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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Valued Members,

As we settle into the warmth and promise of summer, I extend my sincere thanks to all members of the St. Peter's College Old Boys' Social Club of Melbourne for your continued support, friendship and engagement. Our Club thrives because of the strength of its community, and it is always encouraging to see old bonds renewed and new connections formed through our shared commitment to fellowship and service.

Thank you to all the members who have been attending our events and specially those who were fortunate to witness our cricketers with their passionate team spirit obliterate the competition and win the quadrangle cricket tournament in 2026 in Melbourne. More details provided in this newsletter below. Keep an eye out for the date of the big match scheduled for March, where I'm sure the Joes will come with a vengeance to try restoring some lost pride. It will be cracker of a match not to be missed!

I very much look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Twilight at the Vines charity party, to be held on Saturday 28 February at Cosmoir Carlei Green Vineyards. Some of you have asked me the question and I wish to clarify that wine will not be the only beverage served at the winery, as they also have a fully licensed award-winning bar, serving up all types of drinks. We have many exciting, planned activities for the evening. This special evening will be held in aid of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, a cause that was particularly close to the heart of Stephen De Niese, who was passionate in championing this initiative through the Club. Supporting this cause is a fitting way to honour Stephen's legacy and the values he embodied—generosity, community and care for others.

I hope you and your families enjoy a safe and restful summer, and I look forward to catching up with you soon among the vines for what promises to be a memorable and meaningful evening.

Warm regards,

President

St. Peter's College Old Boys' Social Club of Melbourne

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

**28
FEB**



TWILIGHT AT THE VINES

TBA



JOE-PETE BIG MATCH

**16
MAY**



DINNER DANCE (A NIGHT IN RIO)

**05
JUL**



MASS FOR DEPARTED PETERITES

**28
AUG**



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**19-21
MAR**



JOE - PETE BIG MATCH

**25
APR**



JOE - PETE 50 OVERS

**29
AUG**



DINNER DANCE (SHANGRI LA)

OUR 2026 COLLEGE RUGBY LEADERSHIP TEAM



"TWILIGHT AT THE VINES" - A CHARITY INITIATIVE



**A JOINT INITIATIVE
BETWEEN THE OLD
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION'S
OF ST PETERS COLLEGE
AND HOLY FAMILY
CONVENT IN MELBOURNE**

Twilight at the Vines is more than an elegant evening of food, wine and music....it is a meaningful community initiative supporting prostate cancer awareness in Australia. Held at the picturesque Cosmoir Carlei Green Vineyards in Upper Beaconsfield, the event brings people together to enjoy a relaxed twilight atmosphere while contributing to an important cause.

Carlei Green Vineyard's Cosmoir winemaking technique represents a revolution in winemaking, where science, nature, and tradition converge to create wines that are truly out of this world. Developed by the visionary winemaker, Sergio Carlei, Cosmoir wine is a testament to his unwavering commitment to sustainability, quality, and innovation. The term "Cosmoir" itself is a fusion of "Cosmos" and "Terroir," emphasizing the cosmic influences on the vineyards and the unique terroir of the estate. These cosmic influences include lunar and celestial rhythms, which play an integral role in the winemaking process.

All net proceeds from the evening will support the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia, helping fund research, advocacy, and support services for men and their families. By attending Twilight at the Vines, guests are not only enjoying a memorable evening out at a boutique Cosmoir winery, but also playing a direct role in improving outcomes and saving lives across Australia.

QUADRANGULAR CRICKET TOURNAMENT(26/1/26)



Congratulations to the 2026 Quadrangular cricket champions St Peter's College captained by Dasun Randika....Great job boys, your hard work has paid off.

The Melbourne weather Gods put on fine summer weather and our boys came out firing on all cylinders with a blistering 245 for 2 in 20 overs against St Anthony's in our first match (A tournament record as 4 players had to resign on scoring 40 runs)....abd then it was onto to the finals beating St Joseph's in a resounding victory (SPC = 176 in 20 overs , Joes 91 all out in 15 overs).Player of the tournament was Shivan Perera from SPC.



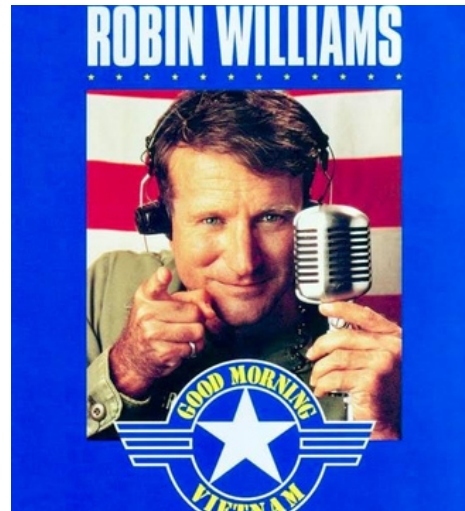
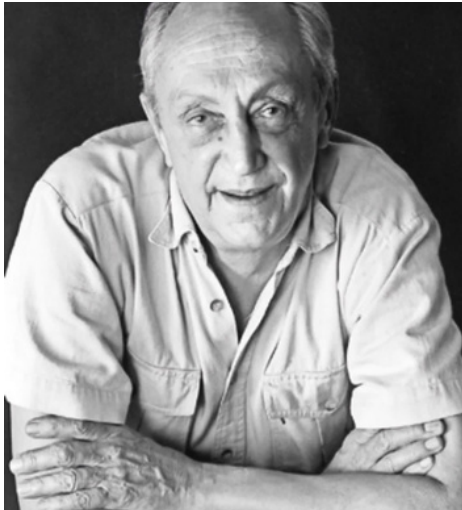
And this year we had the girls out in force with four schools taking part.(Holy Family , St Bridget's, Goid Shepard Kandy and Methodist college) Good Shepard convent Kandy met Methodist college in the final with Methodist college emerging overall girls champions .

A great Day of fun cricket ...a big thank you to the organisers and sponsors who put so much in to make the day a success.





CHRIS GREET - FROM ST PETERS TO THE WORLD STAGE



Christopher Arthur Greet, fondly known as Chris Greet, was born in Colombo in 1932. He received his early education at St. Peter's College, Colombo 4, one of Sri Lanka's premier Catholic schools.

During his school years, Chris showed a remarkable flair for English literature, drama, and public speaking. He was an active participant in school plays, debating, and elocution contests, where his strong voice and expressive delivery set him apart. His time at St. Peter's played a vital role in shaping his love for the arts and communication, qualities that would later define his professional life.

After completing his schooling, Chris joined Radio Ceylon, Asia's oldest broadcasting station and a cultural hub for English-language entertainment in the 1950s. His rich voice and clear diction made him one of the most recognizable announcers on air.

He also became involved in Colombo's vibrant English theatre scene, performing with the Colombo Amateur Dramatic Club (CADC) and other drama groups. Through these early experiences, Chris built the confidence, discipline, and professionalism that would carry him far beyond Sri Lanka's shores.

In the late 1950s, Chris Greet moved to London, England, to pursue further opportunities in broadcasting and acting. Over the following decades, he established himself as a talented character actor in British theatre, television, and film.

He appeared in numerous productions, often playing roles that drew on his refined accent and international background. His versatility earned him respect among his peers in the British performing arts community.

Chris achieved international recognition with his appearance in the 1987 Hollywood film *Good Morning, Vietnam*, directed by Barry Levinson and starring Robin Williams. He played a British officer stationed in Saigon, a role that showcased his calm authority and screen presence. The film remains one of his most memorable performances, introducing his talent to a global audience.

He also took part in Sri Lanka's first English language movie "Rampage" starring opposite legend Gamini Fonseka.

Though he lived most of his later life in the United Kingdom, Chris Greet never forgot his Sri Lankan roots or his beginnings at St. Peter's College. He often spoke fondly of his childhood in Colombo and his early years at Radio Ceylon.

He passed away in London on 30 December 2020, aged 88, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism, humility, and artistic excellence.

SRI LANKANS FASTEST SPRINTERS IN SOUTH ASIA



New generation athletes Chamod Yodasinghe & Fathima Shafiya Yamic sprint into history, sealing the Fastest in South Asia 2025 titles. Both clinched GOLD in the 100m Men's & Women's Finals at the South Asian Athletics Championship in Ranchi, India.

Chamod sprinted to victory in 10.30 setting a new meet record while Safiya claimed the womens title with a record breaking 11.53 seconds.

The current world record holders are:

Usain Bolt(mens) : 9.58 secs

Florence Griffith-Joyner(womens):10.49 secs

5 PETERITE CRICKET CAPTAINS 1978-1982



A 'gold standard' photo capturing five dynamic Peterite cricket captains of yesteryear:

Suraj Abeysekera - 1978 All Island Champions and Big Match winner

Kitto Fernandopulle - 1979 Runner up All Island Champions

Rohan Buultjens - 1980 All Island Champions and 50 over Championship.

Michael Elias - 1981

Niranjan Rodrigo - 1982.

(Contributed By Niranjan Rodrigo)

KEVIN "KUTTY" DICKSON -A PETERITE RUGBY STAR



- **Alumnus & Former Player:** Kevin attended St Peter's College and was a standout rugby player. He captained the school's First XV rugby team in 2015 during his school years.
- **National Rugby:** After school, he progressed to senior rugby and became part of the Sri Lanka Sevens national team (playing scrum-half and wing) and also competed in domestic club rugby in Sri Lanka.
- **Coaching Role:** In 2025, he was appointed as Backs Coach for the St Peter's College Rugby Team, returning to his alma mater to help develop the school's rugby program.

Career Highlights:

- **Youth Leadership:** Dixon captained Sri Lanka's Under-20 rugby sevens team in 2016 where the team emerged as champions. 3 Peterites were in that team.
- Kevin Dixon (capt)
- Nishon Perera
- Shamri Burah

Rajeev Perera (current SPC 1st XV Head coach was the Asst coach in the team) The team achieved notable other success including a bronze medal at the Youth Asian Games.

- **Club Rugby:** Played multiple seasons at various positions (fullback, centre, wing) for Sri Lankan rugby clubs and led the Sri Lions as captain.

#KevinDixon #KuttyDixon #PeteritePride #StPetersCollege #PeteriteRugby #SriLankaRugby #OnceAPeteriteAlwaysAPeterite

OUR 1948 CRICKET CAPTAIN -DR DARRELL WEINMAN

Born on 20 November 1929 Darrell attended St Peter's College where he was both academically high-achieving and active in sports., especially cricket ,captaining college in 1948.

He studied medicine in Sri Lanka and qualified with First Class Honours, winning the Hallet Prize for academic excellence.

He proceeded to the United Kingdom to continue his training, obtaining the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (FRCS) in 1960.

After returning to Sri Lanka around 1962, he worked at the Colombo General Hospital, where he specialised in neurosurgery.He also served as a surgeon for the Sri Lankan Army.

In the early 1970s he migrated to Australia (Sydney).

In Australia he was appointed as a neurosurgeon at hospitals including Canterbury Hospital and Bankstown Hospital. However, the lack of an intensive care unit (ICU) at those hospitals for neurosurgical patients led him to move away from neurosurgery. He subsequently established a general practice in Sydney and became a well-loved GP, building a large practice where patients appreciated his care and dedication.

He was married to Brinda Weinman (also a qualified surgeon) and they were together for almost 50 years. He had an aptitude for music playing the piano by ear and loved entertaining in social settings.

Colleagues describe him as humble, deeply dedicated to his patients and profession, and someone who continued to follow up on his surgical patients even late at night.

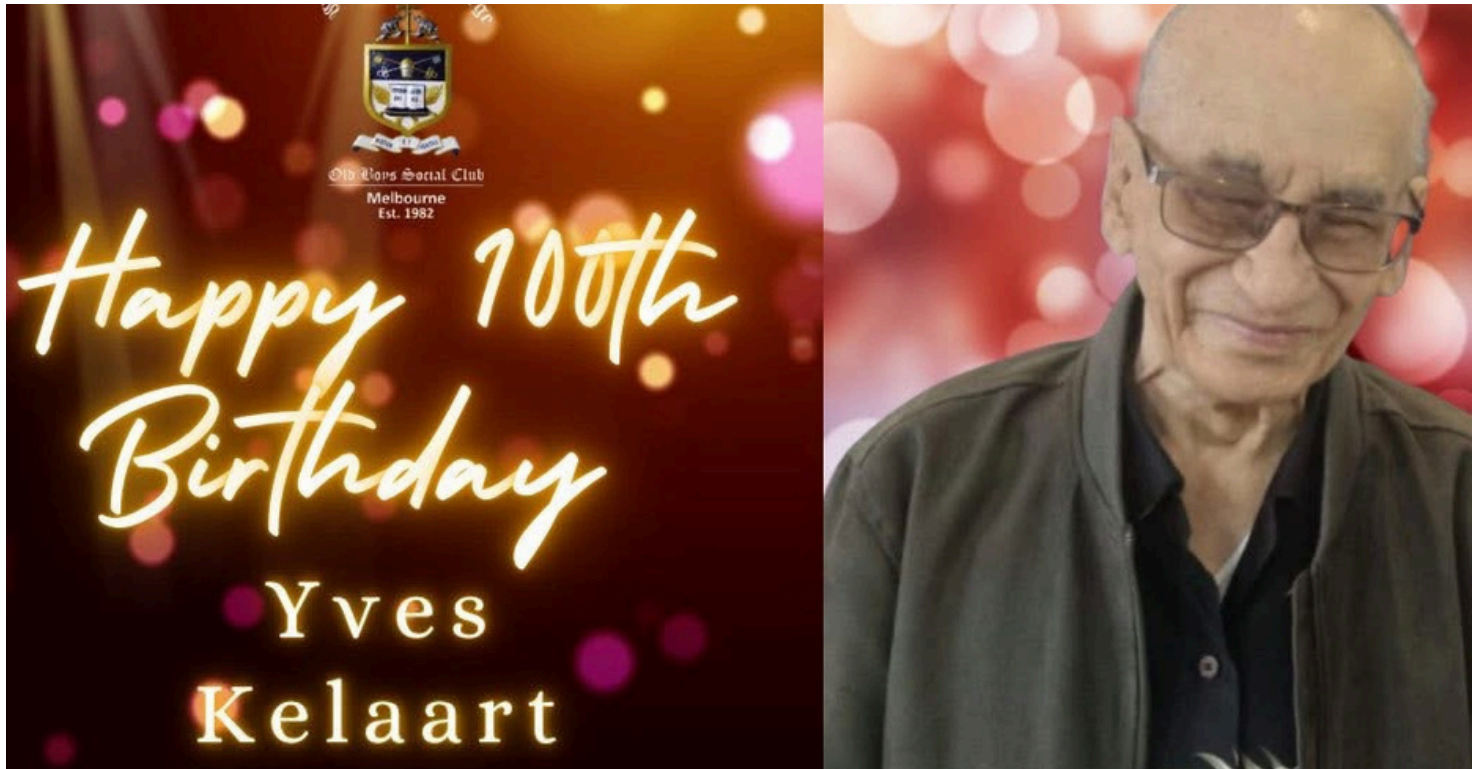
Dr Weinman passed away on 14 October 2018 in Sydney, Australia, at the age of 88



3 PETERITE SPORTING STARS TOGETHER IN COLOMBO

L to R: Frank Hubert, Bernard Wijetunga and Russell Arnold

A MELBOURNE PETERITE TURNED 100 YEARS ON 4/1/26



The Melbourne Peterite OBSC proudly extends its warmest congratulations to Yves Kelaart on the extraordinary occasion of his 100th birthday.

Yves holds the remarkable distinction of being the oldest known Peterite in the world, a milestone that fills our community with pride.

A proud part of College history, Yves was a member of the famed Herman Loos 1945 shooting team, whose achievement in winning their prestigious award has never been repeated.

His life reflects service, excellence and enduring Peterite spirit. We celebrate not only a century of life, but a legacy that continues to inspire generations of Peterites worldwide.

Gavin Godlieb
(Peterite Melbourne OBSC President)

FRANK HUBERT APPEALS TO PETERITES

Former St. Peter's College cricketer, rugby player, Sri Lanka exponent and referee Frank Hubert makes a fervent plea in this article exclusively to the Daily Mirror in which he calls on all Peterites to take stock of how and why his alma mater holds a special place in the sporting annals of the country.

"Dear all rugby Peterites and supporters of the College Rugby Fraternity in Sri Lanka, the purpose of my article is not to judge or condone what has transpired at St Peter's College recently, but to remind all of you about the rich and proud history of our beloved College.

In my opinion, St Peter's College rugby history revolves around one man — Archiebald Perera — who selflessly dedicated 26 years (1956–1982) of his life as honorary coach.

When he began his journey, he had no internet, no videos, no professional training camps — only a small collection of books outlining the basic skills and ploys (now called tactics). Yet with this humble foundation, he built something far greater than just rugby teams — he built "character". Guided by simplicity, discipline and respect, he embodied what Confucius called 'Ren' — humanity and compassion — teaching not only how to play the game, but how to live with honour.

As everyone knows, Archie was one of the finest fly-halves produced by Sri Lanka, and one of the first locals to represent the All Ceylon First XV, a team then dominated by British expats. I first met this legend in 1972, kicking a football against the college pavilion. He saw me kicking easily with both feet and told me to play rugby. I had never even seen a rugby ball before, though I had lived eight years in Tottenham, North London.

From that moment, he became my teacher and guide — first teaching me the rules, then the basics, and then the deeper lessons of humility, perseverance, and integrity. Like many before and after me, I went on to represent College, the nation, and later to coach and referee — carrying forward what he had instilled in us.

We were taught what he was taught — to respect the jersey, to honour those who wore it before us, to maintain discipline and decorum at all times. Archie never raised his voice, never hurled abuse and never lifted a hand in anger. Yet we all listened — because he led with quiet authority and moral strength. Confucius once said: "The superior man leads not by words, but by example." Archie was that kind of man — firm yet kind, humble yet unyielding in principle. His message was simple but profound: "Play up, play up, and play the



Frank Hubert (centre) with two other illustrious products of St. Peter's College, Bernard Wijetunga (right-cricknet captain) and Angelo Wickremaratne (cricket and rugby) when sport was sport

game. It does not matter if you win or lose, but how you play the game." This was not just a slogan — it was a philosophy. It reflected the Confucian ideal of 'Yi' — righteousness — doing what is right rather than what is easy or self-serving.

Under his guidance, we learned that the true victory was not over an opponent, but over oneself.

Over 26 years, this great man produced teams of quality, year after year — teams that played with flair, purpose, and the strongest fundamentals of rugby. But more importantly, they played with integrity. When St Peter's took the field, rugby was played in the spirit of 'Li' — with discipline, respect, and grace. Win or lose, St Peter's Rugby was respected by all, because our teams carried themselves with dignity, not arrogance.

He had a quick wit and a sharp mind, delivering his lessons with humour and wisdom. Every player who wore the Blue, White, and Gold jersey felt a sense of pride and belonging. We knew that when we took the field, we represented not only our College, but a man whose life was a lesson in humility, dedication and honour.

As players, we were taught never to show indiscipline — on or off the field — because rugby was more than a sport. It was, as Confucius would say, a path to self-cultivation — a way to refine one's conduct, one's respect for others, and one's

inner strength.

In 1982, I faced the difficult task of taking over from this great man after his passing. I was just 27 years old, newly retired from playing, and had little support from the College. Only then did I realise the magnitude of the sacrifice Archie had made — 26 years of service without complaint, without compensation, driven only by 'Zhong' — loyalty and duty — to his College and his players.

And so, I say this with deep conviction: "No matter how many trophies or cups St Peter's may have won since — with paid coaches, advanced facilities, and modern strategies — nothing can ever erase the legacy that Archiebald Perera left for St Peter's Rugby."

His legacy was never about silverware. It was about "character". It was about "discipline, humility, respect, and love for the game". It was about creating good men — before creating good players.

Archiebald Perera's life reminds us that the true spirit of sport is not "winning at all costs," but winning through honour. His example stands as a timeless lesson — that greatness is not measured in trophies, but in the lives one shapes and the values one leaves behind.

He was, and always will be, the one true legend of our beloved College.

Frankie Hubert
(Student, Player, Captain and Honorary Coach (1982-1985))

104 YEARS OF COLLEGE RECTORS



Founder Rector
Rev. Fr. Maurice
Le Goc OMI



1st Rector – 1922-1943
Rev. Fr. D J Nicholas
Perera OMI



2nd Rector – 1943-1955
Rev. Fr. Basil Wiratunga
OMI



3rd Rector – 1956-1963
Rev. Fr. Arthur N
Fernando Mis. App.



4th Rector – 1963-1971
Rev. Fr. Mervyn
Weerakkody Mis. App.



5th Rector – 1971-1975
Rev. Fr. Theadore E
Peiris OMI



6th Rector – 1975-1976
Rev. Fr. Claver Perera
Mis. App.



7th Rector – 1976-1977
Rev. Fr. Francis Madiwo
Mis. App.



8th Rector – 1978-1994
Rev. Fr. Joe E
Wickremasinghe Mis. App.



9th Rector – 1994-2005
Rev. Fr. Felician R Perera
Mis. App.



10th Rector – 2005-2014
Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel
Mis. App.



11th Rector – 2014-2019
Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin
Mis. App.



Present Rector –
2019 onwards
Rev. Fr. Rohitha Rodrigo
Mis. App.

TWO PETERITE MUSICIANS - THE JETLINERS



A then and now photo of two Peterite musicians Roger Menezes and Joey Lewis

Approx 1974 (with The Jetliners) and 2024

**At one stage there were three Peterites in The Jetliners-
Desmond de Silva, Roger Menezes and Joey Lewis**

CLASS OF 74/75 GET TOGETHER IN MELBOURNE



L to R :

**Treherne Periera, Antonio Martyn, Keith Periera, Tino De La Motte, Kevin Labrooy,
Everard Perera, Dwight Van Gramberg, Kevin Gomez, Riz Moldrich**

DR. ROHANTHA ATUKORALA - A PETERITE BUSINESS LEADER



Dr. Rohantha Athukorala is a Sri Lankan business leader and strategist known for bridging corporate leadership, public sector transformation, and international development work. His academic path includes marketing and business administration education, capped by executive studies at Harvard University and a Doctorate in Business Administration.

Dr. Athukorala has held high-profile leadership and management roles across both corporate and public sectors.

Over 20 years Dr Atukorale has worked in multinational brands such as Unilever, Reckitt Benckiser, Diversey Lever India in brand marketing and sales leadership roles. He has also held Board Director roles in multiple Sri Lankan private sector companies.

In the public sector he was the Youngest Chairman to serve the Sri Lanka Export Development Board. Dr Atukorale has also served as Chairman, Sri Lanka Tourism, leading tourism strategy and global promotion. Other roles have included serving with the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) as Head of portfolio development (during which Sri Lanka won global awards for project excellence) and leading strategic planning for the University Grants Commission and other national bodies.

Dr Atukorale has won multiple awards including Marketing Achiever (Chartered Institute of Marketing), Business Achiever Award (University of Sri Jayewardenepura), Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam "Pride of the Nation" award for leadership. And the Rotary "International People of Action" global award.

INTERESTING IMAGES OF ST PETERS COLLEGE



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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

Niranjan Rodrigo, Ajith Perera, WM sports(Frank Hubert), Joey Lewis

AND IN CLOSING A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Again,

Summer in Melbourne is a welcome period to slow down after a demanding year and take the opportunity to recharge for the year ahead. It is a time to reconnect with family and friends and to enjoy the warmer weather(when Melbourne's conditions allow)

One of our favourite summer traditions is renting a property on the Mornington Peninsula, ideally with a pool or hot tub, and taking time to truly relax and unwind. This season also coincides with the annual holiday migration to Sri Lanka.

And what has the OBSC got for you in 2026? In February we have our charity function "twilight at the Vines" in aid of prostate cancer and in May we have our gala dinner dance "A night in Rio" with Misty from Sri Lanka.

On the communication front we look forward to finding new ways to keep you up to date on all things Peterite (especially in Melbourne)As always , we appreciate your feedback.

Until next time - keep that flag flying in Melbourne .

Tino De La Motte

