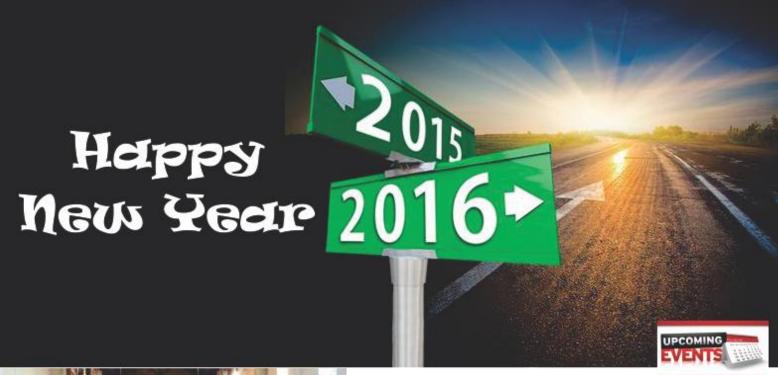
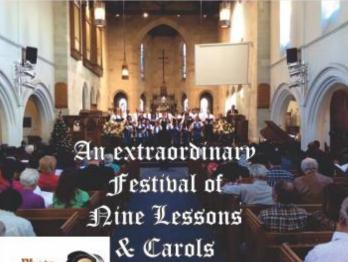
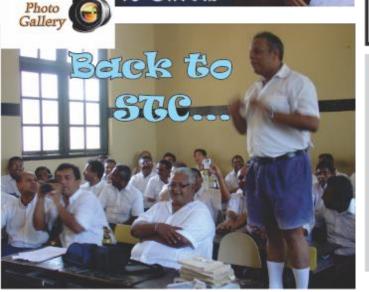


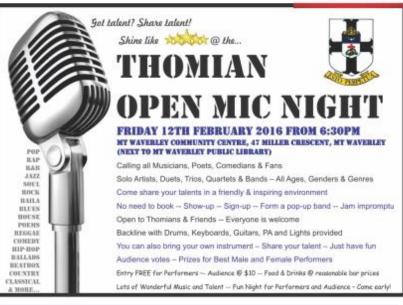
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On behalf of the OBA's Executive Committee, I'd like to wish our readers a very Happy New Year. Let the dawn of 2016 bring with it hope for happiness, joy and success in your personal lives and increased opportunity to engage and bond as Thomians.

In my message in the previous Thomiana, I urged you to vote with your feet – your patronage was to tell us which events would remain in the Thomian OBA Calendar and which events would give way to others. From the Executive Committee's perspective, we wanted affirmation that our efforts were not in vain, given that we'd had very good attendance at some OBA events and rather ordinary patronage of others.

If patronage was a measure then the Thomians and their friends and family voted overwhelmingly for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Party that followed that same evening. The size of the congregation and their enthusiastic participation that continued into the Christmas Party that evening, confirmed our assumption that this event was to remain a highlight of the OBA Calendar for many years to come. This year's Carol Service was by many accounts "one of the best" in the history of the OBA, a sentiment echoed by many and the credit for the success of that event must go primarily to the OBA's choir for a superlative performance. Under the inspired leadership of Rushan Hewawasam, an old Weslyite, a 25 strong OBA choir delivered a glorious experience that was worthy of the Thomian tradition of Nine Lessons and Carols. The venue, St. Mark's Camberwell, was also reminiscent of the Chapel back in Mt Lavinia and those of us who'd experienced the service in Mt Lavinia were momentarily taken back in time as the lights dimmed and a lone frail voice of a child broke the silence with the opening verse of 'Once in Royal, David's City...' For exactly an hour and a half, the OBA Choir and a 200+ Congregation celebrated the birth of Christ with a finely balanced selection of specialist and popular carols that included a Sinhala and Tamil carol and a hallelujah chorus arrangement that brilliantly bridged the traditional and the modern. Special thanks also to Rev Gerald Loos who drove all the way from Ballarat to deliver the message for the evening and to Rev Matthew Ooi and the parish management team at St Mark's for facilitating and enriching the evening.

At the Christmas Party that followed, there was more singing and fellowship and Santa Claus popped in with gifts for the kids. From the Ex-Co's perspective, we had all hands on deck that evening, regardless of religious affiliations and that effort was vindicated by the patronage of old Thomians, their friends and family.

Previously, in October, the Ex-Co trialled a new event that was intended to engage a younger Thomian audience, thereby strengthen a rapidly depleting membership roll. Modelled on the 'beat-shows' in Colombo during the '60s and '70s, the OBA's '90s Night featured a DJ belting out tunes from the 1990s. Patronage of the event was good, despite the fact that it was a

new event in the STC OBA Calendar and we intend to repeat the event this year with some improvements to attract an even larger audience.

Inspired by the response to the '90s Night, the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Party, we've decided to squeeze one last event into the OBA's Calendar. On Friday 12 February 2016, the OBA will host an entirely new event, 'The Open Mic Night.' We are convinced that there are several undiscovered musicians and performing artists within the Thomian fraternity and this event is intended to give these performers and artists an opportunity to shine. No longer will you sing alone in the shower or just strum that guitar at a house party. On the night, the OBA will provide a backline of guitars, amplifiers, drums, keyboard and microphone(s). The stage is yours – just walk-in and sign-up and we'll help you form an impromptu band and jam. If you prefer, sing solo or accapella, or you could read an original poem or stand-up and delivery some comedic lines. The event is open to Old Thomians, friends and family and we'll have audience participation to decide on the awards for the best male and female performers. The best way to describe the event is that it is a Thomian version of 'Australia's Got Talent', 'The X-Factor' and 'The Voice.' Entry to the event is priced at \$10 per head and some vendors will have food and other refreshments on offer at reasonable prices. The OBA's Open Mic Night is an opportunity for the OBA to reach out to the Thomian fraternity and engage a new audience. I urge you to attend, bring your friends, your family and have some fun.

In our first year as an Executive Committee, this team has broken new ground (90s Night, Open Mic Night, Cuff-link Gift Set), we've built on tradition in some instances (Seniors Lunch, Transfiguration Service, Carol Service and Spring Carnival Dance) and in other instances and we've reach into the past for inspiration and direction (2015 Thomian Ball and Christmas Party). In our attempt to deliver a packed calendar, we may have fallen short in some instances and exceeded expectation in others. Regardless of our failures or success, this year's calendar of events wouldn't have been possible without the contribution of a dedicated Ex-Co team. As the OBA's President, I'm glad to report that we've had all hands on deck for all events. The vice-presidents have taken ownership of certain events and delivered results. The two ex-presidents (Jayampathy Silva and Chris Varney) have been a tower of strength and together with support and encouragement from almost all the Past-presidents, we're beginning to breathe new life into the STC OBA in Melbourne.

The STC OBA was once, by all counts, the gold standard for the Sri Lankan community in Melbourne and with your continued participation and support we can ensure that claim remains relevant and true. Let's build on the past as we look to the future...

#### Esto Perpetua

#### Vasee Nesiah, President

Note: The Editor is on leave with his young family and I've taken the opportunity to pen the editorial and combine it with the President's Message (sermon?). If you have content for the next Thomiana, the OBA Website or the OBA's Facebook page, please contact me (vasee.nesiah@qmail.com).

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



DATE: Saturday 20th February 2016

TIME: 6.30 p.m. - Registration / Address check / payment of subscriptions

7.00 p.m. - AGM commences

VENUE: Mount Waverley Youth Centre, 45 Miller Crescent, Mt Waverley

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. President's Welcome
- 2. Apologies
- 3. In Memoriam

**Prayers** 

- 4. Adoption of Minutes of the last AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2015
- 5. Matters arising from these minutes
- 6. Adoption of the Honorary Secretary's Report for 2015
- 7. Adoption of the Honorary Treasurer's report & Accounts for 2015
- 8. Outgoing President's Address
- 9. Election of Office Bearers & Executive Committee:
  - a) President e) Honorary Treasurer
  - b) Three (3) Vice Presidents f) Honorary Assistant Treasurer
  - c) Honorary Secretary g) Honorary Editor
  - d) Honorary Assistant Secretary h) Seven (7) Committee Members
- 10. Appointment of Honorary Auditor
- 11. President's Address
  - a) Any Other Business (about which notice in writing should be given to the Honorary Secretary at: 1 Trafalgar Court, Narre Warren Sth., VIC 3805 by 01 February 2016)
- 12. The President declares the meeting closed All stand and sing the College Song

All members and their partners are cordially invited to dinner immediately after the meeting. A delicious Sri Lankan dinner with dessert will be available at \$15. per person. A limited bar (Beer & Soft Drinks ) will also be available, BYO Spirits.

#### Chris. J. Lawton

**Honorary Secretary** 

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# Triangular Seven a Side Hockey Thomians win Under-19 title S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia emerged champions in the Under-19 segment of the Triangular Seven a Side Hockey Tournament conducted by the Past Hockey Players of S. Thomas', Trinity and St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya at Mount Lavinia on Saturday. S. Thomas' beat Trinity 2-1 in the Under-19 final. In the Old Boys' segment, St. Peter's beat Trinity 2-1 (Age 20-30). Peter's 3-1 (Age 30-40) and St. Peter's beat Trinity 2-1 (Age 20-30). Under-19 Champion Team S. Thomas' College after receiving the award from Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin, Rector of St. Peter's College. (Pix by Kamal Wanniarachchi)





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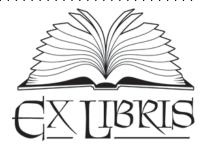
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## Reflections

- STC Mount Lavinia in the 60's & 70's

Published by the STC OBA (Canada)

A compilation of 23 articles on various Topics.



Topics range from Sports, our teachers & fun we had as Schoolboys.

Includes contributions from Old Thomians who were at College during the 60's & 70's now living in Canada, Australia, NZ, USA & Sri Lanka.



Regular \$25 - FREE to all Thomians who attend the Thomian Open Mic Night @ Mt Waverley Community Centre from 7pm onwards on Friday 12 February 2016.

# Cricket: Legendary P.I. Peiris passes away

http://www.sundaytimes.lk/91958/cricket-legendary-p-i-peiris-passes-away

Former Thomian captain, Cambridge 'Blue' and Ceylon cricketer and the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka, P. Ian Peiris passed away, bringing an end to an illustrious and legendary cricket career.



Popularly known as PI entertained Ceylon cricket fans in the fifties with his swashbuckling batting and top class swing bowling. Captaining S. Thomas' College in 1953 PI led the Thomians for an innings victory over Royal College at the Battle of the Blues encounter.

PI was engaged in a fifth wicket partnership of 187 runs with Geoff Wijesinghe (Former editor of the Ceylon Daily News), PI making a fine century of 123 runs while Wijesinghe contributed with 64 in a total of 290. When Royal batted PI rattled the Royal batting line up capturing 4 for 29 which brought a well deserved victory for the Thomians.

Later turning up for the Singhalese Sports Club in the Sara Trophy tournament thousands of cricket fans flocked where ever PI played to witness his entertaining batting and bowling.

PI's allround performances helped SSC to win the Sara Trophy on so many occasions.

P.I. Peiris had the rare honour of representing the national team as a schoolboy when he was selected to play for All Ceylon in 1953 against the Australians led by Lindsay Hasset.

PI displayed his cricketing talents not only in Sri Lanka, he won his 'Blue' for cricket at the Cambridge University in England.

Playing for Ceylon PI was a member of the national team that beat Pakistan in 1964 though he had a little share in the victory.

The most memorable innings that was played by PI was against the mighty West Indies in 1967 associating in a 110 run partnership for the 10th wicket with another late cricketer Neil Chanmugam which still stands a record.

Chanmugam went on to score a lusty 97 clobbering the West Indies bowlers for one six, one five and nine fours and PI remained on unbeaten 46 with one six and seven fours.

P.I. Peiris served as the President of the Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lanka and was an official of the Mercantile Cricket Association.

Former Sri Lanka captain and a team mate of late Peiris Anura Tennakoon commenting said "I had the fortune of playing under PI for SSC for five or six seasons. He was a good captain who is capable of getting the best out of every player. He was also a fine right arm swing bowler who moves the ball both ways at will and I am sure even today cricketers will find him handful because of his ability to swing the ball both ways. He was also a fine lower order batsman always contributed to the side whenever a score was needed from him. All in all he was a great cricketer and a gentleman. My deepest sympathies go his family," Tennakoon concluded.

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# A Golden age for Thomian Basketball



2015 marked "A Golden Age" for Thomian basketball after 6 years of crushing defeat by arch rivals Royal. However, on the 11th of November, the fates decided otherwise. The day started on a positive note as the young Thomian cagers of the under 16 age group captained by Shevaan Perera gave Royal no chance of winning. They beat them by a margin of 20 points thus ensuring a swift victory for the young Thomians.

However Royal counterattacked as they beat the Thomian old boys by a slight margin but all attention was focused on the upcoming finale between both under 19 teams as both the crowd and the players were eager to know who would take the Hon. D.S. Senanayake Memorial Trophy home. All eyes were focused on Royal as they were overall favorites as they had become runners up in the All Island championship and the Thomians too came fourth and had a very experienced team so both teams were evenly matched.

The match started on a high note with both teams competing with each other for the ball. Royal, however scored the opening basket but the Thomians not to be dismayed, answered back with a basket scored by Adrian Gunawardena. A lengthy battle ensured on the Thomian court as player and spectator alike were much captivated at holding that much coveted trophy. The match rolled on with both teams scoring ahead at each and as the halftime whistle was called, both teams were at loggerheads. Thus both teams were given respite after that exhilarating 1st half. The second half begun on another height as both teams were desperately trying to get ahead of each other. Pinto of Royal kept the cagers of Royal at a close lead with the Thomians but his actions came to no avail as Yasiru Bimantha of S.Thomas' kept the Thomians in complete control of the match with his sturdy three pointers.

The minutes rolling on, the last few seconds counting down, the crowd on their feet, expecting the referee's whistle any second and they were rewarded duly as the referee pronounced that beautiful words with his whistle that we had won, tears and smiles alike were seen by players, old boys and spectators alike and when that trophy was lifted by the Thomian cagers every person present learnt a quote.

"Forget the past, Remember 2015"

(Source STC Website)



At a glance....

# S. Thomas'College, Banadarawela

Founded in 1942 - On the 20th of January 1942, St. Thomas' Preparatory School was started by Mr. W.T. Keble in Walden Place, Welimada Road, Bandarawela. He was also the founder of St. Thomas' Prep. School in Kollupitiya. The idea of forming an up-country school first entered his mind in 1929 after a visit to Nuwara Eliya, on which occasion he expressed that a school like St. Thomas' should take advantage of the amenities provided in the up-country. But he felt that the cold climate of Nuwara Eliya was not suitable for an average low-country boy and therefore explored the possibilities of finding a suitable site. He felt that Bandarawela would be an ideal place and set about acquiring land there. As a result, in 1942 the Bandarawela branch was started in a rented house. No sooner it was started the war in South and Asia intensified and the premises of St. Thomas' Kollupitiya was taken by the Navy. This situation paved the way for Kollupitiya branch to be temporarily shifted to Bandarawela.

The small rented house, in Bandarawela, was not adequate for a school. Mr. Keble bought an empty dairy shed which was for sale in Nugegoda and transferred every bit of frame and corrugated sheets to a friend's land (H A J Hulugalle's property on Golf Links Road, Bandarawela), and erected a large shed to house the school rooms. The entire school consisted of a Chapel, office, classrooms and a tiny two-roomed apartment for Mr. and Mrs. Keble. The house built by Mr. Hulugalle was also given to be used for the school until the land for the school premises was acquired. While the school was thus going on, Mr.Keble was able to acquire 10 acres of land in the patnas nearby on a 99 year lease to put up the Headmaster's house and farm.

The school was inaugurated as St. Thomas' Preparatory School, Bandarawela.







2015 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols



Headmaster Rev Chris Balraj





In 2015, S. Thomas' College Bandarawela was awarded the International School Award (ISA) by the British Council. The ISA is an accreditation scheme for curriculumbased international work in schools.

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# Back to STC - Staff and Students reunite...

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Over 320 Old Boys participated in the above event, but only 224 were able to purchase Rs. 1,000/tickets since the prefects who were on duty were present only till 9am. Thirty one Old Boys purchased tickets prior to the day of the event. Mr. V. Fernando donated Rs. 3,000/- Hence the total income was Rs. 258,000/-

Mr. Gihan Fernando sponsored breakfast for 60 teachers and they were so kind enough to shared it with their precious students who were present in 'blue shorts and white shirts' after many decades.

An 'Old Boy-Teacher' sponsored the traditional lunch and the desert for 350 persons (Rs. 200/-  $\times$  350 = Rs. 70,000/-), sponsored 290 group photographs of 12"x8" (Rs. 100/-  $\times$  290 = Rs. 29.000/-) and paid a tribute to a legend, a teacher who was present at the age of 92 years, Mr. C. Coperahewa with Rs. 50,000/-

Since everything was sponsored, there was no expense. Hence the total revenue of Rs. 258,000/- was distributed as follows.

Seven past teachers who are not members of the 'Retired Staff Club' were rewarded with Rs. 20,000/- each and another Rs. 10,000/- was donated to a retired staff member who was attached to the College Dinning Hall.

The balance Rs. 108,000 was donated to the 'Retired Staff Club'.

I thank every single fellow Thomian who were present at this inaugural 'Back to STC' event and contributed to donate Rs. 308,000/- to our precious teachers who taught us tirelessly many decades ago.

Thank you & Esto Perpetua!

#### Channa Asela

President, STC Staff Club

#### **Time Table December 19th**

7.15am - Enter College Premises

7.20am - Enter your classroom

7.25am - Roll call

7:30am - Religious observation

7.55am - Special assembly

9.15am - Classroom activity - recitation, dictation, kavi & group photos

9:55am - Interval (hand cricket, football, marbles etc)

10.35am - Classroom

activity (handwork, drawing)

11.15am - OTSC fun time with a live band

12.30pm - Traditional lunch @ the Dining Hall

1.00pm - Gifts presented to past teachers & support staff

1.15pm - Collection of group photographs

1.30pm - End of day 1





Fondest memories of a very dear friend of over 50 years, Sheila Zoe Aldons, who inspired so many with her skill and passion for choral music, culinary art, and hospitality.

Sheila was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka on February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1921, and had three sisters Neliya, Elaine and Kathleen, and a brother Allan – a Thomian, her much loved, artistic and only surviving sibling, resident in London.

With her doctor husband Harry and her three boys Roger, Patrick and Christopher, she moved to UK in 1951 while Harry was on a post-graduate scholarship. Returning to Ceylon in 1955, the family stayed until 1962 when under a scheme offered by the Bandaranaike Government, Harry was allowed to resign from his contract with the Government medical service and moved the family back to UK. However by 1965 the whole family had emigrated to Australia and set up home in Moe, Victoria. Later still, they moved to Moorabbin, a suburb of Melbourne.

Sheila and the three boys sang in the choir of St. David's Anglican Church, Moorabbin, Roger taking on the role of Choir Director. It was obvious that Sheila had a fine contralto voice, and her talent for choral singing was an inspiration for others in the choir to follow. Many who sang with Sheila will remember her beautiful velvety delivery of two iconic alto solo entries – her choral trademarks - "Unto..." in the lovely Epiphany anthem *'From the rising of the sun'* by F. Gore Ouseley, and "Ubi..." to begin the third verse of *'In Dulci Jubilo'* arranged by Robert Pearsall. Sheila's voice owned her favourite solo alto part in the superb trio of the famous Bell Anthem, *'Rejoice in the Lord Alway'* by Henry Purcell which she loved singing at every opportunity, and always sang it wonderfully well. At St. David's Sheila worked hard with other volunteers in shredding paper which was sold to raise funds for a new pipe organ, completed in 1977. Her passion for singing led her to also belong to Marina Greenwood's Serendipity Singers where she shared her talent with other ex-patriot Sri Lankan friends Irene Van der Waal and Errol Fernando, and finally with Roger's other choir, Transfiguration, who would

lead the S.Thomas' College Mount Lavinia Old Boys Association Australia Branch Inc Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols Service from 1993 to 2007. Often after choir practice, Sheila would invite choristers home for a delicious supper, where her culinary skills came to the fore. There would always be traditional Sri Lankan delights for us to savour like Breudher, Love Cake, Sri Lankan Christmas Cake, Curry Puffs, or if we were really hungry, Lamprais and String Hoppers. Sheila's reputation for good cooking soon became widely known amongst STC friends. While still living in Ceylon (as it was known in those days) friends would often visit the family in Badulla, in the Uva Province, and stay a night or two to enjoy Sheila's generous hospitality for which she was famous. Her support for STC, Thomians and STCOBA Australia Branch is almost legendary!

Family was of prime importance for Sheila, evidenced by the love she gave her boys, their wives and her ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. And this love was reciprocated particularly in the superb care she was given by her family when she became so frail in her final years. Unfortunately, she lost all her hearing in September 2013. She greatly missed listening to music, especially sacred music, listening to and chatting with her close friends and family members who visited her, the frequent long phone chats with her beloved brother Allan in London, and particularly her special old friends, some from her school days, who could no longer visit her.

Sadly Sheila entered eternal rest on December 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Her deep faith and love particularly of sacred music lead her to ask for and approve of a Memorial Service at Trinity College Chapel, University of Melbourne, Parkville, where in her latter years she had enjoyed many fine choral services, particularly Evensong, Tenebrae on Holy Wednesday, and the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols with sublime singing from the Chapel Choir, which she loved and supported with regular donations. The service will be officiated by the Rev. Dirk Van Dissel who is a Trinity alumnus but was also a keen supporter of St. David's Choir when Curate at Moorabbin, and hopefully, if he is not on long service leave, Fr. Tom Jewell with whom she developed a great friendship whilst living in Oakleigh and regularly attended Holy Nativity Anglican Church in Hughesdale and its parish church, St. Peter's in Murrumbeena.

May Sheila now rest in peace; may light perpetual shine upon her; and may she rise again in glory.

#### Esto Perpetua!

Editor's Note: Roger Aldons (Sheila's son) served the STC OBA in Melbourne for several years, leading the Thomian choir with distinction. Our condolences and prayers go out to Roger and his family at this time of loss.





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@ MOUNT WAVERLEY YOUTH CENTRE

- -- starting @ 7:00pm
- -- For details contact Mahes on 0407 369 717 maheenet@gmail.com

#### 26 Feb 2016 - Royal-Thomian Stag Night

@ 99 Receptions, Oakleigh (Date & Venue TBC by RCOBU) -- starting @ 7:00pm

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#### 28 Feb 2016 - Royal-Thomian Cricket Match

@ Mulgrave Reserve (Date & Venue TBC by RCOBU) -- starting @ 10:30am

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#### 23 July 2016 - Thomian Ball 2016

@ Grand Ballroom, Pullman Albert Park -- starting @ 7:00pm

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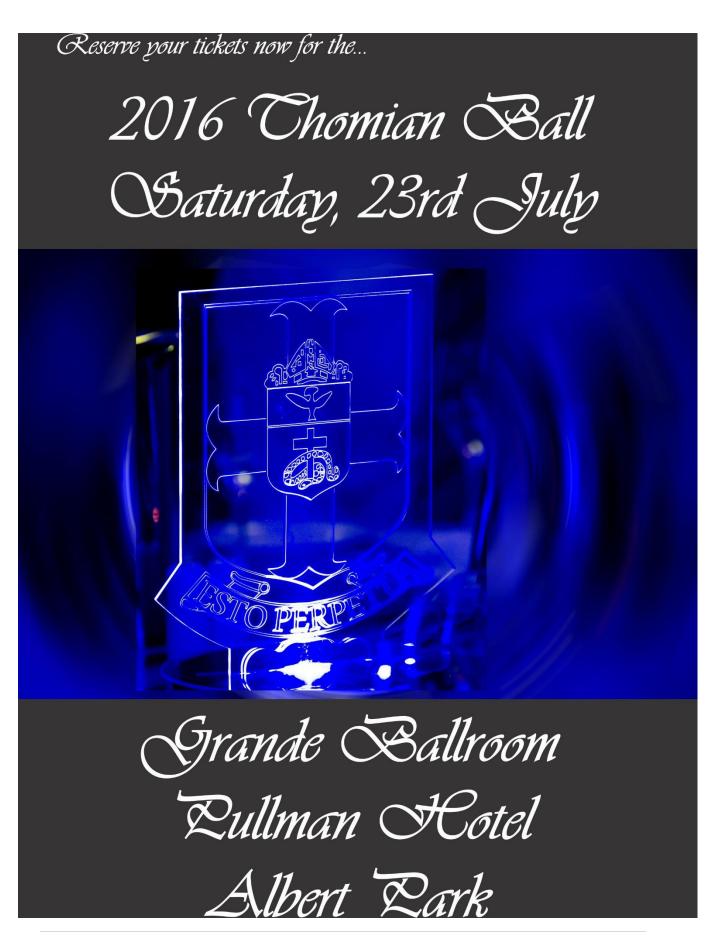
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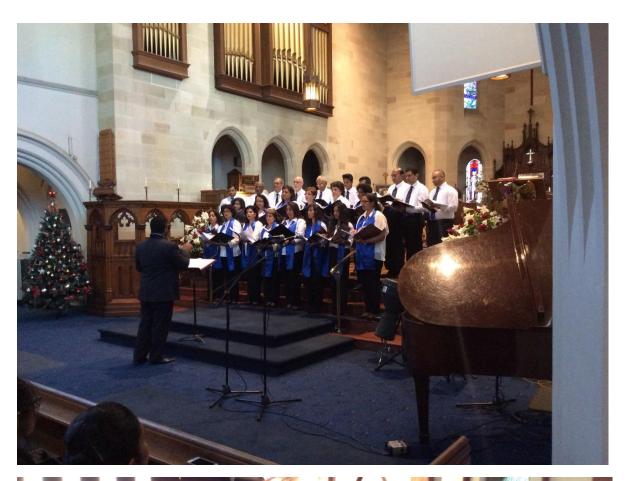




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# CRICKET - S.Thomas' College crush St. Benedict's College by an innings and 63 runs

It was a walk in the park for S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia in their Division I cricket encounter against St. Benedicts College as the former won the game by an innings and 63 runs at Mount Lavinia.

Coming to bat in the first innings, the Thomians amassed a mammoth stand of 224/8 before they opted to declare. Top scoring for the side was skipper Sachitha Jayathilake with 81 runs and Chamindu Wijesinghe who chipped in with 37. The notable performances in the bowling department for the Bens were Yohan Perera and Dellon Peiris as they took took 3 wickets a-piece.

It was a poor batting performance from the Bens when they took the crease in the 1st innings. As they folded for 110 runs, the Thomian skipper enforced the follow on right away. Chamindu Wijesinghe and Madushan Kularatna contributed with 37 and 35 respectively for the Bens in their first innings.

Disappointment reeled in for the Bens as the experienced Thomian bowling department bundled them out for 51 runs in the follow on. The top scorer from the first innings, Sachitha Jayathilake showcased his worthiness once again but this time with the ball securing 3 wickets. Dellon Peiris however was the danger man as he went on to secure a five-wicket haul.

With this win, S. Thomas' College get their fourth outright win for the season and will look to continue the winning momentum in the coming weeks.

Score Summary:

S. Thomas College 224/8d (70.5) Sachitha Jayathilake 81, Yohan Perera 30, Poorna Charuka 3/56, Reshan Kavishka 2/36

St. Benedicts College 110 (48.4) Madushan Kularatne 35, Chamindu Wijesinghe 37, Yohan Perera 3/28, Dellon Peiris 3/16

& F/O 51 (29.3)
Dellon Peiris 5/14, Sachitha Jayathilake 3/13





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