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Principal's Report

Our Chief Guest today, Professor Mendis, our Lord Bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jebanesan, the chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Gnanathasan, Members of the Board of Directors, Parents, Alumni, friends, members of the faculty and dear students:

We, at Jaffna College welcome you all most cordially to our Prize-giving this morning. This being my first function as principal your presence here is a great encouragement to me and the College community. I do hope very much that you would welcome this time of fellowship with us.

Professor Mendis, we extend a very special word of welcome. You are a most brilliant product of our country and you continue to shed your influence in the highest academic circles here in Sri Lanka and abroad. You are a don of distinction in the field studies and its higher education.

Professor Mendis was elected the Dean, Faculty of Dental Sciences of the University of Peredeniya in 1999. He graduated with a first Class Honours from the Dental School, University of Peredeniya in 1967, obtaining distinctions in both Dental Surgery I and II. He joined the academic staff of the University of Peredeniya in 1968 and has been in continuous service in the University of Peredeniya from that time till March 2001. He did his Postgraduate Studies in the United Kingdom and obtained FDSRCS England & Edinburgh in 1972 and 1973 respectively and FFDRCS(I) in 1974 and was awarded the Ph.D. degree by the University of Bristol in 1977.

Having returned to Sri Lanka in 1977, he developed the discipline of Oral Pathology in Sri Lanka, training technicians and developing an effective island wide biopsy service and an Oral Pathology museum. The General Dental Practitioners from all parts of Sri Lanka were helped by this biopsy service. He supervised the first Ph.D. that the Faculty of Dental Sciences awarded in 1991. Over the years he has supervised and completed five M.Phil. research dissertations. He has published several papers in both International & local journals. He won the Kandy Society of Medicine Prize for research on two different occasions. He has delivered lectures in more than 12 different countries and is the author of the Faculty of Dental Sciences Jubilee Research Directory and also the co-author of a text book "Modern Medicine in Dentistry". He has jointly edited the University of Peredeniya Annual Research Sessions Monograph continually from 1996 – 1999. He also co-edited the 1998 and 1999 Research Monograph published in 2000.

He won an open Commonwealth Medical Fellowship in 1988/89 awarded by the Association of the Commonwealth Universities of Great Britain. He won the T.C. White Fellowship in 1989 by the T.C. White Bequest Trust of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, Scotland. He was also appointed Visiting Professor for one year in the Division of Oral Pathology, Department of Pathology, Dental School, Northwestern University of Chicago, Illinois, in 1993. During this period he attended by invitation and contributed to the 2nd World Workshop in Oral Medicine held in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

He is a member of the American Academy of Oral Pathology, British Society of Oral Pathology, International Association of Oral Pathology and also an Associate of the Royal College of Pathologists, London, UK. He was the President of the College of

Dentistry and Stomatology of Sri Lanka from 1995-1997. He has also contributed to the development of postgraduate Dental Education in Sri Lanka and had successfully arranged many undergraduate and postgraduate Dental Seminars over the years. For General Dental Practitioners Prof. Mendis had arranged Lectures, Seminars & Presentations regularly from 1997 to the present time. He has always shared his knowledge & experience with the General Dental Practitioners. He has taken part in very many annual Scientific Sessions of the College of General Dental Practices of Sri Lanka.

Prof. Mendis was appointed Chairman of the University Grants Commission in 2001 and is currently involved in further developing Higher Education in Sri Lanka. In this context in 2001, he has visited almost all the countries around the Globe.

The UGC during the past eighteen months addressed issues relating to implementation of Higher Education reforms. A new IT faculty was opened at the University of Moratuwa. Presently the UGC is working on the theme "Production of Employable Graduates". More recently he annalysed the progress of Higher Education Reforms and the progress made by all Universities and presented same before HE the President in August this year.

In June 2001, Professor Mendis was awarded the President's Research Bonus 1999, for publications figuring in the Science Citation Index of 1999, with a cumulative index for 1999 of 0.666.

He is an old boy of St. Joseph's College, Colombo and is married with three children. His wife, Professor Shanthi Mendis is presently the Chief of Cardiovascular Disease Research at the World Health Organisation (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland.

We are indeed very sorry that Mrs. Mendis is unable to be present with us today. But we understand her commitments as a very busy person in the W.H.O.is taking her away from the country at this time, and Sir, please take with you our greetings to her.

Once again we welcome you Sir, today in a very special way to our most important function with much pleasure.

Mrs.Eva Boniface grew up in the College campus from her early days as the niece of the first national Principal K.A.Selliah and fully participated in everything that was available to girls during her time -sports, specially net-ball, girl guides, choirs, literary associations and was one of those who made co-education in Jaffna College colourful and successful. She returned to teach at Jaffna college after her Science degree at Madras Christian College, India. She was a very popular and successful teacher of biological sciences and made a very good contribution to the extra-curricular and social life of the College. She was also a keen member of the Student Christian Movement locally and nationally. On leaving college has always been a very loyal member of the alumni association of the Colombo branch. I am happy that you have consented to second the vote of thanks at this function. We have great pleasure in welcoming you to your alma mater and I am sure you will have a pleasant day with us.

A NEW CHALLENGE:

We stand today on the brink of a new era in Education. Certain vital aspects of education are yet to be successfully developed. Schools are intended to provide

education to suit the different abilities of children. This type of education is now being implemented through the School Based Assessment (SBA) programme. We do hope all these efforts and attempts will pave the way to guide for us as teachers, and the parents to further the children's education most suited to their aptitudes and ability.

We have to orient our present system of education towards a very high and general level of education. Firstly, academic qualifications are essential to develop or learn the skills to be a good citizen, but you need job oriented training as well to get yourself prepared to complete the work created by the present challenges. At present widely talked about challenges are globalization, transformation of Industrial economics and transformation of the enterprise. Globalization involves management and control in global market places, competition in world markets, global work group and global delivery systems. We should provide opportunities to our students to get to this standard by exposing them more and more into the field of Information Technology.

Secondly, transformation of Industrial Economics demands knowledge and information based economics, productivity of new products and services, leadership and time-based competitions. Universities should, to a certain extent change its curriculum in such a way to suit the demands spelled out and produce more productive graduates. To do this I propose to reintroduce—viva method, select the best suited students without getting students who are spoon fed by the tutories which make education an excellent avenue for living. I also include here English education as one of the avenues in which we could achieve this target. I am not here to tell that suya basha / mother tongue learning is not good. In my opinion mother tongue education is the best for any student, but to meet the challenges of information or knowledge based economy we need to have English medium education to widen our scope. Therefore, English medium classes should be the main emphasis at schools today. It is our duty to see that we foster a desirable attitude towards English, and this coupled with insightful and improved methods of teaching will result in a great improvement in the standard of English among our children.

Thirdly, transformation of the enterprise gears to decentralization, flexibility, location, independence, empowerment and collaborative work and team work. Here the importance of sports plays a major role to develop these skills and also your commitment to God and loyalty to your own college. We should achieve these qualities through the field of sports. Sports and games are important also to develop both body and mind.

More activities through literary associations and clubs will enable the children to have excellent opportunities to practice all the above skills.

A student of Jaffna College should be mighty in spirit
A student of Jaffna College should possess an outstanding character
A student of Jaffna College should be a lover of learning
A student of Jaffna College should be a dynamic in sports

To achieve these goals we at Jaffna College will invest all our energy.

To educate as many as we can To educate as well as we can To educate as broadly as we can To educate as high as we can.

Keeping all these in mind, I assure you that we shall take every step to give all these facilities to our students.

In Memoriam:

Rev.A.A.Paul:

Rev. Anthony Ariyaratnam Paul the 15th Principal of Jaffna College was born on 25th January 1947.

Rev. Paul had his primary education at Paunnalaikadduwan and his Secondary Education at Jaffna College. He entered the University of Ceylon from Jaffna College in November 1966. He followed a Chemistry Special Degree course with Physics as a subsidiary subject and passed the final examination in August 1970.

For a short period he served at the Faculty of Science as a temporary Assistant Demonstrator and later became a Temporary Assistant Lecturer in Chemistry in the Faculty of Medicine. In 1974 he joined the Mineral Sands Corporation, Pulmoddai and became the Chief Chemist of this Corporation.

On 2nd February 1985 he was appointed to the staff of Jaffna College. Because of his piety integrity and high academic achievement he was given important positions at Jaffna College. He was made chaplain of the College in 1992. He became Junior Vice Principal of the College in 1994.

Rev. A. A. Paul had an abiding interest in Theological Studies and church activities. He followed a Bachelor of Divinity course as an External student of Serampore College ad passed the B.D. Examination. In 1996 he went to Princeton Theological Seminary U.S.A. and obtained his Th.M. Degree.

In June 1991 he was made a Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Dr. D. J.Ambalavanar and in May 1992 he was Ordained as Presbyter of the Jaffna Diocese of the Church of South India. He served as worker in charge at Araly, Moolai and Vaddukoddai churches.

In February 2000 he became the Principal of the Jaffna College a position he held till his much lamented death on the 13th June 2003.

Even though Rev. A. A. Paul had been Principal of Jaffna College only for 3 years and four months, he had been serving the Institution as Vice Principal and Principal during the most difficult period of the College.

We shall always be thankful to God for His gift to us in the life of his devoted servant Rev. Anthony Ariyaratnam Paul. We, as the college community extend once again our heartfelt sympathies to his wife and three sons.

W. N. Thevakadacham

I regret very much to record the death of a very lovable person Mr.W N. Thevakadacham. He served at College for 36 years and joined the band of Jubilarians in 1974. He was a primary trained teacher. He hailed from a family of teachers and proved to be an ideal teacher for the primary kids. His outstanding qualities of a

magnetic voice, jovial ways, his active participation in all activities and public speaking, pleasing and enduring personality rose him up to the supervisor of the primary school for three years prior to his retirement. He was house master of the Brown House for fifteen years. He was an excellent organizer of sportsmeets and we witnessed many colourful and inspiring celebrations. He was a well-known social worker and took an active part in the Y.M.C.A., the CNAPT, the Lions Clubs and the St. John's Ambulance. His contributions to College and community were immeasurable. Even after his retirement and while residing in Negambo with his son his love and passion for College did not decrease, he was in constant touch with us and never forgot to send words of appreciation for special achievements and successes at college. We wish to convey to his wife and sons our deepest sympathies.

S. Navaratnam:

Mr. Navaratnam also retired after 36 years of fruitful service at College. He joined as a trained teacher in Tamil and Arithmetic in the primary school. He belonged to that old band of Trained Teachers and carried out his tasks with a great sense of responsibility and duty. He was an honest and duty conscious teacher and was a person who would always have a wilt remark to say to his fellow teachers whether it be under the banyan tree, the Staffroom or even the tuck-shop. He was a house master and was very active in the field. I want to place on record my appreciation and convey to his son and family our heartfelt condolences.

Leslie Bartlet:

I want to place on record the death of Mr. Leslie Bartlett who gave some of his very untiring years to Jaffna College. He was a loyal alumnus of the college and was very much interested in the achievements of his alma-mater. He was one of the earliest men to occupy the newly built men's hostel, now the Bunker Hall. He took to law and was a District Judge in Jaffna and later reverted to practicing law. He took a keen interest in the Sansoni Commission recording evidence regarding the communal riots in Sri Lanka. He took an active interest in seeing that justice was done to the Tamils who were victims of oppression and injustice. He was also a committed churchman and was a dedicated member of the CSI Church in Colombo He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1983 and as an experienced and highly practiced Attorney-at-Law. He gave his very valuable services to College. He was a very simple, affectionate and convivial person and I still remember how comfortable he was in wearing a Veshti while paying unofficial visits to College. We wish to convey our sympathies to the bereaved family.

Professor K. D. Arudpragasam:

We regret very much to record here the death of a very dynamic personality Prof. Arudpragasam. Though he came into the Board of Directors just one year prior to his death, he was no stranger to Jaffna College. After his schooling in four outstanding Colleges – St. Thomas', Hartley, St. John's and Ananda College, he entered the university of Ceylon. With his Zoology special degree he came directly to Jaffna

College and spent his most energetic years here. He was a well sought- after person for his friendship, knowledge and excellent organization of exhibitions, excursions and extra-curricular activities. His contributions to the outer world were immense. He joined the University of Colombo as professor and Head of the Department of Zoology; Subsequently he obtained his doctoral degree from the University of Wales. He has contributed much to the development of Science in this country. He was actively involved in University education until his sudden and untimely death in August 2003. Professor Arudpragasam as vice chairman of UGC and our Chief Guest today Professor Mendis have been working very closely and it is evident the university circle too have lost a pillar of strength of his composure. He had many dreams for Jaffna College and though most of them we understand are in writing we will miss his direct deep influence on us. We very much mourn his death and I know some of the Board members here and I personally have still not come to terms that he is no more. We shall always remember him with much gratitude and affection. May his soul rest in peace.

C.L.Devasagayam

The late Mr Devasagayam joined the Jaffna College Institute of Agriculture as its principal after serving several years at Aquainas Institute, Colombo. During his tenure of office as Principal he gave very valuable service not only to our institute but also to the adjoining farming community. After his retirement he went to the Maldives. His passing away is an irreparable loss not only to his family, but also to the many who were benefited by his timely advice and help. We convey to his family our deepest sympathies.

E.M. Jebarajah

The late Mr Jebarajah was the former Acting Director of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology. He was a very active member of the Council and contributed a lot for the growth and development of the institute. Specially during the most troubled times he was a real watch-dog at the Institute. Even while residing in Colombo after the exodus his love for the Institute never diminished, he tried to help us in whatever way he could and will never fail to visit us when we were in Colombo. Always inquiring as to how the Institute was progressing. His untimely death at a young age was most shocking to all of us, and much more to his family. His services and dedication to safe guard the Institute will be remembered by the many beneficiaries of the institute. I take this opportunity to convey to his wife and sons our heartfelt sympathies.

Installation of the New Principal:

The Board of Directors of Jaffna College appointed Mr. N. A. Vimalendran as the new Principal of Jaffna College. He is a graduate of the University of Peradeniya having accredited himself with a Bachelor of Science degree. He obtained a merit pass in his post Graduate Diploma in Education. He is also highly qualified in computer Education with an M. A degree. in computer education from King's College of London, University of London. He has added two postgraduate qualifications in Ecumenical Studies from Bossey, Switzerland and in Counselling from Association of Counselling and Health. He has been Serving Jaffna College for more than twenty seven years as a teacher, Supervisor of the Middle School, Vice Principal and now the Principal. He was installed at the Cathedral Church, Vaddukoddai on 21st of July 2003. The Rt. Rev. Dr. s. Jebanesan conducted the service and preached the sermon.

Appointment of NewVice Principal

Mrs.Indranee Jeyakumaran was appointed as the vice principal of the college from July 2003. She possess a B.Sc degree, Dip.in.Education, MA in Education and a Teacher's Diploma in English. She is an old girl of the college and was teaching Zoology for 19 years at College prior to 1995. She was teaching for sometime at Ladies College, Colombo and has been holding very responsible positions there.

We are very happy to welcome her back and we expect much contribution from her.

On Roll:

There are 1424 on roll. 426 students are in the Primary school 472 in the Junior Secondary School and 526 in the Senior School. There are 834 boys and 590 girls.

Admissions:

231 students were admitted during the course of this year, 114 to the Primary School, 74 to Junior Secondary School and 43 to the Senior Secondary School.

STAFF:

We have 46 on Permanent teacher cadre, of which three are with Masters degrees, 11 with post graduate diploma in Education, 22 graduates and 9 trained teachers. In addition we have 24 on contract or part-time basis, and 11 on our non-academic staff.

Mr.P.Thevamithiran returned to college in June 1st. after completing a special course in Theology and music from the Tamil Nadu Theological College, Madurai. South India.

On Leave:

Messrs. A.C. Francis and S. S.Karunaithas are doing the Diploma in Education course at the University and will return to us at the end of this year.

RETIREMENT

Mr. N. Thatpananthan was one of our gifted and dedicated teachers of recent times. He joined Jaffna College in 1969. He is an Arts graduate with a merit pass in the post graduate Diploma in Education of the University of Colombo and a Grade I Special Post holder. He was a very successful teacher of Geography and Social Studies. He has a knack to teach Geography and he never entered a classroom without a roll of maps in his hand. He was sub-warden of Sanders Hostel, Faculty Adviser of the School Council, Secretary and President of the Round table, Head of Social Sciences and Arts Department, patron of the Academy and house maser of Abraham house. His favourite game was tennis. He was a very active Physical Director and carried out his duties efficiently. He has organized many colourful functions for Jaffna College, chiefly the prize-givings, sportsmeets, cricket and soccer matches, Cross Country Festivals and Academy lunches. He was a very dependable and readily accessible person at all times. We are extremely happy that he is continuing to render his valuable services to College even after his retirement, and we wish him many more years of healthy life. His appearance still remains so youthful and we expect more years of useful service from him.

JUBILARIANS

Mr. K. Thangarajah joined Jaffna College in 1977 after obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Finance & Taxation. He secured his Diploma in Education from the University of Jaffna in 1985. He is well known for his subject Accountancy in the Technical College circles. He is the head of the Advanced Level Arts Department and Co-ordinator for Advanced Level Project work. He is the master-in-charge of the Commerce Union and a house master of Hitchcock House. He has successfully completed twenty-five years of fruitful service at Jaffna College in the year 2002. We wish him well and all success in all his future endeavours.

Mr. S.C.Karunendran joined Jaffna College as an assistant to the then Bursar in 1977. Then in the year 1984 he started assisting the Welfare Officer, and in 1986 became Account Clerk in the high school department. He is a loyal employee and very methodical in his work. He is also a good tennis player. He stayed on in Vaddukoddai during the time of the exodus and helped the school in many ways in the aspect of financial matters. At present he is in-charge of the entire accounting of the high school. He completed his 25th year in 2002. We trust he will continue to give his utmost services to college in maintaining a good record of all accounts.

Appointments:

The following teachers joined us during the course of the year 2002 -

(1) Miss Naomi Yogaratnam — Physical Ed & Primary teaching

(2) Mrs. Joy Thevathas - Primary teaching
(3) Miss Vajani Rajendram - primary teaching
(4) MissGanthimathi Ganesharajah - Primary & sports

(5) Mr.S.Sivatharan - Lab.Technician

(6) Mr.N.Kugaparan - Tamil
(7) Miss.Thulaja Rajendram - Chemistry
(8) Mr.S.Sriskantharajah - Chemistry
(9) Mr.S.B.Niles - Primary

(10) Mr.R.Kugan -Physical Education (11) Mr.N.W.Shanthakumar - Information Technology

(12) Miss. Anuratha Sithamparanathan - Primary Clerk

Resignation

The following teachers left us during the course of this year

Mr. N.Sivanarudchelvam — Mathematics Miss. Aninthini Arunakirinathan — Chemistry Miss. Milha Ratnasabapathy — Primary Miss. Bavani Suntharajan — Tamil

EXAMINATION RESULTS

At the G.C.E.A/L Examination held in April, 2002, 129 students sat and 47 are qualified to apply for University admissions, and 5 of which were eligible to enter various faculties according to the Z-score released recently.

Medicine: Gurusamy Kapilan

Ananthakumar Krishnamoorthy

Arts

: Ponnuthurai Pretheepa

Ushananthini Sriganesharajah

Antnilani Jesuthasan

Best Results:

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At the G.C.E. O/L examination held in December, 2002, 100 students sat for the examination and 68 passed the examination in 6 subjects and more.were qualified to follow the Advanced Level classes.

Best Results:

1.	1.	Gnanasampanthan Panchakaran	9 A 1 S
	2.	Navaratnam Gokulan	7A 2B 1C
	3.	Sathasivam Hapilan	7A 2C 1S
	4.	Balachandran Piriyatharshan	6A 3B 1C
	5.	James Thanushan	6A B 3C
	6.	Cheinthuja Ganeshalingam	6A B 3C
	7.	Sithamparanathan Senthuran	5A 1B 1C 3S
	8.	Velupillai Niruparan	5A 1B 1C
	9.	Vijayavel Kajan	5A 2B 1C 2S
	10.	Kunam Sulaxon	5A 2B 2C S

At the year 5 scholarship examination of 2002, 64 students sat for the examination and 12 passed above the cut-out marks.

1.	Thulasi	Mahendran	- 166
2.	Pavithra	Navaratnam	- 135
3.	Rajeevarman	Raveendran	- 131
4.	Rajgogulan	Sivagnanasundaram	- 118
5.	Rathigeshan	Kugarajan	- 144
6.	Anjuthan Joh	an Mithiraranjan	- 137
7.	Seeralan	Sivashanmuganathan	- 148
8.	Howshikah	Srithamothararaj	- 129
9.	Mytheregi	Ragunathan	- 131
10.	Sahanavi	Thurairajah	- 131
11.	Sylvia	Thavanayagam	- 121
12.	Sinthuja	Balendran	- 135

Thulasi Mahendran's district rank was 3^{rd.}. The cut out marks for Jaffna was 118

SPORTS:

This year we fared better in sports than in the previous years. We also started new activities in sports this year.

CROSS COUNTRY:

The Cross-Country race was revived after a lapse of over 10 years. It was held on 4th October, 2002. A large number of students participated in the Boys Senior Group and Junior group and girls group. Much enthusiasm was shown by the students.

CRICKET:

The first eleven was captained by Mas. S. M. Thileepan, Mas. S. J. A. Nimro was the Vice-captain. We played six inter-school matches, Battle of the Golds and the Rajan Kadirgamar Limited overs Match. During the season, Mas. K. Sugash scored 50 against Manipay Hindu College, Mas. J. Rajkumar scored 53 against Jaffna Hindu College, 52 against Heartly College, 78 against Mahajana College and S. Thanaran took 7 wickets against Manipay Hindu College and Thujan 5 wickets against Union College.

Our Under 16 team was captained by Mas. I. Luxmikanthan and Mas. S. Pratheepan was the Vice Captain. This time we played Sri Lankan School Cricket Tournament which was conducted by Astra.

The Under 14 Cricket Team was led by Mas. Joel.Sherhan Vimalendran and S. J. Senthooran and we did very well and became champion in our group and went up to quarter final stage. Mas. Joel. Sherhan Vimalendran was selected for the North Eastern Provincial Pool.

SOCCER:

Our football standards improved this year. The first eleven was captained by. Mas. S. Gobiramana. R. Rajeevson was the Vice Captain. They played six friendly matches and the spectacular Big Match with St. Patrick's College was drawn and our boys played very well.

The second team was led by Mas. M.Thasangan, and Vice Captained by Mas. M. Gobinath . They played six matches.

The Under 15 team played 6 matches.

The Under 12 boys entered the tournament conducted by the Valigamam Zone and emerged as Champions at the Divisional level.

BASKET BALL:

In January our boys' first team entered the Jaffna District tournament sponsored by the Y.M.C.A and won the championship, under the captaincy of S. Senthooran.

NETBALL:

The under 19 team was captained by Miss. T. Easwary and Miss. R. Jinova was the Vice Captain and won the 3rd place in Zonal Level.

The Under 17 team was led by Miss. R. Theepa and Vice Captain by Miss. S. Sivasaila. They won the 2nd place in the Zonal Level and 3rd Place in the District Level.

The Under 15 team won the 1st place in the Zonal Level.

ATHLETICS:

Athletic performance reached a new height this year. Our Annual Inter House athletic meet of the Primary School was held on 14th February. Mrs. Jeeva Ratnasabapathy our Jubilarian was the chief guest. Abraham House emerged champions.

The inter-house athletic meet of the Senior School was held on 21th February, Mr.P.Vigneswaran, Director Education Jaffna Zone and Mrs Vigneswaran were chief guests. Brown House won the championship. After a long lapse of period we had a march past competition among the houses and Brown house became the march past champions. Brown house obtained the tug of war and relay champion ships.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under 12 Under 13 Under 15 Under 17	Boys M. Vijiraj (Ha) J. Nikethan (Ha) Y. Sutharshanan (Hi) S. Arthars(Br) M. Rayishankar (Br)	Girls S. Manojini (Ha) M. Hamsathvani (Br) Y. Ajithra (Br) M. Vijitha (Br)
Under 19	S. Sarasananthan (Ha) T. Janath (Ha) S. Jeyamohan (Br) S. Selvakumar (Ha)	V. Sugirthala (Hi) P. Thanaluxmy (Ha)
Under 21	M. Ahilanathan (Ab) K. Rajevkanth (Br) K. Alwin Sujendran (Ab)	S. Karthiga (Ha)

Our College athletic team, was captained by. Mas. A. Ahilanathan and Mas. S. Jeyamohan, was Vice Captain. We performed well in the Chankanai Divisional Schools Sports meet, Besides winning the relay championship, the following emerged as individual champions.

Under 13 Boys:
Under 15 Boys:

J. Nikethan
Y. Sutharshanan
J. S. Vimalendran

Under 19 Boys:

S. Jeyamohan

35 athletes, both boys and girls qualified to participate at the Zonal Level meet for individual events.

20 athletes, qualified to participate at the Jaffna District Schools Athletic Meet.

The following won place at the above meet.

R. Ben Dilharan	Long Jump	1 st Place
J. Nikethan	10 Metres Race	2 nd Place
	Long Jump	1st Place
Y. Sutharshanan	100 Metres Race	1st Place
S. Arthars	Javalin Throw	1 st jPlace
S. Jeyamohan	1500 Metres Race	2 nd Place
S. Sutharshini	High Jump 2 nd Pl	ace
4 X 100 Metres Relay		
4 X 100 Metres Relay	1 st Place	
	J. Nikethan Y. Sutharshanan S. Arthars S. Jeyamohan S. Sutharshini 4 X 100 Metres Relay	J. Nikethan 10 Metres Race Long Jump Y. Sutharshanan S. Arthars S. Jeyamohan S. Sutharshini 4 X 100 Metres Race High Jump 1st Place

This time 14 athletes both boys and girls participated in the North Eastern Provincial Level Schools Sportsmeet held at Trincomalee.

The following participated in the Provincial Level Competition.

R. Bendilharan	Long Jump
J. Nikethan	Long Jump, 100 Metres Race
Y. Sutharshanan	100 Metres Race
S. Ariyathasa	Javalin Throw
G. Rajeevkanth	200 Metres, 400 Metres Race
S. Sutharshini	High Jump.
	J. Nikethan Y. Sutharshanan S. Ariyathasa G. Rajeevkanth

The following won the places.

Under 21 Girls:	Miss. S. Sutharshini	High Jump 4X100 Metres Relay	3 rd place 3 rd place
Under 21 Boys	Mas. R. Rajeevkanth	400Metres Race 4X400 Metres Relay	4 th Place 4 th Place

Our sincere thanks are due to the Physical Director Mr.A.Jeyarajan for his untiring efforts, to Mr B.L.Mohan and to all the coaches, House masters and House Mistresses for their time and devotion spent towards the upliftment of all the sports activities.

TAMIL DAY COMPETITIONS:

Our students took part in the Divisional, Zonal and District Level competitions organized by the Department of Education . At the Divisional Level competitions won many 1st places, 2nd places and 3rd places. Students participated in Reading, Essay Writing, Speech, Paa Othal, Thani Isai, Dance, Villu Pattu and Debates. 9 students won 1st place, 1 won 2nd places and 1 won 3rd places at the Zonal Level District Level Tamil Day Competition. The district, provincial and National results are as follows:

Jaffna District:

Reading	Group I	- Miss P. Sinthuja	- first place
Speech	Group I	- Miss M. Thulasi	- second place
'Paoothal'	Group II	- Miss S.Abiramy	- second place

'paoothal'	Group V	- Mas. M.Thiruvarangan	- first place
Music & Da	ance Group I	- Miss .V.Thiviyahari	- first place
Singing	Group IV	- Miss V.Subahari	- First place

Provincial Level

Singing Group IV	- Miss V.Subahari	- first place
Paoothal Group V	- Mas M.Thiruvarangan	- second place
Reading Group I	- Miss B.Sinthuja	- Third place

Our grateful thanks to the Head of the Department of Tamil, Mrs.Shantha Yasotharan and to all the teachers of Tamil, Carnatic Music and Dance for their untiring efforts and cooperation in training the students to reach such high levels.

ENGLISH DAY COMPETITIONS:

We participated at the English Day competitions organised by the Department of Education and won many places at Divisional, Zonal, District and Provincial levels. Students participated in Dictation, Creative Writing, Copy Writing, Recitation and Oratory. 8 students won 1st place, 10 won 2nd places and 8won 3rd places at the Zonal Level District Level English Day Competition.

At the Provincial level the following students obtained places -

Creative writing	 Miss Tharshika Selvarajah - 3rd place Mas. Mahendran Thiruvarangan - 1st place
Dictation	- Miss Nitharshana Kulasegaram - 2 nd place
Oratory (Prepared)	- Mas. Mahendran Thiruvarangan − 3 rd place

I thank Miss S.S. Selvadurai and other members of the English Department for training these students, so efficiently and their efforts made towards the teaching of these skills are always appreciated, and in years to come we are sure we will achieve high standards.

BHARATHI DAY

We celebrated Bharathy Day on 11th September 2002. Bharathy Day has become one of our annual features celebrated in a big,meaningful and colourful manner. This year we invited Mr. Arunmoli, a film producer and Rev Alex from the TamilNadu Theological Seminary. I am happy to report that one of our distinguished old boy Mr. S. Nesananther has contributed a sum of one lakh of rupees towards the endowment fund for the Bharathy day celebrations. I wish to place on record our thanks to him. The College will ever remain thankful to our Bishop The Rt.Rev.Dr.S.Jebanesan for giving us all support and encouragement to conduct this day annually.

BUNKER MEMORIAL LECTURES:

Dr.(Mrs) Pauline Sathiamoorthy, vice-principal and Head of the Department of English at Bishop Heber College, Trichi was here in Jaffna briefly and delivered the Bunker Memorial Lectures on 20 August,2002 at the Undergraduate Department on the topic "The Works of R.K. Narayanan". It was a well delivered lecture and was appreciated well.

HOSTELS:

We are one of the very few schools that run hostels. There are 67 boys in the Bunker Hall and 45 girls in the Howland Hall and most of them are on assistantship. Some of them are Grade 5 Scholars and some who obtained 5 Distinctions or more at the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination. Some of the Girls in the Boarding are the students of Jaffna College Institute of Technology. My sincere thanks are due to the wardens Rev.G.Nadarajah, Miss.S.S.Soundranayagam and the sub-Wardens Mr.Niles, Mr.Paraneetharan and Miss Ratnaleela vettively for their care, devotion and guidance given to the life of students in their respective hostels.

A special word of thanks to Mr.F.Richard and to the catering staff for providing all meals in time and cooperating with the hostel management.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES;

We give prime importance to devotions at College. We start all our activities at College with a prayer. The morning Chapel Services, Vesper Services, Student Christian Movement activities, Y.M.C.A. activities., the Christmas and Easter programmes are our regular activities of the Religious department. On Tuesdays the S.C.M. conducts Bible Quiz competitions, Singing Competitions, Debates and short plays during the chapel time. The staff chapel is held on Wednesdays.

I thank Rev. G. Nadarjah, the chaplain of the school and all the teachers of music Miss S.S.Selvadurai, Mrs E.T.Jeyarajan, Mrs. J.J.Mithiraranjan, Mr P.Thevamithran, Miss.S.Sothiyamoorthy and Mrs. D.N.Thavachelvam for helping out with the programmes.

COLLEGE BAND

Our students have been trained to play many instruments and the college band has Performed at many functions at College. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs. S.V.Jebanesan. Our sincere thanks are also due to Mrs. E.T.Jeyarajan who took over the responsibility of the band in the absence of Mrs Jebanean. Mrs.Jeyarajan took much pain and effort to train them, and also helped in getting a new costume for the band.

GUIDING AND SCOUTING:

The Scouts Guides, little Friends and Cubs were all very active this year. They observed Baden Powel Day and Thinking Day solemnly. Miss. Sivajini Velliampalam was recommended by Jaffna Guides Company to attend an International Guides Camp in London. It was very unfortunate that none of the two girls sent from Jaffna were selected by the Sri Lanka Guides Movement

Some of our scouts and two masters participated at the Campore held in Trincomalee for North Eastern Province. My thanks are due to the Guider

Mrs.D.N.Thavaselam and scout masters Mr.K.Sathasivam, Mr.P.Thevamithiran for their valuable training given to the scouts and guides.

PRIMARY SCHOOL:

The Primary School carries out all the activities regularly. They had their sports meet with Mrs. Jeeva Ratnasabapathy, a retired Jubilarian as the Chief Guest. The Tamil Day, English Day, Christmas and Gandhi Day were conducted with greater participation and enthusiasm. The Parents attend these functions in large numbers. The Cubs and Little Friends have their regular programmes. Changes in curriculum in grade 1 to 5 class are being efficiently implemented.

We are ever so thankful to Miss Grace Bunker for the time spent among the primary students and for the enthusiasm and vigour with which she moves around the campus on Thursdays & Fridays.

I thank Mr.A.Jeyarajan Primary School Supervisor and the staff for their untiring work in the Primary School.

SPECIAL ENGLISH CLASSES

We are thankful to Ms Grace Bunker, for conducting these special English classes on Thursdays and Fridays. Students in the G.C.E.(A/L), Grade 10 & 11 are also benefited by these classes. Special classes were conducted for our teachers as well.

DANIEL POOR LIBRARY

Our Library is still the best in the Northern Province. We have 41,000 accessed books. It is used by students of the school and we extend our services to others who do research work. The college library is always a source of pride to us.

The Asia Foundation and the Alumni Association London donated a number of books. The late Professor Arudpragasam was responsible for selecting the books of the Asia Foundation. We thank the donors of the books for their valuable donations.

The reading habit of our children has to improve. We need to computerize the Library and microfilm the books in the archives section. Computerizing will be less time consuming for those who read.

Miss S.P.Gulasingam deserves our thanks for a splendid piece of work done in the Library along with the other library assistants. We admire and value the strict discipline maintained during the library hours and the study time of the boarders.

LITARARY ASSOCIATIONS:

The Academy, the Brotherhood, the Forum, the Lycium and the class activities are held regularly. The Rev.Fr.Justin Ganapragasam the newly elected rector of St.Patrick's College, was the chief guest at the annual Academy lunch.

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S FUND OF CANADA

This programme has helped many of our students, mostly from low income group of families. The authorized number of our project is 220, of this total 170 are sponsored. The children's educational, nutritional and to a certain extent their accessories such as shoes, socks, etc are looked after. We are taking all measures to train them in skills and leadership so that they grow up to be good citizens. I take this opportunity to thank the staff and the Field Director Mr N.A..L.Mendis of the CCFC in Sri Lanka and those in Toronto, Canada for their valuable service, their frequent visits and guidance, and to all the sponsors who help to brighten the lives of these children. I owe a very special word of thanks and gratitude to Miss S.P.Gulasingam for so very carefully monitoring and helping with the funds received from Canada and for carrying out the purposes of the fund. My thanks are also due to Miss Kumari Anthonypillai ,the assistant in the CCFC office here at college.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION

I wish to thank Mr V.Ganesharatnam, the Welfare Assistant for all the efforts put in to collect the annual budgeted sums from parents. I am happy to report that most parents have been very co-operative and we were able to meet our budgets.

VISITORS:

On the 29th of June 2002 Richard Lunal from British Council

29th July Mary & Farly Maxwell - Kathmandu Nepal

10th October Mr. & Mrs. Krishnakumar - University of Jaffna

28th January Mr. W. Dharmam Kulatungam- former Vice-Principla from Canada

30th November Priyanth Pathiranage

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21st January Rev. & Mrs Arthar Jeyakumar

21st January Mr. & Mrs. Seelan Kadirgamar

13th March Ms. Ellen T. Tompsett - Vellor, Tamil Nadu

18th Mach Rev. & Mrs. Bubsi Arulampalam- Australia 19th March Mrs. S. Kanagaratnam- former teacher from Canada

23rd May Mr. Miriam & Mr. Samuel Sampathkumar- Madras Christian College

22nd May T. Chandrasegaram - Australia

31st May Fredrik Dale – Sweden 26th June Rev. Ruth Brandon - a member of the Board of Trustees from USA 03rd July Thavarajah Sritharan – Canada

10th July Mr. T. R. Thayaseelan - U. K.

24th July Kathlean Sullivan - U.S. A

25th July Ronald Mc. Coy - U. S./ A. 25th July Mr&Mrs J. H. Ariyaratnam - former Registrar of the Undergraduate Dept.from UK

29th July C. Nagendran (Tony)

31st August S. Gunaratnam

01st August Mr./ & Mrs. K. Thayalan – doha, Quatar

07th August John & Nilade Kulanayagam - London

10th September Prof. S. Maunakuru & Prof. M. Chithralega- Eastern University

12th September Dr. & Mrs. Nithiyananthan – New Zealand

22 nd September Prof. P. Devaranjan - USA

NEW COLLEGE FLAG

Mr. .M.Thavayogarajah President of Alumni Colombo Branch has donated us with a new college flag and we extend him our gratitude.

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS & PRIZE FUNDS:

Ms. Senthilselvan Ragunathan gave Rs.5,000/= towards prize funds in the names of Ms.Senthilselvsm Ragunathan, and in Memory of Appathurai Thamotharampillai and in Memory of Rajah Ragunathan. Dr.Agrey Thurairatnam donated US \$ 240/= towards two Boarding Scholarships in the name of Mrs. late. Elsie Thurairatnam his mother and wife of Late Mr.K.C. Thurairatnam and Mrs. Ruth Bunker, wife of late Rev. Dr.S.K.Bunker former President. The Torrento Branch of the Alumni Association enhanced the Millennium Boarding Scholarship by C\$ 250.00. Dr B.T.L. Jeyasingam gave US \$ 500/= towards supporting a child at Jaffna College. The Alumni in Sydney gave Rs 20,000 /= towards one year Boarding Scholarship. Kandasamy Vivekananthan Memorial Scholaship awarded by the trust fund Rs. 10,000/= per year Annually. Dr.Agrey Thurairatnam donated Rs. 18,000 in memory of Prof. E.A. Champion to be awarded for the Athlets winning places in the district levell – 2002.

THE UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT:

This Department entered into a new Era when the Institute of Bankers, Sri Lanka accepted Jaffna College Undergraduate Department as its accredited College on 20th April 2002. There are 250 students enrolled for Certificate in Banking Education (CBF) .course and Advanced CBF Course. The classes are conducted both in Tamil & English medium, during the afternoon on the weekdays and whole day during the weekends.

In addition, we also prepare candidates for G.A.Q, 1st in Commerce and Arts Degree and Commerce Degree. There are 78 students following external Degree of both Jaffna University and Peredeniya University, Mr. A. Kumaravel is appointed Coordinator of the Undergraduate Department.

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) – Foundation level classes have been started with the help of CIMA Sri Lankan division, Colombo. Our centre has been accepted as one of the Computer Based Assessment centre for foundation level examination of the CIMA (UK). Six students have enrolled for the May 2003 examination. Two seminars with the help of CIMA division were held on the following topics –

- 1) Internet Mr. Mohamed, Senior lecturer, Moratuwa University.
- Project writing skills Dr.Kennedy Gunawardene, Senior lecturer, Jayawardenapura University.
- 3) Present yourself a soft development skill Mr. Claud Perera, the vice-president, CIMA Sri Lankan division.
- 4) Law lectures Mr. Benedict, former senior lecturer, Cantebia.

My grateful thanks are due to the coordinator Mr.A.Kumaravel, Administrative Assistant Mr.V.Mahinthan, all the lecturers and the office staff for conducting these classes so efficiently and methodically.

NEW COSTRUCTIONS & RENOVATIONS

The new Junior Secondary block downstairs was declared opened by the Rt.Rev. Dr.S.Jebanesan, our Bishop of the JDCSI on the new Principal's installation day the 21st July, 2003. The second floor will be ready for occupation at the end of this year.

The foundation stone for the Undergraduate Department in Jaffna was laid by our Bishop the Rt Rev Dr S.Jebanesan on the 7th September, 2003.

The Bicknell Pavilion renovation is almost completed. New portable cycle sheds have been put up in the college premises near the old Basketball court.

JAFFNA COLLEE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

In spite of many constraints placed on the institute during the past years, it has maintained a steady progress under the directorship of Mr. N.R.G. Hoole.

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Courses and students:

The institute's primary aim is to provide opportunities in tertiary education for school leavers. The courses include -

- 1. Craft courses in Radio, TV, Automobile, Electrical Wiring, Mechanical craftsmanship , Air-conditioning & Refrigeration
- Diploma in Electronics & Telecommunication
- 3. Diploma in Civil Draughsmanship
- 4. Diploma in Computer Programming
- 5. Certificate courses in Computer Programming, Business applications, Printing Technology, Computer Hardware, and Foundry practice.
- A new trade course in Carpentry was started recently.

We have got affiliations at the following centres

- 1. Council of Information Technology
- 2. The Open University of Sri Lanka
- 3. The British Computer Society

We are also in the process of exploring other centres which will accept our courses.

Building repair of many damaged buildings due to the military activities and military occupation were undertaken. The twin quarters adjacent to the Araly road were repaired and new electrical fittings were put. Electrical fittings for the power lab and some class rooms were undertaken. A second coat of tar was put for our road from top of

Karainagar Road to the Abel's Auditorium. The road repairs to the other roads are underway.

Currently there are 7,687 volume of books are there in the library. During this period 16 new books were purchased and 29 books on Discipline of Engineering were donated to us by our former students Messrs Suthan and Suresh Subramaniam.

The sports and religious activities are conducted regularly. The boys hostel was restarted at the end of 2002 is functioning well. There are 20 students in the hostel.

My sincere thanks are due to the Director Mr N.R.G.Hoole, the tutorial staff, non-academic and minor for their untiring efforts in maintaining the Institute on a good standard of tertiary education and the great service they are rendering.

JAFFNA COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

The Agricultural Institute is now on an excellent footing under the principalship of Mr.T Kugathasan. The institute is providing courses in Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, poultry, machine maintenance and in other allied fields. Several seminars and workshops in collaboration with various other organizations are conducted regularly on topics related to the courses provided. Students were taken on Agricultural study tours to many of the Agricultural stations here in Jaffna and in the Vanni areas. Many schools in the Jaffna district visit the Institute. Hostel facilities are available for boys. The religious and social activities are conducted regularly.

I am extremely thankful to Mr. Kugathasan and his staff for the good work and wish him well in their plans for the future.

I want to place on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the Council of the institutes for their timely guidance, advice and interest.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Parent association and the Colombo Alumni Association have been very active and several good functions have been held both in Jaffna and in Colombo. We are happy to record an increase in the membership in both these associations. Very impressive functions were held for the new Principal and the new Vice-Principal in Jaffna and in Colombo, and I am happy and grateful to them, specially the executive committees for organizing such functions.

I am very proud to record here that some members of the Colombo Alumni Association have helped many of our students who were in Colombo for various competitions. The students were encouraged and pepped up for higher achievements by their personal presence in the sports fields and elsewhere. The Colombo OBA president Mr. S. Thavayogarajah, the Secretary Mr Chandran Ariaratnam, Mr A Gnanathasan, Mr. C.D. Chinnakone and Mr S Kandasamy are in constant touch with the school and its progress. A special word of thanks to Mr Thavayogarajah and Mr Kandasamy for heir contributions towards sports articles and other cash prizes given to the college.

The Alumni Association of Canada enhanced the Millanium Scholarship Fund by US\$250.00.

MILLENIUM BOARDING SCHOLARSHIP 2002

Nan	nes	class
1.	Mas.Mathanraj Srishanthan	Gr 8
2.	Mas. Rajendram Pratheepan	Gr 9
3.	Mas. Yogeswaran Thujan	Gr 12
4.	Mas. Sathiyaseelan Nirojan	Gr10
5.	Mas. Rajendram Prasath	Gr 8
6.	Mas. Nadarajah Rubathasan	Gr 11
7.	Mas Selvarajah Denistan	Gr 7
8.	Mas. Kirubanathan Rajeevan	Gr 5
9.	Mas. V.Giritharan	Gr 10
10.	Miss Anita Anithini Rajendram	Gr 11
11.	Miss Ruth Samantha Rassiah	Gr 10
12	Miss Abiramy Kanapathiyar	Gr 11
13.	Miss Jeneny Narenthirasingam	Gr 10
14.	Miss Janisda Gnanapragasam	Gr 7

The London Association has initiated a Minor Employees Fund with an initial deposit of 1000.00 sterling pounds and the Australian Association is also planning to give scholarships to students entering universities from Jaffna College. We are extremely thankful to all these associations for their support and encouragement financially and otherwise. The London Association has also donated a consignment of books to the Library and we are very grateful to them.

My sincere thanks to Mr T.Anandaratnam, the president of the Parent Association, Mr M.Sithamparanathan, the secretary and Mr. T.P.Ganesan, the alumni representative to the Board of Directors for all their efforts and encouragement given at all times.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We welcome Rev Dr D.S.Thiyagarajah, Mr.D.G. Newton, Professor Breckenridge as new members of the Board. We also welcome Mr. A.Gnanathasan as the chairman, Mr. R.Muthuratnanantham as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ernest Thambinayagam, as Secretary and Mr. G.Rajanayagam Treasurer & Manager for the year 2003/04. My sincere thanks are due to the Chairman, all the members of the Board of Directors and members of the Executve committee for all the time and effort given to the affairs of the College. Once again it is with much regret and sadness that we record the death of Professor K.D.Arudpiragasam. We want to remember him at this time with much gratitude for the services rendered, though for a very short period, his interest and concern were great.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms.Rev Ruth Brandon was elected as a new member on the Board of Trustees representing the Common Global Ministries Board. We are extremely happy that we have now got a very young and energetic missionary from the Global Mnistries Miss Diane Elizebeth Faires. She is residing at Jaffna College and will be a great asset in teaching English and helping us with dramatics and singing. We greatly appreciate Miss Grace Bunker's presence with us. With her knowledge and love for Jaffna College she is very active and it's a treat to watch her mingling among our primary kids. We

remain grateful to the Trustees for all their careful stewardship of funds and more for their warm friendship and guidance. They have met almost all our requests in the past with great sympathy and understanding, and we are sure they will consider the requests of Jaffna College as priority in considering their allocation of funds each year. A special word of thanks are also due to the chairman of the trustees Rev Paul Clayton, the secretary Rev Dr James Wijeyakumar and the treasurer Mr. Richard Edmund.

THANKS

I want to place on record my gratitude and sincere thanks to all the members of the staff – academic, clerical and minor, and to all the students for their enthusiasm, cooperation and loyalty shown in making education here at college an experience and a thing of beauty in everyone's eyes. We have much to be grateful for. The success of a school depends not only on the cooperation of the staff and students, but also on the full support of the parents and alumni, and I can proudly say that we have achieved this to a great extent. We expect more in the future.

A special word of thanks to the Vice-principal Mrs I. Jeyakumaran, the supervisor of the Junior Secondary School Mr C.Rajeswaran, the Primary Supervisor Mr A Jeyarajan, the members of the Faculty, to the closely knit office staff, the Works supervisor Mr N.Yogarajah and to the patron Mr.K.Satasivam and members of the School Council for their able assistance and useful work towards the daily running of the school.

May God accept the efforts of our minds, hearts and hands. To Him be all praise honour and glory.

