

VIC HARTLEY NEWS



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15th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Vic Hartley celebrated its 15th anniversary on the 7 May 2006 with all its grandiosity and glamour. The function started at 5:30pm and went to a close at around 10pm. The gala was

decorated with all the three forms of Tamil art; Speech, Song and Drama. Davina's students inaugurated the celebrations with devotional songs followed by 'Kolattam' conducted by Dr. Sukanya

Muralitharan's pupils. It is a lyric of presenting an epic through dance. 'Kala Kruthi' sang the classical songs. Chandrabhanu Bharatalaya, a renowned artist conducted his pupils to perform classical dance and followed by Dawina Venthan with semi classical songs. The event came to an intermission with Bharathy Academy's presentation of 'Padika oru padam'. Swaranjani Music Group plunged the audience into the waves of light music. Iyar Brothers played Veena. Zafar Nana & Edwards, the charismatic stars, brought the house down with their archetypal fun and frolic. This social event came to an end with Jena's "Sotpor", a contest on a theme in Tamil culture and development.

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Special points of interest:

- Hartley College, a beacon of education.
- The Offsprings do well.
- Ladies Association wanted.
- Dinner/Dance.
- Extended Hartley Association required.

NEWS FROM MOTHER HARTLEY

The school with all its drawbacks viz: army atrocities, student arrests, government's indifference to provide the school with all the paraphernalia, the school has achieved a good principal, Mr. Theivendrarajah. He assumed duties as the princi-

pal on the 6th December 2005. He is flanked by his academic qualifications together with the membership of the Sri Lanka Educational Administrative Service. He is expected to restore the old goriness the school has enjoyed over a period of 150

years. He was an old boy of the school. The new principal has put forward some requests from Hartley College Associations world wide to help furnish the vice principal's office, install intercom facilities and provide greener environment.

VIC HARTLEY COMMITTEE 2007



The committee from left to right: Mr. N. Nanthakumaran (Secretary), Mr. K. Palasubramaniam (President), Mr. M. Madanasenarajah (Treasurer.), Mr. V.S.Sriamareswaran (Vice President), and Committee Members. Mr. B. Nedumaran, Mr. P Ven-
than, Mr. P. Karunanithy, & Mr. K. Sriitharan.

Annual General Meeting 2006

The annual general meeting of the year 2006 was convened on 27 August 2006 followed by a gorgeous hopper dinner. An unprecedented number of members, around 200 people, turned up for the event. Jeyarane Maheswaran declared open the function by cutting the 15th anniversary mammoth cake. The delicious cake was distributed to the members.

The new committee was elected unanimously into office. The ceremony was followed by the presentation of certificates to the participants of the Sangamam program. A plaque was given to each and every institution in appreciation to their contribution to the program. All the participants and performers were invited for a free of charge dinner at the event. The euphoria generated was reminiscent to a family function such as a wedding or a puberty ceremony. The participants not only praised the committee for having invited them to the dinner, they took the invitation as an honour on them. Many of the institutions offered to provide more and more services in the future, a gesture which our association always looked forward to.

LADIES ASSOCIATION WANTED

Many feminist theorists have advocated that the contribution the women can make for the development of a society is an important element and that the women's energy should be harnessed to improve and advance the society. In that sense, we

"Fiat Lux" Let there be light is our motto.

*The Hartleyites should strive hard to live
the way the motto directs.*

Hartleyites should become the fore runners to engage the women in all activities, not confined to cooking and cleaning. It is important that the women folk of the Hartleyites including the wives and children should form

a federation among themselves and have routine contacts and discussion about social reforms and functions. They must discuss items varying from different cooking methods to organizing social events for entertainment and health. They should put forward demands to the Hartley Association as to how the association can provide them with facilities to improve their lives.

HARTLEY PROGENIES

NEW BORN

Aaranan was born into the family of Dr. & Mrs. Mathiyalagan on 23 April 2006, adding to the existing duo, one boy named Aarooran and one girl, Aarabi. The triad is doing well.

PRODIGES OF LEARNING

Dharshan Palasubramaniam gained an edge over his peers in the VCE examination by obtaining a perfect score of 99.95. Congratulations.

Gayathri Mathanasenarajah was presented with an excellence award by the Pichumani School of Carnatic Music for her outstanding performance. Congratulations.

HONOURED

The Colombo branch past president, Mr. V. Jeyarajah was invited on his leg in Victoria for a dinner by the committee and members on 31 August 2006.

The distinguished former mathematics teacher, Mr. C. Ratnavel was thrown a dinner at the wayside restaurant on 8 November 2006. He came down to Australia for a sojourn with his daughter in Victoria.

SOME FLASHBACKS OF 2006



Mrs. Jeyarane Maheswaran inaugurating the ceremony



Lalitha Nanthakumar presenting an award



Devaki Balasubramanium presenting an award.



People around the hopper pans



Certificates Presentation

The wives of the president and secretary Mrs. Devaki Palasubramanium and Mrs. Lalitha Nanthakuamaram kindly consented to give away the certificates to the performers and participants in recognition on the high standard of performances on the 15th anniversary celebrations. Each and every student and participant was awarded a certificate. The 15th anniversary was a function which contained all forms of art and culture.

THE HOPPER DINNER.

The dinner with sumptuous Eelam cuisine, the hopper, on the 15th anniversary get together coupled with annual general meeting started at about 9pm and went on till 10:30pm. The best selling bonanza was the 'palappam'. People fell in long queues to pick up different varieties of hopper and ate them to their full stomach. The hopper was served with various hot, sour and sweet curries, both vegetarian and non-vegetarian, prepared by the spouses of the committee members and friends. Very many thanks to all those who helped in the food supply.

CONTEMPLATED EVENTS FOR 2007

In an apparent overhauling of the traditional events that take place in our association, the committee this term likes to introduce new ideas to integrate and promote social cohesion and interaction. An extended Hartley association and

an inclusive approach is required to promote an intertwined and strong society. We have to get out of the orthodox and tread into new avenues. The committee

wishes to introduce a dinner/dance program which would cost around \$40.00 and a night.

Alternatively, we can organise a trip to a beach or a place of interest.

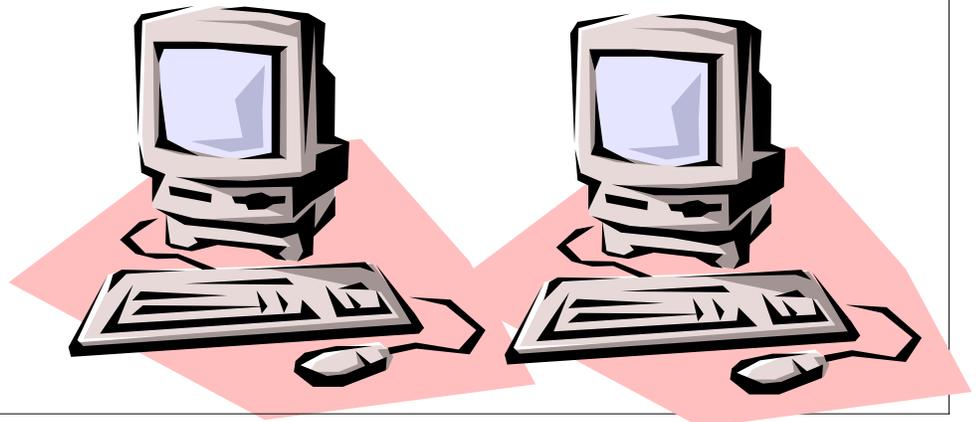
The annual cricket match will be celebrated as a social function than a match. Further, we would invite members from other Hartley associations, namely Sydney and other associations for our get together and in turn we will send our representatives to their functions. How do you like it?

The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they while their companions slept, were toiling upwards in the night"

MISCELLANEOUS

The Hartley College Past Pupils' Association, New South Wales established a new computer laboratory with client-server environment on the 14th September 2005 at a cost around A\$ 5000.00.

The previous computer laboratory was allegedly burnt by an electric short circuit.





Mr. N. Nadarajah delivering a speech.

Some extracts from the Speech by Mr. N. Nadarajah on the 15th Anniversary Celebrations

Mr President, Honoured Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen!

I do not relish the idea of making a speech now, especially when all of us are so keen to savour the Jaffna man's special culinary delicacy - the sizzling egg hoppers! Jokes apart, tonight, the Hartley College Past Pupils' Association celebrates its fifteenth anniversary, an event that brings back memories of some of the pioneers who helped to form it and made it grow and prosper. I feel that on this occasion, we should honour those who worked hard to form our association - especially people, like late Professor C.J. Eliezer, Mr A. Maheswaran, Dr. Radan Subramaniam, MR C. Kathirkamanathan, Dr C.Senathirajah and Dr.Thirugnasundarlingam.

I think it is good to cast our minds back a little to refresh ourselves about some of the facts that led to the formation of our association. Well, as many members are aware, the HCPPA, Victoria Branch was formed for a number of reasons. I should like to touch briefly on at least three of the most important reasons. The first is to "foster and maintain fellowship amongst the past pupils of Hartley college of Sri Lanka." The second is "to maintain links with the present Hartley college authorities and students." The third is "to assist the students at Hartley College in maintaining and improving the standards of the past." Looking back on what our association has done over the past decade and a half, there is every reason for us to be proud and to hold our heads high. By and large, our association has done much to promote the broad aims and goals spelt out in the HCPPA constitution.

For many generations of students in the North of Sri Lanka, Hartley College had been a beacon- a beacon of learning! It offered students a concept of education which stressed, among other things, that the "best education for the best is the best education for all." When we were students at Hartley the late Principal K. Pooranampillai shared the vision of a school "small was beautiful." He helped to create an ethos at Hartley that could lead to individual success, competition and excellence. Thanks to the kind of education students had at Hartley, today, they are able to hold prestigious positions in countries right around the world .For many students of our generation education was the key to success in life and parents were prepared to sell their lands or mortgage their houses to secure a valuable education for their sons or daughters.

As we celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of HCPPA, we should not forget how lucky we had been to be students at Hartley College, Point Pedro. The late John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what the country can do for you, but ask what you can do for the country". As old Hartleyites let us not ask ourselves what the school has done for us, but what we can do for our old school! This is the message I like to get across to all of you tonight. Long live Hartley College! Long live Hartleytes! Long live HCPPA!

College Anthem

*Hartley, thy sons are we,
To thine honour always wed
Nurtured, taught by thee
E'er thy way of life we tread,
Lit at thy hearth our flame burn bright,
Always tis light we shed.
Service to our nation true and right,
Thy portals ever lend.*

Chorus

*Hartley forever that's our cry
Our motto never let it die,
Hartley forever, our motto ever
Let there be light.*

Rise Up all Hartleyites

*Out mother she doth call
Scholars and sportsmen vie,
Schooled in her noble halls,
Follow our mentors, proved and tried
They who our ideals guide,
Hold fast your inner light of faith,
Whatever storm shall tide.*

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