



The Omnibus

BISHOP'S COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION
September 2024 Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The very first issue of our Omnibus newsletter came out in 1993 by Kamini de Soysa and Kamanee Hapugalle. As a student I grew up reading the newsletters my mum got, hoping that one day I too could be on the team. So at a PPA members' motivational workshop, I met Ayoma de Silva and told her I had just left Masters Advertising and would like to help on the newsletter. Before I knew it I was Jt. Secretary with Anne Coorey for President Ann Anthonis! The rest as they say is history!

The newsletter was in one colour and the challenge was to squeeze everything on one A4 with no photos. Dr Philine Peiris our late Patron always obliged with her reminiscences. Shahazina Lhareef reviewed picnics, Angela Seneviratne reviewed dinner dances and in recent years, Tharanga de Silva's event reviews... It's been a pleasure working on the Omnibus since 1997. I never dreamt that I would be penning a president's message today.

I'm deeply grateful to all the Presidents and executive committees for giving me the license to work on their newsletters, and now take over as PPA president in this very special year. It is such an honour. But more than that, a responsibility close to my heart. A shout out to my batch of 1993 (this is a special milestone year for us too!) and to everyone on the PPA, I look forward to your 100% support and loyalty to our Alma Mater. Thank you. May the Almighty bless us all.

Hasnah Mohideen (nee Abdul Cader)

PPA EVENTS 2024/26

Amante Indulgence Day - 26th October 2024

Christmas Bazaar - 25th November 2024

Reach Out Committee (ROC) event - Dec 2024

XIth Sisters of St. Margaret Oration and

BC Coffee Table Book Launch - 22nd January 2025

AGM - August 2025

One Fifty Dinner Dance - 27th September 2025

*Hurry get your early bird offer of the

Limited Edition 150th Anniversary Book

before 15th Oct 2024!



AMANTÉ INDULGENCE

- Special offers upto 35%-40% for PPA members on **Sat 26th October 2024!**
- Lucky Dip for all purchases above Rs 10,000/- and discount/gift if members come in school colours
- Free refreshment for PPA members who purchase at Amanté
- Open to BC Teachers, PTA and snr students
- Bring your PPA card and BC IDs to Amanté at Race Course Mall, Colombo 7.

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD!

As BC celebrates 150 years, we are thrilled to unveil the event calendar for the Bishop's College landmark anniversary celebrations!

Join us as we honour our rich history and the vibrant community that has made it all possible. From special events to memorable gatherings, and the limited edition Book, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Please check the **last page** of this issue for the full calendar with details! Mark your calendars, stay tuned, and get ready to be part of the celebrations!



Incoming Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (2024-2026)

- Ms. Chemali Goonetilleke Herath – Principal (Ex-Officio)
- Hasnah Mohideen – President
- Lakmali Wickremesooriya- Vice President
- Wathsala Aluthgedara- Vice President
- Kavindi Wijesekera- Jt. Secretary
- Nimmi Ariyaratne- Jt. Secretary
- Ashvini Perera- Treasurer
- Madurika Samarasekera- Assistant Treasurer
- Zahara Maruzook- Advisor
- Sonali Dias- Advisor
- Michele Wickramasekera- Rep. to Board of Governors
- Delani Mitchell- Hon. Membership Secretary
- Sunella Dissanayeke-Mohotti- Imm. Past President

Committee

- Charika Muttiah, Shyama Perera
- Tharanga De Silva, Minal Ranatunga
- Farah Faleel, Udara Hettiarachchi
- Angie Dep, Sumangaly Sithamparam
- Afrah Saheed, Tenuki Samaranyake
- Khaalisha Ilham, Saandra Senanayake
- Anushly Sithamparam, Priyanganie Fernando



Welcoming our Chief Guest



Chief Guest's Speech

AGM 2024

The AGM was held successfully on 13th July, 2024. The Business meeting began at 10.30 am after which Everyone was requested to rise for the School Hymn and two minutes silence was observed in memory of the dearly departed. At the business meeting Hasnah Mohideen was elected as President for the term 2024/26 and the new Ex-co was introduced. Mrs. Mohini Thambiah was elected the new Patron of the BC PPA. Mrs Ramola Sivasundaram was elected as a Vice Patron to fill in the vacancy of Mrs. M Thambiah.

Chief guest Ms. Sashikala Premawardhene gave an informative speech about her work in the foreign service, and encouraged young members to enter the field. The 150th Anniversary celebration Committee made a presentation of the 150th logo and the celebrations for 2025. The PPA choir performed the Lollipop song to an appreciative audience. The buffet lunch in the Foyer was enjoyed by all with delicious meringues for dessert!



Address by Sunella



The first PPA choir performance at the AGM



Chief Guest Sashikala with Principal

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

After the PPA was inaugurated in 1896 the first fundraiser was a Bazaar. The Queen's House was approached and Lady Blake, wife of the Governor at the time gave her patronage and opened the Bazaar. And that was the start of successful bazaars and fetes organised by the BC PPA through the years.

Cut to 2024, the BC PPA together with the batch of '93 is organizing a Christmas themed pop up sale giving a platform for Bishopians in business and traders to showcase their products, a month before Christmas!

Date: Monday 25th Nov 2024, from 10am to 10pm, at the Auditorium premises. It is open to the public. Entrance to the Bazaar is **free**.

A display table (6 ft x 2.5 ft) will cost **Rs. 10,000/-**. There will be opportunities galore for promotions, and for those who wish to showcase their musical talents, there will be an open Mic and even karaoke!

An exciting Monday for all past pupils and families! Mark your calendar!

We encourage all batches to take tables and be a part of the Bazaar.....from games tables to bake sales, accessories, clothes, cosmetics, toys, to pre ordered lunches, hot tea, iced coffee and Falooda....the possibilities are endless!

Please call **Farah 077 7225511** or **Nimmi 076 9365482** for more information.

PPA CHOIR

The PPA choir consisting of many talented former Bishopians was initially set up to sing at the service held at St Michael's Church Polwatte to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the PPA. The choir has grown since then in numbers, spanning a cross section of varying age groups, most of whom have sung in the school choir. In June 2023, the PPA choir performed at the Festival of Choirs held at the Cathedral. Then in December 2023, the choir was invited to perform at the De Lanerolle Brothers' Christmas show. This year the choir sang at the AGM 2024. The choir stays connected through a WhatsApp group and meets once a month. We warmly welcome all Bishopians to join the choir so that we can showcase our talent.

Please contact **Khaalisha** on 070 592 8182 or **Zahara** on 0777 520501 and join this vibrant group.

SIGN UP FOR THE SPORTS FEST IN JAN 2025

The PPA team participated in the Saints Quadrangular Athletics Meet held on the 1st and 2nd of June 2024. With the BC 150th Anniversary coming up the PPA is gearing to take part in the Sports Fest 2025, on January 24th, from 8 am to 8 pm which will have past pupils and present students taking part in Athletics and team events, side by side, playing for their houses! House t-shirts will be made available for participants. Give us a call to sign up with House coordinators:

Ford- Nimmi on 076 936 5482

Chapman - Farah on 077 722 5511

Copleston - Charika on 077 493 8856

Henley - Anushly 077 733 9307

Or call: **Tharanga 0777361857 & Tenuki 0774049164.**



Saints Quadrangular Athletics Meet- Held on the 1st and 2nd of June 2024 the BCPPA sports Team Participated wearing the PPA t-shirts.

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ORATION & BOOK LAUNCH

The Sisters of St Margaret Oration is a series of Orations organized by the Bishop's College PPA to celebrate Founder's Day, to pay tribute to the Sisters of St. Margaret.

The Oration followed by the Book Launch will take place on the **22nd of January 2025, at the BC Auditorium, at 5.30 pm.**

The year 2025 marks a very special year in the school's calendar as Bishop's College celebrates 150 years since its inception. The Oration will be delivered by an Alumni of our school, historian and academic Prof. Sujit Sivasundaram, Head of World History, University of Cambridge, UK.

Generations have passed through BC, upholding the legacy of the Nuns. This Oration and Book Launch marks the PPA's role in the 150th anniversary, showcasing our strong bond with the school.

The Oration committee is chaired by **Asma Jeevunjee and Yasmin Akbarally**. Since entry is by invitation only, we request you to register with the PPA office and collect your personalised invitation.

The book committee is Chaired by **Ramola Sivasundaram and Savitri Wijesekera**. This book will be a timeless keepsake, celebrating the milestones, achievements, and the enduring spirit of the Bishop's College community. It will serve not only as a tribute to the past but also as an inspiration for future generations of Bishopians.

All who pre ordered the book will be notified of the collection dates, after the launch.



Nishedha Indraratne (standing), Sonali Dias, Harin Amirthanathan, and Book editor Savithri Rodrigo, at work.

COFFEE TABLE BOOK

With the encouragement of the Bishop and the Board of Governors, the PPA was given the task to curate a limited edition book which includes the history of the school to celebrate 150 years of BC; which is ongoing, and will be ready by January 2025. You can visit the PPA website www.bcppa.lk to pre-order and ensure your copy of this limited edition book.



Pictured above is **Sunella Dissanayeke Mohotti** President (2022/24) on the left with co chairs of the Coffee Table Book, Past Presidents **Ramola Sivasundaram** and **Savithri Wijesekera**. Savithri, the PPA Rep to the Board of Governors before ending her tenure played a significant role, to support the Principal on her initiation to start international O/Level at BC, currently successfully implemented and ongoing at School. **Ramola Sivasundaram** is a very active Vice Patron instrumental in collaborating with sponsors and donors for the book with **Savithri Rodrigo** as the author. Huge thanks to our book marketing team **Lakmali, Udara, Wathsala, Afrah, Ruchira,** and **Harshala** who worked with the class representatives on pre-sales. Thanks also to PPA office assistant **Suhara**. And to **Afrah Saheed** who worked tirelessly to implement online sales of our Coffee Table Book via our website. To ALL who contributed with donations, stories and photos, we thank you for making it possible.



Hasnah and Nimmi at the Membership drive



Sonali Dias handing over a pledge of Rs. 500,000 from the PPA to Principal for the Chapel refurbishment.

MEMBERSHIP

To receive **WhatsApp** updates from the BC PPA on all events, please text your name to **077 9722988**. We encourage all our members to join the **WhatsApp Channel**, especially to keep members up to date.

Thank you to **Udara Hettiarachchi** for all the work on the Social Media handles.

We had our **membership drive** on 3rd May 2024 for 34 Edexcel A/L students. 25 joined on the day. Hasnah Mohideen & Nimmi Ariyaratne represented the PPA.

Any member who has applied for their **new Membership card** and yet to receive it, please contact the PPA office or email us your receipt/details of payment.

We are very grateful to **Delani Mitchell** our Hon. Membership secretary for all her work on registering new Members, which now stands at 5048 life members and 138 Associate Members. Membership forms and forms for lost membership cards are available for download on the website contact page or at the PPA Office.

If you wish to purchase a printed copy of the Omnibus please contact Suhara at the PPA office.

Please note that our email bishopppa@gmail.com is no longer in use. Please email us at bcppa@bcppa.lk

PRIZE GIVING

The School Prize Giving for the year 2023 was held on 5th July 2024. Head prefect **Janindi Perera** received the Gold Medal awarded by the PPA since 1912. The chief guest was Ms. Nalika Nanayakkara a senior prefect 1989 and part donor of the new building. Hasnah Mohideen received an invitation and attended along with our Rep to the Board of Gov., Michele Wickeremesekera.



A donation was made by Past Pupil Mrs. Chandra Silva (left) towards the A/L Building. Pictured with Principal and Sonali.



The first contribution by a batch for the New Building was from the O'Level batch of 1973.

BC PPA Patron and Vice Patrons
Patron: Mrs. Mohini Thambiah

12 Vice Patrons:

Mrs. Mirza Jafer, Mrs. Ann Anthonis,
Mrs. Malkanthi Perera, Mrs. Kamini De Soysa,
Mrs. Nimala Attygalle, Mrs. Clarice Dias,
Mrs. Veena Jayasundara,
Mrs. Indrani Athukorale, Mrs. Lindley Jayasuriya,
Mrs. Valarie Roland, Mrs. Mifthia Hussain,
Mrs. Ramola Sivasundaram

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all the batch representatives for their exceptional efforts in coordinating activities and sharing news. Your invaluable support in pre-selling the coffee table book has been instrumental in reaching our wider community and we look forward to your continued assistance. We eagerly anticipate your presence at the January events celebrating our 150th anniversary, as your participation truly enriches our community. - **Lakmali**

SUB COMMITTEE BANK

A WhatsApp group was created to inform members when help is needed for projects. A big thank you to all who volunteered at the AGM. To sign up please send your name and batch year to the BC PPA WhatsApp number +94 (77) 972 2988.

WASHROOM PROJECT



A cheque from the surplus of the PPA Cricket Carnival was handed over to school in February 2024, for the completion of the swimming pool washroom project undertaken by the PTA.

CURTAIN PROJECT



The curtain project was completed by the batch of 1996, on 15th August 2024, at the BC Auditorium (Changing Rooms). Thank you **Dinu, Saruchi and Sunella** for seeing the project through.

REACH OUT COMMITTEE

Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength.– Betty Friedan

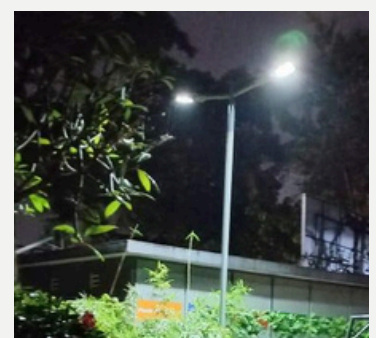
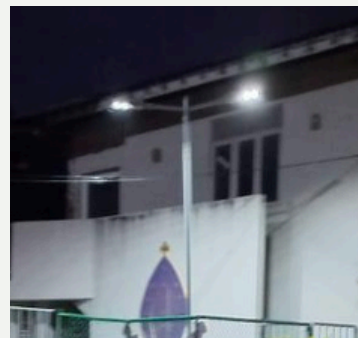
In this busy world we often forget to reach out to our Seniors and hear their ideas and interests to see how best we can be of help.

The Reach out Committee over the years have been looking after the needs of the over 70s. We have organised Christmas get togethers and a book read for a senior member who was unable to have a book launch due to the Covid. We take much interest in organising such events to keep them in touch with their age groups. When ever there has been a need for visits and caring we have always reached out to them. Special milestone birthdays are remembered with a visit.

The swimming pool has opened up to the members who would like to make use of the opportunity. We will try our best to propose new fellowship ideas to have them interested in board games and chair yoga etc. We have encouraged them to join groups that have such programs as we are yet to find a location to implement a program for the members. If you have any ideas or suggestions please feel free to message.

If you need to talk to any of our members regarding the projects please get in touch with **Manami Liyanasuriya: 0777350139** or **Sonali Dias: 0717588977**

SOLAR BEAM PROJECT



PPA member and Patron of PPA Melbourne **Achini Kanathigoda** and her batch of 1992 facilitated a solar-beam project at school to fund 12 solar lights for the school's public areas.

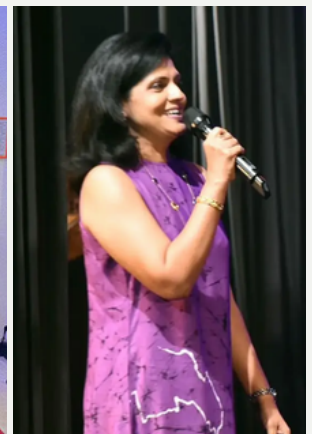
BACK TO STAGE!



Organized together with the STC OBA, Back to Stage brought back nostalgic memories for Thomians and Bishopians young and old reminiscing the good old years they worked together on stage as students. This project brought the two schools working together again to relive and re-build the strong ties it holds between the schools.

The production brought together an array of past pupils of different ages, a wide range of talents onto stage, and the fusion they created together made a fanciful production indeed. The Project Chairs Sonali Dias and Rukshan Kuru-Utumpala, Assistant Directors Nafeesa Amirudeen, Shyama Perera, Shadwell Weerasinghe, and Sanjeev Jayaratnam made sure the audience watched a show to remember.

The performances were unique and out of the ordinary, we saw siblings performing together, bands comprising of various ages come together as one act. There were dance acts and performances from current students, and a curtain call from vice principal, principal and the sub warden too! The night was exemplary. What an experience BACK TO STAGE WAS!!!-
Kavindi



REMEMBERING ANNE

It was sad to hear of the death of Anne Cooray, a Bishopian, who spared neither time nor energy in doing her bit for her Alma Mater, by quietly working tirelessly for the Past Pupils Association. The PPA in its tribute to her said "that she was like a tree that gives unconditionally and that she was the epitome of loyalty to Bishop's College throughout her life." I shall miss her presence at the various charity bazaars where she invariably had a stall for high quality linen and nightwear which I patronized. May she rest in peace and my sympathies are with her family.



Always with a ready smile, aunty Anne Coorey was an ardent supporter of the BC PPA who took her membership coordinator responsibilities to heart. She inspired school leavers on the importance of joining the PPA. She was truly loved by us all and we looked up to her. Her loyalty and generosity to the PPA and School is exemplary.

We relished her achcharu made with love and Amberalla from her garden at our meetings. We loved the Nasnaarang she would share so generously. A loving Nana to her grand daughters, she could hardly eat without sharing with them and their friends on the School Founders' Day. Ready for a good laugh, she played the part of the Prince in Cinderkelle, with aplomb.

So many memories we shared together working as joint secretaries for aunty Ann Anthonis whom she referred to as our Guru. From T-shirt sales to any field work she'll be there. When she fell ill her loss was something we could not imagine. Her last ex-co meeting was on my birthday treat and she made a special effort to come with cupcakes for all of us. I still miss her calls reminding us to wear our badges. Rest in Peace aunty Anne, you will always be remembered with love at BC. - Hasnah M

OBITUARIES

We acknowledge the demise of Past Pupils Ex-Co member Anne Coorey, Prof. Yasmin Gooneratne, Grace Thambar, Jhansi Ponniah, Malrani Jayasundara, Jennifer Calander, Shehara de Zylva, Nimal Mendis, Shivani Fernando, Roma de Zoysa, old boy Rohan de Saram, Past pupil & teacher Ramany Nadarajah née Sivakumar and past teacher Ms. Sarojini Prelis.

MRS. ROMA DE ZOYSA

Patron of the BC PPA USA, Roma de Zoysa's name will continue to shine from the Daniel Memorial Prize board for Oratory 1952. She will be remembered for her acting skills playing the role of Blanche Du Boise, in Tennessee Williams' "A Street Car Named Desire" in both the Sinhala production as well as the English. She won best supporting actress in that year for her role in the Sinhala production.

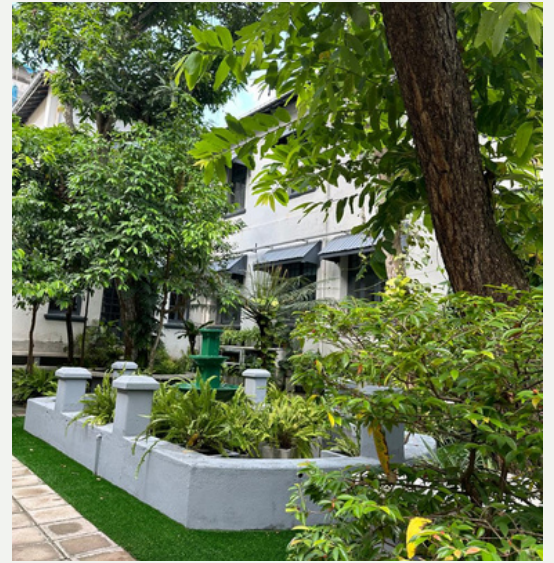
A friendly, socially active lady who gave back to her community, not to mention glamorous even in her 90's, she'll also be remembered as a great cook by those who had the privilege of knowing her. Having operated her own restaurant, "Roma's Kitchen" for many years, she even received exposure in the Los Angeles Times for her culinary expertise. Her recipes went on to being distributed to a global readership via "Jayam's Good News".

Celebrating her life, and hearing about her work, we see the shadows of our school motto "Non Sibi Sed Omnibus" - Not for one but for all, in how she lived and loved, especially how during her stint in Indonesia she taught, English and Social Studies at Gandhi Memorial School (an International school) for several years. Even in the USA she operated her own Pre-school. In Los Angeles she participated tirelessly in activities that promoted Sri Lankan culture, with her involvement in the Sri Lanka America Association as well as the Sri Lanka Foundation. May she Rest in Peace. - HM

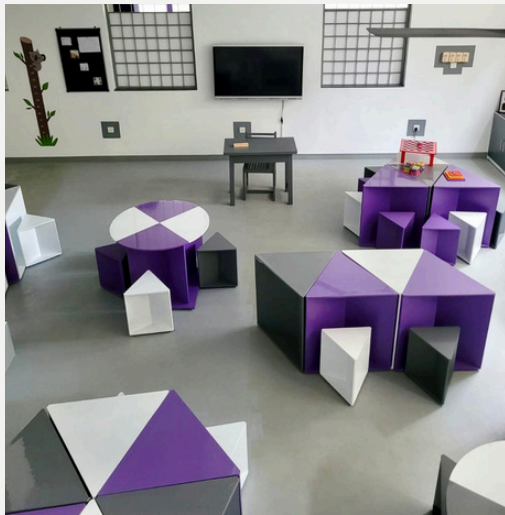


Mrs Roma de Zoysa with Achala Weerasinghe on the left.

A WALK THROUGH SCHOOL



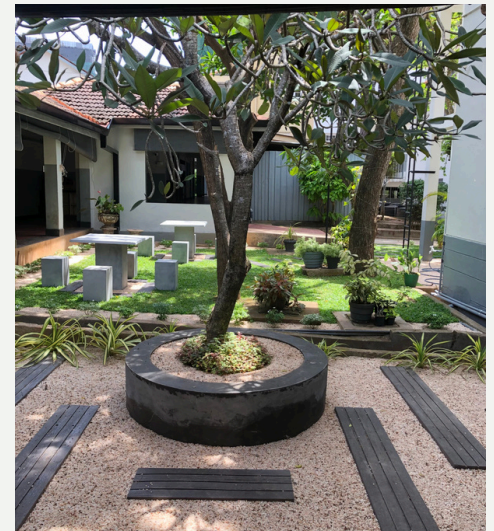
Oliver's Garden



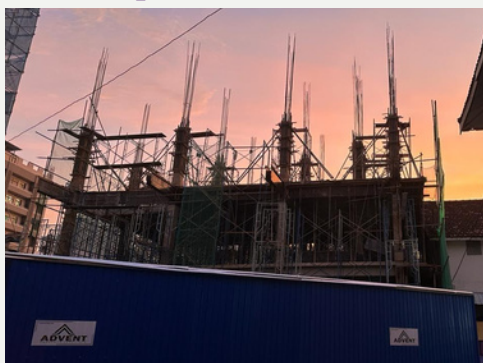
The completed Math Lab



Any one for Batta?



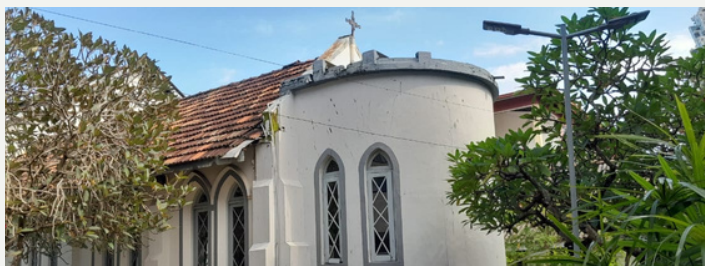
Sensory garden along the Red Corridor...



The upcoming new building



A walk down memory lane.



The Chapel now under refurbishment and roof repair

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

March 2024

- 2nd – **Breit'24** – An indoor Band Show organized by the Western Music Society
- 12th - **Induction** Ceremony of Prefects and Office Bearers 2024/2025 at 3:00 p.m. in the Main Hall
 - o Head Prefect Deenah Sangani
 - o Deputy Head Prefects Rakkshetha Soundararajan & Singithi Herath
 - o Games Captain Imaaya Perera
 - o Games Vice Captains Ashenka Sumanapala & Dulmi Dias
- 12th – 19th - **Swimming** Team Toured Thailand – won 8 Medals



April 2024

- 2nd - **Sports Meet**
 - o Chief Guest – Ms. Tiasha Renganathan (Head Prefect – 2003 & Games Vice Captain – 2002)
 - o Overall champions – Ford House Captained by Hirupama Ranasinghe, after 30 years
- 5th – **Primary Activity Day**
 - o Theme – Bishopians @ the Olympics
 - o Chief Guest – Ven. Christopher Balraj (Archdeacon of Colombo)
- 6th – **First Aid Programme**
 - o Ninewells Wellness Center – 9:30 – 2:00 p.m.
 - o Attended by the Principal, VP, Sectional Heads, Sports Department, Child Care Matrons & Nurses
- 27th – **Staff Guild Trip**
 - o Venue – Suriya Resorts, Kammala - Negambo
 - o 120 Staff Members attended

May 2024

- 4th – Upgraded and Opened the **Swimming Pool** Washrooms donated by the Batch of 2006
- 29th – **Motivational** Address by past pupil Jeyanthi Kuru Uthumpala for the upper school students



BC vs MC Inaugural Basket Ball Encounter in Aug.

June 2024

- 12th – 50th **Bhakthi Gee** by the Buddhist Society
- 15th – Father Daughter **Cricket Carnival** – organized by the 'not so old boys'
- 20th – **Band Heroes** by the Interact Clubs of BC and St. Joseph's College
- 29th – PTA Sing along '**Break Free – Volume 2**' at Waters Edge Hotel



July 2024

- 5th – **Annual Prize Giving** – Chief Guest Ms. Nalika Nanayakkara, Copleston House Captain, Senior Prefect 1989 & donor to the new building
- 8th – '**Cinerama**' a short film premiered by the Sinhala Societies of BC and RC at Liberty Cinema

August 2024

- 2nd - **Dog Show** conducted by the Sri Lankan Navy organized by the Global Spectrum Society
- 7th – **Swimming Meet** – Chief Guest Mrs. Sunella Dissanayeke Mohotti (Swimming Captain 1995)
- 9th – **Leadership** Team Training on Social and Dinning Etiquette by Kumar De Silva – Galadari Hotel
- 12th – 16th – **Hockey Team** Toured India
- 30th – **BC MC** Inaugural Basket Ball Encounter

September 2024

- 28th – LC BC Hockey Encounter. BC won.



October 2024

- 2nd – '**In the Spotlight**' by Voce Omnibus and Intermediate Choirs
- 8th – **Islamic Day**
- 15th – **Exhibit '24** – Inaugural Photography exhibition by the Media Unit
- 16th – **Primary Swimming Gala**
- 23rd – **Kallai Vizha**
- 26th – **Health Camp** for the Staff by the Teachers' Guild
- 30th – **Amity Table Tennis** Encounter

November 2024

- 22nd – **Nativity Service**

December 2024

- 6th – **Carol Service**
- 7th – **Staff Christmas Party**



Candy floss from the PPA on Children's Day on 29th September

TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS

The BC PPA in the U.K was inaugurated on the 28th of April 1990 with the permission of the then Principal Mrs Lindley Jayasuriya. The founding members were Chavi Yogeswaran, Anusha Ekanayake and Mala Weerasena.

At the first meeting the association was formed with Chavi as the President, Vice-President Anusha, Secretary Nedra and the Treasurer Dharshini Turnbull along with thirteen committee members. Amy Wickremaratne, Arnjalie Rowe, Barbara Karnathigoda, Ingrid Anthony, Katie Willat, Jennifer Cader, Nancy Nunn, Praema De Zoysa, Ruwani Gunawardena, Shevanti Sen, Sheila Fernley, Selvie Pullneyagam and Sonali de Silva. Past pupils from as far as Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Kent & Surrey attended the first meeting with their ages spanning from 20s to 70s.

From the beginning we have been involved in various events with the sole purpose of raising funds for the support of our alma mater and expand our membership. The project that is closest to our heart is funding of scholarships for A/level students needing support at the most critical time. We have accomplished this task through funds raised by our members.

Over the years the BC PPA UK has grown and achieved much progress due to some of our long-standing members and our patron Lady Susan Shakespeare. Some of our former committee members are Indrani Wijekoon, Priya Peiris, Vajira Wignarajah, Virginia Raffel, Ameera Hussain, Ilham Ismail, Duru Thamotheram, Mignonne Cader, Deepani De Silva, Rochelle Mortier, Tamani Jayawardena, Linda Lovell, Saandra Senanayake, GowshalyaRohanraj, Vindya Dissanayeke and Nishi Moonesinghe. Please accept our apologies if any names have been omitted.

Bishop's College Past Pupils Association in UK Executive Committee 2024/2025

President - Kanchana Kumarasinghe (nee De Silva)

Vice -President – Tanya Gunawardena
(nee Abeyesekera)

Secretary – Sheena Ariyapala

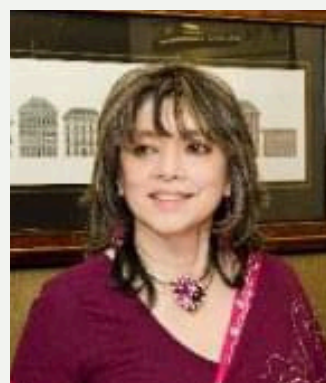
Treasurer – Sherin Sugeeswaran (nee Pillai)



On the 150th anniversary of our alma mater the current committee would like to give thanks to the founding members and all the former committee members and members for all their hard work, guidance, and time they have invested in our association and towards our beloved Bishop's College. Over the past three decades of the BC PPA in the UK these past pupils have diligently worked to support Bishop's College, bringing life to our school motto, 'Not for oneself, but for all'. It is with great love, admiration and pride that we see our school expanding and our students making so much progress academically, in sports and extracurricular activities and wider.

We extend our gratitude towards our present Principal Chemali Goonetilleke Herath and all the teaching staff past and present, the PPA in Colombo and all the BC PPAs across the world in raising the profile of the school and helping to make it the best in the island.

Happy 150th Anniversary Bishop's College! -
bishopscolleppauk@gmail.com



Chavi Yogeswaran



Patron Lady Susan Shakespeare
(centre) with Indrani & Ameera (right)

BC PPA IN USA

Ever since the very first Bishop's College alumni migrated to the United States there have been conversations amongst them about forming a Bishop's College Past Pupils' Association. I know of such intensions and conversations, from Bishop's College alums who arrived in the US long before I did. However, these were drawing-room conversations until Roma De Zoysa, brought this to fulfillment. Having reached out to the school in Colombo, completing and submitting the necessary paperwork to form the Bishop's College PPA, the group was simultaneously established as a Non-Profit Entity in the USA, thereby legitimizing the organization completely.

However, in order for it to be a viable entity she had to gather alumni in the United States who would make up the body of the Association.

Fortunately, outside of an official organization Achala Weerasinge had already taken the initiative to gather other Bishopians to form a cricket team. This team was formed in 2015, and consisted of Achala Weerasinghe (Captain), Chandi Wanniarachchi, Eriko Kotadeniya, Gayoshi Rodrigo, Shanaz Mustafa, and Aroshi De Silva. Since 2015, they were already competing against other Sri Lankan school teams in California. It was just a matter of time before the newly formed Association joined with these younger alum, to form the Bishop's College Past Pupils' Association USA.

The year of inception was 2017. Several Bishopians convened to form, and vote-in the founding committee. The very first events held by the association were primarily for Fellowship; Halloween parties, Christmas parties, lunch and tea parties etc.

Subsequently (and notably post-Covid), the events and projects in which the BC PPA USA has engaged, have been fundraising for Bishop's College, educational projects in Sri Lanka, as well as homeless feedings, donation of blankets and hygiene products to the homeless population in Los Angeles County. (Pictured on the right)

Dr. Sonali Tucker Ed.D.
President



BC PPA USA Celebration of Life of Roma de Zoysa.

Bishop's College Past Pupils Association USA
Executive Committee 2022/2024
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Aaliya Rifky Jabbar - Secretary
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Achala Weerasinghe - Vice Patron
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BC PPA VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA

Since its inauguration in 1989, our Past Pupils' Association has been a vibrant community of empowered women dedicated to maintaining the strong bond that unites us. Over the years, we have come together not only to celebrate our shared history but also to make a positive impact in the broader community.

One of our cherished traditions is the annual Winter Lunch, where old friends reconnect, new friendships are formed, and we take a moment to celebrate the strength and achievements of the women in our Association. It is always a day filled with warmth, laughter, and shared memories.

In addition to our social gatherings, we are proud to take part in the Mother's Day Classic Walk for breast cancer awareness each year. This event holds special significance for us as it allows us to contribute to a worthy cause, showing our support for those affected by breast cancer and raising awareness within our community.

As we look ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to announce that our Association will be hosting two special events to mark the 150th anniversary of our beloved school: a grand Dance and a Founders' Day celebration. These events will be an opportunity to honour our school's rich history, celebrate our achievements, and look forward to the future with optimism and pride.

We invite all our members to join us in these celebrations, as we continue to uphold the values and traditions that have shaped our journey since 1989. Together, we will create new memories, strengthen our bonds, and ensure that our legacy endures for generations to come. - Shazra

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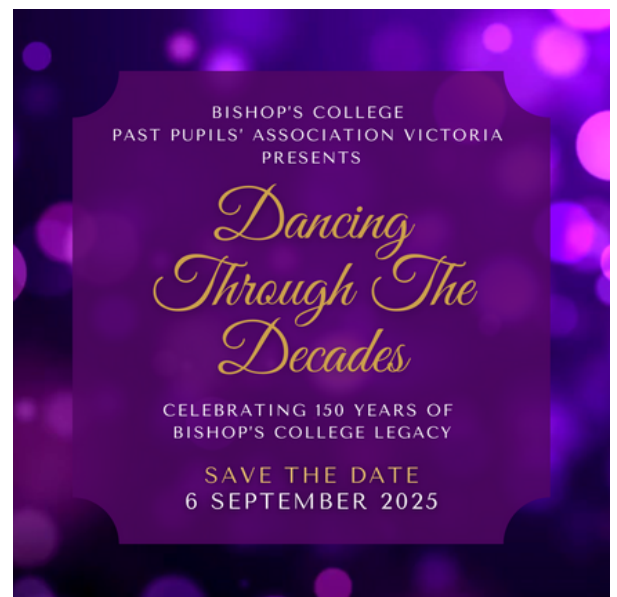


Bishop's College Past Pupils' Association Victoria Executive Committee 2024/2025

- President: Shazra Abdeen-Issadeen
- Vice President: Shazmie Adjumain
- Secretary: Thrishana Pothupitiya Wimalasundera
 - Treasurer: Thamali Jayasekera
- Social Committee: Reshika De Silva and Radhiyaah Sallay



STANDING L-R : Radhiyaah Sallay (Committee Member), Thamali Jayasekera (Treasurer), Shazmie Adjumain (Vice President), Thrishana Pothupitiya (Secretary), Reshika De Silva (Committee Member)
SEATED L-R : Achini Kanathigoda (nee Gunasena) (Patron), Shazra Abdeen-Issadeen (President), Deidre Malton (Immediate Past President)



REMINISCING WITH MS ELIZABETH BUELL

We are delighted to announce the special gathering that took place to celebrate the visit of our beloved Ms. Buell to Toronto Canada. At 95 years young, Ms. Buell graced us with her presence while visiting her niece Suhashini Buell in Toronto. This occasion offered us a unique opportunity to honor and reminisce with someone who has played such an important role in our lives. - Past Pupils in Canada.



SUMMER PICNIC



Past pupils of Bishop's College and their families in Canada enjoyed a fantastic day at the Summer Picnic Potluck, a cherished tradition since 2001! Held at Darlington Provincial Park, Ontario, the event brought everyone together for a day of fun and memories. Huge shout out to Naila and Ilma for organizing it so beautifully!



PPA MEMBERS IN DUBAI



Past pupils in Dubai, team up to represent BC in various Inter School team events such as cricket and bowling. To be part of the action please email: anushkatennekoon@gmail.com with your contact details.

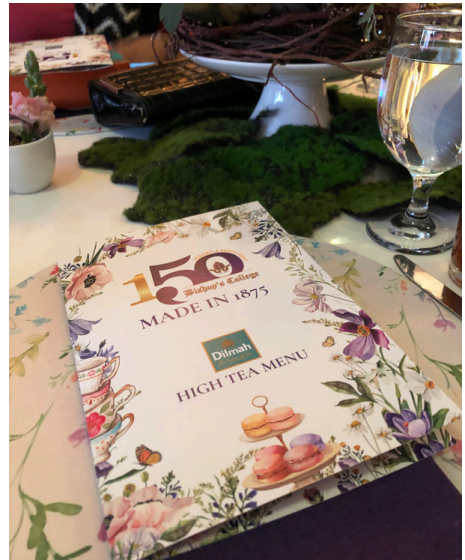


NEW BC PPA LOGO

With the introduction of the new logo of the BC PPA in Colombo, the Executive Committee has agreed that a unified logo for the PPA will keep all our branches connected with the main Association in SL; which will identify and assist us to represent our Alma Mater around the world. The new logo for the PPA will have uniformity in letterheads etc. However when the School crest logo is required for any promotional or specific need, it's a requirement to obtain special permission from the board of governors through the BC PPA.



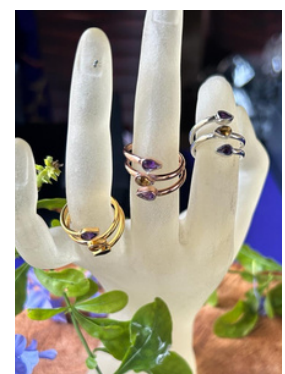
Organizers with Principal & Vice Principal at the "Made in 1875" High Tea. All proceeds were towards the refurbishment of the School Chapel.



Aunty Claire & 3 gold medalists of BC



Dare we say, batch of the year?! 1993!



SOUVENIR COLLECTION

Celebrating 150 years of rich legacy, Bishop's College has introduced a limited edition souvenir collection now available for purchase at the School reception. This includes a customised semi-precious stone jewellery collection. Sterling silver (925), gold and rose gold plated earrings, bracelets, rings, and chains, affordably priced ranging from Rs.5,000 to Rs.10,000/-. Drop by at School get yours soon! For more information contact Annie on 0112422691

STOP PRESS!

CONGRATULATIONS!

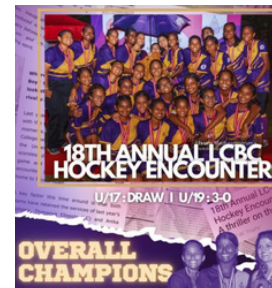
DR. HARINI AMARASURIYA

Past pupil of Bishop's College, on her appointment as the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka. She is the 3rd woman Prime Minister appointed after a lapse of 24 years.



We are so proud of you!

Bishop's College Past Pupils' Association



CONGRATULATIONS!

TO THE HIGH ACHIEVERS OF THE G.C.E O/LEVEL EXAM 2023

9A'S

Abingya Sivakaran	Rushara Warnakulasuriya
Amirah Batcha	Suvashaga Duxion
Amuthini Shanthakumar	Vihanga Wijayapala
Methmini Hesanga	Vinuji Sivakanthan
Minugi Perera	Yenuka Wickramratna
Muthuli Wijegunawardena	

8A'S

Devlini Fernando	Shemali Abeygunawardena
Dunithi Fernando	Tesara Karunaratne
Lyrara Wickramasekera	Vaishnavy Ramesh
Saravana Nirthika Meenachi Sundaram	

BC IS PROUD OF YOU!



Celebrating 150 years of Charity, Scholarship and Unbounded Spirit

21st January 2025

Founders' Day Commemoration Service

- Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Polwatte
- 8:00 AM
- Formal
- Open Invitation

Rededication of the Chapel 1900 - 2025

- College Premises
- 9:00 AM
- Open Invitation

Ceremonial Opening of the New A/L Building

- College Premises
- 10:30 AM
- Open Invitation

1875 Carnival - A Founders' Day Fiesta

- School Grounds
- 5:00 PM Onwards
- Tickets to be purchased at the gate or pre-purchased (details to be made available)

22nd January 2025

The XIth Sisters of St. Margaret Oration And Launch of the 150th Anniversary Coffee Table Book

Organised by the PPA

Bishop's College Auditorium and Foyer

6:00 PM Onwards
(To be seated by 5:40 PM)

Smart Casual By Invitation
(Request for an Invite)

(Please email/WhatsApp the PPA office
with your name & contact details
between 1st to 10th January '25 to
request for an invite)

bcppa@bcppa.lk

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23rd January 2025

Legatum

Continuing the Legacy of Dance, Music and Drama
By The Students of Bishop's College

Bishop's College Auditorium

6:30 PM Onwards

Smart Casual

Tickets to be purchased

Tickets will be available for
purchase in January '25 at
the BC Auditorium

24th January 2025



College Premises

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Sportswear/ Special House T-Shirts
will be available for purchase

NOTICE

We are delighted to inform you that the BC 150th Anniversary Limited Edition Publication is nearing completion.

Given that this is a limited edition publication, it would be timely for you to secure a copy of this treasured keepsake as our beloved alma mater reaches a glorious 150 years in January 2025.

The book is priced at an early bid offer of LKR 15,000 (offer ends on 15th October 2024). The price thereafter will be LKR 20,000.

25th January 2025

For ticket/table reservations - WhatsApp

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Sesquicentennial Gala Dinner

Organised by the PTA &
150th Anniversary Committee

Cinnamon Life Hotel

7:00 PM Onwards

Formal Wear / Purple Tie event

26th January 2025

Thanksgiving for All!

Celebrating 150 Years of being blessed & benevolent

Featuring :

The De Lanerolle Brothers & the choirs of Bishop's College

Cathedral of Christ the Living Saviour

6:30 PM Onwards

Smart Casual All are Welcome

Token Invitations printed for logistical purposes can be obtained from the 15th of November onwards from the School Office & the Cathedral Office, Baddhaloka Mawatha, Col 7



THE PPA PRESENTS THE 150th ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE

Save the Date
THE Date

September

Saturday 27 8 PM onwards
2025

Venue - Cinnamon Life

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Commemorative Coffee Table Book today!



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