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The President's Message



Dear Fellow Thomians and friends,

The warm summer days are over as we settle into the cold winter nights. Almost into the second half of the year!

Our next event is “The Centenary Luncheon” to be held on the 27th May and the Centenary Dance to be held in July. Please do not miss out on the De Lanarole Brothers with Rushan and the Concord Choir in August and also the Transfiguration Service. We have a long list of exciting events to follow. Details of all events are published on the Thomiana. We have a new Editor in Vasikaran Ratnarajah who has done a great job

I urge all Thomians to pay up their subs and update their memberships. The Membership Secretary has worked tirelessly to update the records. It is your participation and support at our events that will keep the flag flying!

I thank you all for your support of the OBA and look forward to seeing you at our future functions.

ESTO PERPETUA

Mahes Heenetigala

Editor's Note



Firstly, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Vasikaran Ratnarajah and had my primary education at S. Thomas' Preparatory School Kollupitiya and Secondary at S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia. I am the new editor of the Thomiana.

Secondly, I would like to thank Kumar Hensman for a fantastic job he has done as the Editor in these past years and for guiding me into this role which I have humbly accepted. I thank him for all the support he has given me.

This edition has articles relating to centenary celebration at Mount, Cricket News and News of Old boys. All of which, I am hoping you will enjoy reading. Also, please provide articles and information that will be of immense interest for all Thomians young and old to enjoy that can be included in the Thomiana.

Esto Perpetua

Vasikaran Ratnarajah

100 Years At Mount Celebrations

Friday, January 26th 2018 was a red-letter day in the history of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia as on this day the Thomian community celebrated the completion of 100 years of the College at Mount Lavinia. It was on January 26th 1918 that the Rt Rev'd Ernest Arthur Copleston, Bishop of Colombo, blessed and dedicated two permanent buildings, namely the Main Block of classrooms and the Science Laboratory and the College began to function in its new environs having moved from Mutuwal at the end of 1917 by Warden, Rev'd W.A. Stone.

On January 26th 2018 the celebrations commenced with a special Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication in the College Chapel of the Transfiguration by 7.45 a.m. **Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication**

The service was attended by members of the Board of Governors, staff, Old Boys, well-wishers and students. The congregation was led in service by the Lord Bishop of Colombo, the Chaplains of the College, Former Chaplains and a host of Thomian clergy. The choir sang the 'Te Deum Laudamus' composed by C.V. Stanford, as a special anthem to commemorate the occasion. The preacher for the occasion was the Bishop Emeritus of Colombo, Rt. Rev'd Duleep de Chickera, former Chaplain and Sub-Warden of the school.

In his sermon Bishop de Chickera emphasized on the importance of the centrality of emotional and spiritual needs of children in the school system. Moreover, he mentioned that a foremost feature of STC has been the consistency of integration; i.e., the acceptance of all faiths in the Thomian community and the diversity of culture and faith though founded and maintained on Christian principles. He also commented on the importance of maintaining an education which is real and relevant in schools. Bishop de Chickera identified the school as a third model in the education system which is neither bureaucratic nor profit-oriented, yet encouraged the Thomian community to engage in generous dialogue with the other two models, to absorb that which is good. He ended by acknowledging that the school should renew its covenant to provide a good quality of life to its students and to the nation, and in doing so generations will follow its lead.

At the conclusion of the service, the Bishops and clergy recessed to the West Door – led by the national, school and house flags. The Lord Bishop of Colombo then pronounced a blessing over the school from the steps of the Chapel.

Rededication of Buildings and Special General Assembly

The Service was followed by the rededication of the two oldest buildings, namely the Main Classroom Block and the Library Block (formerly the Science Laboratory) and the opening of the 90 Block for the Lower School by the Lord Bishop of Colombo. A bust of Rt. Rev'd. W. A. Stone was unveiled by Mr. Esmond Satarasinghe who represented the most senior league of Thomians. Along with it, a portrait of Bishop E. A. Copleston was unveiled by Ven. V. L. P. Fernando, Emeritus Archdeacon of Galle and most senior Thomian clergyman. After the lighting of the traditional oil lamp, the Warden, Rev'd Marc Billimoria

delivered his welcome address. Subsequent to this, there were speeches from the following Old Boys which carried so much knowledge, maturity and expressed their sentiments during their time in College and also shared their visions for the future of S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia.

- Air Chief Marshal Deshamanya P. H. Mendis (STCML 1940 – 1950), 1st Thomian Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force.
- Mr W. T. Ellawala (Head Prefect – 1957 / 1958), Managing Director of Ceylon Trading Company Limited, Chairman and CEO of T W Mackie Group of Companies.
- Mr J. D. Bandaranayake (Head Prefect – 1966 / 1967)
- Mr K.M. Waidyaratne (Head Prefect – 1978), Secretary of Defence.
- Mr V. P. W. Wijegunawardene (Head Prefect – 1989 / 1990), Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka.
- Dr N.G.R Perera (Head Prefect 1992), Chairman of the Basketball Advisory Committee of S. Thomas' College.
- Mr D. S. Rajasingham (Head Prefect – 2009 / 2010), Lecturer in Law at the University of Jaffna, Consultant for the Public Outreach Programme of the Constitutional Assembly Secretariat of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.
- D. S. Sansoni (Head Prefect of the School 2017 / 2018)

The ceremony was made more colourful by the special songs written by Mr. Suresh De Silva and Mr. Priya Peiris. A few students of the College Forms also presented a special song composed and written by them. The first copy of *The Memorials of James Chapman D.D.*, reprinted by Vijitha Yapa was presented by the Warden to the Lord Bishop of Colombo. Additionally, a book of verse and prose on the College by the late Mervyn Casie Chetty was printed and presented by his son, Mr. N. Y. Casie Chetty to the Warden during the Assembly.

Thomian Parade

The Thomian parade organized by the Old Thomians' Cadet Union for Warden's Special Events Team in celebration of 100 years at Mount Lavinia commenced at Mutwal on the 27th of January 2018.

Led by the Sub Warden, Mr. Asanka Perera, and the Associate Chaplain, Rev'd Roshan Mendis, the cyclists commenced their journey from Christ Church Mutwal, where S. Thomas' College was located for 67 years before it was moved to Mount Lavinia in 1918. The students were joined by a large number of the staff as well as Old Boys who joined in the celebrations of this momentous occasion. Perhaps for the first time in the history of the College, a Thomian parade was joined by a number of female cyclists which comprised of members of staff.

The cyclists peddled from Mutwal to Milagiriya where they were joined with the rest of the parade which consisted of a vehicle parade and many other members of the Thomian family consisting of Old Boys, present staff and students, retired members of staff, and well-wishers. Joining in on this parade were representatives from the invited schools, prefects from Ladies' College, Methodist College, Bishop's College and Royal College who came to celebrate this historic event.

This immense crowd coloured the streets in blue and black, all the way to Mount Lavinia, letting the world know of the happiness of success. At the end, amidst the papare and the loud "THORA" cheers, the parade concluded at the Small Club Grounds with the College Song.

Written and compiled by The Literature Students of Class of '19



27th May 2018 – Members Lunch to Celebrate "100 Years at Mount

@ Glen Waverley Community Centre, 700 Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley, VIC 3150 commencing at 11.30am.

IMPORTANT

For catering purposes please RSVP by calling Chris Varney on 0407 630 351 on or before **15th May 2018**. Please indicate if your spouse/partner will also be attending. This is a BYO event with a limited quantity of wine and soft drinks available.

STC OBA presents...

Thomian Ball 2018



Celebrating a hundred years at Mt Lavinia

PULLMAN HOTEL - GRAND BALLROOM, ALBERT PARK

Saturday 21 July 2018

Starring Sohan & The X'periments

Pre Dinner Drinks @ 6pm - Doors open @ 7pm

Gents in Black Tie & Ladies in Evening Wear

Three Course Meal with Premium Spirits, Beer & Wine

\$125 - Book your dance tickets now - Mahes 0418182707 - Chris 0407630351

The STC OBA presents... 
A WORLD OF MUSIC



De Lanerolle
 BROTHERS



IN CONCERT
 with
Rushan Hewawasam
 & the ConChord Choir

3pm Sunday 12th August 2018

Bunjil Place
 2 Patrick NE Drive
 Narre Warren, VIC 3085

SILVER \$40, GOLD \$50 & PLATINUM \$75 Seating
 Purchase tickets online at www.bunjilplace.com.au/events
 or call Mahon on 0418183707

proceeds to raise funds for scholarships to the Thomian Family of schools



Feast of the Transfiguration



Sunday 5th August 2018
St Aidan's Anglican Church
39 Wallarano Drive, Noble Park

Service to commence @ 9:30am

The STC OBA

together with the parish of St Aidan's Anglican Church Noble Park,
 invites Old Thomians along with their family and friends
 to participate in the annual celebration of the
 Feast of the Transfiguration.

Please contact the below for more information

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Vasikaran: 0408 866 272

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Friday, February 9th 2018.

A 2 minute silence was observed with a prayer for the following OBA members and Old Thomian Staff members who have passed away last year - 2017

Dr Sarath Abeyakoon
Mr F.R. Abeywickrema
Mr Anil de Alwis
Mr George Balthazaar
Mr John Christoffelsz
Mr Gary de Saram
Mrs Marina Greenwood
Mr Gamini Gunawardene
Mrs Vivian Gunawardene
Mr Hubert Ralph "Buddy" Hesse
Mrs Nesam 'Emily' Hensman
Mr Errol Gordon Jacotine
Mrs Malini Jasinghe
Mr Bernard Jayasinha
Mrs Kalupahana
Mr Glyn Valiant Lappen

Mr S. Manoharan
Mr R. C. Mendis
Mrs Anita (Jeevie) Nesiah
Mr Yohan Pathirana
Mr K.K.G (Kirthie Kumar Gamini) Peiris
Mrs Caryl Ponniah
Dane Niyawita Rahim
Mr Nihal Samarasinghe – Sam the Man
Mr Larry Schokman
Mr Niranjan (Nimo) Tirimanne
Mr Ramchandra Velupillai
Mr Anil Weerakoon
Mr Ramesh Weeratunga
Mr Rohitha Wickramasekara
Mr Bertie Wijesinghe
Mr Rajan Yatawara



Mr Mahes Heenetigala was elected for a second term as President and he gave his address. Mr Arasu Saravanamuttu facilitated the meeting and praised the efforts of the OBA activities for the year.

The President gave special awards to two former Presidents Jarit De Mel and Trevor Mendis. Chris Lawton was given an award for 25 years of services as secretary.

The event concluded with a sumptuous meal for members and spouses to enjoy.

Royal Thomian OBA Stag night

The Royal Thomian Stag night was held on Friday 23rd February at The Grand Metropol Clayton organised by the Royal College OBA. The event was well attended and the Royalists outnumbered the Thomians. The dinner, dance and entertainment provided was fantastic and both Royalists and Thomians had great fun. We hope more Thomians will attend this event in the years to come.



Royal Thomian OBA Cricket match

The Royal Thomian OBA cricket Match was held on Sunday 25th February at Melbourne High School South Yarra Cricket ground organised by the Royal College OBA.



Open Game - STC won by 15 runs

STC - 180 for 8 in 30 overs

Royal - 165 for 9 in 30 overs

Man of the Match - Dilusha Nanayakkara (STC)

Best Bowler - Asfan Thajudeen (STC)

Over 40s Game - Royal won by 8 wickets

STC - 99 for 8 in 20 overs (Dhanushka Basnayake - 32 not out)

Royal - 102 for 2 in 13 overs



Dialog powers 139th Royal-Thomian ‘BATTLE OF THE BLUES’



S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia Captain Delon Peiris and Royal College Captain Pasindu Sooriyabandara pose with the D.S. Senanayake Memorial Shield

Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, Dialog Axiata Plc, has extended its corporate backing for the fourth consecutive year as the official sponsor of Sri Lanka's blue ribbon cricket encounter, the 'Battle of the Blues', between Royal College, Colombo and S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia for the prestigious Rt. Hon. D.S. Senanayake Memorial Shield, from 8-10 March, at the SSC grounds in Colombo.

In the 2018 edition of 'Battle of the Blues', the boys from Mount Lavinia will be led by all-rounder/top order batsman Delon Peiris, whilst the lads from Reid Avenue will be under the captaincy of Pasindu Sooriyabandara.

The Royal-Thomian has a rich and colourful history spanning 138 years and is also the second longest uninterrupted cricket series played in the world, second only to the annual encounter played between St. Peter's College, Adelaide and Prince Alfred College, Adelaide, Australia, that began just a year earlier. In 1880 the first match, in which only the boys took part, was played on Galle Face Green, the present location of the Taj Samudra Hotel. This was the start to the centenary series.

The playing fields of the Roy-Tho has the distinction of producing cricketers who later became eminent heads of state, with S. Thomas producing the father of the nation, D.S. Senanayake and his son Dudley Senanayake (1927-1929) as Prime Ministers of Ceylon, while Royal produced Rt. Hon. (General) Sir John Kotelawala MP (1914-1915) as Prime Minister and the first Executive President of Sri Lanka, the late J.R. Jayawardene (1925). The tally between the two schools at present stands at 35 for Royal and 34 for S. Thomas', with the highly-debated match in 1885, where Royal College was all out for nine runs with no play on the second day is considered a win by S. Thomas' and considered a draw by Royal. The Shield at present sits as the crown jewel amongst the silverware in the principal's trophy cabinet at Royal College, which will be challenged by an emerging Thomian outfit this year. S. Thomas' College last won the big match in 2007 under skipper Ashan Peiris, while Royal College last won the coveted shield under the captaincy of Geeshath Panditharatne in 2016. In 2015, on the 136th edition of the Royal-Thomian, Dialog rekindled a long and successful partnership with Sri Lanka's Blue Ribbon Big Match, The Battle of the Blues. The 139th edition of the Royal-Thomian will be the 12th year that the match is sponsored by Dialog.

Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider Dialog Axiata has also made a pledge to contribute Rs. 1,000 for

every run scored and Rs. 10,000 for every wicket that fell. Last year's exciting encounter contributed Rs. 1,036,000 to the 'Play for a Cause' pledge.

The proceedings were directed in consultation with the Principal of Royal College and the Warden of S. Thomas' College to support and empower selected deserving schools. Since the inception of the 'Play for a Cause' pledge, Rs. 2,959,000 worth of cricket gear was donated to 10 deserving schools.

Dialog Axiata Group, a subsidiary of Axiata Group Berhad (Axiata), operates Sri Lanka's leading Quad-Play Connectivity Provider. Dialog Axiata Plc, listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange, supplements its market-leading position in the Mobile Telecommunications sector with a robust footprint and market presence in Sri Lanka's Fixed Telecommunications and Digital Television markets through its fully-owned subsidiaries Dialog Broadband Networks Ltd. (DBN) and Dialog Television Ltd. (DTV). Dialog Axiata Group is Sri Lanka's largest Foreign Direct Investor (FDI) with investments totalling over \$ 2.2 billion. The winner of six Global Mobile Awards, Dialog has the distinction of being voted by Sri Lankan consumers as the Telecom Service Provider of the Year for six years in succession at the SLIM-Nielsen People's Choice Awards. Dialog was also voted by Sri Lankan consumers as the Internet Service Provider of the Year, and has topped Sri Lanka's Corporate Accountability rankings for the past six years in succession and is an ISO 9001 certified company. The company has received numerous local and international awards including the National Quality Award and Sri Lanka Business Excellence Award.

Dialog has been at the forefront of innovation in the mobile industry in Sri Lanka since the late '90s, propelling the nation's mobile telephony infrastructure to a level of advancement on par with the developed world. The company delivers advanced mobile telephony and high-speed mobile broadband services to a subscriber base in excess of 11.8 million Sri Lankans, via 2.5G and 3G/3.5G and 4G networks.

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139th Battle of the Blues

The 139th Battle of the blues, between Royal College Colombo and S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia ended in a draw.

Chasing 216 for victory the Royalists were on 143 for the loss of 6 wickets when play was stopped due to bad light. The Thomians declared their 2nd innings after scoring 227 for the loss of 6 wickets.

The three-day match being played at SSC in Colombo saw S. Thomas' college declaring after scoring 166 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in their first innings.

In reply, Royal College was bundled out for 178 runs.

38th Mustangs Trophy


S. Thomas' College won the Mustangs Trophy for the fifth consecutive year when they thrashed Royal College by 131 runs in their 43rd annual limited-overs cricket encounter at SSC Grounds, Colombo.

After battling hard to post 216 for 9 on the board, S. Thomas' off-spinner Kishan Munasinghe's five-wicket haul was instrumental in bundling out Royal College for just 85 runs.




S. Thomas' College captain Dellon Peiris accepts the Mustangs Trophy from former Thomian skipper Umesh Idippily after his team crushed Royal College in their annual limited overs cricket match at the SSC ground in Colombo yesterday. Also in the picture are Royal College principal BA Abeyratne and S. Thomas' College warden Rev Marc Billimoria (Picture by Herbert Perera)

Courtesy Sunday Observer 18th March 2018 and The Papare.com.



Thomian Cricketers showcase their Academic Brilliance
with good results in ordinary level exam



Dellon Peiris (captain) A - 8 , B - 1

Sithara Hapuhinna (wk) A - 8 , B - 1

Kalana Perera A - 7 , B - 2

Manthila Wijerathne A - 8 , B - 1

Maneesha Rupasinghe A - 8 , B - 1

Kishan Munasinghe A - 9

Dilmin Ratnayake A - 8 , B - 1

Dineth Wanniarachchi A - 9

Gavin Boteju A - 9

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I might add that the cricketers facing the December OL exams are generally requested by the Warden to miss cricket practices during the 3rd term and concentrate on good OL grades. So the Warden ensures that there is a very good balance of sports and studies

Courtesy Eddie Appadurai Vice President Parent OBA and Secretary Centenary Club.

THE MORATUWA PEIRIS' AND THE THOMIAN CAPTAINCY CONNECTION

At a time when S. Thomas' College is celebrating a 100 years at Mount Lavinia, the Royal Thomian Cricket encounter on March 8, 9 and 10, 2018 is of much significance to the 'school by the sea'. With a promising performance in the Inter-School cricket season leading up to the Big Match, this year, the Thomians will be hoping to regain the D.S. Senanayake shield.

Moratuwa, a town well-known for Cricket, has produced many a Thomian cricketer in the past (too many to mention by name) and continues to do in the present. When this year's Thomian Captain Dellon Peiris (from Moratuwa) leads the Mount Lavinia lads in the 139th Battle of the Blues, he will be emulating three distinguished Thomian Cricket Captains who are all 'Moratuwa Peiris'.

Nilanka Peiris (1997), Ashan Peiris (2007) and Sachin Peiris (2012) have all captained S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia with distinction and their stellar performances at the 'Royal-Thomian Big Matches' speak volumes of these Thomian Captains.

It is also noteworthy to mention that no less than 11 Thomian Cricket Captains hailed from Moratuwa in the last 50 years, namely former Sri Lankan Cricket Captain Duleep Mendis (1972), Mohan De Silva (1975), Nisal Fernando (1989), Manoj Mendis (1994), Wiranga Samaranayake (1996), Nilanka Peiris (1997), Upeka Fernando (1998), Gehan Fernando (2000), Ashan Peiris (2007), Sachin Peiris (2012) and Dellon Peiris (2018). Although the writer's knowledge of the era



Nilanka Peiris



Ashan Peiris



Sachin Peiris



Dellon Peiris

before 1970 on the Moratuwa Thomian Captains is somewhat limited, it is well known that C.E.L. De Silva (popularly known as 'Kalla' De Silva) captained S. Thomas' College in 1921 and 1922.

Coming back to the superlative performances of the Moratuwa Peiris' who have captained S. Thomas' College, in 1997 captain Nilanka Peiris scored a brilliant 108 to guide S. Thomas' to a famous victory over Royal and regain the D.S. Senanayake shield. In the following year he was dismissed for 99, depriving him of two consecutive centuries at the Battle of the Blues Big Match.

However, his gritty 99 is still remembered by many as a memorable knock.

In 2005, after Ashan Peiris scored a valiant 125 runs in the big match, in 2007 captain Ashan Peiris scored a monumental 161 to lead S. Thomas' College to a convincing win over Royal College to regain the shield. His individual aggregate of 328 runs in the series secured him a place in the record books for those batsmen who have scored over 300 runs.

In 2009 debutant 15-year-old Sachin Peiris was part of the 'trio'

who staged (considered by many), the greatest 'fight back' in Royal-Thomian history. Along with R. Nirushan and Fahim Saleem who scored memorable centuries, Sachin Peiris scored a fighting 58 batting for 212 minutes in a true display of 'Thomian grit' which denied Royal of certain victory.

In 2011 Sachin scored a superb 77 not out almost taking S. Thomas' home to a famous victory when bad light halted play with the Thomians needing only 38 runs with six wickets in hand. Sachin is ironically the last Thomian captain to have lifted the coveted shield, in 2012, when he scored his third half-century of the series, before Royal regained the title in 2013.

It is on the back of those gallant performances of the Moratuwa Peiris Thomian Captains that this year's Thomian captain Dellon Peiris (also hailing from Moratuwa), would back himself for a match-winning performance to regain the coveted D. S. Senanayake shield.

With an excellent all-round record, skipper Dellon has led the Thomians from the front this season and will be hoping to put the 'icing on the cake' with a resounding Thomian victory come the Big Match this year, which is the fervent hope of all Thomians, young and old!

Surath Peiris



The Reid's and the Gunasekera's at the presentation of the trophy in their honour at the second eleven Royal – Thomian in Colombo February 2018.



Photos provided by Dr Buddy Reid Melbourne OBA member.



Congratulations



RESULTS JUST OUT!

The following awards have been won by the
16TH COLOMBO SCOUT GROUP
for the year 2016...

Best Scout Group in the District - 1st

Best Community Service Project - 1st

Best Cub Pack in the District - 1st

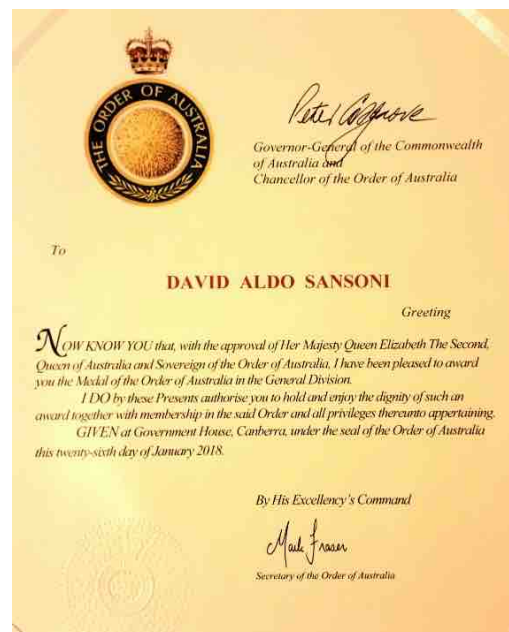
Best Scout Troop in the District - 1st

**Most Outstanding Scout
in the District - P. Ajith**



*Appreciating the hard work and commitment put in by everyone -
the Group Scout Leader, Scoutmasters, Cub Akelas, Instructors, Scouts, Cub Scouts and Parents...*

David Sansoni Investiture - Order of Australia Medal



The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following appointments and awards:

MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA



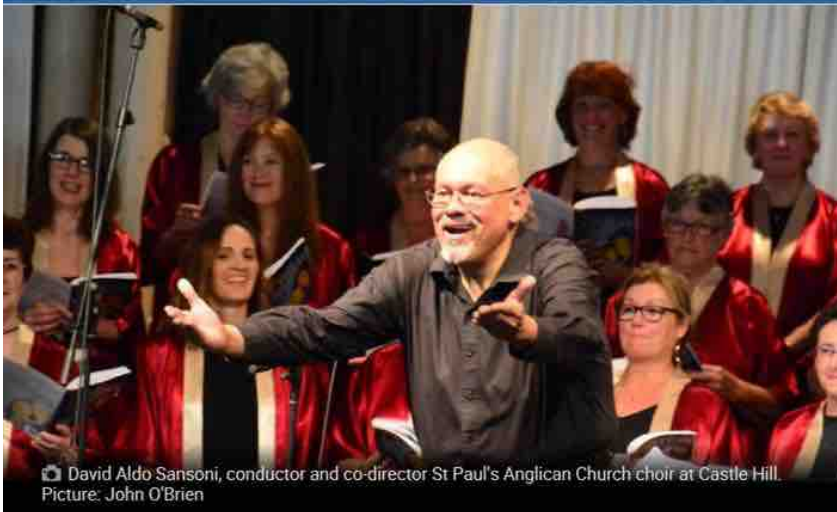
MEDAL (OAM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION

Mr David Aldo SANSONI

Baulkham Hills NSW 2153 for service to the community of Baulkham Hills.

Service includes: St Paul's Choir, St Paul's Anglican Church: Conductor and Co-Director, for over 10 years ongoing. Parishioner, since 2000.

news local Rouse Hill Times



David Aldo Sansoni, conductor and co-director St Paul's Anglican Church choir at Castle Hill.
Picture: John O'Brien



David Sansoni said he is very surprised at the honour.

"I am really surprised because I never imagined that what I would consider a



David Sansoni conducts the St Paul's Anglican Church choir. Picture: David Hobbs

"I have been singing from a very young age and have been involved with the choir at St. Francis of Assisi, Mt. Lavinia, St. Thomas' College choir, Colombo Philharmonic and Colombo Singers,' Mr Sansoni said.

Courtesy **Hills Shire Times**.

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Ravi Pereira- A Valediction

By Anura Gunasekera

Many years ago, at the Otters Club, I introduced my children Mihirini and Isuru , then both less than ten but now in to their forties, to Ravi. He had returned to Sri Lanka around that time from the US after completing his PhD, in Micro- Biology, at the University of Maryland.

My son peered up in awe at Ravi's towering form and whispered to me, "Thatthi, this uncle is bigger than Obelisk". Isuru was at an age when the giant of Gaul was more real to him than real people. Ravi who overheard did not take my son's remark as a compliment and told him so. Abashed, Isuru hid behind his mother. Despite the initial shock of the first meeting both Mihirini and Isuru came to love him and consider him an integral part of the family. My son's reaction to Ravi was typical of the first impression of many others who have encountered him; Ravi was always larger than life.

How does one write about a man who has been so much part of one's growing up and who has suddenly left, without a good-bye, a farewell; or a " see you soon machang, keep your thoughts clean till we meet again", the latter being his customary parting line as long as I can remember. Still, his sudden departure may have been what Ravi wished for himself.

There are so many anecdotes that I remember about Ravi which are all synonymous with the man himself; interesting, amusing, outrageous and irreverent but never, ever, dull.

This is a collage of memories and not a literary composition. It is a tribute to a loved friend of six decades, compressing a life time's relationship to a few columns, written as much for myself as for him, because it is only when you lose something of great value, that you are compelled to reflect on it. Perhaps it will re-create an image of a man, exceptional in many ways, for those who did not know him.

We first met in 1955, in Lower 3 A, Miss Agatha Bay's class in the Lower School at STC. It may even have been my first day in school- January 15th of that year. That also makes Ravi my first friend. He would frequently say that " we knew each other from the egg". The strange chemistry which catalyzes childhood friendships cemented an immediate and lasting bond, which endured, interrupted temporarily during Ravi's long sojourn in the USA , till its abrupt conclusion a few days ago by a phone call from mutual friend, Kitto Dias, advising me of Ravi's sudden passing.

Apart from Ravi's imposing size he was expansive in every other aspect as well; conversation, laughter, interaction, consumption and enjoyment. In all of these there was a visible largeness, something above the average and the moderate. For many years, taped to the rear wind-screen of his Nissan Double-cab was a slogan, large black letters on a white background, which declared aggressively, " WHY BE NORMAL"; that single, brief statement epitomized Ravi's upraised finger to the conventional and it came naturally to him. Ravi was unapologetically indulgent in the good things of life because he sincerely believed that pleasure existed only for the purpose of being enjoyed to the fullest. Once, in some context that I can no longer recall, he said, with total sincerity, " machang, nothing is more satisfying than excess".

Right through our careers at STC, which ended at the same time, we were either in the same class or parallel classes. Even if we did not always sit together we always moved together. Sitting next to each other in the " Canon"s – the legendary Kunji – Latin class in Upper 4 C, we once raised the Canon's ire, were ordered to stand outside the class till the bell tolled and then brusquely, in that well known nasal tone, told to " go and bring the cane". The rod was fetched and wordlessly, each of us was given three sharp, extremely painful cuts which literally blew the dust off our blue shorts.

Since then, over the years, in many of our reminiscences together, we have tried to find a reason for the punishment, but with no success. The Canon did not tell us then and understandably- for those who knew the man for what he was- we did not ask. It will always remain an unsolved mystery of our school life. Ravi's opinion was that the Canon had become a bit bored that day by listening to repetitive declensions of "mensa, mensae etc, and decided to relieve the tedium with some sport. There was never any rancour, though. The punishment was accepted and we moved on. I am also certain that in that year, Ravi and I were the only students from U 4 C, who were selected by the Canon for that distinction.

Ravi, unlike me, was always a good student. Despite a carefree, harum-scarum outward image, he constantly produced very good academic outcomes. With seemingly minimal effort he was successful in all examinations although the results seem, in retrospect, to have fallen slightly short of genuine potential. He said that he did what he considered to be sufficient to meet the minimum standards set by his mother, Violet, a diminutive lady with a steely will and a very strong influence in Ravi's life. On more mature reflection I perceived Ravi as a man with a powerful intellect who was also quite dismissive of it.

I recall Ravi's fascination with organic chemistry, the elegant but complex configurations and interactions of evil smelling substances, so brilliantly explained by the urbane Arul Vedomuththu. Ravi used to be exasperated by my singular incompetence in this subject- largely the result of my disinterest in it. My ignorance was analyzed differently by Vedomuththu who, when confronted by my inability to answer a straightforward question, announced to the class -with the withering sarcasm, the sardonic drawl, his hallmark characteristics- " Gunasekera's problem is that he has developed his muscles at the expense of his brain". Since then I have thought of several appropriate responses to that remark though, unfortunately, none came to my mind at the relevant time. I was the only one in the class who did not share in the general merriment that Vedomuththu's observation evoked.

Very early in our friendship Ravi was introduced to my parents and siblings and he won their immediate affection. Over the years he enjoyed many meals at our house and on most occasions, he would walk in to the kitchen and sample what was to be served at the table, straight from the pot. Our then cook, the late Missilin, was fascinated by this enormous young man who would perch on a tiny stool in that smoky kitchen and chat to her. This was one aspect of Ravi's nature that was apparent very early, his unaffected and unpatronizing friendliness and courtesy to those who were at service. He was honestly interested in people, irrespective of social station, a trait which would lead to asking searching, personal questions from a taxi-driver taking him from A to B, or a waiter serving him in a restaurant. Another was an inherently genuine caring for the aged and the infirm. These endearing attributes, which he never sought to publicize, were easily eclipsed by the more visible traits.

I became a constant visitor at his parent's home in de Saram Place and was given a warm welcome by both his parents, especially his mother. In the period after leaving school and joining the Police-my first employment- Ravi and I spent a great deal of time with each other. It was a time when I was somewhat directionless, although engaged in an unenthusiastic preparation for an attempt at the GCE Advanced Level whilst Ravi was already in university. Ravi had acquired a 150 cc Honda machine and we spent so much time travelling around, visiting friends, seeing films, dining at all the cheap eating houses in and around Colombo- the mixed grill at the Metropole being the zenith of our culinary indulgence- that I could not figure out when Ravi actually sat at his books.

Ravi later told me that after obtaining his doctorate, he had visited his mother and sister Dilki in England and spent about a year in strenuous inactivity, enjoyment excepted. He said that the finest thing about his PhD was that, for the first time in his life, his mother could no longer tell him, " Ravi, go and study". Obviously, for Ravi, that doctoral qualification had a value which transcended purely academic considerations.

I think that Ravi had more friends than any other person I have known. There were different circles, drawn from his diverse social, academic and professional interactions. The conflicting nature of the personalities involved, which defied categorization, was, in itself, a true indication of the multi-faceted nature of Ravi's personality. Despite its complexity Ravi was able to pursue and sustain this relationship network till the end. The fact that he was single and answerable only to himself probably helped. Talking of his single status,

which he clearly cherished, he would say in jest that for years he had searched for the perfect woman and when he eventually found her, realized that his ideal, to his dismay, had been looking for the perfect man. One of our frequent holiday destinations was Nuwara Eliya, especially “Lochside”, a rather ugly but very comfortable holiday bungalow available to me during my years at George Steuart’s. It was an unspoken understanding that on any proposed visit to Nuwara Eliya, that I would invite him and give him first right of refusal. Ravi rarely declined and as a result he and my family had some extremely enjoyable, but also exhausting holidays together.

A journey with Ravi could be an exercise in one’s patience. I travel very quickly whilst he loved to dawdle. “What is this kiri panu gaya you have, take time to smell the roses on the way”, he would grumble. I recall one agonizing journey with him, from Colombo to Negombo, leaving after an early breakfast, and arriving at the Negombo Rest House for lunch at 3 pm, taking over six hours for a journey I would have finished in one hour, had I been driving. Unfortunately, at the wheel was Hilary White visiting from Australia, and Ravi’s kindred spirit. Ravi walked in to the rest house kitchen and persuaded the staff to prepare lunch despite their protests that the kitchen was closed.

Ravi’s personality was such that he could find enjoyment in the unlikeliest of circumstances. From our schooldays we were both avid cinemagoers and, together, we have sat through countless films, Westerns, Crime, Romantic epics and comedies. The worst films I have seen in my life have been in his company. Once, in Nuwara Eliya, in despair at an atrociously bad Sinhala movie, I walked out of the theatre in to the cold, rainy night, whilst Ravi sat on till the end, accompanied by my family. His verdict was, when we regathered at the Golf Club much later, that the film was so bad that it was actually magnificent. Coming out of a Colombo cinema hall after watching a similarly bad move and having listened to my scathing criticism, he told me that I would always be an unhappy man if I insisted on concentrating on the bad, instead of giving credit to the good.

An aspect of Ravi which escaped general observation was his deep interest in Buddhism, to the extent that at one stage he undertook studies in to “Abhidhamma”, under the tutelage of a learned monk, in order to understand the complexity of the doctrine. He was appalled by my totally irreligious outlook and as if to punish me, on one visit to Nuwara Eliya which coincided with the Vesak holiday, insisted that Malini and I accompany him to temple and make the appropriate observances. Despite a commitment to an indulgent lifestyle, Ravi displayed a genuine religiosity, a contradiction typical of Ravi’s persona. Whilst being a scientist, he quite comfortably accepted the dichotomy between the rationality of scientific enquiry and the unprovability of religious hypotheses. This has, over the years, stimulated many interesting discussions between the two of us, with neither being able to convince, or convert, the other.

My last conversation with him took place about three weeks ago, when I rang him to suggest a meeting. I also proposed that we should rope in Kitto Dias, Shiran Soysa and Mahen Dayananda, since our last meeting had been a few months before, when we all gathered to dine and wine with Peter Schoorman, visiting from Australia. Ravi grumbled that it was difficult to get all together but that he was expecting sister Dilki to visit and would call me after her departure. The call was concluded only after Ravi, in a gesture typical of his genuinely caring nature, had enquired about my family, my grandchildren and a few other relatives of mine who had, over the years, become his friends as well.

The first thought that flashed in to my mind when Kitto rang to give me the last news about Ravi was that I had not taken the time to call Ravi back. It is a fact of life that we tend to ignore, that unless we seize the opportunity and do what we need to do, that the moment will be irretrievably lost. I will be compelled to reflect on that, with regret, for a long time.

I have been rambling on about a man I have associated with very closely for over sixty years, trying to paint a comprehensible image through a series of anecdotes. I am not sure whether I have succeeded. He evoked strong responses from all who associated with him and even when he drove us, at times, to distraction through his idiosyncratic behaviour, we never stopped loving him. He was unconventional and liked being so. He enjoyed shocking the audience but was not offensive; it is also a truth that we, his friends, granted Ravi a license and liberty that we denied others. We acknowledged, with a tolerance composed of amusement, affection and occasionally a sense of resignation, that he was Ravi Pereira, a being cast from an unusual and rare mould.

Whilst being highly complex he also displayed an easily discernible, child-like simplicity. In its totality his personality displayed all the contradictions manifest in any normal human being, except that in Ravi they were all exaggerated. He was, essentially, a fine human being, a man with an acutely tuned sense of right and wrong, who lived by a set of unshakeable core values which all decent people would cherish. He occupied a large space in the lives of the people he interacted with and his passing leaves a permanent void. Ravi was a loving and stimulating presence and I and my family have been enriched by the many things that we shared.

Anura Gunasekera 16.02.18

Old Thomian Arjuna Obeyesekere elevated as a Justice of the Appeal

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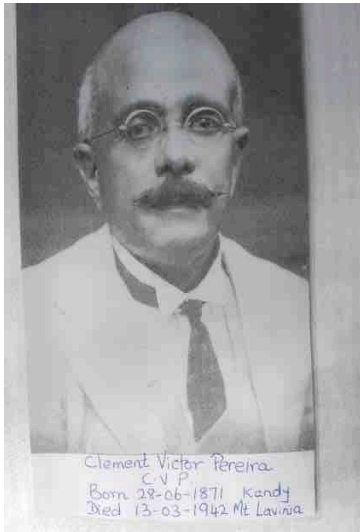


Old Thomian and former College Prefect, Mr. Arjuna S. Obeyesekere has been elevated to the Court of Appeal, after a distinguished career the Attorney General's Department for over 25 years. Prior to his appointment to the bench, he held the rank of Senior Deputy Solicitor General, and has handled a variety of matters of national importance for the State, in terms of litigation, advice and negotiations as well as key international arbitrations. Over the years, he has also functioned as a legal consultant to several key public institutions and served as a member of the Company Law Advisory Committee. He possesses a Master's degree in Law (LL.M) specializing in Commercial Law from Cambridge University, which he secured with Honours, having passed out of Sri Lanka Law College with First Class Honours. He has also written several published articles on law.

Justice Obeyesekere was educated at S. Thomas' Preparatory School and S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia and was a prefect at both schools. He left STC in 1988. He excelled at rowing at College, and was awarded colours in that sport in 1986 and 1987. Justice Obeyesekere's family has been educated at S. Thomas' College for many generations. His father, the late R. I. Obeyesekere, President's Counsel had brought distinction to STC while a student, by winning Public School Athletic Colours in 1954. His grandfather, J.E.M. Obeyesekere was among the Thomian students who crossed over with the school to Mount Lavinia from its earlier abode at Mutwal a hundred years ago - and one of the eight who obtained a first class in the Cambridge Senior Exam. Others included S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and Warden Reggie de Saram. However, Thomians would note in lighter vein, that his great-grandfather was regrettably schooled at only the second best - the Colombo Academy (now Royal College)! However, his great-grand uncle, J.L. Obeyesekere was more fortunate and won the Miller Prize for Mathematics in 1896 at STC.

Justice Arjuna Obeyesekere is a fourth generation lawyer and the third generation to serve at the Attorney General's Department.

TWO TEACHERS REMEMBERED AND THEIR BOOKS DONATED



A Student of Trinity College, Kandy and later a teacher at S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia from 1896 to 1931.



A Student at S. Thomas' College, and Teacher at S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia from 1951 to 1972

I am Corinne King (née Pereira) - the daughter of the late Douglas Noel Pereira - a dedicated teacher of S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia from 1951 to 1972. Also, known as Mr D.N. Pereira - (Douglas Noel), (D.N.P.), (D.N.) or otherwise known as "Bulto" to the many hundreds of students he taught during his long teaching career.

Dad was known as "Bulto" a nickname he received at STC in the early 1950's - around 1953/1954 when as a light smoker he decided to take to sucking the black and white striped lolly called "Bulto"! This nickname stayed with him throughout his entire teaching career at STC.

My Dad - Douglas was a son of C.V. Pereira - A Scholar & Writer of Latin Textbooks. C.V. Pereira along with Warden Stone wrote a Latin Text book that was used at S. Thomas' College in the 1920's and 1930's. These learned skills were instilled into my Dad by his father - C.V. Pereira.

I am proud to be the Granddaughter of the late C.V. Pereira - a former student, scholar & "Lion" of Trinity College Kandy and teacher at S. Thomas' College Mutwal & Mt. Lavinia from 1896 to 1931. My Grandfather was also known as C.V.P or "Soapa". A nickname he derived during his time as a teacher because he used soap to twirl the ends of his moustache!

A planned "mission" of sheer dedication & true love was to donate valuable books used by my Grandfather the late C.V. Pereira and my Dad the late D.N. Pereira to S. Thomas' College, Mount Lavinia - an institution that they both venerated and loved beyond words could ever describe. They both lived & breathed the Thomian air to such an extent that their values of teaching & educating the young students that passed through their hands were of paramount interest in their lives as dedicated teachers.

My Grandfather - C.V. Pereira - was a strict disciplinarian who as a student excelled in Ancient Greek, Latin, and English & English Literature. He was a personal friend of the English Scholars & Pioneers that were associated with S. Thomas' College in the early 1900's - one of them being Warden Stone.

My Dad - D.N. Pereira was nurtured in this background and was guided by his father to be a Scholar & Teacher of the Classics too. Dad or D.N.P. accepted the strict upbringing he had from his father who was sought by many parents of students at S. Thomas' College to tutor their sons in the early 1900's.

I am aware of these facts because as a young child I was constantly drawn into the realms of my Dad's anecdotes and love of his Alma Mater and I was, as an only child, instilled into the "Thomian way of life" and being a daughter, my Dad not being blessed with a son; I was the "sponge" that listened to many a tale my Dad related about his Father and the lessons that were taught, and the boys that came through their learning years and the teaching years that both C.V.Pereira and D.N.Pereira enjoyed in their tenure years at S. Thomas' College.

Consequently, I had a huge problem on my hands when my husband Ian & I sorted out the contents of my parents' home in 2016 - we were aware that my Dad had approximately 5 bookcases of books in his office "floor to ceiling" - but when we investigated the shed at the back of the garage - we nearly flipped as we found 100's more books still in boxes, intact since we had migrated to Melbourne 46 years ago!

This proved a huge problem to me as I sat and systematically categorized the books that should be kept for donating & shipping over to the 2 main Colleges of interest - Trinity College, Kandy which was the College my Grandfather C.V. Pereira was a student at until 1889 and S. Thomas' College, Mt. Lavinia. There were his Prize Books in leather-bound jackets and in pristine condition from 1883 to 1889. There were books he had used as a student at Trinity College and the oldest book was a Greek to English Lexicon (Dictionary) which was a 1st publication dated 1859 (now with the Curator of the STC Museum – Mr Jan Prins) These books and many more Dictionaries - Latin to English Dictionaries & Poetry & Prose - Works of Shakespeare, Wordsworth, The History of England and the list went on and on!

With great deliberation and planning we decided that we will make the trip to Sri Lanka for many varied reasons and with this thought now confirmed, I started to correspond with the Warden of S. Thomas' College - Rev'd Marc Billimoria and a Member of the Board of Governors, Mr Milinda Hettiarachchi, to seek a word of acceptance, if books from the "esteemed libraries" of my Grandfather and my Father would be accepted at the College for keeping in the "Archival" & "Museum" Cabinets respectively.

After a few emails that flowed "to and fro" - the final acceptance arrived in an email and I was ecstatic that I had achieved a goal that had been quite a burden on my shoulders ever since my Father passed away in 1993.

We left Melbourne on November 29th 2017 flying direct to Colombo with Sri Lankan Airlines - a flight of 10 hours' duration which we found most favourable in many ways with the service, food and beverages offered to all passengers.

The morning of December 1st 2017 was a day my husband Ian & I awaited eagerly to dawn for the important "mission" we had undertaken to be realized for the donation of my Grandfather's and Father's books was arranged to take place in the Main Library and those attending were; The Warden of S. Thomas' College, the Rev'd Marc Billimoria, the Sub Warden, Mr Asanka Perera, a Member of the Board of Governors, Mr Milinda Hettiarachchi, the Curator of the Museum of the College, Jan Prins and the Head Prefect of the College, Sebastian Sansoni.

We met with all the above Gentlemen and I handed over the books that were relevant to be placed in the Archival section of the College Library. The Warden accepted the donation of priceless books with great appreciation.



Standing (L-R):- Mr Ian King, Mr Asanka Perera (Sub Warden), Rev'd Marc Billimoria (Warden), Mrs Corinne King, Mr Milinda Hettiarachchi, Mr Jan Prins

I then handed over another collection of books to the Curator of the Museum Jan Prins who kindly and enthusiastically accepted the donation of books for the Museum of the College.



Standing (L-R):- Sebastian Sansoni (Head Prefect), Mr. Jan Prins, Mrs Corinne King, Mr Milinda Hettiarachchi, Rev'd Marc Billimoria (Warden)

Once these two donations were made I was overwhelmed with a feeling of great satisfaction and inner peace. I had the feeling that my Grandfather & Father had patted me on my back and said "A job well executed and well done for all your efforts!"

Mind you when I did start out to get the entire plan on the table I was very skeptical as to if I was going to be doing the right thing - but then again I felt that the books needed to go back to where they belonged and now that is where they are resting forever!

December 3rd 2017 was yet another significant and very special event my husband Ian & I were looking forward to on our holiday calendar and that was attending the 70th Anniversary of the S. Thomas' College Festival of "9 Lessons and 9 Carols" in the Chapel of the Transfiguration at Mount Lavinia which has the famous "Mural of the Transfiguration" as painted by David Paynter and completed by him in 1968.

Another reason I very dearly wished to attend the 70th Anniversary of the STC Carol Service of "9 Lessons and 9 Carols" on 3rd December 2017, was because on 7th December 1947 - my dear Dad had bought his return train ticket from Matara to Mount as he was so eager to be in the STC Chapel for this 1st and significant Carol Service.

Dad had all his plans "thwarted" as a "little person" decided to make her way down her Mum's "birth canal" on Sunday 7th December 1947 & consequently Mum had to be rushed to the Matara Hospital to Dr. Jude Conderlag who was eagerly awaiting to perform the delivery, but that "little person" didn't actually make her appearance till the afternoon on 8th December 1947! Hence my Dad missed out on attending this "special" event for S. Thomas' College Mount Lavinia on 7th December 1947!



The late Rev'd Bowyer Yin who had joined the Staff of S. Thomas' College in 1946 had been a former Assistant Chaplain at King's College, Cambridge in the UK and it had been his dream to incorporate the format of the Festival of "9 Lessons and 9 Carols" to S. Thomas' College and this he did successfully on December 7th 1947.

It was a pleasure that the Warden of S. Thomas' College - Rev'd Marc Billimoria had designated 2 seats for us in the VIP row for guests which was the 3rd row and we enjoyed the privilege to be seated for this esteemed Carol Service in the great College by the Sea - a College every student that has passed through should be so proud to call himself a "Thomian"!

After the Service, we met with many & enjoyed the illuminated Quadrangle when we came out of the Chapel - a sight to behold and due recognition should be given to those students who were involved in lighting the numerous "pahanas"! A spectacular sight indeed!



All Thomians around the World should be so proud of their Alma Mater. The great words of the 7th Warden of S. Thomas' College the late Rev. Buck are written on this magnificent monument near the Chapel of the Transfiguration, when he advised each & every student of the College in his tenure of office from 1896 to 1901 to always be "Great Men and Gentlemen of their esteemed College"!!

In concluding I would like to include in this article of mine the grave plaque of my dear parents now as per the kindly request of Rev'd Marc Billimoria when I mentioned to him on Dec 1st in the College Library that my Dad had the "Thomian Crest" on his grave plaque - hence the "Grave Plaque" of my parents herewith included.

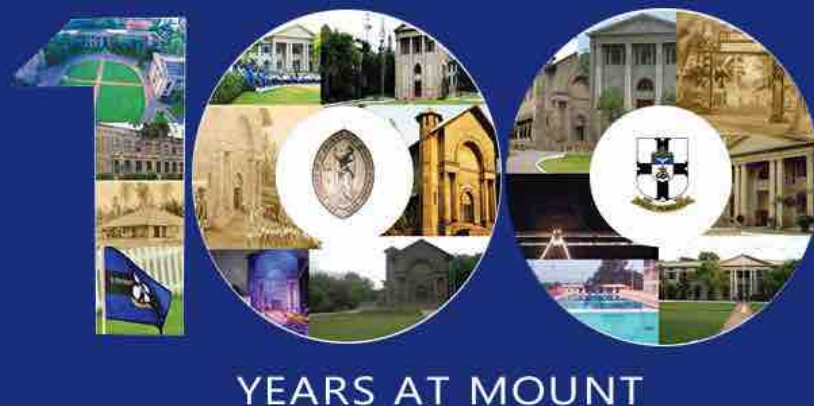
When my father - Douglas Noel Pereira passed away on 25th April 1993 - the grave plaque was made for his "lawn grave" and incorporated the Thomian Crest on the right-hand side of the plaque.

The Springvale Botanical Cemetery Management Trust Association in Melbourne, Australia indicated to us that it was the only grave in any of the Southern Hemisphere Cemeteries with the "Thomian Crest" inscribed on a "Grave or Headstone plaque"! However, we are not aware if it is the only grave plaque in the world with the Thomian Crest!

This has yet to be investigated and clarified - but up to 1993 it was the only grave plaque in the Southern Hemisphere with the Thomian Crest engraved on it.



Esto Perpetua indeed!



STC OBA AUSTRALIA - MEMBERSHIP AS AT 10 MAY 2018

NAME	Paid To	NAME	Paid To
ABEYNAIKE, Ajith Parakrama	2018	FERNANDO, Dylan Rajinda Dilshan	2017
ABEYSEKERA, Victor	2006	FERNANDO, H.P. Dushmantha	2013
ABEYSINGHE, Dr Rohan	2018	FERNANDO, L. Melville	2020
ABEYWICKREMA, Anil Niranjana	2020	FERNANDO, M. Kingsley	2018
AKMEEMANA, Chami	2009	FERNANDO, Mewan	2005
ALDONS, Roger	2020	FERNANDO, Nirali	2018
ALVIS, Randolph Lawrence	2017	FERNANDO, U Savinda Milan	2017
AMUKOTUWA, Nimal D.	2005	FERREIRA, Jeremy	2010
AMUKOTUWA, Sarathkumar	2020	GAMAGE, Kolitha	2018
ANDRADO, Amrick	2013	GAMMAMPILA, Anil	2025
ANTHONISZ, Ashton	2018	GANEGAMA, Tilak	2020
ANTHONISZ, Darrell	2017	GANEWATTHE, Dharshana Madhushan	2017
ANTHONISZ, James M.	2014	GERLACH, Maxwell	2018
ANTHONISZ, Tyrell	2018	GIBSON, R. Maurice E.	2018
APONSO, Lalith	2016	GOMES, Yushantha Jayathu	2015
APONSO, Roshan	2010	GOONAWARDENA, Peneeth Rajiva	2018
APONSO, Suren Diyal	2019	GOONERATNE, Dinesh	2008
ARIARATNAM, Chris	2013	GOONERATNE, Sena J.	2013
ARMITAGE, Andy	2012	GOONERATNE, Upali J. F.	2018
BENERAGAMA, Gamini Dr.	2017	GRIGSON, Roderic	2018
BIBILE, Rajindra	2017	GUNARATNAM, Visahan	2009
BRAINERD, Leslie	2018	GUNASEKERA, Hemanga	2017
BROHIER, Richard	2019	GUNASEKERA, Yohan Mark	2007

CADER, Fazal	2017	GUNASEKERA, Rayesh Dhanushan de Silva	2018
CALDERA, David Lalith	2020	GUNAWARDANA, Chanaka	2018
CASINADER, Ranji	2010	GUNewardana, Upali	2010
CHAPMAN, Ivor	2012	HAHEEL, Husain	2017
CHAPMAN, Johann	2013	HAMEED, Azam	2017
DANIEL, Bertram	2020	HALLOCK, Shantha	2015
DANIEL, Dr. Robin	2008	HASTIMUNI, Supun	2018
DASSENAIKE, Nalin	2017	HEENETIGALA, Dr. Nihal	2019
DAVID, Frank	2017	HEENETIGALA, Mahes	2018
DE LIVERA TENNEKON, Sankha Aravinda	2013	HENRICUS, B. Cholomondley	2016
DE MEL, Jarit	2018	HENSMAN, Dr. Indran. C	2009
DE MEL, Sarath	2020	HENSMAN, Kumar	2020
DE MEL, V. Chevinda Ranjaka Stephen	2017	HENSMAN, Rajan A.	2020
DE SILVA, Anura	2018	HERAT, Norman	2020
DE SILVA, Eranga Kaveesha	2018	HERFT, Christopher P.	2019
DE SILVA, Jeremy	2007	HEWAVITHARANA, Shehan	2014
DE SILVA, Lakshman D.	2020	ILANGAKOON, Amal Michael	2020
DE SILVA, Lalindra	2020	JANSEN, Conrad Gary	2010
DE SILVA, Larry	2014	JANSEN, Shane	2010
DE SILVA, Randy	2009	JANSZ, Brian Gordon	2005
DE SILVA, Senal	2018	JANSZ, Rodney	2017
DE VOS, Milroy	2019	JASINGHE, Neomal	2020
DE ZILVA, Adrian	2022	JAYASEKERA, Bumpy C. W.	2018
DEVAPURA, Jetha	2010	JAYASEKERA, Gavin	2017
DHARMAWARDENA, Kushan	2019	JAYASEKERA, Sandy Rajpal	2013
DIAS, Pradeep J. A. G.	2014	JAYASENA, Rajiv	2016
DIAS, Yohan	2006	JAYASINGHE, Chandra Asoka	2017
DISSANAYAKE, Janaka	2018	JAYASINGHE, Kalyanasiri (Kal)	2019
DISSANAYAKE, Loshan Ashantha	2009	JAYASINGHE, Ranga P	2008
D'SILVA, H. Derek	2012	JAYASURIYA, M.D.A. Tarik	2012
D'SILVA, H. Roger C.	2016	JAYASURIYA, Sarath	2018
D'SILVA, Ralph	2019	JAYAWARDENA, Asanka	2020
EMERSON, Richard J	2019	JAYAWICKREME, Suraj	2017
ESANKAMAL, Malinda	2012	JAYAWICKREME, Eshan Mahesa	2009
FERDINANDS, Brian Anthony	2016	JAYETILEKE, Shehan Vinod	2011
FERDINANDS, Donald Anthony (Tony)	2010	JESUDHASON, Dr Edward	2019
FERDINANDS, James (Jim) Donald	2016	JEYAKUMAR, Jebastian	2016
FERDINANDS, John	2006	JUNAIDEEN Rayhaan	2008
FERDINANDS, Maurice	2006	KANAGASABAI, H. Selva	2019
FERDINANDS, Rupert W	2018	KANAGASABAI, Lakshman S.	2020
FERNANDO, Billy	2014	KANATHIGODA, Malithi Nalaka	2014
FERNANDO, Deeptha	2007	KAPUWATTE, Shevaan	2018
FERNANDO, Dinesh	2020	KARIYAWASAM, Nadeeshan	2012

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KARIYAWASAM, Viren	2011
KARUNARATNE, Rayendra	2017

NAME	Paid To
PERERA, Ruwan	2017
PERERA, Senarath Mudalige Shehan R.	2010

KARUNATILAKE, Bandula	2005	PERERA, Usher Nalaka	2015
KARUNATILAKE, Saliya	2015	PILAPITIYA, Daham Anthony	2012
KATHIRGAMATHAMBY, Sajeevan	2007	PONNIAH, Jeya	2018
KAVINDA, Nuwan	2016	PRABHA David	2009
KOCH, Garvin	2017	PREMKUMAR, Sanjay	2018
KOCH, Godfrey E. L.	2014	RAHIM, Shihan	2011
KOCH, Jeffrey H.	2016	RAJADURAI, Joe	2009
LA BROOY, Glen Arden	2012	RAJAKARUNA, Shiran	2017
LANDERS, Millon Hope	2019	RAJAPAKSE, Suraj	2013
LAPPEN, Delwyn	2020	RANABAHU, Sean Dimith	2016
LAWRENCE, Michael	2010	RANASINGHE, Malaka Navindra	2014
LAWTON, Christopher A.	2018	RASARATNAM, Mahendra	2017
LAWTON, Christopher J.	2020	RASIAH, John	2007
LAWTON, Michael E.	2018	RATNARAJAH, Vasikaran	2018
LEKAMGE, E. D. B.	2010	RATNAYAKE, Ravi	2009
LEWIS, Leon Howard	2019	RATNAYAKE, Thivanka Madusha	2018
LIYANAGE, Milinda J.	2021	RAUFF, Mazhar M.	2020
LIYANAGE, Saman	2020	REID, Barney D.	2017
LOOS, Rev Gerald	2018	REID, Claud E.	2018
LOOS, Granville Allison	2019	REID, Dr. Barclay G.(Buddy)	2018
LOOS, Lyndon Wilhelm	2018	REID, Ronnie	2019
LOOS, Hermon	2016	RICHARDS, Marcus	2012
MAHENDRAN, Shylagen Venayaga	2010	RUPASINGHE, Don Janith	2018
MALLAWAARACHCHI, Suresh Sanjaya	2017	ROBERTS, Anthony Gerald	2010
MALLET, Anthony J. W.	2018	ROBERTS, Richard	2020
MASILAMANI, Michael	2016	ROCKWOOD, David C.	2015
MATHER, Dr. Paul Rohan	2019	RODIE, John	2018
MAZAHIR, Nishad	2007	RODRIGO, A. Lakshan	2013
MEARES, Trevor	2021	RODRIGO, Nimal Ravindra	2004
MEEGAMA, Suren Royden	2011	RODRIGO, Pramuditha Akalanka	2017
MENDIS, Glen	2017	RODRIGO, Ranmal	2014
MENDIS, Trevor A.	2018	RODRIGUE, Darrel	2018
MOLLIGODA, Bandula	2014	ROWLAND, Ed	2009
MOLLIGODA, Suriya	2013	ROWLANDS, Adlai Perc	2006
MORENO, Emilio	2017	RUWANPURA, Helaka	2009
MORTIMER, Geoffrey L E	2012	SAMARAJIWA, Manish Neuran	2010
MUBARAK, Mohamed Nabil	2016	SAMARAJIWA, Shalindra Neuran	2013
MUTTUKUMARU, Rushan Lloyd	2015	SANSONI, Adrian Noel	2015
NADARAJAH Suresh	2008	SARAVANAMUTTU, Arasu	2018
NADARAJAH, Prashanth	2011	SARAVANAMUTTU, Ari	2018
NAGARAJAH, C. Romesh	2018	SARAVANAMUTTU, Tiru	2021
NAGARAJAH, Rajievan	2008	SCHARENGUIVEL, Keith	2017
NANAYAKKARA, Dilusha R.	2013	SCHOORMAN, Peter	2018
NANAYAKKARA, Mark	2020	SELVADURAI, Sehan Nehru	2018
NANAYAKKARA, Nalin	2019	SELVARAJAH, Mano	2010
NESIAH, Vaseeharan	2018	SELVARATNAM, Dr. Peter	2020
NICHOLAS, Christopher	2018	SELVARATNAM, Lakshman	2010

NICOL, Nigel	2019	SENANAYAKE, Akila	2012
NILAWEERA, Tilak	2009	SENARATNE, Godfrey	2018
OHLMUS, Evelyn R. D.	2019	SENARATNE, Sarath	2020
ONDAATJE, Peter P.J.	2020	SENEVIRATNE, Chanaka	2009
OVERLUNDE, Stevie	2019	SENEVIRATNE, Eardley Kevin	2006
PALMER, Carlyle (Carlo) D.	2024	SENEVIRATNE, Earle	2011
PALMER, Gavin	2022	SENEVIRATNE, Mani	2018
PAUL, Dr Amarjit	2013	SENEVIRATNE, Niranjana	2007
PEARS, Michael	2014	SETUNGA, Raymond	2020
PEIRIS, Duane	2012	SHMUEL, Immanuel	2014
PEIRIS, Mangala	2005	SILVA, DANIDU	2018
PEIRIS, Mervyn	2017	SILVA, Kristian	2010
PEIRIS, Nadija Kalhara	2006	SILVA, P. Jayampathy O.	2020
PEREIRA, Ernley O	2011	SIRIMANE, Anura	2008
PERERA, Dr. Mahendra H	2015	SIRITUNGA, Mahendra Vishwajith	2004
PERERA, Naveen Tharindu	2008	SMITH, Adam A	2008
PERERA, Niranga	2016	SMITH, Norman Allan	2012

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SOMANADER, Gehan Rufus	2016	GUNASINGHE Ruwan	2018
SOMASUNDERAM, Marty Thiagarajah	2020	HENSMAN Mohan	2007
SRI BAWAN, M	2019	MASEFIELD, Graham R.L.	2010
ST. JOHN, Ajit Gavin	2023	PERERA, Nimal J	2004
ST. JOHN, David	2021	RUPESINGHE, Roshan	2014
STORK, Lynwood	2022	SWAN, William L	2019
SUNDARANATHAN, Mahinthan	2015	VANDERSMAGT, Vernon	2009
SURIARACHI, Gamini A.W.	2008	VELUPILLAI, Anthony R. Lakshman	2010
TILLEKERATNE, Prof Lal Chandra	2021	VIDAYASAGARAN(Haran) Ramachandran	2015
TIRIMANNE, Ranjan	2019	WICKRAMASINGHE, Thishan	2018
THAJUDEEN, Asfan	2017		
THIEDEMAN Michael	2015	NORTHERN TERRITORY	
THIEDEMAN, Shane	2031	SHU Jimmy	2009
THIRUNEELA, Mauran	2007		
UDUGAMA, Jitendra Ashantha	2018	QUEENSLAND	
VALLIPURAM, Dr. Skantha K.	2009	AMARATUNGA, Rohith	2011
VAN TWEST, Harold	2014	BAINES, Trevor	2009
VANDERWERT, Cedric	2016	COORAY, Hiran	2011
VANNITHAMBY, Reg (Thambi)	2017	DISSANAYAKE, Sadeesh	2009
VARNEY, Allan	2018	EDWARD, J Roy D	2012
VARNEY, Ashley	2018	GARTH, David	2017
VARNEY, Christopher	2018	GUNAWARDANA, Uditha W.	2011
VARNEY, David	2018	HAMEED, Ahmed Shezad	2007
VELUPILLAI, Gerrard	2009	HERFT, Spencer.G.	2018
VYTINGAM, Raj	2018	LAYMAN, Leon Anthony	2006
WAMBEEK, P.E. Keith	2020	MENDIS, Niru Duleep	2005
WANIGATUNGA, Jayantha	2019	MISSO, REVD. KAROL	2018
WARNAKULASURIYA, Dinesh	2016	WANIGASOORIYA, Kamal	2012

WAZIL, Adhnan	2006	WEINMAN, Beaufort A.	2012
WEERASINGHE, Praveen	2018		
WEERASINGHE, Odath S.	2019	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	
WEERASIRI, Dr Tilak	2019	LECAMWASAM, Dr D.S	2010
WEINMAN, Rev. Ravanel	2011	PONNIAH, S.G. Ranjan	2020
WICKRAMASEKERA, Rajitha Dulanjan	2012		
WICKRAMASINGHE, Sankha C. S.	2018	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	
WICKRAMASURIYA, Dushan	2009	ARNDT, George Arthur Richard	2015
WICKREMARATNA, Vidura	2013	DE KAUWE, Dr. Vevil	2017
WIJAYASURIYA, Prasada	2026	FAIRWEATHER, Maurice D	2020
WIJERATNE, Dhanuja	2018	INGRAM, Dennis	2010
WIJESINHA, Dr. Sanjiva	2017	JAYASEKERA, Mohan D.	2013
WIJESINHA, Rohan Devinda	2013	MAKALANDA, Kavan	2007
WIJESUNDERA, Chamila	2008	MAY, Walter	2019
WIJEY, Ashley	2017	SCHOKMAN, David Norman	2011
WIJEYARATNAM, Sancho	2018	VIRASINGHE, Indra A.K.	2016
WIKRAMANAYAKE, Nimal	2010		
ZARANI, Mohamed Yusuf	2013	OVERSEAS	
ZAVEER, Mohamed Imran	2017	LOHENDRAN, Chelliah	2023
ZIMSEN, J. A.Terrence	2021	CLAASZ, Anthony Dermot Nigel	2020
		COSWATTE, Renuke Jagath Bandara	2006
ACT		DE ALWIS, Anil Denham	2010
ALDONS, Malcolm Eric	2010	DE SOYSA, Sunil	2012
ARSAKULASURIYA, Aruna	2006	EPHRAUMS, Lance.H.D.	2011
DIAS ABEYESINGHE, Rohan	2020	HILLMAN, Jeremy	2009
JACOB, Elmo	2020	FERNANDO, Dayan (DDL)	2015
REBERA, Basil	2017	MORRIS, Reyhan	2005
		MUNASINGHE, P.L.	2006
NEW SOUTH WALES		PEREIRA EDWARD. V	2005
ARNDT, Dr. Douglas V.	2019	SARAVANAMUTTU, Rajan	2017
BARTHOLOMEUSZ, David	2009	SATURNINUS, Peter	2004
BERENGER, Milroy	2022	SCHOKMAN, Larry	2023
DE ZILVA, Charles	2011	SENARATNE, Lalith	2007
D'SILVA, Stefan	2010	THOMAS, Bertram W.R.	2005
DISSANAYAKE, Prabudith Amila Lakmal	2018	TISSERA, George Vernon	2009
FLAMER-CALDERA, Maxim	2025	WEERASINGHE, Abhaya	2019
GOONATILAKA, Tissa	2020	WIJERATNE, W. D. Neil	2019
GRIGSON, Francis Frederick	2013	WIJESINHA, Shirley Patrick	2022



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Cash/Cheque/Money Order* for \$_____ is enclosed (in favour of S. Thomas' College OBA)

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