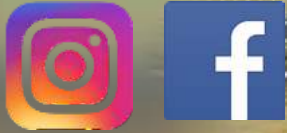




ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OBSC MELBOURNE



A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT GAVIN GODLIEB

Dear Members & Fellow Peterites

It's with great pleasure and honor that I address you today as the 20th president of our esteemed club. First and foremost, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for putting your confidence in me to lead our club in the coming year. I promise you that I will serve with dedication, passion, and unwavering commitment to our club's mission and values.



I want to thank outgoing President Ajith Perera and his committees for the great job they have done over the past two years. I am filled with a sense of pride in what they have accomplished and excitement for what lies ahead. Our club is more than just a gathering of individuals; it is a family bound by common goals, shared interests, and mutual respect as Peterites.

In the coming months, I envision us continuing to grow and thrive as we embark on new initiatives, expand our reach, and deepen our impact within our Peterite community.

Let us remember that each one of us plays a vital role in shaping the future of our club. Let us continue to support and uplift one another, celebrate our successes, and learn from our challenges.

In closing, I want to reaffirm my commitment to serving you, our members, with integrity, transparency, and humility. Together, there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Warm regards,

Gavin Godlieb



WELCOME TO THE 2024-25 COMMITTEE



Standing L to R:

Valentino Pereira (Vice Patron)
Nicolas Opatha (Honorary Auditor)
Asela Silva (Rugby Group)
Rashaad Jamaldeen (Membership Secretary)
Ahamed Farihan (General Member)
Russell Pereira (General Member)
Niroshan De Cruz (Golf Group)
Dellon Udugamsooriya (Cricket Group)
Prasad Algama (Vice Patron)

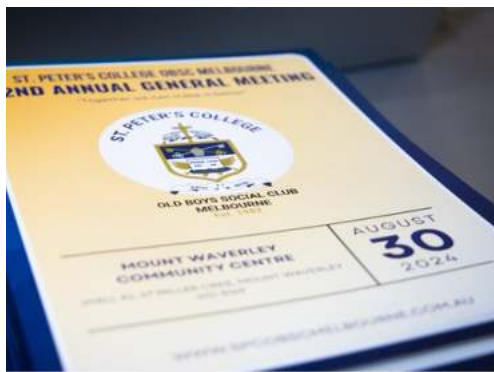
Seated L to R:

Ajith Perera (Immediate Past President)
Ranil Seneviratne (Treasurer)
Gavin Godlieb (President)
Sheyenne Algama (Secretary)
Roy Parsons (70's Group)
Dilan Abeygoonewardena (Vice President)

Tino De La Motte (Editor) - Not Present

THE 2024 MELBOURNE OBSC AGM

This years AGM was again well patronised by the members with over 70 attending(Including 7 past Presidents),the largest gathering in many years. A new President was elected in Gavin Godlieb, with outgoing President of 2 years Ajith Perera taking the position of President Emeritus.The Committee welcomed two new general members in Russell Pereira and Ahamed Farihan together with Ranil Seneviratne as the new treasurer. Former Presidents Valentino Periera and Prasad Algama were appointed Vice Patrons for the year to assist the committee with their wide ranging experience. Jerome Chandrasekera and Niroshan De Cruz were appointed Honorary life members for their long and valuable service to the Club.We thank departing members Jerome Chandrasekera, Valentino Periera, Prasad Algama and Kevin Gomez for their dedication and commitment to the club. The position of Honorary Auditor was filled by Nicolas Opatha (A Big thank you to outgoing auditor Yohan Soza). It was great to see the broad cross section of our Peterite community who attended the AGM and expressed their opinions. We look forward to another great year where we as the committee will work to foster Camaderie among our members and bring you together at outstanding social events. The event was photographed by Randy Fernando of Quadrangle.



KNOW YOUR NEW PRESIDENT GAVIN GODLIEB

Gavin's journey as a student from primary school to senior years reflected the balance between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. His time in college was marked by notable leadership roles and sporting achievements.

The seeds of leadership were sown early during Gavin's primary school years. He was a primary school prefect, demonstrating qualities of leadership from a young age. This early experience provided a solid foundation for his future roles and responsibilities at college.

By 1991, Gavin had been appointed to multiple leadership roles in college:

- Nicholas House Captain: Leading the house in various inter-house competitions, fostering team spirit and camaraderie.

- President of the English Literary & Drama Society: This position highlighted his versatility, overseeing the society's activities, nurturing creativity, and promoting a love for literature and the arts among peers. The well-known drama group the "Workshop Players" took root during his era.

The pinnacle of Gavin's school career came in 1992 when he was appointed:

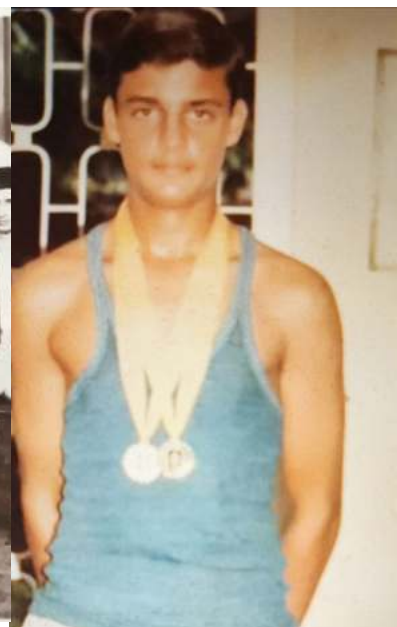
- Head Prefect: As the head prefect, he was a student leader, embodying discipline, integrity, and exemplary conduct.

- Athletic Captain: Leading the school's athletic team. Gavin was a member of the college Athletic team from 1985 to 1992, demonstrating outstanding dedication and sportsmanship.

As a result of his athletic skills he was recruited to play 7-a-side rugby for college, representing both under-17 and under-19 teams, demonstrating his versatility and teamwork skills in this fast-paced version of the sport.

In recognition of his contributions and achievements, underscoring his leadership and commitment to excellence the then rector Fr. Joe E. Wickramasinghe and the teaching staff awarded him the "Peterite Gold"

Gavin graduated from the class of 92'



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE



OLD BOYS SOCIAL CLUB
MELBOURNE
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MELBOURNE OBSC 2024 EVENTS CALENDAR

- * TOUCH RUGBY 6'S
(SRI LANKAN SCHOOLS & CLUBS) – Sat 21st Sept
- *PETERITE GOLF DAY – Sun 22nd Sept
- *70's GROUP LUNCHEON – Sun 27th Oct
- * KINGSWOOD RUGBY 7'S – Sat 16th Nov
- * CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sun 8th Dec

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR FURTHER DETAILS
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE "SPC MELBOURNE"

WE WILL PUBLISH 2025 EVENT DATES IN NEXT
UPDATE

(REVISED AUGUST 2024)

PETERITE FUNCTIONS NOT TO BE MISSED



SPC OBSC MELBOURNE Presents

STEPHEN DE NIESE MEMORIAL GOLF Tournament

22ND SEPTEMBER 2024

CRANBOURNE GOLF CLUB

- Club Members \$20
- Non-Members \$100

PRIZE

SPC Winner
Winner
Runner Up
Top 3 Finishers
Longest Drive
Hole in one

PROGRAMME

11:30 - 11:45 PM Registration
12:00 PM T - Off
4:30 - 6:00 PM Award presentation, Refreshments, and Happy Hour

Cranbourne Golf club
750 Glasscocks Road,
Cranbourne North, 3977

Contact Niroshan De Cruze 0433 468 710
Denham Abeysdeera 0489 057 343



PETERITES & PARTNERS ONLY

70's Group Annual Luncheon and Get-together

SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER

11.30 AM ONWARDS
TEMPLE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA HALL
152 TUCKER ROAD
BENTLEIGH 3204

- BYO DRINKS
- SOFT DRINKS PROVIDED
- LUNCH BY SILVERLINE CATERERS
- RAFFLE DRAW
- MUSIC FOR SINGALONG AND DANCING.
- DONATION \$45.00

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2024 AUSTRALIAN JIU JITSU PURPLE BELT CHAMPION

Congratulations to Peterite Mario Rodrigo who won Gold in the challenging open weight division.



INTER SCHOOL INDOOR CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP



Congratulations to our Boys for their performance in the interschool indoor cricket tournament in Melbourne

Our team was captained by Shadir Hassen College beat both St Joseph's and Royal to make it into the semifinals.

Winning the toss we went into bat against Trinity in the semi finals and scored 70 runs but unfortunately lost to them by 24 runs.



SECOND OLDEST KNOWN PETERITE IN WORLD CELEBRATES 75TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Happy 75th
Wedding
Anniversary

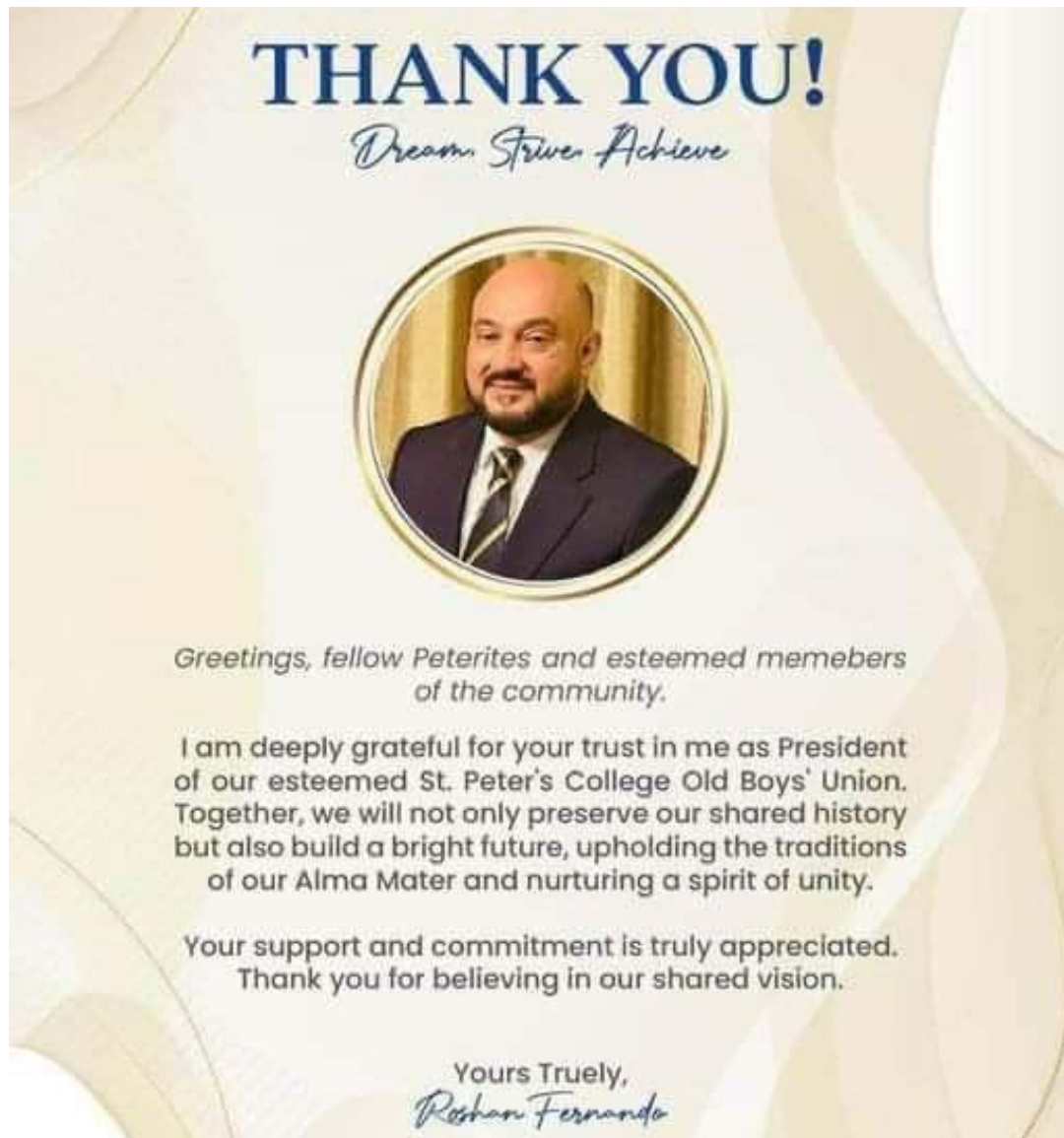


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KELAART

NEWS FROM COLLEGE



NEW COLOMBO OBU PRESIDENT ROSHAN FERNANDO



NEWS FROM COLLEGE

RUMESH RATNAYAKE COACHES WOMENS CRICKET TEAM TO ASIA CUP WIN



The "Silent" contributor For Sri Lankan Womens Cricket Success!!

The Peterite Arts Foundation
Presents

CAUGHT IN THE NET

BY RAY COONEY
The hilarious sequel to Run for Your Wife

Produced by
Jerome L. de Silva
Directed by
Surein de S. Wijeyeratne

SAVE THE DATE

August 30th - September 1st 2024
7.00 pm
Lionel Wendt Theatre

This amateur production of "Caught in the Net" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

CONGRATULATIONS

SRI LANKAN RECORD
85.45 M

RUMESH THARANGA

GOLD MEDAL AT THE ASIAN THROWING CHAMPIONSHIP

PETERITE MEDIA

CONGRATULATIONS

ON BEING APPOINTED AS CAPTAIN OF THE JUNIOR NATIONAL HOCKEY TEAM

MENULA HEWAWASAM

PETERITE MEDIA

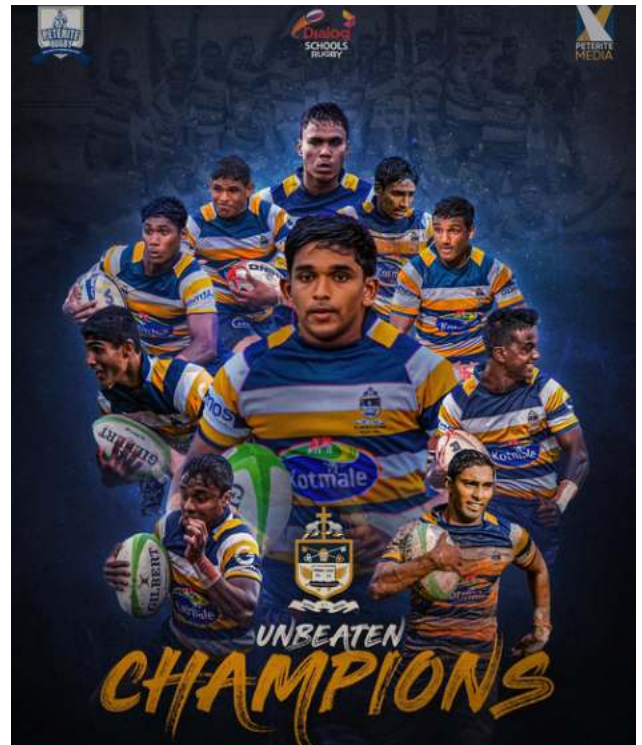
COLLEGE WINS THE DIALOG 2024 SCHOOLS RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

Congratulations to the unbeaten league champions since 2023.

The Bamba Brigade have made history at the Dialog Schools Rugby League Finals, emerging as unbeaten champions for the second consecutive year winning 6:3 against Issipathana

We congratulate our boys and coaching staff for this memorable feat.

Vishenka Silva was the highest try and points scorer of the tournament .



THE MELBA BRIGADE CELEBRATE THE VICTORY AT MOOD LIFT CAFE



MELBOURNE PETERITES HOST ANTHONY SIR AT SOCIAL



ASHAN PEIRIS ORDAINED AS DEACON IN HOBART



MASS FOR DEPARTED PETERITES(SUNDAY 7/7/2024)

This Melbourne Peterite Tradition, started in the late 1990's by Rienzie Machado and Dalston De Rosayro, is an annual ritual held the Sunday after the feast day of St Peter. The names of departed Peterites and Teachers is placed on the Altar together with a memorial tribute being read. After mass, there is a fellowship gathering in the church hall, with the names of individual Peterites and Teachers being read out and their former classmates reminiscing about them. At the end, the college Anthem is sung.

This year, it was really great to see the gathering for this event with over 50 people attending and the great support from everyone to make the event a success. A big thank you to everyone.

As a tribute to the late Dalston De Rosario an appeal was made to support the Fred Hollows foundation with donations - Again, a big thank you to all who generously supported this initiative. If anyone wishes to make a donation, the link is provided below:
[https://www.hollows.org/au/about-fred.](https://www.hollows.org/au/about-fred)

This year, the names of 43 Peterites and teachers were read out (they are listed in attached photos)



MASS FOR DEPARTED PETERITES(SUNDAY 7/7/2024)

Recently Deceased Peterites of 2024
1. Adrian Serpanchy
2. Brian Fernando
3. Brian Vieyra
4. Cedric Direckze
5. Clinton de Silva
6. Denham Smith
7. Dexter Earl La'brooy
8. Dhyan White
9. Dr. Derrick Nugara
10. Elmer Seneviratne
11. Fred Steinwall
12. Geoff Garnier
13. George Wright
14. Harris Fernando
15. Imogen Mel (Staff)
16. Jaya Peiris Jayaratne (99)
17. Jizvy Nizar
18. Kenneth Lappen
19. Lucian Rajakarunanayake
20. Mervyn Fernando



21. Mervyn Lappen
22. Neville Joseph
23. Oswald Martinus
24. Panambalana Leonard
25. Philomena Nicholas (nee Solomon) (Staff)
26. Queency Rose Delima Weerasinghe (Staff)
27. Ralston Pietersz
28. Ranjit Wijesinghe
29. Ray Forbes
30. Rex Koch
31. Richard Heyn
32. Ron Pieries
33. Roy Fernando
34. Royle George De Jong
35. Sr. Edith Pasqual (Staff)
36. Srimal Abeyewardene
37. Sunil Liyanage
38. Thomas Gamini Fernando
39. Tilak Silva
40. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls rest in peace, Amen.
41. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of Christ rest in peace AMEN
42. Most of us are aware that some of our schoolmates or their family members are not in the best of health. Let us take a few moments to pray for their healing
43. We ask these in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



FIRST PETERITE HOCKEY TEAM (1979)

This team was Captained by Michael Elias with Gary Morrel as Vice Captain.



PETERITES KNOWN TO HAVE CAPTAINED BOTH RUGBY & CRICKET

The Current List :

1970 –Rodney Patternott

1965(Rugby) 1966(Cricket) – Darrel

Wimalaratne

1959(Rugby) 1961(Cricket) – Adiel Anghie

1957 – Jayantha Fernando

1938 – Percy Perera

1934(Rugby) 1934/35(Cricket) – Shirley de S
Illesinghe

And Frank Hubert"Frankie" as he is known ,Captained Rugby in 1975 and was Cricket Vice captain the same year.However , he Captained the team for one match as Bernard Wijetunga the Captain was not available.This match was against St Benedicts at Kotahena and Frankie scored 93 Runs in the second innings.College had the Bens reeling at 81 For 5 in the second innings until bad light stopped play.



FRANK HUBERT

1975

NOEL CRUZ- PRIEST, FILM MAKER, TEACHER, WRITER, BROADCASTER (A RENNAISSANCE PETERITE)

(Extract from an Article by Alan Gill)

Noel Cruz was born in December 1921 in the old Dutch colonial city of Galle. He was the second oldest in a family of six boys and two girls. He was educated at St Peter's College. At 17, he decided that God was calling him to be a priest in. He was ordained in 1948, having completed theological studies, also a BA degree from London University. He returned to his old school, St Peter's, where he taught English, history, and religious studies.

A dramatic change occurred in 1952, when Noel was invited to undertake a year-long Diploma of Education at Fordham University, USA. The emphasis was on communications. Noel was greatly influenced by the New York, Bishop Fulton Sheen, then considered way ahead of his time.

From New York Noel went to Los Angeles, where he met Bing Crosby (with whom he corresponded for many years), Tyrone Power and Loretta Young. From New York he headed to London.

In London, he was coached by Father Agnellus Andrew OFM, Head of Catholic religious broadcasting, and was the first Asian to be interviewed on the BBCs "In Town Tonight".

In Italy he met Sophia Loren, read the news on Vatican Radio.

Back in Ceylon, Noel produced a weekly Catholic Hour for the Government's radio network and also wrote scripts for a cinema newsreel. In 1955 he was sent as a teacher to St Joseph's College, Colombo, where he began more direct involvement behind a camera. There had been minor pilfering at the school, which Noel tackled by making a film with a moral: a remake of Vittorio De Sicas "Bicycle Thieves". The Prime Minister, Solomon Bandaranaike, his wife and future PM, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, and their children attended the opening gala performance.

With his precious Bolex 16mm camera as the instrument, Noel made numerous other films, and was invited to film surgical operations. He claimed blood didn't worry him, but the sound of the "sawing of bones" did.

His growing fame displeased his superiors, who considered his activities unpriestly. As "punishment" he was sent to remote or unattractive parishes, including a centre for young offenders, some of whom had committed murder.

Noel's issues with the church Hierarchy continued to escalate leading to him quitting the Order and obtaining employment with a newspaper. Noel then began a second career as a journalist, becoming lobby correspondent and later deputy editor of two newspapers. In May 1967 having awaited lawful laicisation Noel married a distant relative, Tirzah Cruz. A highly placed cleric prophesied, on their wedding day, that the marriage would not last a year. In fact, the union lasted 36 years.



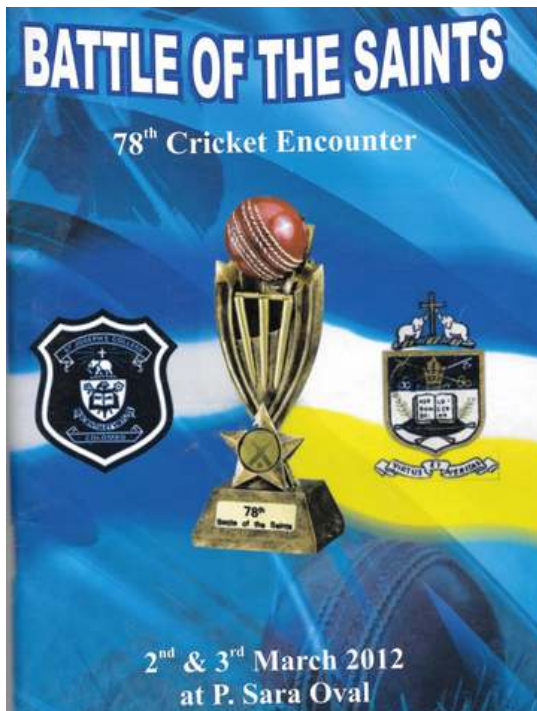
In 1973, having fallen foul of the Government in some way, the newspapers on which he worked were closed down by Government decree, and the building surrounded by troops. Noel Cruz applied successfully to emigrate to Australia. He arrived in Sydney in July 1974.

After a brief spell as a journalist, including holiday relief on the "Sydney Morning Herald", Noel reverted to his first love of teaching, obtaining a post, similar to his duties in Colombo, at the Patrician Brothers College, Blacktown. He was to stay there 17 years his unique approach to teaching, which included drama and puppetry, gaining great popularity. He also became active in the affairs of St. Mary's parish, Concord, a Sydney suburb. In 1976 he ran a puppet show next door to the church, to help raise money for new buildings for the primary school.

Noel continued with these and other interests in a very active retirement. He taught religious education in state schools. In the early days of video cameras he was much in demand filming weddings. He became Australian correspondent for various Sri Lankan newspapers, some of whose editors had been trained by Noel himself. A gifted historian, he spent much of the last decade writing a well-received book "The Cocos Islands Mutiny" (Fremantle Arts Centre Press, 2001), which told the story of the only executions for treason involving British Commonwealth troops in World War II. Noel scripted and personally broadcast several programs for Radio National. Topics included the Cocos mutiny, the Titanic sinking (he was a true "Titanic buff") and the true story of the Bridge on the River Kwai.

In the last five to six years of his life Noel faced acute stress and discomfort when an allergy to the dye injected into his body during an angiogram affected his kidneys forcing him to spend long hours in a hospital dialysis machine every week. Noel Cruz passed away in December 2003.

THE 2012 JOE PETE(78TH ENCOUNTER)



Brothers captaining opposing schools

Claude (St. Joseph's – 1959) & Ranjan Perera (St. Peter's – 1976)

Brothers playing for opposing schools

Dodwell (St. Peter's – 1933/35) & Norton Pereira (St. Joseph's 1945/47)
 Eugene (St. Joseph's – 1944) & Michael Chanmugam (St. Peter's-1944/48)
 Claude (St. Joseph's - 1956-59) & Ranjan Perera (St. Peter's – 1974/76)
 Ranga (St. Peter's – 1998) & Sandun Dias (St. Joseph's – 2003)

Three Generations in the Series

St. Peter's - Bernard Wijetunga (Snr.) - 1944-1947
 Bernard Wijetunga (Jnr.) - 1972-1975
 Sheehan Wijetunga - 2003-2004

Fathers & Sons – Same School

St. Joseph's - Fred Perera (1934/37) & Gavin Perera (1973)
 St. Peter's - Sylvester Fernando (1934) & S C Rohan Fernando (1974)
 St. Peter's - George Jayaweera (1933) & Tissa Jayaweera (1961/62);
 Ruwan Jayaweera (1973/74)
 St. Joseph's - Kingsley Perera Amerasekera (1935) & Kumar Amerasekera (1958/59)
 St. Joseph's - Hector Perera (Snr. – 1937/39) & Hector Perera (Jnr. – 1967/70)
 St. Peter's - Douglas de Niese (1940/41) & Peter de Niese (1963/66);
 Stephen de Niese (1966/67)
 St. Peter's - Bernard Wijetunga (Snr – 1944/47) & Bernard Wijetunga
 (Jnr.1972/75); Darrel Wijetunga (1975/76)
 St. Joseph's - Meri Dalpathado (1944) & Gihan Dalpathado (1969/71)
 St. Joseph's - James Perera (1949) & Viraj Perera (1978); Pradeep Perera
 (1979/80) and Rohitha Perera (1979/81)
 St. Joseph's - R. Allirajah (1950) & Ajith Allirajah (1985/87)
 St. Joseph's - Winston Malawana (1955) & Viraj Malawana (1990)
 St. Peter's - Anton Paulpillai (1956/57) & Rohan Paulpillai (1983/86)
 St. Joseph's - Placidus Liyanage (1961/63) & Prasan Liyanage (1985/87)
 St. Joseph's - Lalith de S Wijeyaratne (1966/69) & Anuk de S Wijeyaratne (1999/00)
 St. Joseph's - Gary Melder (1970/74) & Dion Melder (2002)
 St. Peter's - Bernard Wijetunga (Jnr.–1972/75) & Sheehan Wijetunga (2003/4)
 St. Joseph's - Tony Gunawardena (1973) & Shemon Gunawardena (2002)
 St. Peter's - Amal Silva (1980) & Anuk Silva (2006/08)
 St. Peter's - Trevor Faux (1987) & Denver Faux (2001/2)
 St. Joseph's - Carlton Bernardus (1975/76) & Kevin Bernardus (2011)



Name - Shehan Fernando
 Experience - 3rd year Colours
 Age - 19 years
 Playing Role - All Rounder
 Batting Style - Right hand batsman
 Bowling Style - Right arm, off spinner
 Nickname - Paba

Performance

Matches	Innings	NO	HS	Runs	Average	50'S	100'S	CT/ST
14	22		153	976	44.36	06	02	15
Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best	SWI	10W M	SR
63.3	13	226	65	45.20	2 for 7	-	-	76.20

78th Annual Joe - Pete Cricket Encounter - St. Peter's College Cricket Team 2011/2012



Seated left to right: Mr. Piyal Salgado (Assistant Coach) Mr. Kitto Fernandopulle (Assistant Coach), Mr. Kirthi Gunarathna (Head Coach), Rev. Fr. Lakmin Prasanga Silva (Sports Co-ordinator), Shehan Fernando (Captain), Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel (Rector), Dushan Hemantha (Vice Captain), Mr. Wasantha Haputhanthri (Master in Charge), Mr. Shanaka Prasad Fernando (Fielding Coach), Mr. Mahesh De Silva (Manager).

Standing left to right (1st Row): Shasheen Fernando, Kavinda De Tisera, Lahiru Milantha, Ali Khan, Ranitha Liyanarachchi, Jason Bultjens, Thanusha Jayawardana, Udaka Galhena, Julian De Silva

Standing left to right (2nd Row): Chenura Obeysekere, Gayan De Silva, Dineth Hewathanderi, Chathuranga Rajapaksha, Janith Liyanage, Chemila Obeysekera

THREE GENERATIONS OF PETERITE CRICKETERS - THE WIJETUNGAS

The Wijetunga family has a remarkable legacy in St. Peter's College cricket, with three generations representing the college in its 90-year cricketing history.

- Bernard Snr (1944-1947) was a standout player, scoring the highest number of runs in the historic 1946 Joe-Peter encounter, which St. Peter's won for the first time. He also played in the 1947 team that won by an innings. Under the captaincy of Dion Walles, the team were school champions in 1946 and 1947.

- Bernard Jnr (1972-1975) followed in his father's footsteps, representing the winning Peterite side under Gamini Goonasena in 1973. He also captained the inaugural Joe-Pete 50-over cricket encounter, which St. Peter's won at Darley Road in 1975. Notably, his brother Darrel Wijetunga played under his captaincy in the same match.

- Sheehan, Bernard Jnr's son (2002-2004) continued the family legacy, and was adjudged the Best All-Rounder in 2004.

This impressive family legacy showcases their dedication, passion, and excellence in cricket, with father and son representing College in three Big Match winning teams out of St. Peter's ten wins in the series.



1944-1947



1972-1975



2001-2004



THIS IS YOUR CLUB

Have Your Say: What do you think of this newsletter?

Please email your views, anecdotes, stories, and trips down memory lane to the Editor at "tino.delamotte@gmail.com "

You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram at "[Spc_Melbourne](#)"

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AND IN CLOSING A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Peterites,

Looks like I am back for another year....my fourth year in a row.Lets see what we can do this year to make your Melbourne OBSC experience a fruitful one.We have another great team for this year with a Dedicated President in Gavin Godlieb.

Initially we are going to introduce an online membership form which will make joining the club and renewing your membership a breeze.

We will be looking to see how we can enhance our website "www.spobscmelbourne.com.au" to provide more information of interest to you in a timely manner.We will continue our 4 newsletters a year, trying to move to an enhanced "magazine" format if possible .We have been getting a very positive reponse to our social media and must thank contributorssome amazing contributions like the Joe Pete souvenir from 1952 from which we have published extracts.

We look forward to a great year ahead.Until next time,take care.

Tino De La Motte

