



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OBSC MELBOURNE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Peterite OBSC Members,

As the Melbourne summer unfolds, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey we've had so far this year. Our club continues to grow, thrive, and make a meaningful impact, thanks to each and every one of you. The Stephen De Niese Memorial Golf Tournament and 'Buon Natale' Christmas Party were amazing events and for those of you who missed it, we look forward to seeing you next time.

This season brings exciting opportunities to connect, contribute, and celebrate our shared passions. Whether it's through our upcoming events, community initiatives, or simply enjoying the company of fellow members, I encourage you to make the most of all that the club has to offer.

Looking ahead, we have some fantastic activities planned, from first time "Pink Waves" - charity party on a boat, Annual Big Match & "Starry Night" Dinner Dance with MISTY to entertain us. We have new ways to engage and give feedback through our social media channels and now have hit a record of over 3000 Facebook members. I invite you to stay involved, bring your ideas to the table, and help us make this summer one to remember.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new member Redcliffe Downhall to our club.

Thank you all, for your dedication and enthusiasm. Let's make the most of the sunshine and continue to build a vibrant and welcoming community together

Wishing you a fantastic summer

Gavin Godlieb



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE



OLD BOYS SOCIAL CLUB
MELBOURNE
Est. 1982

MELBOURNE OBSC 2025 EVENTS CALENDER

- * Pink Waves Charity Cruise - Sat 15th Mar
- * Joe-Pete Big Match Melbourne - Sat 5th Apr
- * "Starry Night" Dinner Dance - Sat 10th May
- * Mass for Departed Peterites - Sun 6th Jul
- * Annual General Meeting - Fri 29th Aug

KEY COLOMBO EVENTS

- * Joe Pete Big Match - Thurs to Sat (3rd to 5th Apr)
- * Joe Pete 50 Over Match - Sat 26th Apr
- * "Golden Gleam" 2025 Dance - Sat 16th Aug

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

(FEBRUARY 2025 #2)

PINK WAVES(A FAMILIAN & PETERITE CHARITY EVENT)

Every day in Australia, 58 people are diagnosed with breast cancer, and tragically, 9 lives are lost to this disease.

In a heartfelt collaboration, St. Peter's College OBSC and Holy Family Convent PPA invite you to Pink Waves: A Familian & Peterite Charity Night in Melbourne. This special evening on the water is dedicated to raising funds for world-class breast cancer research, supporting the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF) in their mission to achieve Zero Deaths from breast cancer.

By contributing you'll be helping to fund groundbreaking research that brings us closer to a future free of breast cancer. Whether through your attendance, donation, or support, every effort makes a profound difference.

Let's come together and make waves of change. Together, we can save lives and create a lasting impact.

Donations to:

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/pinkwaves/pink-waves--familian---peterite-charity-night>



Join the
Peterite OBSC Melbourne Inc. and
Holy Family Convent PPA Australia Inc.
for

Pink Waves
PARTY ON THE BOAT

ST PETER'S COLLEGE
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Includes delicious food and refreshing soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks available for purchase at the bar.

- SET SAIL FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION. TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Saturday, March 15th 2025
7:00 pm to 11:30 pm
131, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
Entertained by the amazing DJ Imthie

\$55 Per Person

Dress Code:
Casual with Touch of Pink

 National Breast Cancer Foundation

Dilan : 0425 297 585 Rashmini : 0401 679 915
Sheyenne : 0424 967 968 Deduni : 0403 131 422

QUADRANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Traditional Australia Day cricket tournament between St Peter's ,St Joseph's , St Antonies and St Benedicts took place on a scorching Melbourne day (41 Degrees)at Le Paige Park in Cheltenham.

Hats off to the dedicated teams and supporters who turned out to support their teams.

The Tournament was won by the Old Bens with the Peterites coming 3rd beating St Antonies in a playoff. Congratulations to the Old Bens and our boys who played with dedication and that Peterite passion.I am sure we will be back next year to take that trophy.

Lets not forget the Ladies.Unfortunately Good Shepard Convent were unable to turn out but that did not stop the Familains who formed two teams to keep the event going.

Please enjoy the below Event Photos which are with the Complements of Well Known Melbourne sports Photographer Randy Fernando of Quadrangle.





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PETERITE BRIAN KERKOVEN:FASHION PIONEER

In the vibrant world of fashion, where creativity and ambition collide, Brian Kerkoven stands out as a passionate pioneer dedicated to transforming the lives of aspiring models in Sri Lanka. With his modelling agency, BK Model Management, the Brian Kerkoven Academy, and his stylish clothing lines, Brian Kerkoven Men and Brian Kerkoven Women, Brian is not just building a brand; he is cultivating a community of talent, empowerment, and success.



Brian's journey into the fashion industry began unexpectedly. Growing up, modelling wasn't even on his radar until industry icons Ramani Fernando and Cheryl recognized his potential and encouraged him to explore this exciting field. "At first, I was unsure about taking that leap," Brian recalls. "But once I did, everything changed. I discovered a world where I could express myself creatively and inspire others at the same time."

What started as a modelling career blossomed into choreography and training as Brian honed his skills and developed a deep understanding of the industry. This wealth of experience led him to establish BK Model Management, where he now focuses on discovering and nurturing fresh talent

In addition to his agency, Brian's passion for education is brought to life through the Brian Kerkoven Academy, which has earned a reputation as Sri Lanka's premier modelling school. Known affectionately as "The Model Maker," Brian is dedicated to empowering aspiring models with the knowledge and skills they need to excel. "My philosophy is simple: education is key," he states. "I believe that if you want to make it in this industry, you need to learn from someone who has been there and done that."

At the academy, Brian teaches aspiring models not just how to walk the runway but also how to present themselves confidently and professionally in various settings. "We cover everything from grooming and etiquette to posing and photo shoots," he explains. "I want my students to feel prepared for any opportunity that comes their way."

His commitment to fostering talent doesn't stop at the academy; it extends to his clothing lines, Brian Kerkoven Men and Brian Kerkoven Women. With a keen eye for style and a passion for design, Brian crafts clothing that speaks to the modern individual. "I want my designs to empower people. Fashion should make you feel confident and express who you are," he says.

Brian Kerkoven's journey is a reminder of the importance of passion, dedication, and community in the world of fashion. He invites aspiring models and fashion enthusiasts to join him on this exciting journey of creativity and self-discovery. "There's so much talent out there waiting to be uncovered," says Brian.

PETERITE MUSICIAN OF YESTERYEAR BILL FORBES

Bill Forbes was born on December 17, 1938 in Sri Lanka. He died on February 7, 2022 in Huddersfield, Yorkshire, UK. He was regarded as the first Sri Lankan solo artist ever to secure a recording contract and a hit recording outside his native country.

He started working part-time for Donovan Andree, who launched and promoted several singers in Sri Lanka. His magic voice was there for all to hear and see, so much so that the action soon moved to England. At the age of 17, he went to Britain to pursue his dreams of becoming a famous singer.

Bill Forbes (aka Kal Kahn) released 16 singles, his main hit being Too Young. He auditioned for the new and popular "Oh Boy" show and was accepted, making his debut singing an upbeat spiritual song "God's Little Acre". Shortly afterward, he was signed by Columbia Records.

Bill ultimately gave up show business in 1975 and settled in Huddersfield,. In Ceylon, "Too Young / It's Not The End Of The World" was a double-sided no. 1 hit in early 1960, beaming proudly on the overseas English Services of the venerable Radio Ceylon, celebrating their famous son.

Bill Forbes was inspired by the successful comical song "Goodness Gracious Me" sung by Peter Sellers and Sophia Loren. He decided to record his own "baila" styled "Oh to be in England", composed by himself under the name of Kal Kahn in 1964. Both songs are considered classics.

His most successful recording was a cover of "Too Young" which reached no. 29 in UK's NME Chart during December 1959.

Besides his 11 appearances on Oh Boy!, Forbes was seen in Cool For Cats (1959, BBC) and Thank Your Lucky Stars (1961, ABC).

Forbes and his group The Contrasts recorded at Abbey Road Studios under the supervision of George Martin and Norrie Paramour.

Bill met fellow Huddersfield musician John Armitage in 1963 when he invited him to become singer with the band, called The Contrasts. Their song 'Can't Get You Out Of My Mind' became so popular that George Martin picked them up. The group worked for years with one of the greatest music producers in the world. He even played piano on their biggest hit "Can't Get You Out Of My Mind" .



ORDINATION OF A PETERITE PRIEST IN AUSTRALIA

We are excited to share the news that Ashan Peiris, son of Anthony Sir, will be ordained as a priest on Friday, February 14, 2025, at St. Mary's Cathedral in Hobart, Tasmania.

Please find an invitation to this wonderful celebration attached below.

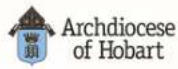
The Peterite family warmly congratulates Ashan on this significant milestone. May God abundantly bless him on his sacred journey of service, and may his ministry inspire hope, love, and faith in everyone he encounters.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD



Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 54:10



Archdiocese of Hobart

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God
The Archdiocese of Hobart,
together with the family of

REV. ASHAN JOSEPH PEIRIS

invite you to the

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Through the imposition of hands and the
invocation of the Holy Spirit by His Grace

MOST REV JULIAN PORTEOUS DD
ARCHBISHOP OF HOBART

Friday, 14th February 2025 at 7pm
St Mary's Cathedral, 180 Harrington Street,
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

Live stream available at
youtube.com/@ArchdioceseofHobart



You are welcome to attend

THANKSGIVING MASS
10am on Saturday 15th February 2025
St Mary's Cathedral, 180 Harrington St
Hobart, Tasmania, Australia

RSVP by Date

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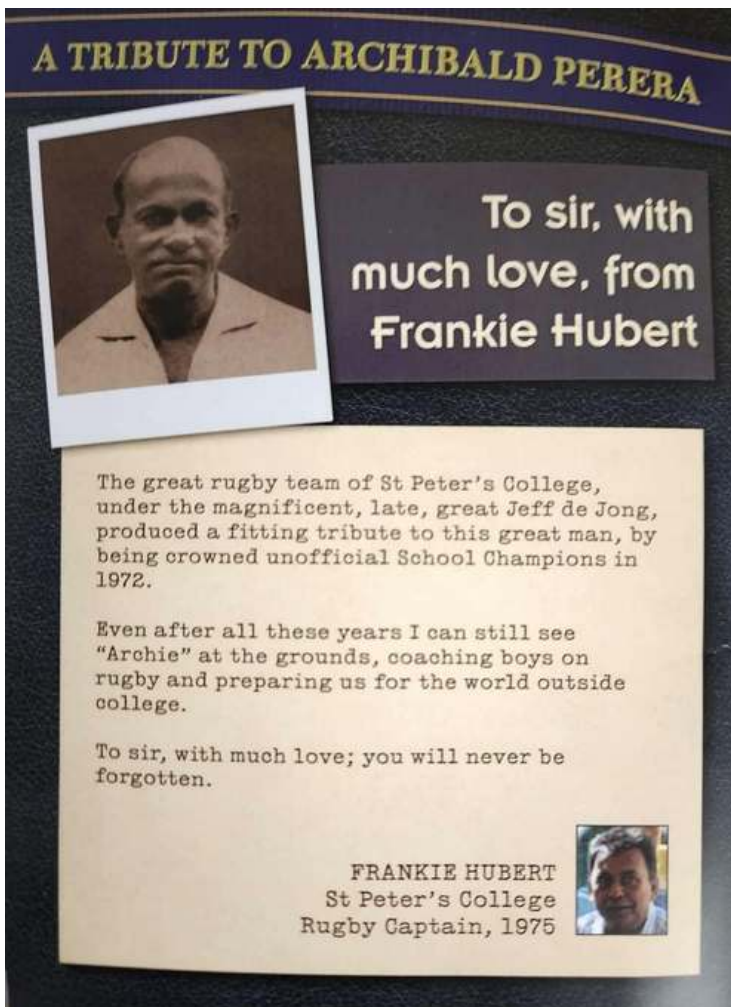
PETERITE RUGBY

OUR 2001 RUGBY CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN TOGETHER

When Captain Dilan Abeygoonewardena and Vice Captain Mario Ooloff unite, it signifies an important moment in their journey together. These talented athletes have played side by side from U13 level all the way to the 1st XV, participating in prestigious events such as the Junior Nationals and the Junior World Cup.



TO SIR WITH LOVE



2025 SCHOOLS COACHES

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| St Peters | : Sanath Martis |
| Isipathana | : Danushka Boteju |
| Royal | : Dushantha Lewke |
| Trinity | : Fazil Marija |
| St Thomas' | : Anuranga Walpola |
| DSS | : Asela Deshapriya |
| Wesley | : Henry Terrence |
| Zahira | : Radika Hettiarachchi & Kavinda Jayasena |
| St Joseph's | : Dulanjana Wijesinghe & Lakala Perera |
| Science | : Colin Peter Denish |
| Vidyarthi | : Nilfer Ibrahim |
| St Anthony's | : Saliya Kumara |
| Thurstan | : Shamly Nawaz |
| Sumangala | : Sumeeda Malawana |
| Dharmaraja | : Dinesh Gamage |
| Kingswood | : Ananda Kasthuarachchi |
| Mahanama | : Prasad Devinda |
| Ananda | : Amila Chaturanga |

PETERITE RUGBY STARS OF THE 1970'S THE VAN LANGENBERG BROTHERS

Brothers Noel and Michael recently caught up in beautiful Ogden, Utah, USA where Noel lives. Both brothers are passionate golfers.



LEGENDS OF PETERITE CRICKET 1952- 1982



Standing Left to Right:

Aubrey Patternott played in the mid 1960.

Rex Ludowyke played in 1952 & 1953 under Dr H I k Fernando & Harold Wittachchi.

Tyrone Le Mercier Captained Cricket Team 1963 and held the highest individual score of 245 for 46 Years.

Rodney Patternot Captained college Cricket Team in 1968 and Rugby in 1967.

Hamish Patternott Played Cricket and Captained college rugby in 1970.

Ralph De Niese played in 1974 & 1975 under Gamini Goonasena & Bernard Wijetunge.

Niranjan Rodrigo Captained College in 1982. Played together with Sri Lankan Test Cricketers Vinothan John, Rumesh Ratnayaike & Amal Silva and Rohan Buljgens who holds the unique record of scoring two centuries at the Joe / Pete in 1979.

THREE PETERITES IN THIS CRICKET TEAM

Clive Inman, H.I.K Fernando and P.A.T Kelly

CEYLON TEAM, 1956



Photo from the book "The History of Sri Lankan International Cricket 1882 - 1982" by Alston Mahadevan

Ceylon's chosen 12 for the first Test against India.

Standing from left: Clive Inman (12th man), A.C.M Lafir, G. P. Schoorman, J. Arenhold, H.I.K. Fernando, P. A. T. Kelly, Anton Sethupathy. Seated: Gamini Goonesena, C. I. Gunasekara, Vernon Prins (captain), Bertie Wijesinha, Channa Gunasekara.

COLLEGE 2024/25 CRICKET CAPTAIN & VICE CAPTAIN



CLASS OF 1990

Who can recognise the faces?



OUR FIRST BATCH OF SENIOR PREFECTS

(Contributed By Patrick Paternot)

Below is the first batch of Senior Prefects appointed in 1927, with Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera, the first rector in the centre. Seated extreme right is my Dad, Norman Paternott. Back row, extreme left is P. R. Anthonis and second from right, L J D Fernando were the first two students of St. Peter's to enter university, respectively to medical college and the faculty of science.



BUSES HAVE COME A LONG WAY SINCE MY SCHOOL DAYS IN THE 1970'S

I remember getting into these “double decker” buses outside the college gates (by the side of canal view restaurant) and travelling on the “footboard” to Dehiwela. I actually remember the 138 Pettah bus routeand walking to the bus stand opposite Abdul Rahims Wellawatte to save 5 cents (which was collected until it was enough to eat Thosai at Ananda Bavan !!!!!)



50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO ST PETERS COLLEGE



Congratulations to Lal Perera for his dedicated 50 years of service as an All-Round Manager at St. Peter's College. Over the decades, he has expertly managed security, maintenance, and various other responsibilities. His ability to handle challenging students and redirect them towards their education has been remarkable. Thanks to his efforts, many students who once strayed from their studies have returned to their education and achieved success in their lives. Today, he has won the Sri Lanka Top 100 Award in recognition of his 50 years of service.

DR. P.R ANTHONIS - DOCTOR EXTRAORDINARE

Dr. Anthonis was born on January 11, 1911. He studied at St. Peter's College (Then St Josephs South), Bambalapitiya, where he proved an outstanding scholar, carrying away almost all the class prizes at the school's annual prize-giving.



In 1930, he entered the Colombo Medical College, where he continued to shine as a scholar. He topped his batch in almost all subjects, winning the Loos Gold Medal for Pathology, the Mathew Gold Medal for Forensic Medicine, and the Rockwood Gold Medal for Surgery.

On graduating from the Medical College in 1936, Dr. Anthonis took up an appointment as a medical officer in the public service.

In 1945, he proceeded to Britain to continue his medical studies at the Royal College of Surgeons, where he set a record by passing both his primary and final examinations at the first sitting. He was the youngest Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons at the time.

On his return to Sri Lanka, in 1947, Dr. Anthonis resumed his medical career, working at the Colombo General Hospital. A devout Buddhist, Dr. Anthonis was a member of the board of governors of the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA).

He was invited as a guest to the ceremonial opening of Parliament that marked the start of self-rule in Ceylon on February 4, 1948.

His influence was considerable, not only in the surgical sphere but also in historical scholarship. He was a storehouse of knowledge as to what happened - when, where and why.

Dr. Anthonis was the founder President of the Ceylon College of Surgeons and Chancellor of the University of Colombo from 1981 – 2003.

During his 70 years as a doctor, he performed nearly a hundred thousand surgical operations, including one on the fatally wounded Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike after he was shot on 26 September 1959. He was awarded the title Deshamanya by the Government of Sri Lanka for his service to the country.

Dr. Anthonis was professionally engaged until he passed away at 99 years in 2010. He was regarded as the oldest active medical practitioner in South Asia.

LONG STANDING COLLEGE EDUCATORS

(Taken from the College Calender of 2006)



W. B. Pius Fernando
from 1953 - 2003 (50 years)
• Head Master Primary Section 1987-2003
• Teacher of Maths & Sinhala in the Primary Section



Austin L Fernando
from 1949-1994 (45 years)
• Teacher of Sinhala & Maths
• Master-in-charge Cricket & Rugby Teams



M. Balasuriya
from 1959-2003 (44 years)
• Teacher of English & Maths



Victor Abeygunawardene
from 1957 - 2000 (43 years)
• Head Master of the College
• Teacher of English



Primson Jayasekera
From 1928-1970 (42 years)
• Teacher of English
• House-Master, Maurice House



A. S. Peiris
1947-1987 (40 years)
• Head Master-Primary school
• Teacher of Maths



Sueter J Peiris
from 1929-1964 (35 years)
• Assistant House-Master, Maurice House



K. R. Victor
from 1972 - 2001 (29 years)
• Teacher of Tamil



Cyril O Ekanayake
from 1934-1962 (28 years)
• Teacher of English
• Coached many successful Under 14 Cricket Teams



Herbert Wittachy
1929-1956 (27 years)
• Coached Cricket, Rugby & Athletic Teams for many years



Heracles Jayasekara
(27 years)
• Headmaster of the Primary Section. 1988-2002
• Secretary of the Sri Lanka National Private Schools' Association.



Major. Gerry J. Stephen
from 1933 - 1960 (27 years)
• Master-in-Charge of Junior Cadets



Pearlina L. Withana
(25 years)
• 1967 Arts & Crafts Teacher
• 1969 English Teacher -Primary
• Left in '92 & rejoined in '98-'02



A. P. Gomes
from 1932-56 (24 years)
• Teacher of English & Maths



Kanthi Goonawardene
from 1971 to date
• Co-ordinator of the London Advanced Level Section
• Teacher of Chemistry & Botany



Ranee Rasiah
from 1972 to date
• Sectional Head of the Tamil medium from 1983-2005
• Member of the PTA for more than 20 years



Shelton Fernando
from 1977 - todate
• Present Head Master Primary School



Jerome Anthony
from 1978 to date
• Teacher of Physics
• Current Master-in-charge of Prefects



Thilak Rodrigo
from 1979 to date
• Teacher of Physics
• Current Principal St. Peter's College-Gampaha Branch



Anthony Pieris
from 1980 to date
• Old Peterite
• Sectional Head of the Commerce Section - Advanced Level

DID YOU

KNOW?

- **COLLEGE PLAYED IT'S FIRST RUGBY MATCH IN 1932 AGAINST ROYAL COLLEGE**
- **OUR LONGEST SERVING RECTOR TODATE IS FR. JOE WICREMASINGHE(14 YEARS)**
- **THE SHORTEST SERVING RECTOR WAS FR. CLAVER PERERA (1 YEAR)**
- **THE ONLY PETERITE TO REPRESENT SRI LANKA AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES TODATE IS MAHESH PERERA (110M HURDLES AT THE 1996 ATLANTA GAMES.)**
- **COLLEGE HAD 3 FEMALE STUDENTS IN 1966.(FRANCES NICOLAS, JEAN EKANAYAKE AND LILANI FERNANDO WHO CAME TO COLLEGE TO STUDY MATHEMATICS AT "A" LEVEL)**
- **THE PETERITE WHO HAS SCORED THE MOST RUNS IN TEST CRICKET AND ONE DAY INTERNATIONALS IS RUSSELL ARNOLD(TEST = 1821, ODI = 3590)**
- **FR LE GOC PAID RS.150,000 FOR THE 9.5 ACRE BLOCK ON THE GALLE ROAD WHICH BECAME ST PETERS .**
- **THE HOUSE SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN 1933 WITH 4 HOUSES AT THAT TIME- ANTHONY, PETER, MAURICE, AND NICHOLAS**
- **THE COLLEGE HALL (THE NICHOLAS PERERA HALL)WAS OPENED IN 1931**

THIS IS YOUR CLUB



Since 1982, the Melbourne OBSC has proudly been more than just a club, it has been a vibrant community where friendship and camaraderie flourish. Your thoughts and feedback are the heartbeat of our journey, vital for our growth and success as we aim to inspire future generations. The stories, ideas, and cherished memories you share with us shape our identity and fuel our aspirations. We invite you to contribute your articles and special memories. Please reach out to our editor, Tino De La Motte, and let your voice be heard.

Your commitment is the key to strengthening our community. By renewing your membership or welcoming new members into the Peterite family, you help us establish a solid foundation for the future of our club. Every contribution matters, and together, we can achieve great things. Please contact Rashad Jamaldeen, our membership secretary, for assistance.

Our committee is dedicated to uniting our members and creating unforgettable memories together. We are passionate about what we do, and nothing brings us more joy than seeing you at our events, showing your support.

Your presence and participation are what makes our club truly special

KEY CLUB CONTACTS

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*Your Editor can be reached at "**tino.delamotte@gmail.com**"

You can also find us on **Facebook** at "**SPC Melbourne**" and **Instagram** at "**spc_melbourne**" and at our **Website** "**obscmelbourne.com.au**"

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Russell Pereira, Ajith Perera, Niranjan Rodrigo and Patrick Paternott

AND IN CLOSING A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Again,
Here am I sweating over another newsletter (Actually Sri Lanka). One of the great things about doing this job is the Peterites I come across who have brought pride to our Alma Mater by their achievements. For Example, Brian Kerkoven (a classmate of mine), a leader in fashion in Sri Lanka today and Musician Bill Forbes from 65 years ago who are highlighted in this newsletter.



And lets not forget the great sporting personalities over the past 100 years....too many to mention by name here and all the others who have achieved so much in so many different fields after leaving college.

It Really makes me proud to be a Peterite.
Keep that flag Flying.

Tino De La Motte