

PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE DAY REPORT

23rd June 2007 – 16th July 2008

Venerable Chairman,
Chief Guest Professor Nadarajasundaram,
The President, OBA, Mr N Kugathanan,
Distinguished Guests,
Old Boys, Parents & Friends

We at St John's extend to you all a very warm and cordial welcome to our Annual Prize Giving. We are indeed gladdened and encouraged by your presence this morning.

It is indeed a unique privilege to have in our midst, Professor M.Nadarajasundaram as our Chief Guest on this memorable occasion. We are much beholden to him for honouring us by his presence as Chief Guest this morning. We are certain that his academic and sports records will be an inspiration to our boys. He had his education at Hartley College Point Pedro where he had a bright and impressive career. He was Head Prefect of the College in 1964, and captained the Football and Cricket Teams in 1964 and '65 respectively. He won the Athletics Senior Champions and holds a Record in Hop-step & Jump. He was awarded the "Best Cricketer of the North" in 1965 by the Ceylon Daily News. He represented the Ceylon Schools Cricket XI against the All Indian Schools' Boys Cricket XI in 1964, and scored 94 runs, which was the highest score made by a Sri Lankan school boy against this team. He was awarded the "Sportsman of the Year" twice in 1964 and 65, and Colours in Cricket, Football and Athletics.

After a successful and distinguished career at school, he entered the University of Peradeniya, and here too made his mark in sports. He represented the All University Cricket XI from 1965 to 67, and was awarded University Colours in Cricket and Football in 1968. He successfully completed his Bachelor's Degree in Arts - Economics Special - securing a Second Class Honours in 1970. He obtained his Master's in Economics from the University of Jaffna, and his Diploma in Business Administration from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

He served as the Head of the Department of Management Studies of the University of Jaffna from 1991 to 1999, and Dean, Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce from 1999 to 2005. He also served as the Academic Coordinator of the External Examination and Registration Unit; Academic Coordinator of the Northern Province Affiliated University College of the University of Jaffna, Vavuniya; Senate Representative to the Board of Management of the Vavuniya Campus; Chairman of the Sports Advisory Board of the University of Jaffna; and the Member of the Jaffna University Senate and the Jaffna University Council. He is the Academic Coordinator of the Sports Science Unit of the University.

He has to his credit many articles and books on Management. He was awarded the "Sagithiya Mandala Award" by the North East Provincial Council for the best book in Management in 2002. He was conferred with an Honorary Appointment to the Research Board of Advisors by the Board of Management of the American Biographical Institute for his distinguished standing. He has been nominated as a Council Member of the Governing Council of the Sri Lanka Economic Association since 2007.

Sir, you are here before us as a distinguished personality and your career is an exemplar to our students. We consider it most privileged to have you as our Chief Guest today. Our students are eagerly waiting to receive their prizes from your hands. We thank you sincerely for accepting our invitation, and welcome you most warmly in our midst this morning.

Chairman Sir, We are greatly indebted to you for your abiding interest in our College. Your guidance and presence at all important events of the school have been a source of strength and encouragement to us. We thank you for taking the chair today.

The report I am presenting to you today covers the period from 23rd June 2007 to 16th July 2008.

PRIZE GIVING

The Annual Prize Giving is held separately for each section to ensure maximum presence of parents and students. In the Primary School Prize Giving & Parents' Day (Grade 1-4), the number of students who will be receiving prizes is 154; in the Middle School & Junior Secondary Prize Giving & Parents' Day (Grade 5-8):149; and today 238 from Grade 9-A/L; the total being 541 for the year 2007.

ENROLMENT

The number on roll as at present is 1916, the break up being 240 in the Lower Primary (Grades 1-3), 240 in the Upper Primary (Grades 4&5), 350 in the Middle School (Grades 6&7), 350 in the Junior Secondary (Grades 8&9), 350 in the Senior Secondary (Grades 10&11), and 386 in the Collegiate Level (Grades 12&13).

STAFF - TUTORIAL & NON TUTORIAL

The total number of Tutorial staff is 97; 78 under the government cadre, and 19 on Associate Appointments.

Master's Degree 05; Graduates 36, of whom 22 are Postgraduate Diploma holders
Diplomas 03; Specialist Trained 28; and GCE (A/L) and other qualifications 21

Interns from the College of Education and English Language Development Programme 06
Teachers on study leave 04

Non Tutorial Staff 32, of whom Associate appointments 02

The following teachers resumed after having successfully completed their Teacher Training courses:

Mr.N.Ananthasabesan (Primary Ed)
Mr.J.G.N.Ariyaratnam (English)
Mr.C.A.Pararajasingam (English)
Miss.J.P.Navanesan (Science)

Mr.S.Narendranathan left in December 2007 having served 23½ years. He taught Mathematics and English in the Advanced Level classes. He served as Hostel Master, and was Coach for Soccer and Hockey. He was Supervisor of the Collegiate Level-Science & Maths. We thank him for his services and wish him well.

Miss.S.Balaganeshan who was in the Primary School for the last 5½ years left in February 2008. We wish her a happy wedded life.

Miss.V.Thiyagarajah who was teaching English in the Junior and Senior Secondary Levels for the last 13 years left in July. We wish her a happy wedded life.

Mr.M.Bavananthan who was teaching English in the Senior Secondary and Collegiate Levels for 1½ years left in July to go abroad. We thank him for his services and wish him well.

Mrs.P.U.Karunairajah, Accountant, left the College in March. We thank her for her services and wish her a happy life.

We welcome Mr.N.Vakeesan, Mr.G.Prabakaran, Mr.S.Senthilraj, Miss.K.Kanagasabapathy, Miss. J.P.Nagamuthu, Mr.S.Roshan, Mr.V.D.Jeyaruban and Mr. G.A.Gracian who have been absorbed into the permanent Tutorial cadre.

Appointment

Mr.A.H.Gnanarajan was appointed Head Master, Primary School, from the 1st of January 2008. He is a graduate with English Literature as a main subject and holds Distinction Pass in the Postgraduate Diploma in Education Examination. We wish him well in his new office.

Jubilarians

We congratulate Mr.A.Augustine, Mr.S.Sriharan, Mr.B.Kasinathan and Mr.M.M.Alphons who have completed 25 years of devoted service at the school. We have at present 15 teachers in the galaxy of Silver Jubilarians. We thank them for their continuous service.

Retirement

Mr.D.J.Thevathason, who was the Head Master, Primary School, retired last year after serving his Alma Mater for 36 years. He was a loyal and dedicated teacher whose long experience was valuable to the teachers and students in the Primary School. We wish him a long and happy retired life.

BEYOND THE VEIL

Dr E.S.Thevasagayam

Our former Principal Dr.E.S.Thevasagayam passed away on the 3rd of August 2007. He had a very lengthy association with St John's College. He was a student at our College from 1933 to 1943; teacher from 1947 to 1951 and Principal from 1988 to 1993. He was also the Chairman of the Governing Body from 1996 – 2001.

He took up the reins of office as Principal in 1988 soon after the damages caused during the IPKF period. He repaired and renovated the buildings and restored them. The present Science Complex that houses the Botany, Zoology, Chemistry and Physics laboratories under one roof was envisaged by him. St John's always remembers with gratitude our late Principal and his services to the school and the community.

Mrs Daisy Thevasagayam too was very much associated with the school. She helped us in the teaching of English in the primary classes.

On behalf of the students and staff of St John's College Jaffna, I express my deepest sympathies to Madam Daisy and the children Mahilranee, Mahilranjitham, Mahilrajan, Mahilravi, Mahilratha and their families. May the Lord be with them.

Mr.S.Chinnaiah, who was in charge of the College "Sick Room" from 1946 to 1985, passed away in May at the age of 83 in Colombo. He was a devoted staff who served the College for 39 years.

Mrs.G.Vararajasingam, who was a Teacher in the Primary School from 1960 to 1984 passed away last year in Australia. She was a versatile teacher and had an intimate knowledge of every pupil under her charge.

Mr.S.Manuelpillai, our former teacher, passed away in May. He was a successful teacher of English. As a Cricket Coach, and Master in Charge of Elocution, Dramatics & Chess, he made a remarkable contribution to the school. He served the College with dedication for 13 years.

Mr.T.Maheswaran, Member of Parliament, who was one of the distinguished Old Boys, died at the prime of life under an assassin's bullet on 1st January 2008. He was a very active member of the OBA, and had a close association with his Alma Mater.

Mr.B.R.R.Sinniah, one of our grand Old Boys, passed away in January in Colombo.

We convey our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families.

185TH ANNIVERSARY AND PREFECT CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The 185th Anniversary and Prefect Centenary Celebrations were held on the 2nd & 3rd of May 2008. An exhibition was organised on both days which was declared open by the Jaffna Zonal Director of Education Mrs.A.Vedanayagam. Students from neighbouring schools, parents and Old Boys viewed the exhibits.

The Centenary function with cultural programme was held on the 3rd of May. Mr.S.Kokulathasan who was Senior Prefect in 1971 delivered the keynote address. Past Senior Prefects and members who were 50 years of age or above were honoured. Soccer and Cricket

matches were played between our Prefects and those of Jaffna Central College on the 3rd and 12th respectively.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Year 5 Scholarship Examination – 2007

At the above Examination, 64 students appeared and 16 qualified for scholarship, the percentage being 25%.

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| 1. Jeyaruban Volta Jebaprashaanth | 2. Chandramouleesan Gowribalan |
| 3. Tharmasanthiran Brahman | 4. Gangaatharan Dhuhinthan |
| 5. Thanendrakumar Lavanjan | 6. Paramporul Sahiththiyan |
| 7. Jesunayagam Aransan | 8. Vimalathan Piravin |
| 9. Shanthakumar Praveenshan | 10. Jeyakumar Kishanthujan |
| 11. Dorington Ruberd Nijanthan | 12. Thayalan Janarth |
| 13. Thileeban Sukirthan | 14. Thiravianathan Gajavathanan |
| 15. Gopithasan Gunesh | 16. Stanislas Mithushan |

G.C.E. (O/L) December 2007.

At the above Examination, 135 students appeared and 111 qualified for Advanced Level, the percentage being 82%.

Ten Distinctions – 03

1. Santhirakumar Menan
2. Pararajasingam Sujeevan
3. Sritharan Tharugash

Nine Distinctions – 05

1. Panchalingam Theepatharan
2. Sivapalan Gawsalyan*
3. Sethuraja Niruparan*
4. Sivakumar Gowthaman*
5. Balachandren Thuciyanthan*

Eight Distinctions - 06

1. Maheswaran Ajanthan
2. Ratnananthan Peranantharuban*
3. Panchanathan Tharsan*
4. Kandasamy Ubamanyu*
5. Joseph Antony Joy Subyson*
6. Easwarakantha Gajandran

Seven Distinctions - 06

1. Manoharan Thuvarahan
2. Tharmakunasingam Jaiprakash*
3. Ramasamy Howthaman
4. Thillainathan Aravinthan*
5. Mahendran Amilthan*
6. Pushparatnam Abithan*

Six Distinctions - 03

1. Arunakirinathan Vajeeran*
2. Sivakumar Sivashankar
3. Edwin Peiris Mithurshanan*

(*offered English Literature)

G.C.E. (A/L) – August 2007

At the above Examination, 159 students appeared and 92 of them are eligible for University entrance, the percentage being 57%.

04 students obtained 3A's
 10 students obtained 2A & B or C
 02 students obtained A & 2B
 01 student obtained 3B and
 07 students obtained 2B & C

Commendable achievements:

- R.Anushangan and S.Sivamynthan obtained 3A's in the Commerce stream and were placed 1st & 11th in the District respectively.
- K.Mathevathanan obtained 3A's in the Bio stream and was placed 11th in the District.
- B.Shiyanthan obtained 3A's in the Maths stream and was placed 18th in the District.

University Admissions – 2007

Medicine	04
Engineering	05
Management	04
Unani Medicine	02
Siddha Medicine	03
Agriculture	01
Surveying Science	02
Physical Science	02
Ayurvedic Medicine	01
Information and Communication Technology	03
Industrial & Information Technology	03
Facilities Management	01
Mass Media	01
Tea Technology & value Addition	01
Arts	02
Drama & Theatre	01
Total entering University	36
Percentage entering University	39.13%

Besides this, B.Jayaprakas and K.Piratheep gained admission to the Engineering and Medical Faculties respectively in the third sitting, and they were honoured with a Gold Medal by the College on the OBA Day.

Congratulations to the above students and all the teachers who worked hard

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - ACHIEVEMENTS

Tamil Day Competitions 2007

	First	Second	Third
Divisional Level	03	05	-
Zonal Level	02	02	-
District Level	01	-	-

P.Banupriyan won the 1st place in Singing at District Level.

Tamil Day Competitions 2008

	First	Second	Third
Divisional Level	06	09	04
Zonal Level	03	03	03
District Level	01	--	--

R.Surasahithyan (Division V) won the 1st place in Singing at the District Level Tamil Day Competitions-2008. Our College Drama secured the 1st place in the Zonal Level Competition.

English Day Competitions – 2007

	First	Second	Third
Divisional Level	04	08	07
Zonal Level	03	02	03
District Level	01	01	--

N.Kiruthigan of Grade 8 won the 1st place at District Level and 3rd place at Provincial Level in Creative Writing. H.Solomon Rajaram of Grade 9 won the 2nd place at District Level in Creative Writing.

English Day Competitions – 2008

	First	Second	Third
Divisional Level	02	03	07

K.Riviharana of Grade 7 and A.Chrishanthan of Grade 8 secured the 2nd place in Recitation at the District Level English Day Oral Competitions-2008.

Maths & Science Competition – 2007

A.Sanjayan won the 1st Place at Provincial Level in the Maths & Science Quiz Competition-2007 (English Medium).

General

- Our College quiz team became Runners up at District Level in the quiz competition organised by St. Henry's College, Illavalai in connection with their Centenary Celebrations.
- R.Gajanan was ranked 1st in the written test at District Level in the above competition.
- Our Junior team became Runners up at District level in the Bible quiz organised by the Ceylon Bible Society.
- G.Aaron Melvin (Primary) and T.Sam Niroshan (Intermediate) secured 1st place at District Level in the Light of the World Speech Contest conducted by the Ceylon Bible Society.
- Our School was placed 1st in the Agricultural Competition at District Level.
- Jude Shiyanthan (Junior) and Sivapalan Gawsalyan (Senior) became 3rd in the Anti-Drug Contest Exhibition at District Level.
- V.Gowthaman won the 1st place at District Level in the Essay Competition conducted by the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka to celebrate the International Human Rights Day-2007 in the Upper Division.
- K.Balakumaran won the 1st Place in the Essay Competition conducted by the Central Environment Authority in connection with the Global Environment Day.
- T.Sam Niroshan won a Special Prize at Provincial Level for the Essay Writing Competition conducted in connection with the International Peace Day.
- S.Gajendran won a Merit Award in the Junior Division at the All-Island Science Fiction Contest for School Children organized by the Physics Students' Society of the University of Kelaniya to commemorate the "World Year of Physics-2005".
- A.V.Ajanthan won the 1st place in the All island Essay Writing Competitions conducted by the Sri Lanka Postal Department.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Media Club (English & Tamil) was inaugurated on the 31st of January 2008 to promote the writing skills of students, and for reporting on school functions.

The Interact Club organized a Blood Donation Campaign where 70 Students and 10 Staff donated blood to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

Agricultural Science Club, Student Christian Movement, Cub Scouts, Commerce Union, Astronomical Association, Catholic Union, Chess Club, A/L Union, IT Club, English Union,

Inthu Manram, Leo Club, Photographic Club, Philatelic Club, Junior Red Cross Society, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Science Union, Tamil Manram, Scout Troop and Sea Scout Troop organized various programmes for the benefit of the students. The Hatton National Bank Students' Savings Unit "Singithi," the People's Bank Students' Savings Unit "Sisu Uthana" and the Bank of Ceylon Students' Savings Unit "Ran Kekulu" are functioning well at the College. The College Magazine will carry detailed reports of the respective Clubs and Societies and their activities and programmes for the year.

GAMES & ATHLETICS

Athletics

The Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet was held on the 09th of February 2008. The Chief Guests were Dr.K.Sivanesan, Staff Physician & Lecturer in Medicine, and Mrs.Jeyagowry Sivanesan. A new Ground Record was established by A.Edwin Joy in the 400 m race (timing 1min 3.5 sec.). A 400 m race and a Walking Race were introduced for non participants in order to ensure total student participation.

Primary School Sports Meet was held on the 23rd of February 2008 with Mr.G.Sivapalan, School Works Engineer, Department of Education, and Mrs.Vasanthimala Sivapalan, Divisional Education Officer, Jaffna as Chief Guests.

In the Athletic Meet organized by the Department of Education the following places were obtained.

Athletic Meet	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Divisional Level	13	10	13
Zonal Level	15	08	04
District Level	06	02	05

Cricket

Team	Coach	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Abandoned	District
First XI 'A' 2008	K.S.Muhunthan	09	02	03	04		
First XI 'B' 2008	V.Kumanan	02			02		
U-17 2007	G.R.Thevarajan	05	01	02	02		
U-15 2007	V.Kumanan	08	05	01	02		Runners up
U-13 'A' 2007	V.Kumanan	11	07	01	02	1	
U-13 'B' 2007	M.Mayooran	02	02				

The Under 13 A Team played against the schools in the out-stations in the Astra Trophy Tournament and became champions at Provincial Level and lost in the semi finals against Chandranantha Buddhist Vidyalaya, Kandy.

The Central – St John's Cricket Match ("Battle of the North" / Big Match) was held from 17th to 19th April 2008 and we lost by an innings. The Limited over Match was played on the 24th of April, which was lost by one wicket.

Soccer – 2007

Team	Coach	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Zonal	District
First XI 'A' 2007	V.Kumanan	06	01	02	03		
First XI 'B' 2007	C.A.Aravinthan	01	-	-	01		
U-17 'A' 2007	T.Robert	08	-	01	07		
U-17 'B' 2007	M.Mayooran	02	-	-	02		
U-15 'A' 2007	G.A.Gracion	07	03	02	02		
U-15 'B' 2007	S.Senthooran	05	01	02	02		
U-13 'A' 2007	T.Ajanthan	03	01	01	01		
U-13 'B' 2007	T.C.J.Clementine	04	-	-	04		
U-11 'A' 2007	N.Sayanthan	02	-	02	-		
U-11 'B' 2007	J.A.Lurgino	01	-	01	-		

U-14 2007	G.A.Gracian	06	04	01	01	Played Semi Finals	
U-17 'A' 2008	C.A.Aravinthan	03	02	-	01	Champions	3 rd
U-17 'B' 2008	T.Robert	03	-	01	02		

Volleyball – 2008

Team	Coach	Played	Won	Lost	Division	Zonal
U-19'A'	T.Ajanthan	04	02	02	Runners up	3 rd
U-19'B'	M.Mayooran					
U-17'A'	T.Robert	03	02	01	Champions	4 th
U-17'B'	C.A.Aravinthan					
U-15'A'	M.Lingeswaran	03	03		Champions	4 th
U-15'B'	M.Daniel					

Basketball – 2008

Team	Coach	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Division	Zonal	District
U-19 'A'	V.Prabakar	05	03		02			Runners up

Table Tennis - 2008

U-19 Team emerged Runners up at the District Level competitions.

Coach: Mr.K.S.Muhunthan

Badminton - 2008

U-19 Team became 3rd at District Level.

Coach: Mr.N.Vakeesan

Chess - 2008

U-19 Team became 3rd at Zonal Level, and U-15 3rd at District Level.

Coach: Mr C.A.Pararajasingam

In addition to our staff, Mr V.K.Shanmugalingam, Mr.C.Suresh, Mr.M.Mohan and Mr.K.W.Vimalrajan helped us in training the students in skills in various games. We thank them for their support.

PREFECTS' GUILD

The Prefects' Guild continues to help the school in the day-to-day affairs and in all school activities.

Section	Head Prefect	Deputy Head Prefect	Total
Primary School	T. Jeffery Watson	P.Akshai	24
Middle School	S.Eniyavan	R.Dean Osbert	15
Junior Secondary	T.Sam Niroshan	E.Abeesan	21
Senior Secondary	A.Sanjayan	T.Thanazan	17
Collegiate Level	P.B.Benedict(Senior Prefect)	M.Haripraveen (D.S.P)	30
Total students in leadership			107

THE COLLEGE HOSTEL

The College Hostel continues to function satisfactorily with 42 students. We have 9 students from the Badulla District (Passara). We hope that this arrangement will create an opportunity for us to establish friendly relations with students from other provinces. After an interval of many years, the Boarders' Day was celebrated on the 3rd of July 2008 with Mr.& Mrs. A. Henry as Chief Guests. I wish to thank the Senior Hostel Master Mr.A.Augustine, the Hostel Masters and the kitchen staff for their work well done.

THE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND OF CANADA

The Christian Children's Fund of Canada, which helped us during the last 30 years, has wound up its activities from March this year. 330 students benefited from this project and have shown improvement in their studies and co-curricular activities. We sincerely thank the CCFC Canada for their worthy support.

THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE

"Thanapalan Number," the College Magazine-2006, has been released, and the next issue will be named "Thevasagayam Number" in honour of our late Principal Dr E.S.Thevasagayam.

THE COLLEGE WEBSITE

The College Website is being maintained by the IT Club of the College.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (ELDP)

Awards Day for the 2007 - 3rd Batch of students was held on the 18th of January 2008. 26 students were awarded certificates. The students who scored above "7" were allowed to follow a one-year Preliminary Teacher Training Programme at the school.

The 2008 - 1st Batch of students completed this course, and certificates were awarded on the 19th of June 2008. The classes for the 2nd Batch have commenced and nine students have enrolled.

CHARITY WORK

Tsunami Schools Twinning Programme

Our U-13 and U-15 Soccer Teams played friendly matches against Manatkadu RCTMS. We selected one student from Manatkadu RCTMS for 2008 admission with full scholarship inclusive of hostel accommodation. Our staff conducted First Aid Classes at Manatkadu RCTMS and awarded certificates. I visited Kallappadu GTMS on the 22nd of August 2007.

General

- Financial assistance was given to five undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, Colombo, who were from the hill-country.
- Provided financial assistance to two children (for eye & kidney treatment) and two adults. (Amputation & Renal transplant.)

THE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

The Old Boys continue to help the school individually and through associations and we thank them for their concern and support for their Alma Mater.

OBA	President	Secretary	Treasurer
Jaffna	N Kugathanan	V Sanjeev	T Nanthakumaran
South Sri Lanka	T Jeyakumar	S Nilakshan	J J Jeyendran
Canada	Yoga Arulnamby	Mrs Nithi Sukumar	Mrs Jaya Kulanathan
UK	Jayantha Arnold	Dr Sarada Vijeratnam	Dr Sabaratnam Surendran
Sydney	Sam K Sabesan	Anton Jeyasingam	Chrishantha Wijayarajah
Victoria	Jude Prakash	Dinesh Suntharalingam	Tulin Ratnam
Norway	Angelo Snell	J Jeikishan	K Prabakaran
USA	Coordinator: Dr Karunyan Arulanantham		
New Zealand	Coordinator: Dr Ram SriRamaratnam		

NEW PROGRAMMES / ACTIVITIES

- A Pilot Spoken English Examination was conducted by the English Language Teaching Unit of the college. 121 students sat for the Examination.

Level	Distinction	Very Good Pass	Credit	Pass
Transitional Grade	06	06	06	02
Grade III	17	01	01	--
Grade IV	11	03	03	01

Grade V	01	03	04	11
Grade VI	08	05	07	--
Grade VIII	01	01	03	05
Grade IX	--	07	04	04

- Leather Ball was introduced to the U/11 Cricket. The “Battle of the Babes,” was held on the 12th of October with Mr. T. Jeganathan as Chief Guest. Grade 5B became Champions.
- Training in basic skills in games, Spoken English classes for examinations, Cubs & Scouts classes, and Instrumental Music classes (Western & Eastern) are conducted after school hours from 2.30 to 4.00 p.m., and on Saturdays on a rotation basis.
- A Workshop for Teachers was held on the 4th of August to review and plan the activities. Staff & Family Year-end Get-together was held on the 11th of December.
- Gandhi’s Visit Commemoration Day - 80th Anniversary was celebrated on the 16th of November. Competitions - Essay writing and Verse writing in Tamil & English, and *Kilithaddu* - were organised for students. Mr. S.Pathmanathan, Retired Principal, Palaly Teachers’ College, was the Chief Guest.
- A Pilot Summer Vacation Programme was organized. One student from South participated in the programme last year, and it was a success.
- The inaugural meeting of the Christian Studies Unit was held on the 6th of March 2008. The Archdeacon of Jaffna the Ven S.P.Nesakumar delivered the message. The Unit conducts classes for school leavers and teachers on Thursdays at 5.00 p.m.
- We admitted two differently-abled children (Blind) from the Nuffield School in the G.C.E.O/L Second year.
- The Agricultural Club organised a Home Garden Project with 150 students from 16 neighbouring schools.
- The Student Christian Movement organised a Workshop on Post-war peace themes where 200 students from Jaffna, Vaddukodai, Uduvil and Point Pedro participated.
- Interact Club, Leo Club, Scout Troop and St. John Ambulance jointly organised a three-day Workshop on “Career Guidance Towards Community Development,” where 200 students from 12 neighbouring schools including Nuffield School took part.
- 200 students are involved in the “Peace Through Culture” Project, and have produced an Eastern Opera *Malarum Puthuyuham* (மலரும் பதுயுகம்). (“Dawn of an Era”)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

- 23.06.2007 Prize Giving (Grade 10–13) - Chief Guests: Prof. P.Balasundarampillai & Mrs. Rajalakshmi Balasundarampillai.
- 26.06.2007 : Award of certificates to the second batch of students of the English Language Development Programme - Vocational Training Centre.
- 29.06.2007 :English Day - Mrs Indramathy Ramachandra, Lecturer – English, Palaly Teachers’ College was the chief guest. 281 students received certificates.
- 05.07.2007 : Science Day – Mr.S.Ratnasingam – Assistant Director of Education-Science was the chief guest. 183 prizes were awarded to the students.
- 18.07.2007 : Awards Day organized by the Student Christian Movement was held with Rev. & Mrs. A. Stephen as chief guests.
- 19.07.2007 : Library Day – Mr.M.Vethanathan, Head-Hindu Culture-University of Jaffna was the chief guest. Books were donated by the students. 55 students received certificates.
- 20.07.2007 : Area Manager North East – Hatton National Bank Ltd, Mr. Vasanthan Beadle visited the college Students’ Savings Unit.
- 05.10.2007 : Teachers’ Day was organised by the OBA. The day commenced with service followed by assembly. The President, OBA Mr.N.Kugathasan delivered the welcome address, and speeches were delivered on behalf of students, parents and Old Boys. The Tutorial and Non Tutorial Staff who had completed fifteen years were felicitated by the college and the OBA. Mr. P.M Karunainayagam, Tutorial Staff and Mr.M. Apputhurai, Non Tutorial Staff have completed 30 years of service, and Mr.D.J.Thevathason 35 years of service. Prizes were awarded to the best three teachers who participated in the competitions organised by the college under Staff

- Development Programme. These competitions included English Short Story Writing, Designing Power Point presentations, and the Preparation of Visual Aids. The day ended with a Cultural programme and games followed by fellowship lunch.
- 06.10.2007 : Middle School & Junior Secondary Prize Giving & Parents' Day was held. The Vice Principal Mr.S.Antonypillai chaired the function. The Former Vice Principal Mr.J.Amalaseelan and Mrs.Mary Josephine Amalaseelan graced the occasion as chief guests. Prizes were distributed by Mrs.Amalaseelan.
- 11.10.2007. : Installation Ceremony of Leo Club. Lion B.R.Ranjan, District Coordinator, Northern Region, was the chief guest. Thirty nine students were inducted as Leos.
- 12.10.2007. : Primary School "Battle of the Babes" Cricket Match – Leather Ball Cricket for the first time. Chief Guest Mr.T.Jeganathan.
- 27.10.2007. : Primary School Parents' Day & Prize Giving. Mr.B.Thavapalan, Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public, & Unofficial Magistrate, and Mrs.Vijitha Thavapalan were the chief guests.
- 3.11.2007. : 56th Annual Festival of Carols by the combined choirs of schools and colleges of the North was held at St. John's College.
- 11.11.2007. St.John's College & Chundikuli Girls' College Carol Service. Eighty Students participated from the Primary, Middle, Junior Secondary and Senior classes.
- 16.11.2007 : Gandhi's Visit Commemoration Day – 80th Anniversary. (28.11.1927 - 28.11.2007) Essay Writing, Verse writing, *Thirukkural* in Tamil & English, and *Killithadu*, a traditional game, were organised among students. Mr.S.Pathmanathan, Retired Principal, Palaly Teachers' Training College, was the chief guest. 82 students received certificates.
- 06.12.2007 : Primary School Christmas Party
- 11.12.2007 : Staff & Family Year End Get together
- 12.1.2008 : Final Day Inter-House Cricket Match for under 19
Parents' Meeting for Grades 1,4,6,9 & A/L Final Year Students
Johnians Sports Club Day
- 19.1.2008 : Parents' Meeting for Grades 2,5,7,10 & A/L Second Year Students
- 26.1.2008 : Parents' Meeting for Grades 3, 8, 11 & A/L First Year Students
- 28.01.2008 : Tamil Drama Competitions for Grade 8 & 9 Students
- 5.2.2008 : Tamil Drama Competition – LVI & UPVI
- 9.2.2008 : Inter-House Athletic Meet
Chief Guests: Dr.K.Sivanesan, Staff Physician & Lecturer in Medicine and Mrs. Jeyagowry Sivanesan
- 31.01.2008 : Media Club (English & Tamil) was inaugurated.
- 23.02.2008 : Primary School Sports Meet
Chief Guests: Mr.G.Sivapalan, School Works Engineer, Department of Education and Mrs.Vasanthimala Sivapalan, Divisional Education Officer, Jaffna
- 01.03.2008 : Tamil Day - Chief Guest: Mr.A.Sriskanthamoorthy, Principal, Kopay Teachers' College. 327 students received certificates.
- 04.03.2008 : Blood Donation organized by the Interact Club; 70 students and 10 staff donated blood to the Jaffna Teaching Hospital.
- 5.3.2008 : Interact Club Installation Ceremony
Chief Guest: Rtn.K.Balasubramaniam, President, Rotary Club of Jaffna
- 7.3.2008 : Baden Powel Day - Chief Guest: Mr.S.Ahembaranathan, Former District Commissioner (Scouts), Jaffna
- 12.03.2008 : St. John Ambulance Installation Ceremony - Chief Guest: Dr.S.Mathivanan
- 23.3.2008 :SJC & CGC Easter Bajanai was held at the Church at 3:00 p.m.: 107 Students participated from the Primary, Middle, Junior Secondary and Senior classes.
- 27.03.2008 : Term Examination
- 4.4.2008 :Know Your College Contest
- 05.04.2008 :Term End
- 9.4.2008 : Advanced Level Union Lunch
Chief Guest: Mr.N.Kugathanan, President OBA;
Guest of Honour: Mr.P.S.Gnanaharan, Banking Officer, Seylan Bank, Jaffna
- 10th-12th Apr : Workshop on Post War Peace Themes conducted by SCM at Jaffna, Vaddukoddai, Uduvil & Point Pedro and sponsored by the Action Churches Together
- 14.04.2008 : Home Garden Project (Inauguration) – organized by the Agricultural Science Club. 150 students from 14 schools in the Jaffna Town participated. Sponsored by Action Churches Together through NCC/JCU.
- 16.4.2008 :School Reopening
- 17th-19th Apr : Big Match (Central-St John's Cricket Match) 102nd Encounter

24.04.2008 2 nd – 3 rd May	Central – St John’s Limited over Match : 185th Anniversary & Prefect Centenary Celebrations. Exhibition - Chief Guest: Mrs.A.Vedanayagam, Zonal Director of Education, Jaffna.
12.5.2008	: Award Ceremony of the 185th Anniversary & Prefect Centenary Celebrations
23.05.2008	: Library Day - Dr.T.W.Jeyakularajah, Former Manager of the College, was the Chief Guest. Books were donated by the students. 66 students received certificates.
6.6.2008	: English Day - Chief Guest: Dr(Mrs) Subathini Ramesh, Head, Department of Linguistics & English, University of Jaffna. 310 students received certificates.
07.06.2008	OBA Day
20-22.06.2008	:Workshop on “Career Guidance Towards Community Development” jointly organised by the Interact Club, Leo Club, Scout Troop and St. John Ambulance. 200 students from 12 neighbouring schools including Nuffield school (Deaf & Blind) participated.
28.06.2008	:The Eastern Opera <i>Malarum Puthuyuham</i> (மலரும் புதுயுகம்) (“Dawn of an Era”) produced under the “Peace Through Culture” Project was staged at the Christ’s Church, Jaffna.
04.07.2008	: Science Day – Dr(Mrs) Meena Senthilnathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemistry, University of Jaffna was the Chief Guest.
07-14.07.2008	:Scouts’ Week - The Provincial Commissioner Mr.N.J.Boyan was the Chief Guest at the Awards Ceremony on the 7 th .

BUILDING PROJECTS

- ♦ Repairs and renovation to the Staff quarters have been completed. 6 staff with their families and 6 bachelors, and 6 non tutorial staff are occupying.
- ♦ A temporary classroom for the Primary School has been completed.
- ♦ Renovation to the existing kitchen and the construction of a new store room for mid-day meal provisions have been completed.
- ♦ Sanitation facility work is in progress.

FUTURE NEEDS

- A Block for Teachers Quarters
- A nine classroom Block for Advanced Level
- A twelve classroom Block for Primary School
- Music Rooms (Eastern and Western)
- A Hall for Junior and Senior Secondary Levels

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS

அன்பான பெற்றோரே, பண்பான பிள்ளைகளே!

பிள்ளைகள் எதிர்காலத்தில் எவ்வாறு இருக்கப் போகிறார்கள் என்ற இலட்சியத்தின் நம்பிக்கையோடு வாழும் உங்களுக்குத் தற்கால சமூக, பொருளாதார, அரசியல் சீர்கேடுகள், மனச் சஞ்சலத்தையும், விரக்தியையும் ஏற்படுத்தினாலும்கூட மனத்தையிழந்தோடும், விடாமுயற்சியோடும், உறுதியோடும் செயற்பட மீண்டும் உங்களை அழைக்கின்றேன்.

மாணவர் மத்தியில் கல்வியிலும், விளையாட்டிலும் ஏனைய இணைப்பாடவிதான செயற்பாட்டிலும் ஆர்வம் அதிகரித்துவருவதை அவதானிக்க முடிகின்றது. இவ் வளர்ச்சிக்கு மாணவரதும், ஆசிரியரதும், பெற்றோரதும் கடின உழைப்புப் பராட்டப்பட வேண்டியதே. விளையாட்டுக்களாலும், ஏனைய இணைப்பாட விதான செயற்பாடுகளாலும் மாணவரது கற்றலில் பாதிப்பு ஏற்படுகின்றது என்ற தவறான முடிவை எடுக்கும் சில பெற்றோருக்கும், சில பிள்ளைகளுக்கும், இன்று எமது பிரதம விருந்தினர் தமது மாணவப் பருவத்தில் கல்வியிலும், விளையாட்டிலும் காட்டிய அதிதிறமைகள் ஓர் முன் உதாரணமாகவும், ஏன்! சவாலாகவும் அமையும் என எதிர்பார்க்கின்றேன்.

பிள்ளைகளது நேரத் திட்டமிடலிலும், பெற்றோரது அன்பான கண்காணிப்பிலும், ஊக்குவிப்பிலும் வெற்றியின் அளவு தங்கியிருக்கின்றது. இவ்வருடம் முதல் உயர்தர மாணவர்களுக்குப் பாடரீதியாக 2ம், 3ம் இடங்களைப் பெற்ற மாணவர்களுக்குப் பரிசில்கள் வழங்கப்படுகின்றன. உதைப்பந்தாட்டத்தில் Best Attacker, Best Defender, Best Striker and Best Playmaker போன்ற பரிசில்கள் அறிமுகப்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன. வருட இறுதிப் பரீட்சையில் வகுப்பு ரீதியான அதிகூடிய புள்ளிகளைப் பெறும் 3 மாணவர்களுக்கு அடுத்த வருடத்தில் ஒரு தவணைக்கான கட்டணத்தில் இருந்து

விதிவிலக்களிக்கப்படுகின்றது. மேலும் விஞ்ஞானப் பிரிவில், மருத்துவத்துறைக்கும், கணிதப் பிரிவில் பொறியியல் துறைக்கும், வர்த்தகப் பிரிவில் முகாமைத்துவத்துறைக்கும், கலைப்பிரிவில் சட்டத்துறைக்கும் தெரிவு செய்யப்படும் மாணவர்கள் அனைவருக்கும் தங்கப் பதக்கங்கள் வழங்கப்படுகின்றன.

கல்வியில் உயர்பெறுபேறுகளைப் பெறுபவர்களுக்கும், உதவி தேவைப்படும் மாணவர்களுக்குமென பல்வேறு புலமைப்பரிசில் திட்டங்களின் கீழ் மாணவர்கள் இக் கல்லூரியில் சேர்த்துக் கொள்ளப்படுகின்றார்கள். இத்தகைய திட்டங்கள் எமது பிரதேசப் பிள்ளைகளின் வளர்ச்சிக்குப் பெரிதும் உதவும் என எதிர்பார்க்கின்றோம். “பிள்ளாய் தீயவர்கள் உன்னைக் கவர்ச்சியூட்டி இழுப்பார்கள், நீ அவர்களுடன் போகாதே” (நீதிமொழி 1:10) என்ற நீதி மொழிக்கேற்ப தீயது எது? என்று இணங்காணும் மெய்ஞானத்தை வளர்த்து தீய வழியில் செல்லாது அதிலிருந்து விலகி நன்மை வழியில் செல்லப் பிள்ளைகளே, நீங்கள் உறுதியுடன் செயற்பட வேண்டும். நல்ல சிந்தனைகளுக்குப் பதிலாக தீய சிந்தனைகளும், நல்ல செயற்பாடுகளுக்குப் பதிலாக தீய செயற்பாடுகளும், நல்ல வார்த்தைகளுக்குப் பதிலாக தீய வார்த்தைகளும் எம்மை அறியாமலேயே தொலைக்காட்சிகள் மற்றும் எமது நண்பர்கள் மூலமாக எம் வாழ்வில் புகுந்துவிடுகின்றன. ஆதலால், பிள்ளைகளே, நீங்கள் மிகவும் விழிப்புடனும், எச்சரிக்கையுடனும், செயற்பட வேண்டும். அன்பான பெற்றோரே நீங்களும் விழிப்பாக இருந்து உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு வழி காட்டும்படி அன்பாகவும், தயவாகவும் வேண்டுகின்றேன்.

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- UN World Food Programme through the Department for their assistance to provide mid-day meal to the students.
- Unicef for distributing stationery to our students
- Mr D J Thevathason and family for the donation of a Television and a DVD Player to the Primary School
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Prize Endowments					
Year	Name of Donor	In Memory of	Subject	Class	Amount
2007	Family Members of Solomons	Prince S.Solomon Memorial Prize	IT	LVI	30,764.00
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2007	Rev.S.S.Arulampalam	Sam Sabapathy & Bishop Kulendran	Scholarship	6 - A/L	491,041.00
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2007	Members of the family	Sinnapoo Memorial Trust	Scholarship	6 - A/L	6,000.00
2008	Dr.Karunyan & Inpamani Arulanantham	In honour of Mr.M.C.Francis	Scholarship	Hostel	200,000.00
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2008	Dr.Karunyan & Inpamani Arulanantham	S.Panchalingam	Gold medal	Medi./ Engi./ Law	200,000.00
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Year	Name of Donor	In Memory of	Subject	Class	Amount	Present Total
2008	Members of the family	John Thambu Kandiah & Ruth Rasamalar Kandiah	Welfare	Staff	50,000.00	1,080,546.00
2007	Mr.A.Gopalakrishnan	Mrs. Ranjithapoorani Gopalakrishnan	Gold medal	Best Medical student	25,000.00	78,243.00
2007	Mrs.Chelvathy C.Sanders	Dr.Wesley Rajasuntharam Niles		Medical Student	7,500.00	47,608.00
2007	Mrs.Chelvathy C.Sanders	Mr.Edger Ariaratnam Niles	English	A/L	7,500.00	47,608.00
2007	Members of the family	K.Pooranampillai	English	6 -11	35,557.52	120,117.52

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Thank you.

Rev N J Gnanaponrajah

Principal
July 17, 2008