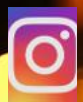




ST. PETERS COLLEGE OBSC MELBOURNE



"A NIGHT IN RIO" NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Following the tremendous success of our "A Night In Rio" Dinner Dance, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to making the evening such a memorable occasion.

On behalf of the St. Peter's College Old Boys Social Club of Melbourne, I sincerely thank our dedicated Committee members whose countless hours of planning, coordination, and hard work behind the scenes ensured the event ran smoothly from start to finish. Your commitment and teamwork continue to strengthen our Club and its spirit of fellowship.



I would also like to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors and donors for their valued support and contributions. Your continued generosity plays a vital role in helping us deliver successful events and maintain the strong community bonds that our Club proudly represents. A special note of appreciation goes to Ogilvy Strategic Alliance for their outstanding support, professionalism, and tireless efforts behind the scenes. Your partnership and commitment were instrumental in the success of the evening, and we are truly grateful.

We are also deeply grateful to our talented entertainers and service providers who added colour, energy, and professionalism to the event. Our sincere thanks to Rajitha and MISTY for their wonderful entertainment and DJ Bos.Housen for keeping the dance floor alive throughout the night,.

We thank Silverline Catering for the excellent cuisine and service, Sapphire Creations for the beautiful decor, Blue Tulips and Randy our photographer for capturing the memorable moments of the evening, Supun and Mithra for their creative flyer, souvenir, ticket designs and printing, as well as 7 Zone and Kooka Productions for their valuable contributions and technical support. Your efforts and dedication greatly enhanced the success and atmosphere of the event.

Most importantly, thank you to all members, families, and friends who attended and helped create such a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere. The wonderful fellowship, camaraderie, and enthusiasm displayed throughout the evening reflected the true spirit of our Old Boys community.

As we look ahead, we encourage even greater participation and involvement from our members in future Club activities and events. Your support and engagement are essential in helping us continue to grow and build an even stronger and more connected community.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the success of “A Night in Rio.” We look forward to seeing you all again at our future gatherings.

Warm regards,

Gavin Godlieb

President 2025/2026

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



A NIGHT IN RIO - A PETERITE CARNIVAL

Wow....where do I start.The Peterites keep going from strength to amazing with their annual dances and this year was no exception.

To start off there was a spectacular light show,with Springvale town hall illuminated inside to simulate the college hall which segwayed into "Rio Carnaval" perfectly capturing the theme of the evening.

What is a great dance without fantastic music and MISTY killed it for a second year running.Coming straight from the US,Rajitha,Radika and the boys kept everyone on their feet all night long with their high energy show.....and let's not forget DJ Bos.Housen who perfectly complimented the band with per pulsating sounds.

The Rio theme continued with Silverline catering serving traditional Brazilian dishes such as "Arroz a Grega" and "Feijioda" against a Rio backdrop which included Christ the Redeemer.

A lot of effort by many people,late night committee meetings and of course our sponsors invaluable contribution went into making this a night to remember for our 500+ guests.But, seeing people enjoy themselves makes it all worth while.

We thank all our guests and invite them back next year for another Peterite Spectacular....already being planned!!

Without more words , let Blue Tulip Creatives Photographs do the talking .



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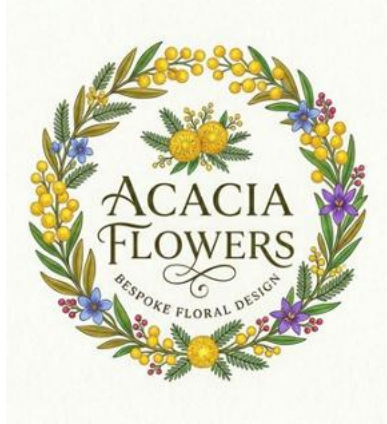
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6TH DEC **CHRISTMAS PARTY**



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29TH AUG **DINNER DANCE
(SHANGRI LA)**



THEN & NOW - A PETERITE CRICKET STAR



Russel Arnold was a key utility player for Sri Lanka from the late 1990s to mid-2000s, known for his batting resilience, team-first attitude, and versatility. After retiring, he has continued to contribute to cricket through commentary, coaching, and community engagement. He was a Member of Sri Lanka's squad that were joint-winners of the 2002 ICC Champions Trophy.

Test Cricket : Debuted against Pakistan in April 1997. He played 44 Tests scoring 1,821 runs including 3 centuries and 10 fifties.

ODI's: Made 180 appearances for Sri Lanka, scoring 3,950 runs at an average of over 35, with 1 century and 28 fifties.

T201: Played Sri Lanka's first ever Twenty over International in 2006.

WHO ARE THESE FOUR GUYS?

They are the Proud Peterite Paternott Brothers whose Peterite heritage goes back to 1927 and their father Norman Paternott (First College cricket Captain and Head Prefect)

L to R: Aubrey , Patrick , Rodney & Hamish.

Sports is in their blood .Aubrey , Rodney and Hamish played rugby for college with Rodney and Hamish Captaining the team. Rodney and Hamish also played cricket with Rodney captaining the team.



ONE FROM OUR RUGBY ARCHIVES

ST PETERS COLLEGE RUGGER XV-1969



Standing L to R

C.L. (Lalith) De Silva., Jefferey DeJong, Ravi Emmanuel, Kumar Basrianpillai, Jizvi Nizar, Peter Abeysinghe, Guinn Ragel, Mohan Abenayake, Tilak Fernando, Jude Dias, Larry Landersz, Glennie Outschoorn.

Seated L to R

Austin Fernando (Master in charge), Ronnie Almeida, Cornel de Zylva, Michael Wright, Fr. Rufus Benedict (Prefect of Games), Sunil Perera (Capt), Archibald Perera (Coach), Hamish Patternot, Neil Maurice, Miftha Mohideen, Mr. Marathalingham (Asst Coach)

ASHAIN MADUGASGE - OUR 2023 RUGBY CAPTAIN



Renowned for his work rate, defensive strength, and ability to read the game, Ashain consistently put the team first, embodying the true spirit of Peterite rugby. His passion for the sport, combined with humility and sportsmanship, has earned him the trust of coaches and the respect of opponents, marking him as a natural leader and an outstanding ambassador for St Peter's College.

VINES CHARITY EVENT (28/2/2026)

Another successful charity initiative by the brother and sister schools SPC & HFC saw the community come together for a worthy cause. Following last year's support for breast cancer awareness, this year's event focused on prostate cancer.

More than 120 guests attended the evening, creating a warm and uplifting atmosphere, with all proceeds donated to charity.

Held at Carlei Winery in Upper Beaconsfield, the venue proved ideal for the occasion. Management went above and beyond to ensure the event's success, including donating wine for the raffle. Guests enjoyed the unique setting of the wine cellar while sampling generous tasting boards of antipasto, traditional Italian meatballs, and freshly prepared wood-fired pizza, alongside a selection of cellar-door wines.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by DJ Imthiaz, who kept the dance floor alive with perfectly timed music selections as Carlei Winery rocked late into the night.

We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who supported this worthy initiative with their donations as well as to the winery for its generosity and hospitality.

Prostate cancer remains the most commonly diagnosed cancer among Australian men, with approximately 26,000–28,000 new cases each year and is the second leading cause of cancer related death in men. Every dollar raised helps make a difference.



VINES CHARITY EVENT (28/2/3026)



ROGER MENEZIES - A PETERITE MUSICIAN



Born into a musical family with a legacy tracing back to Goa, Roger's journey began at St. Peter's College, Bambalapitiya, where music was a natural calling. He started his musical journey as a drummer in school and moved onto play saxophone, guitar and other instruments.

He was active in bands in Sri Lanka in the 1960s and 70s and later moved to Sydney, Australia in 1973.

Part of the 60's & 70's Colombo music scene he performed with many well-known bands (Jetliners, Savage, Thunderbirds, Fireflies) and led his own group (Roger and the Webs).

In Australia, Roger formed "Stay Tuned", a band that became a popular choice for events, and they even played for all the corporate functions organised by the Sydney 2000 Olympic Committee. For five consecutive years, the group headlined the New Year's Eve celebrations at Sydney's iconic Centre Point Tower. Roger's ability to effortlessly navigate the guitar, keyboards, drums, and the saxophone, has made him a standout in any ensemble.

Despite building a life and career abroad, Sri Lanka has always remained close to his heart. Roger, who describes his music style as, "hits and memories", has returned regularly to perform at major venues such as the Galadari Hotel, where his shows have become a highlight for both locals and visitors. "Coming back to Sri Lanka is coming home to your roots," Roger says. "I am blessed for all that I have achieved as a musician and grateful to everyone who supports me and enjoys my music."

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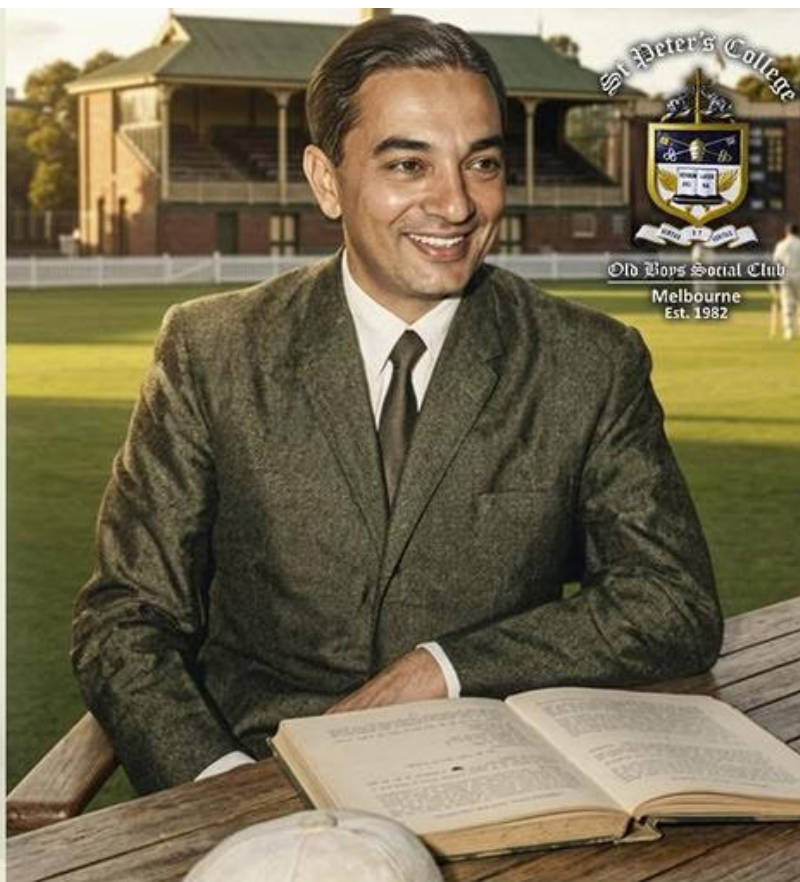
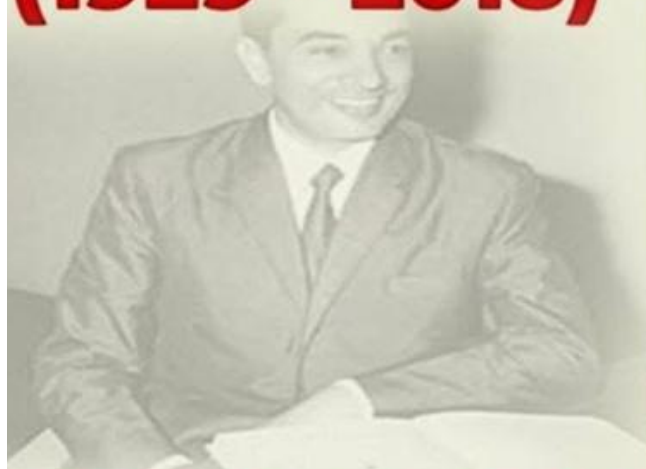
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REMEMBERING OUR 1949 CRICKET CAPTAIN

DR DARREL WEINMAN (1929 - 2018)



OUR 1949 CRICKET CAPTAIN DR DARREL WEINMAN

Born on November 20, 1929, Dr. Darrel Weinman was a distinguished son of St Peter's College, Colombo, and a multi-talented individual, who excelled as a student, sportsman, and captain of the First XI in 1949.

After graduating in medicine with First Class Honours and the Hallet Prize, he went on to obtain his FRCS in the United Kingdom in 1960. Returning to Sri Lanka, he continued to practice Neurosurgery at Colombo General Hospital and as a Surgeon to the Sri Lankan Army. In the early 1970s, he migrated to Australia, where he continued in Neurosurgery before becoming a highly respected and much-loved General Practitioner in Sydney. A humble and dedicated professional, he was known for his tireless commitment to patient care. Beyond medicine, he was a gifted pianist and a warm, engaging presence in social circles.

Dr. Weinman passed away on October 14, 2018 in Sydney, aged 88, leaving behind a legacy of service, excellence and compassion.

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A PETERITE ATHLETIC CHAMPION ON THE WORLD STAGE

Heartiest congratulations to Peterite Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage on an extraordinary achievement at the Rome Diamond League, rewriting records and giving him the world number 5 ranking.

The Peterite OBSC Melbourne celebrates your success with immense pride.

Onward to the world record of 98.48

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A PROUD PETERITE.

A Historic Throw.

Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage, 23, won the men's javelin at the Rome Diamond League with a **92.62m** throw, the **8th** longest in world history, the **2nd** longest by an Asian, and a **new Sri Lankan and meet record.**

8TH  LONGEST IN WORLD HISTORY	2ND  LONGEST BY AN ASIAN	NEW  SRI LANKAN RECORD	NEW  MEET RECORD
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Well done, Rumesh! You make us proud.

CLUB 75 - A BOND BEYOND SCHOOL

“Club 75 “represents a proud band of Peterites whose friendship was forged during their school years at St. Peter’s College in the 1970s. What began as classmates sharing the classrooms, playing fields, and traditions of the college gradually grew into a lifelong fellowship that has endured well beyond their school days.

After leaving St. Peter’s, members of the 1975 era continued to maintain close contact with one another. Informal gatherings and reunions eventually developed into a recognised group known affectionately as Club 75, bringing together Peterites who wished to preserve the camaraderie, loyalty, and spirit of their youth.

Over the years the members of Club 75 have met regularly to celebrate milestones, renew friendships, and remember their formative years spent within the halls of their beloved alma mater. These gatherings have not only strengthened the bonds among members but have also reinforced their shared identity as Peterites.

Beyond fellowship, Club 75 has maintained a deep connection with St. Peter’s College, supporting the school and its traditions whenever possible. Through friendship, goodwill, and loyalty to their alma mater, Club 75 continues to embody the enduring spirit of Peterite brotherhood.

Today, decades after leaving school, the members of Club 75 remain united by memories, shared experiences, and a lasting pride in having been part of St. Peter’s College.

Photo #1 - Club 75 raised funds for the college swimming pool project in 1988

Photo #2 - Class of 1975 members get-together in Melbourne in October 2025.

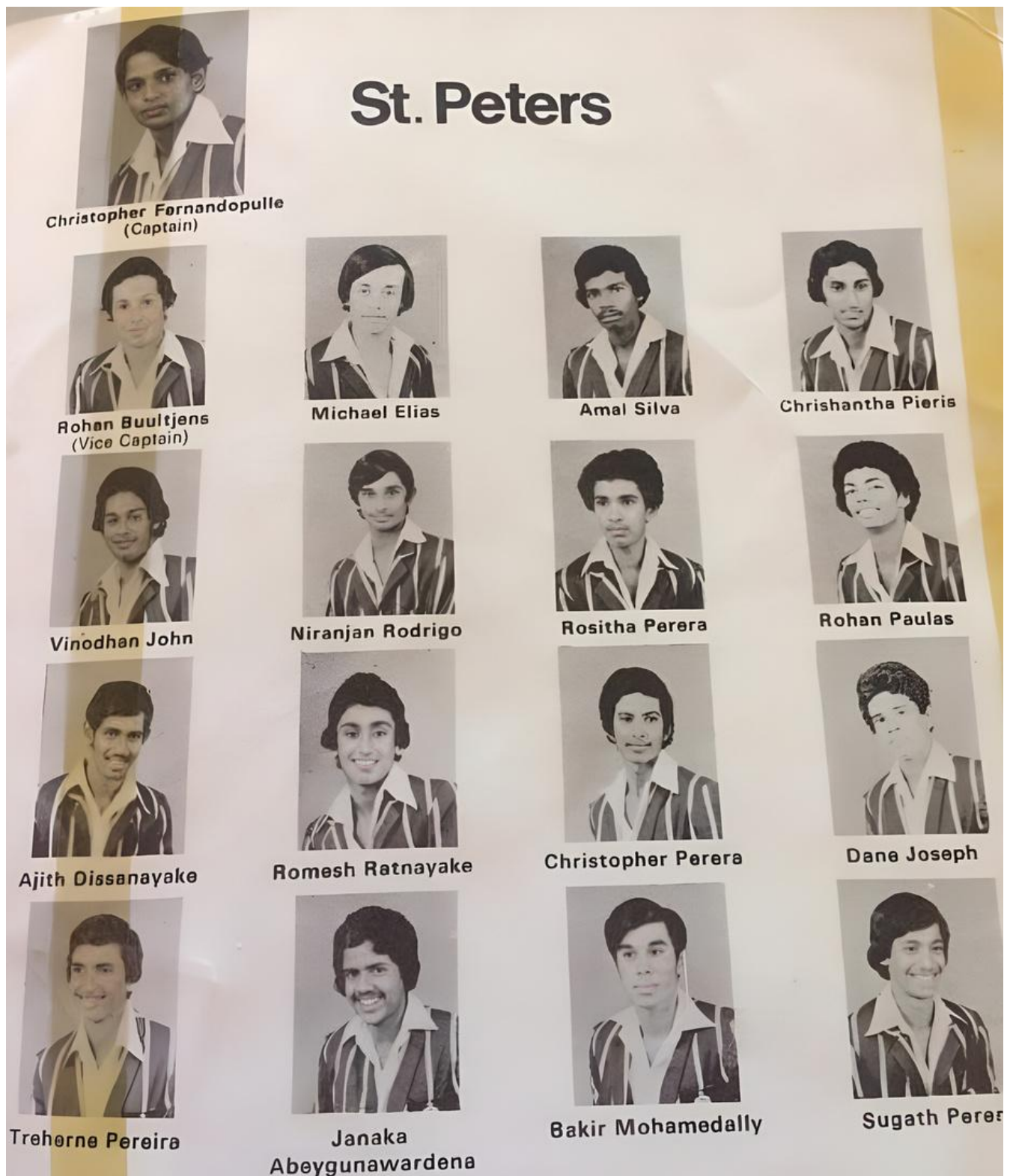


OUR CHAMPION CRICKET TEAM FROM 1979

This Peterite team saw three players move on to play for the national team - Vinodhan John, Amal Silva and Romesh Ratnayake.

In addition the following went on to Captain college - Rohan Buultjens(1980),Michael Elias(1981),Niranjan Rodrigo(1982) and Romesh Ratnayake(1983)

The big match that year saw a remarkable achievement by Rohan Buultjens who scored twin centuries at the big match(Rohan went onto captain the Sri Lanka under 23 team)



WE HAVE A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE



We are back after a brief lapse with a brand new Facebook Page with a new look and all set to bring you all the Peterite news from Australia and Overseas.

And to make it happen we have brought on “Ogilvy Strategic Alliance”, run by Peretite Dilshan Iddamalgoda and his wife Chethi who will help us with Design and Creative matters for our Facebook Page.

So, get onto our facebook page, enjoy the content ,critique(its how we improve) and please invite your friends to follow us. The link to our page is below:

<https://www.facebook.com/spcobscmelbourne>

Also , we can be found on Instagram at “[spc_melbourne](#)”

We look forward to embarking on an exciting Peterite journey with You.

ONCE A PETERITE ALWAYS A PETERITE



PETERITE SWIMMING CHAMPION AIMS FOR OLYMPICS



Our Akalanka Peiris, who is currently based in Australia, holds 5 National records in Sri Lanka.

In Australia, he is recognised as an outstanding swimmer and holds the following placings:

- *In the top 4 in the 50m backstroke.

- *In the top 6 in the 100m individual medley & 100m backstroke.

- *Victorian champion in the 100m backstroke.

Currently Akalanka is in training for the upcoming Asian Games (September 2026) and Commonwealth Games (July 2026).

And then his ultimate goalrepresent Sri Lanka at the 2028 LA games.

As Peterites we wish Akalanka all the best.

REX LUDOWYKE - A PETERITE CRICKETER



Rex first attended St. Peter's College Dehiwala during the Second World War in the 1940s, when the college was temporarily located next to St. Mary's College Dehiwala. Following the war, he moved to the main campus of St. Peter's College Bambalapitiya.

He began his cricket career as a junior under 14 player under the guidance of Cyril Ekanayake and progressed to the under 16 team under Herbert Wittahatchy. Rex later played First XI cricket under Harold Wittahatchy, taking over the wicket-keeping position from Dr. H.I.K Fernando, our oldest living cricket captain. During his time in the First XI he played alongside the legendary Clive Inman.

After leaving college in 1952, Rex began a career in planting before immigrating to Melbourne in 1971.

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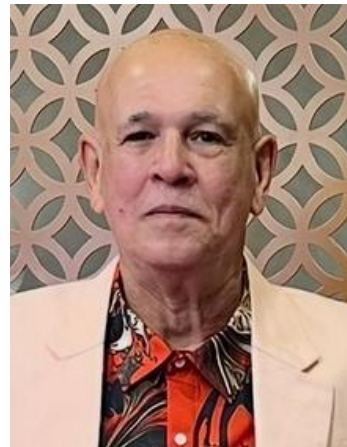
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CLOSING NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Back again after a hectic couple of months organising our "Night in Rio" dance. I don't think many people realise the tremendous effort that goes into a venture like this. But, it's all worth it when you see Peterites and their friends having a good time.



The BIG news on the editorial front is the launch of our new facebook page "SPC OBSC Melbourne". We have partnered with a Peterite run Graphic design company "Ogilvy Strategic Alliance" to give us a new and modern look and feel to our page. Your feedback on our new page would be greatly appreciated.

We now need to start preparing for our AGM (14th August) which will be on us before we know it. We will have a new President next year as Gavin Godlieb has served his 2 year term and possibly new blood on the committee. With that, keep that flag flying until next time.

Tino De La Motte