stint with Carey topping the batting with an average of 76.25 runs for the season and a top score of 92 runs. He also played a few games for the club, helping us win the six-a-side cricket tournament.

Winston always won the bicycle race at the College sports meet.



VALENTINO PEREIRA - 8th December

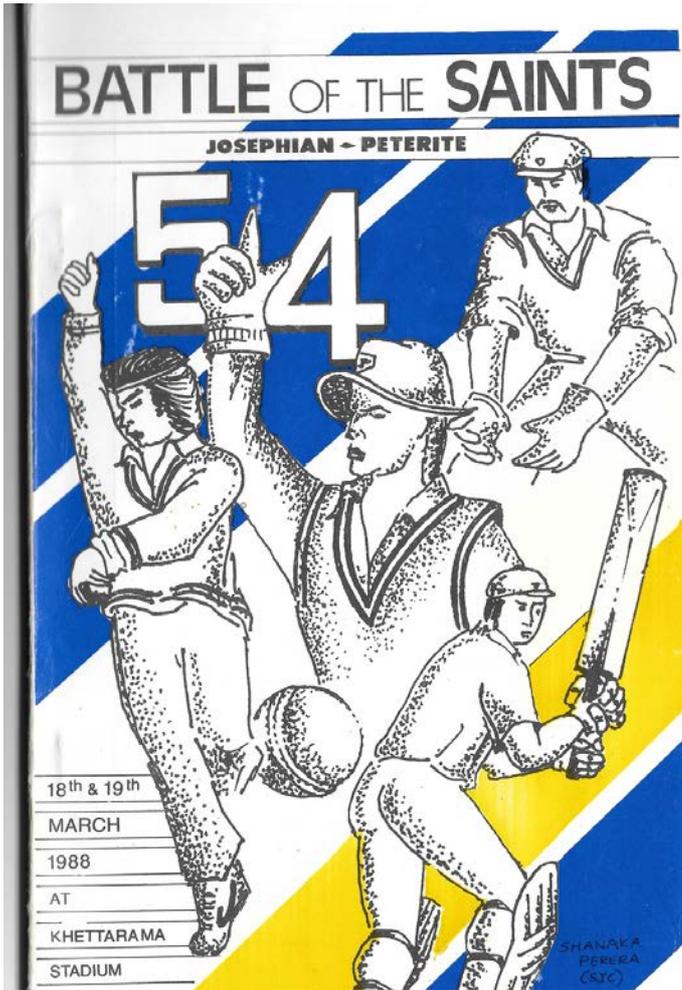
Valentino was our OBSC Melbourne President in 2019/20 and 2020/21 and has been a Committee member since 2014.

He has served on the Committee as Secretary and in the current committee is the Treasurer. Valentino was responsible for streamlining the club's Financial systems and steered the club through the difficult COVID years.

Unfortunately, social activity was at a minimum during his tenure although coming out of COVID the club hosted a great "Beach Party " at St Kilda which was a very good way for Peterites and their families and friends to socialise after COVID.

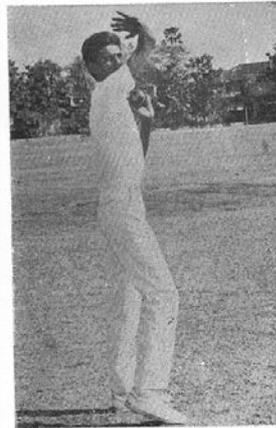


EXTRACTS FROM THE 1988 JOE PETE SOUVENIR



WHO'S WHO *Cricket in action*

ST. PETER'S COLLEGE

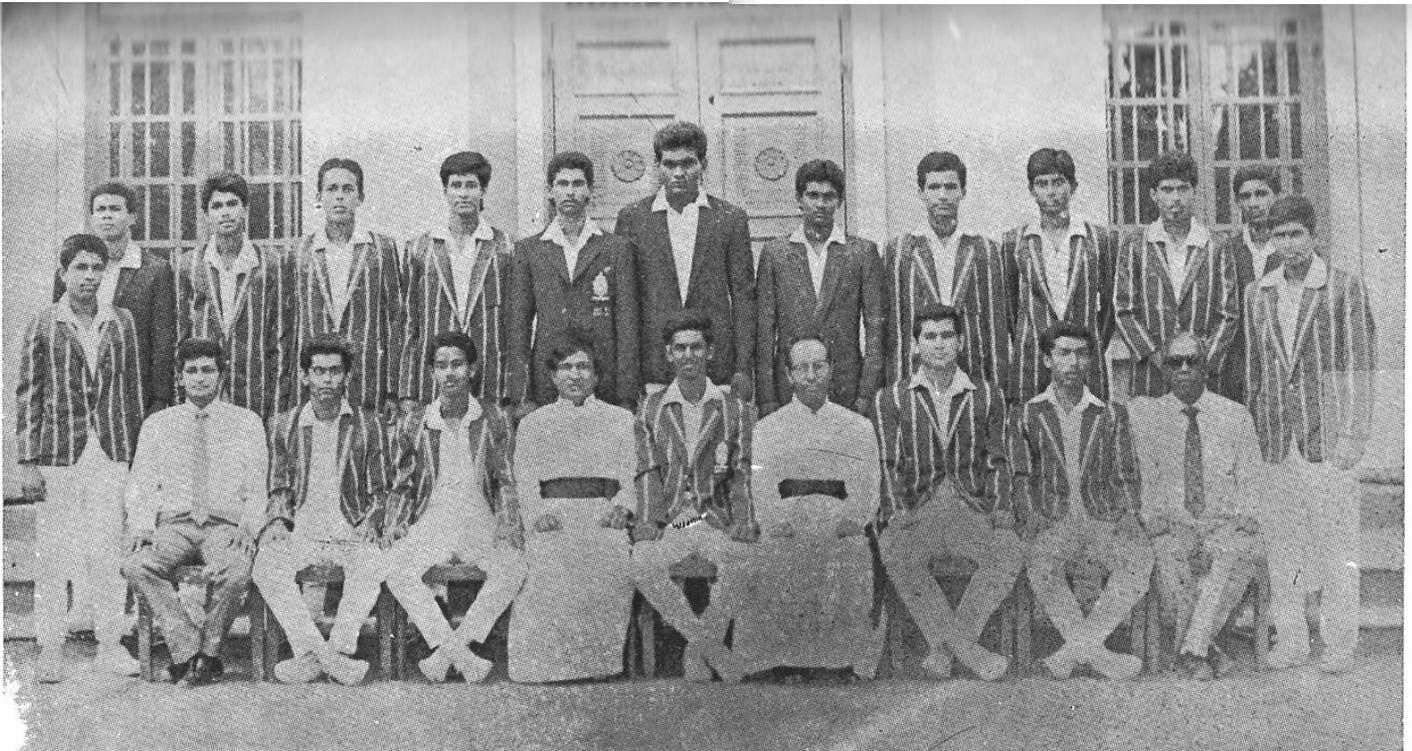


DILHAN PERERA
(Captain)

Fourth year coloursman. Captain for the 2nd year. A left hand bat and a left arm leg spin bowler. Played in the 2nd and 3rd youth test against Young England in 1987. In the 2nd test played at Asgiriya Stadium he captured 6 wickets. Has scored over 350 runs and captured 62 wickets last season. Selected to represent Sri Lanka (youth team) in the Junior World Cup "88" to be held in Australia.

ROSHAN ANTONY
(Vice Captain)

Third year coloursman stylish left hand bat and right arm off spin bowler. Last year he scored over 300 runs and captured 25 wickets. This season he has already scored over 300 runs with 59 not out against Dharmarajah. As his highest. And also captured 15 wickets nephew of Roy Dias.



STANDING L TO R :- Gihan Wijesinghe, Manoj Kodikara, Sean De Silva, Hans White, Hiran Perera, Sherby Vanheer, Kapila Dareeju, Amal Silva, Jayaweera Bandara, Krishane Kuruppu, Mahen Fernando, Disney Abeysekera, Asanga Perera

SEATED L TO R :

Mr Dilip Somaratne (coach), Angelo Dekauwe, Rohan Anthony (V. Caption) Rev. Fr. Sunil Perera (Sports Coordinator), Dilhan Perera (Captain) Rev. Fr. Joe Wickremasinghe (Rector) Warren Harmer, Hemal Wimalasekera, Mr Austin Fernando (Master in Charge Cum : Prefect of Games)

COLLEGE OPENS THE ANDRADI IT CENTRE

On 1/12/2023, the generous Old Peterite who donated the Andradi Library to the College also gave St. Peter' the Andradi IT Centre.

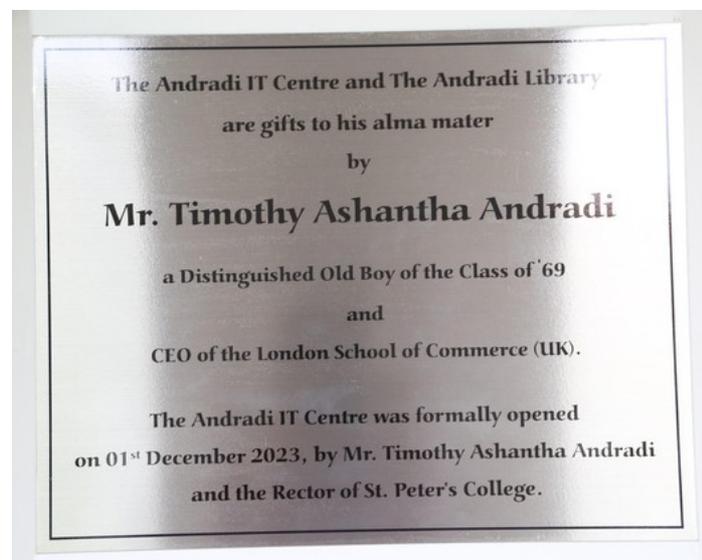
In a simple ceremony, this distinguished Alumnus of St. Peter's opened the IT Centre, named after him, in the presence of the Rector, Rev. Fr. Rohitha Rodrigo, the Priest community of the College and staff.

Ashantha Timothy Andradi has been a generous benefactor of his Alma Mater for a long time and apart from many other initiatives for which he has been the principal donor, the Andradi Library (2012) and now the IT Centre (2023) are two that bear his name and stand out as shining examples of what he has been to College.

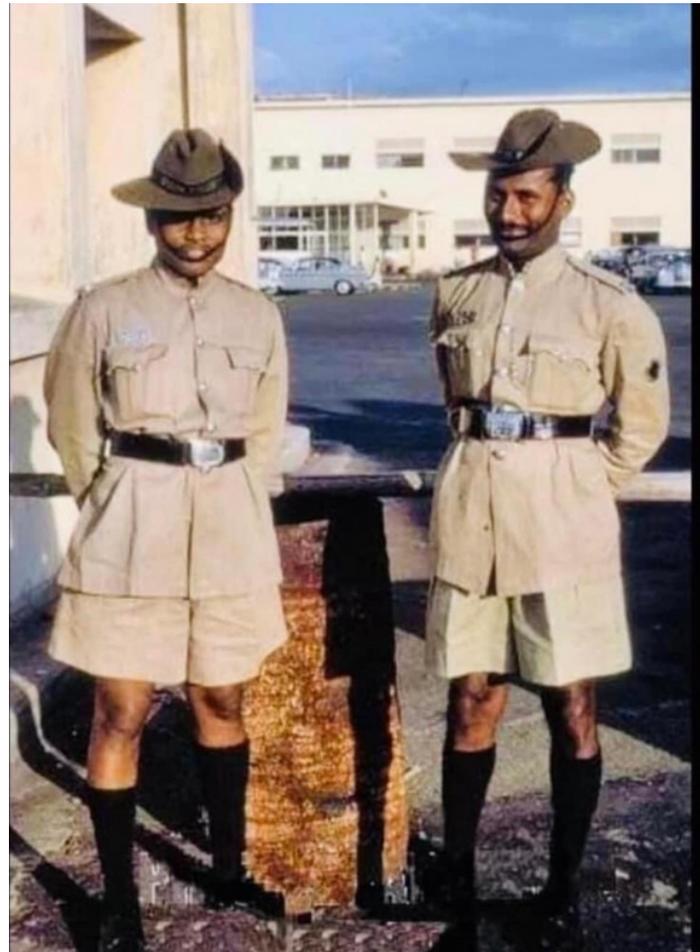
Timothy Ashantha Andradi joined St. Peter's in 1964 and left in 1972. Having completed his London A/Ls, he along with his family emigrated to the UK where he blossomed into being the CEO of his well-known London School of Commerce (LSC).

Ashantha was a student in the 1969 Science Class.

Algi Wijewickrema



GROWING UP IN SRI LANKA IN THE 1960'S & 70'S



THIS IS YOUR CLUB

Have Your Say: What do you think of this newsletter?

Please email your views, anecdotes, stories, and trips down memory lane to the Editor at "tino.delamotte@gmail.com "

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram at "SpC_Melbourne"

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

*Ralph De Niese *Philip Smith
*Manoj Cooray *Ramin De Silva
*Gerald Solomons

AND IN CLOSING A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Well Readers, it's been a big year for the club here in Melbourne...thank you for being with us. We have had many memorable events culminating in our Christmas party in Nov'23.

We have been actively involved in sports in Melbourne (Rugby, Cricket, and Golf) and have financially helped the College due to your support for our activities.

It has been great to see an increase in our membership especially in young members. Our social media has also taken off in a big way.

We look forward to 2024watch this space, we have a lot planned for you.

Tino De La Motte

