

# VIC HARTLEY NEWS



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## ANNUAL GET TOGETHER 2011

The annual get together this year was held on 23 January 2011 at the rendezvous, the Mount View Primary School. The event that started at around 10am went on until 3pm. The get together despite its usual events, the cricket match, soup and lunch, it deviated a bit in its menu for lunch. The people who lost appetite for rice and curry were provided with 'kothu roti'. But not with standing the 'kothu roti' a different form of rice also was provided to those who loved rice. The idea behind the different menus was to encourage more people to take part in the event. Notable presence was the kids of all age, in particular the young girls.

The cricket match in its usual form was a boys and men game and that this time turned out to be boys team one and a girls team another. It is an encouraging development. With the paradigm shift in the world view, the young girls taking part in cricket gives the Tamil society an upward shift in the way the future generation will progress. This is the first ever attempt by Harley to bring in girls to play cricket. We as a whole



and as a society should be second to none. We can see all around the world, women are progressing in all fields and these events are steps in the right direction. Some more photographs of the annual get together and cricket match are on page 4.

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### HARTLEY'S PERFORMANCE (EXTRA-CURRICULAR)

#### Olympiad Competition- Mathematics Quiz.

Hartley college is now in the forefront in extra curricular activities too. Kanagasabai Mahindan, a grade 10 student has been selected to compete in the Olympiad mathematics quiz to be held in Indonesia. The

principal has extended his request to HCPPA's around the world to meet the expenses for flight and hotel accommodation. In the run up to the collection of funds, Victoria branch has decided to contribute \$140.00 to make up

for the full amount of the expenses. This contribution was unanimously agreed by the committee.

Another student participated in the Physics Olympiad competition last year in Taiwan, the expenses of which were met by the Canada-USA branch. (contd page 2).

### Special points of interest:

- Little girls' cricket, a step in the right direction.
- Extra curricular activities at Hartley encouraging.
- Student development is not about studies, it is a holistic approach, including extra curricular, leadership, language command and the like.
- The importance of English should be realized.
- One should strive to succeed.

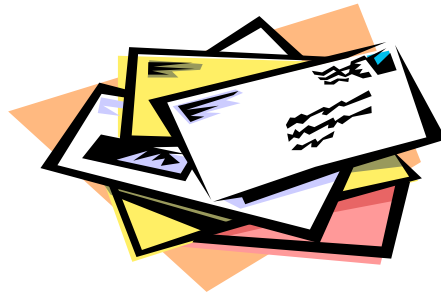


# EDUCATIONAL EXCELLANCE

## GCE ORDINARY LEVEL EXAM RESULTS ANALYSIS

Subjects	A's	No. Sat	Percentage Pass
Mathematics	81	112	100%
Religion	78	112	100%
Tamil Lan- guage	42	112	100%
Science	26	112	98%
English Lan- guage	24	112	87.5%
History	23	112	99%
Tamil Literature	10	73	100%
ICT	11	47	100%
Music	11	47	100%
Art	5	14	100%
Geography	13	21	100%
Health	14	59	100%
Eng Literature	2	13	100%

The remarkable point in the o/L results is that by its percentage of the pupils sat the exam, it is approximately 100% passed the exam, a rare occurrence in any exam in any school.



Hartley's milestone in education

### Chess Competition

The under 15 and 19 teams won the championship of the chess tournaments held in vavuniya. The principal is up-beat that Hartley College won this championship for the last five years in a row. He also thanked the HCPPA's for their support.

### Aristotle

"At his best, man is the noblest of all animals, separated by law and justice, he is the worst"

### Cricket Coaching

Ravindra Pushpakumara, the provincial coach for cricket has started his coaching practices in a blow hot blow cold fashion after the war.

## MATHEMATICS AT HARTLEY (EXTRA CURRICULAR CONTD)

### Vadamaradchy Zone

Zonal Level Mathematics  
Quiz Competition



Euclid Greek mathematician

8	1	Thayalan Thayaruban
8	3	Subramanium Thiluxan
9	2	Kanagaratnam Kajaruban
10	2	Kanagasabai Mahinthan
11	1	Sivamoorthy Vishnuprathap

### Tamil Medium

Grade	Place	Students' Name
6	1	Sivanesan Jathursan
6	3	Jeyyarasa Vipulan
7	1	Sivashunmugamoorthy Vipulan
7	2	Sabapathipillai Kopithan
8	2	Navaratnam Nithushan
8	2	Karunanithy Rahulan
9	2	Sivalingarasa Rishigoban
9	2	Sabapathipillai Thuvaragan
10	1	Kunarasa Rithursan
11	2	Kaneswaran Kabilan
11	3	Anantharasa Raturaman

### English Medium

6	1	Kukanenthiran Malanban
6	2	Nallanathan Vithushan
7	2	Pulenthiran Thayaparan

### The other side of Hartley, the state of affairs



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The war that stamped the country with war crimes and crimes against humanity has done enough damage to the school fabric and the buildings. The students are at stray, the teachers are at stray and the education is at its worst. This is another burden on the HCPPA around the world to help school to build its damaged buildings. There is mammoth task ahead that we have to concentrate and accomplish the school with all the facilities to gain its lost fame if we were to talk on the pride of the school.

## SOME MEMORIES OF HARTLEY COLLEGE

I was a student at Hartley during the 60's during which period a high profile transition was taking place at the helm especially at the end on the decade. Mr Pooranpillai, an all rounder, who adorned the principal's seat for decades retired and Mr. Ratnasapapathy, a mathematics laureate, took over and then followed by him came many other principals. I dare not think what could have been my life if there was no Hartley College at that time I was a student. Hartley College was a nature's gift to the people of Vadamradchy.

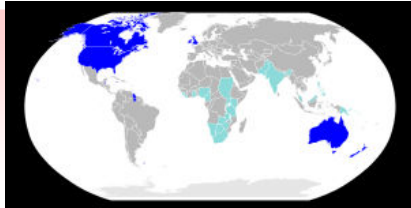
The players in the field at Hartley were many and of whom no one is less indispensable than the other. All the teachers were excellent by themselves. Funny enough, the teachers were called 'Masters', an unequivocal recognition given to teachers as the teachers, I believe, were not only teachers those days, they were teachers, guardians, advisers, disciplinarians, policemen and you name it. In addition to that, a peculiar system prevailed at Hartley, a system not known anywhere within the peninsula or even in the whole of Sri Lanka and for that matter, I after having lived in many parts of the world have not

heard any school had a system which we had there. A student at Hartley should behave well not only in the school, within the premises, but also outside the school premises. No one shall go double on bicycles or ride abreast, they are all punishable offences. Any teacher or prefect who notices this offence had the power to detain the student the next day by writing his name on the disciplinary note book. A teacher or a prefect was also a policeman.

Within the school we had the teachers, rather masters who were everything to the student. Manuetpillai master, Samuel master, fondly known as WNS, Spencer, and why not Masillamani master, they all taught English. I don't know why Spencer was not called Spencer master. I had the privilege of studying from many of them. We had Manuetpillai master at one stage. He is a person who walks into the classroom always with some humorous note as he walks in but the humour itself had some deep meaning. Once he wanted to teach us the phrase 'cross leg'. He said, while walking in "you know, I was riding my bicycle to school this morning and came across a lorry. The lorry was

approaching me fast and I got annoyed. I soon got down from my bicycle and put a cross leg to the lorry, the lorry toppled", and he laughed. We memorised the phrase and he had done his work. Once he asked a question "Have you ever seen a monkey". "No sir" one exclaimed from behind the class. "Look at a mirror" said he. In that he continued, "to see your image you must look at a mirror not a glass as glass is a material you can see through, translucent, but with the mirror you can see your image because it reflects". And then we had Masillamani master, an English trained, who offered Tamil as a subject in his training school. He was given the task of teaching us Tamil. He who wanted to talk, teach and write English was given a bad subject, Tamil. Of course, he taught us Tamil grammar but with explanation from English grammar. He equalled the 'etchcham' in Tamil with adjectives and adverbs in English. He spoke more English in his Tamil class than Tamil. There were many stories I can relate but the page is running short. It was the Hartley of those days.

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### THE ENGLISH WORLD

English Language is spoken as a first language by 309 million to 400 million people and as a second language by 199 million to 1.4 billion people. Overall it is spoken by 500 million to 1.8 billion people. There are around 3000 to 6000 languages spoken in the world and out of it around 20% of the people use English in their day to day life.

## IMMEDIATE NECESSITY OF THE SCHOOL- ENGLISH

The one famous English language command of Hartley College is lamented to be in the melancholy. Of all the schools in Jaffna and even nationwide, Hartley in the past had a name for its education, extra-curricular activities and in addition had its reputation for its English language abilities of the students. The reasons for the downfall are manifold however, the main reason is the lack of appropriately qualified and experienced English teachers. Professor Nadarajasundram has

raised an alarm on this matter. The matter of fact in today's world is that when one goes to seek any employment he/she must have a minimum B pass in English in his/her ordinary level examination where by statistics he says that at Vembadi School out of the 189 candidates who sat 140 got B grade and at Hartley out of 129 who sat the examination only 34 got B grade. Further, as per a recent circular it is learnt that B in English is becoming a compul-

sory element to enter universities, meaning only 34 students from Hartley become eligible to enter any university where last year around 100 entered. This is a pathetic situation for Hartley. Hartley has to set up an English teaching unit. The principal appeals that one of the Hartley branches overseas should sponsor the teachers as government will not go beyond what they are doing at present, noting NSW has sponsored a geography teacher for A/L.

## THE LUNCH AT THE GET TOGETHER



## THE CRICKET MATCH



## HEADS UP HARTLEY. MR. IAN K. KARAN—MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN HAMBURG

The Point Pedro born, Hartley educated Mr. Ian Kiru Karan is now the Minister of Economic Affairs in Hamburg. Mr Karan who started his office carrier from a humble beginning of a clerk in a container company rose to a level of the managing director of Lyons Container firm in Basel. He founded his first company in 1977 in Hamburg, nick named 'Container King'. His business is now worth over US\$ 400 million.

Mr. Karan was felicitated at the Hartley OBA, Colombo at a tea meeting on March 13 2011.. The OBA presi-



dent in his speech traced some interesting events of Mr. Karan and presented a memento. Mr. karan in turn thanked the OBA for taking all the pains to organize the event. In his address he said that he had many ups and downs in his life before he reached this stage and he saluted the Alma Mater for his achievement. He said it was Hartley College that gave him all the knowledge and courage. He also said success and failures are next to each other and one must strive to achieve success. Best wishes Mr. Karan.