

# ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

COLOMBO



## **SEVENTY EIGHTH ANNUAL PRIZE — GIVING**

Chief Guest  
**HIS EXCELLENCY J. R. JAYEWARDENA**  
(The President of Sri Lanka)

9th November 1979

## PROGRAMME

- ❁ Welcome — “Surala” — Hewisi Band
- ❁ Procession
- ❁ National Anthem
- ❁ Welcome Song — ප්‍රය මංගලම් වේවා!
- ❁ Opening Ceremony
- ❁ Invocatory Prayer
- ❁ Rector's Report
- ❁ Reply by His Excellency the President
- ❁ Distribution of Prizes by Mrs. J. R. Jaywardene
- ❁ Vote of thanks by College Head Prefect

## VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT

- ❁ Hymn for Sri Lanka
- ❁ “Ranga Tharanga”
- ❁ “Pooja” Dance
- ❁ “Pantheru”
- ❁ Fife & Drum Band
- ❁ College Anthem



# St. Joseph's College, Colombo

## ANNUAL REPORT — 1979

*Your Excellency,\**

This is your first official visit to St. Joseph's as President of Sri Lanka. This is the first time you preside at our Prize-Giving, thus adding lustre to a long line of eminent men who have done so before. Recently you came to St. Joseph's to pay your last respects to a distinguished priest of St. Joseph's and a long-standing friend. We like to consider you a friend of St. Joseph's, and it is as such we welcome you.

We take pride in the fact that a Josephian is your Prime Minister, and a Josephian your Minister of Justice to usher in your Dharmista Society, not to mention a number of other Josephians who render loyal service to your Government.

In the midst of onerous duties of State you have taken time off to be the Chief Guest at our Prize-Giving today. We ourselves would have suffered a certain sense of guilt in drawing you away from more urgent obligations, if not for the reason that we owe a debt of gratitude to you and your Government to which we would like to give public expression. Your Government's decision to end twenty years of the disabilities suffered by our schools as a result of the infamous Act of 1960, we consider a truly historic decision—historic in the annals of denominational education. We are aware that you were determined to put to right the injustices suffered by our schools, and though with the passage of years we may have tended to grow somewhat timid and less insistent in asking for redress, it was a most courageous and generous decision you took in cabinet to grant us our rights.

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\*His Excellency J. R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka.

It is when such decisions are made that politics ends and statesmanship begins, and you have demonstrated during your tenure of office as President, that you have long since graduated from politics to statesmanship. As the first democratically elected President of Sri Lanka, you are to the people, to us, the sign and symbol of the nation's aspiration to national unity and social justice. You symbolise the people's yearning for "iustitia", for the "compassio" of Buddhism, and the "caritas" of Christianity. We are fortunate that at this critical period in the island's history you are at the helm of affairs. In the contemporary political scene there is none who can match your record of experience and knowledge of politics and statecraft. Your sterling qualities of integrity, incorruptibility, dedication to work, sense of justice and fairplay, transparent sincerity, and freedom from doctrinaire politics, give you a masterly self-possession which enables you to be totally at the service of the nation. It is our fervent wish that, under your charismatic leadership, the entire nation will rally round you to usher in an era of prosperity for the masses of this country.

Finally, Sir, I would like to pay tribute to your dedication to the universal values and ideals of Buddhism. They are not alien to our Christian faith. The highest authority in the Church has urged us to join hands with our non-catholic brethren to foster those ideals. This may be one reason why you have an appeal to the Christian conscience. You are also wedded to the secular ideals of socialism and democracy, and when you declared Sri Lanka a democratic and socialist Republic, you symbolically freed these two words from the monopoly of a totalitarian creed.

The presence in our midst of the first lady of the land, Mrs. J. R. Jayewardene, adds grace and colour to this occasion. Her quiet and unassuming manner and her homely qualities are a credit to the women of Sri Lanka. We are glad she is associated with us this morning as a silent witness and sharer of our joy and gratitude. Please accept, gracious lady, our sincere thanks.

Last year, when the Honourable Prime Minister presided at our Prize-Giving, my predecessor in office prophetically declared



that the moment of truth had come for the Government to demonstrate the courage of its convictions by undoing the injustices perpetrated on schools like St. Joseph's. Within a year of these words being spoken, your Government has decided to correct these injustices.

When I look back on these twenty years of struggle and sacrifice by parents, staff, students, and my predecessors, I feel a sense of unworthiness to be privileged to reap the fruits of their labour. Our gratitude goes out to our Cardinal who took the courageous step, by a sheer act of faith, to keep these schools independent within the crippling conditions of the Act of 1960 - a senseless piece of legislation - intended to let our schools die a slow death. Many of the smaller schools no doubt succumbed, not for want of conviction, but for lack of cash. At the initial stages, the universal Church came to our aid, but as time went on the Welfare Societies composed of the parents, and old-boys, supported the school enthusiastically, and thus we were able to weather the storm. Our thanks are, therefore, due to our parents who bore the burden of double taxation in education; our loyal old-boys; our teachers who, though deprived of their pension-rights and of training facilities, still stood steadfastly by us.

The schools themselves were starved of educational resource-material for some time. The students were deprived of cadeting facilities. In short, we were the outcasts of the educational system. All this happened because this microscopic minority had the courage of its convictions. Successive governments, which recognised the injustice, gave promise but not fulfilment. It is, therefore, very courageous and magnanimous of the present government to end the injustice that had been perpetrated on our schools. No one should grudge this recognition of the right of the parents to choose the type of education they desire for their children, and to a just share of the expenditure on education to which they contribute by way of taxation. By giving aid to our schools you have affirmed and translated into action one of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed by the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights, as proclaimed by the United Nations and to which Sri Lanka is a signatory, namely, that "parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children." giving these schools a grant you affirm another fundamental right enshrined in democratic constitutions, that "the State shall not, in granting aid to educational institutions, discriminate against any educational institution on the ground that it is under the management of a minority, whether based on religion or language". By your decision to correct the anomaly of the non-fee levying private schools, and to give financial support to these schools, you have, as a democrat, affirmed two basic principles of democracy and of human rights. The blood, sweat, toil and tears of a generation of parents, teachers and educationists have finally borne fruit. Their endeavours have been rewarded. As the Lord said, "In your patience you shall possess your souls."

Now that this courageous step has been taken, it is our fervent hope that the machinery of government will be swift to execute your will. Let not the Shakesperean lament about the "law's delay" be exemplified in this case. The drive at the centre must be matched by the enthusiasm at the circumference. May the year 1980, then, herald the dawn of a new era for non-fee levying private schools.

The decision to help our schools is but a part of the new thinking that is taking place on the role of the State in education in Sri Lanka. In fact, I would even go further and say that this is but a part of the broad compass of your political philosophy of liberation, the liberation of the individual from servile dependence on the State, and your firm belief that the individual should participate in the entire political, social and economic process. You have taken steps to free the economy from the stranglehold of State socialism, and politics from centralisation. The vital energies of the people are tapped for social progress. It is in this line that the Educational Reforms Committee has set about its task; to free the educational process from bureaucratic constraints; to de-politicise, de-centralise and re-structure the educational system.



It is with a view to this that the Education Service Commission and the National Education Council are to be established and community participation sought. The Educational Reforms Committee has analysed the evils of our educational system. What is now required is enthusiasm at all levels of society to put our educational house into order once and for all, on the correct lines. It is in this context that we would like to view your Government's decision to come to the aid of the non-fee levying private school and to bring them into the mainstream of the educational process. The State now assumes a new role in the life of the community. It seeks not to dominate but to serve, not to subjugate but to liberate, not to take-over but to control and co-ordinate, not to impose but to seek participation.

The most significant event during the past year was the change of Rectorship. Dr. Quintus G. Fernando, the former Rector, left for the United States on a scholarship to the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. His five years of Rectorship were full of achievement. The College was established on a sound financial basis. The Ground Development Project was brought to a successful conclusion. A modern turf wicket became a reality; a terraced concrete pathway along the edge of the College grounds was added to bring new beauty to the grounds, and there was a notable improvement in the aesthetic surroundings of the College. Two dental clinics were secured through the good offices of the Ministry of Health; the Premadasa Pavilion was initiated and half the funds for the project collected. These were some of the many achievements. Studies and discipline in the College made steady progress and the Nursery Department was given a modern orientation. Fr. Quintus Fernando was a versatile and dynamic personality who achieved much within a short time.

When called upon by His Grace, the Archbishop to assume the Rectorship, I had no illusions about the tremendous task I was called upon to undertake. It was the call of my Alma Mater where I had my entire education, from the Kindergarten to University

Entrance Class, during two Rectorships, those of Rev. Fr. M. J. Le Goc and Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, and the six years of experience gained as a member of the staff, as Principal of the Middle and Upper School from 1958 to 1964, that persuaded me to accept the responsibility. With a profound sense of my own unworthiness I seek the support of all parents, old-boys, staff, students and well-wishers to do my best for the greater glory of St. Joseph's.

I have to record with deep regret the passing away, at the ripe old age of eighty years, of Very Rev. Fr. D.J. Anthony, O.M.I. Thousands of Josephians, from the Prime Minister to the humblest old-boy paid homage to a great priest, educationist, writer and nationalist. Your Excellency paid the nation's tribute to him accompanied by the Prime Minister, the Minister of Education, the Hon. Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Sports, and the Minister of Cultural Affairs. I had the privilege of coming under the guidance of Fr. Anthony as a boarder and a student of the College and in the priesthood of as a personal friend and counsellor. It was a great honour, as Rector, to receive his mortal remains in the College Chapel. It is not possible within the compass of this report to pay full tribute to his life and career. He was Prefect of Studies, Prefect of Discipline, Prefect of Boarders, Vice-Rector and Acting Rector. He was General Manager, R. C. Schools, and the Principal of the Bolawalana Teacher Training College. A prolific Sinhala writer and translator of the Bible into Sinhala, he was a stupendous and tireless worker. May God welcome him as His good and faithful servant to his Kingdom.

Another great Josephian passed away last year, none other than the indefatigable Mr. Anthony Abeysinghe, the former Josephian Football and Athletics Coach, and, up to the time of his death, National Athletic Coach. No Josephian of the last fifty years or so can forget this figure on the College grounds who brought fame to St. Joseph's in the field of Athletics. A teacher, coach and student counsellor, St. Joseph's owes him an unredeemable debt. A fervent Catholic, there is no doubt that his reward will be great in heaven. These two Anthonys should inspire both



staff and students to greater effort and dedication in the cause of St. Joseph's.

On the 19th October, 1979, the College celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the birth of Rev. Fr. Peter Pillai, O. M. I. who was Rector of St. Joseph's for nearly twenty-one years. Rev. Fr. T. Kuriacose celebrated Mass and gave an inspiring sermon on the life of Fr. Peter Pillai, O.M.I. Later there was an exhibition of the life of Fr. Peter Pillai and talks were given in the three media by Messrs. Victor Gunawardena, D. M. Jayawardena and B. G. Emmanuel on the life and work of Fr. Peter Pillai. The intention was to give the students an understanding of the past history of the College, and to pay a tribute to a great Rector.

1979 marks the International Year of the Child. We have celebrated this year by an educational programme. A committee was set-up comprising both staff and students to bring into focus the rights of the child, for the benefit parents, staff and students and to society at large. The primary school celebrated the year with a dance and a play entitled, "A Child has Many Faces". A plan to organise classes for non-school-going children of the area was initiated, and although the response from parents was poor, we intend going ahead with classes for a small group as part of the on going programme for the International Year of the Child. With the passage of time, we hope that more children will join the classes. Thereby we hope to make use of the facilities at St. Joseph's, after school hours, for the less privileged children in the neighbourhood. The Nursery Department celebrated the International Year of the Child by an Art & Craft Exhibition, and the upper school students intend to commemorate it on the 16th of November this year. I thank the staff, and the students who worked so enthusiastically to bring all this to fruition.

During the year we had a very distinguished visitor in the person of His Excellency Msgr. Lourduwamy, Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples. He came in

the distinguished company of His Excellency Msgr. N. Rotunno, the Apostolic Nuncio, and His Grace the Archbishop. He was conducted round the College and finally presided at an assembly of the students in the chapel where he addressed them and imparted his blessing to them.

During the year we lost the services of Rev. Fr. S. Fernandopulle O. M. I. who was the Bursar, Prefect of Boarders, Prefect of Games and Spiritual Director. His transfer in the middle of the year caused anxiety, but Providence intervened. Rev. Fr. F. Renjith Perera was appointed Prefect of Boarders and Student Counsellor. Mr. Aloy Perera, an old-boy and a man of experience, was appointed Bursar, the first lay Bursar in the history of the College. This is a significant step taken to relieve the priests of mundane tasks, so that they may be made available in a more meaningful way to the students and staff.

The following teachers left the staff during the period: Messrs. George Fennando, who after twelve years of dedicated service was a tireless worker, S.C.B. Seneviratne; C.O.A. Wickramarachchi and Rev. Sr. Lambert.

We welcome the following teachers: Messrs. A. S. R. Patrick; S. F. Kandiah; D. E. S. Weerakkody; A. Tillakaratne; Miss S. Sinnadurai; Mrs. C. Fernando; Mrs. S. B. Wijesinghe and Rev. Sr. Maria Goretti.

We hope they will emulate the Example of the great teachers of the past. I have a dedicated staff to collaborate with me, and my Vice-Rector to lighten the burdens of office.

Through the good offices of the Welfare Society, we intend to give incentives to our teachers by establishing benefits based on attendance and punctuality and, awards for long service of 25



years, and awards on retirement. These are incentives given to dedicated teachers who give of their best.

This year the Preparatory School joins with the College Section to have a common Prize-Giving. The Primary School is under the able guidance and supervision of Mr. W. D. J. Ratnasekera.

The Inter-House Athletics Meet at which Rev. Fr. Joe de Mel was the Chief Guest, was well organised and was a great success. The primary school's swimming meet was held with Mrs. C. Stephen, a veteran teacher of the school, as the Chief Guest.

Our primary school children, accompanied by the teachers, have gone on study tours to public institutions such as the Railway, Post Office, Market and the Police Station, and to the Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya, as a part of their environmental studies.

The teaching of religion is being updated through the valuable services of Rev. Fr. Don Sylvester, Director of Catechetical Centre.

The parents of the primary school are very generous in their financial contributions for worthy causes. We are very grateful to them.

The following teachers left the staff during the period: Messrs. Merrill de Fonseka; Harold de Silva; Rev. Srs. Nidosini; Agnesia; Misses Serena de Silva and A. Thomas. We thank these teachers for their services. We make special mention of Mr. Harold de Silva, a versatile teacher and one who had a real flair for organising sports meets.

We welcome the following teachers to the staff: Rev. Srs. Gerard and Benildus; Mrs. M. Kariyawasam; Mrs. A. Francis and Misses Sirima de Silva, Chitra Perera, Rachel Douglas and M. I. Sebastian.

My sincere thanks to the Principal and Staff of the Primary School for their dedicated service to the little children.

The Pre-school, under the able guidance of the Directress, Miss, Margie Silva had a year full of activities. The Kindergarden Sports Meet with Rev. Fr. Don Peter as the Chief Guest, was a great success and an exhibition of Arts and Crafts of the kiddies from Pre-school, Lower K. G. and Grade I, was held to commemorate the International Year of the Child talk on "The Education and Growth of the Child" by Mrs. Sharmini de Silva, Directress, Woodlands Training Centre, Maharagama. was organis for the parents and the staff. We thank Miss Margie Silva and the teachers for their love and care for the kiddies.

Special mention must be made of the Board of Administration composed of Vice-Rector, Rev. Fr. Joseph Benedict Fernando; Deputy Principal, Mr. D. C. Jayasinghe; Middle School Principal, Mr. M. J. B. Perera; Middle School Deputy Principal, Mr. M. G. I. Ferdinanesz; the Principal of the Primary School, Mr. W. D. R. Ratnasekera and the Directress of the Pro-school, Miss Margie Silva and Sectional Heads, namely Mr. H. Epasinghe, Mr. P. Milton Wickremaratne, Mr. A. T. Christis Perera, Mr. W. M. Griffith Fernando, Mr. Roger Fernando and Mr. S. A. Kandiah, who meet regularly with me once a month to discuss matters of administration. I am really impressed by their unstinted co-operation, dedication and loyalty to the institution. I am thankful to them for all the help and support they give me in my work. The Subject-heads whom we appointed this year have still to make any impact and to co-ordinate studies in the College. But already a beginning has been made and much good is expected in the coming year when their work will bear fruit. The Principal of the Middle School, Mr. M.J.B. Perera, is a real asset with his long and wide experience.

Regular Parent/Teacher Meetings of the various grades are held every term and very useful discussions take place. A committee of parents has been formed, together with the staff, to organise



special classes and special activities. This is a healthy development which we hope to continue in the future.

The spiritual activities of the College give motivation for studies, play and human relationships. Opportunities are given to the students to freely participate at daily Mass, monthly confessions, group retreats and apostolic movements viz. Christian Students' Movement and the St. Vincent de Paul Society. It is our intention to make the chapel with the Sacrifice of the Mass the centre and source of the spiritual life of the student. With this intention the Corpus Christi procession was revived, and besides the Mass during the short interval, we have introduced a Mass at 7.20 A. M. to enable the parents and students to join in common worship. Rev. Fr. M. J. Le Goc wanted the chapel to be the centre of the College both physically and spiritually. Humbly we seek to fulfil his intention. My grateful thanks to Rev. Fr. Justin Perera, the doyen of the community, Fr. Chrispin Leo, Fr. Stanley Fernandopulle, Fr. Joseph Benedict Fernando, Fr. Fr. S. Rupasinghe and Fr. Felician Ranjith Perera, the visiting Fathers and the lay teachers, especially Mr. M.S. Fernando, for their help in the spiritual formation of our students. I am glad that Fr. Justin Perera is still in our midst to dispense his inexhaustible store of spiritual largesse, as in our own school days, to the present generation. Old-boys also have access to his ministrations.

The Altar Servers' Association under its Director, Mr. Peter Liyanage, renders useful service at Divine Services. The enthusiasm of the young members to serve at God's table is very edifying and I am proud to be an old boy of the Association, having joined it way back in 1939. It should become the cradle for future vocations to the priesthood. We thank the past members of the Committee and hope that it will, under its new leader Master Sampath W. Welgampola become one of the most active Associations of the College.

The Sinhala, Tamil and English Literary Unions form the core of our extra-curricular work. They engage in various cultural

activities such as debates, dramas, essay contests and participation in inter-school debates. The Sinhala Literary Union also took part in an art festival and in the Sahithya Day Celebrations organised by other schools. The English Literary Union held Inter-House competitions where selected extracts from Shakespeare were performed. Coudert House was placed first. The Tamil Literary Union had its normal spate of activities with inter-school debates, essay contests and the annual elocution contest.

At the suggestion of the Ministry of Education we undertook to foster a school in the cyclone ravaged area of Batticaloa. Fatima Carmel College of Kalmunai was assigned to us. Due to the enthusiasm of the Vice-Rector, Rev. Fr. Joseph Benedict and Mr. A. Kandiah and the generosity of our parents we were able to collect Rs. 10,000/- and the Welfare Society contributed Rs. 5000/- We also helped by supplying model question papers for the Advanced Level Classes and helped in the raffle organised by the school. In this way we wish to show our solidarity with the less fortunate schools.

Cultural Day was celebrated in all three media. This is now an annual feature.

The Environment Protection Society of the College joined in a seminar organised by the parent body. A competition is at present in progress to give a prize to the cleanest class. Shramadana and work experience projects were also organised by this society

The United Nations Students' Movement, formed a year ago, is still in its swaddling clothes but is stirring itself to action. The society conducted a sports meet for a school in Mirawila and donated prizes. They are now busy with the College Canteen and trying to put the lid on the recent price hikes at the tuck shop, which is subject to inflationary pressures from outside.



The movement, as I have already mentioned, conducted a house to house survey of non-school-going poor children living down Devanampiyatissa Mawatha, Colombo 10. The response from the parents was, however, not very forthcoming, due to a certain timidity which we hope to overcome with the passage of time. The Students also actively participated in a Sharamadana project, along with other voluntary organisations, at Samanthranapura in Mattakkuliya where slum dwellers have been settled.

We thank in a special way, Mesdames A. C. Saverimuttu, Nimala Perera, C. D. Jacobs, Messrs, M. G. L. Fernandez and M. S. Fernando, the Teachers in Charge, for the great interest they have taken in the activities of the Societies.

The College Western Band, the Hewisi Band and the Oriental Band are often called upon to perform at public functions, and they add colour to all our celebrations

Cricket dominates the sports activities of the College. We have Under 11, Under 13, Under 17 and 1st XI Teams. There is great enthusiasm among our students to join the cricket teams of all ages. We have had a fairly successful season this year, and although we did not win any matches outright, of the fourteen matches played, we lost only one and that to Royal which setback we intend adequately to overcome next year with apologies to Your Excellency. Our thanks are due to the Masters-in-Charge of Cricket, Messrs. Angelo Rayer and P. J. L. Kuruwawala, and the Coach, Mr. Tony P Opatha. Mr. Fairlie Dalpathadu is now our coach and great things are expected of him this year. We also wish to express our thanks to Messrs. James Perera and Alirajah for coaching our junior teams. We wish to thank them all for their dedication to College cricket. Former Josephian captains and coaches and masters met together to review Josephian cricket. An advisory committee under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Joe de Mel, has been established.

Rugby at St. Joseph's seems to have come of age and our students have displayed their growing talent by their

performance in Inter-School Rugby. We offered stiff resistance to traditionally strong rugby teams such as Royal, Trinity and St. Thomas'. However, our boys had the better of Dharmaraja, Ananda, Thurstan and St. Anthony's College, Kandy. Credit for the plucky performance of our boys is due to our coaches Messrs. Chulika de Silva and Y. C. Chang. St. Joseph's rugby team has become one to be reckoned with once again we thank our coaches for their services to Josephian rugger.

Our Inter-House Athletics Meet was held on 14th July, and the Chief Guest was one of our distinguished old-boy sportsmen, The Honourable K. W. Devanayagam. Bonjean House emerged champions. The Old-Boys Union financed the sports meet and many old-boys sent in their contributions. We thank them all. Athletics at St. Joseph's needs to be brought back to its former glory, and we place our hopes on our junior athletes to regain our lost fame in inter-school athletics. M.A.C. Dep, himself one of our most brilliant past athletes, has volunteered to coach our boys and Mr. D.E.S. Weerakkody has been appointed master in charge. Mr. B. Ockersz continues to encourage our boys. We thank them all.

Soccer at St. Joseph's has suffered a setback due to the want of an experienced coach. As a result, the talent among the boys has not emerged. We lost to Royal and to St. Anthony's, Wattala. Here to, our junior teams have done better than the seniors, and were runners-up in the Colombo District School Tournament.

Lawn Tennis at St. Joseph's has been given a boost, thanks to the services of our coach, Mr. Neville Wijewickrema, who, has offered us his help voluntarily. A former gentleman usher at the now defunct Senate, and a veteran navy man, he has spent the rest of his waking hours on the tennis court. Many boys have enlisted for College tennis, and two of our students, Arjan Perera and Vijaya Francis participated at the Sri Lanka Junior International Tournament.

A team of six players was entered for the Schools' Tennis Tournament. We beat St. Thomas' College, Gurutalawa 27/0, Ananda College, Colombo 14/13 and Royal College 'B' Team 14/13.



We could not come into the Final because of the smallness of this Team and the system of scoring.

Whatever progress Table Tennis has made is due to the interest shown by the lady tennis coach, Miss Sirina J Lucas who coached our boys for All-Island Schools Table Tennis Tournament.

Basketball which had almost been abandoned at St. Joseph's is once again being revived with the services of our new coach and the Priest in charge, Fr. Felician Perera, a champion basketball player. We envisage a bright future for our basketball. We thank Mr. Anton Nadarajah for the interest he takes in Basketball.

In swimming the Juniors have done better than the seniors. They came second in the Junior Schools Championship. At the Novices Swimming and Diving Meet our boys retained the Championship for the second year in succession. Our thanks are due to in a special way to Mr. Abeysena, the coach, and Mr. Kahatapitiya.

The Scout Group under the able guidance of Rev. Fr. Stanley Fernandopulle and an enthusiastic band of scouters has made steady progress. One of our junior scouters, Chaminda Perera, was selected to represent Sri Lanka at the world jamboree to be held in Australia this year. We thank Mr. G. G. M. Shanmugam for training our little cubs. Last year our scouts were judged the best group in Colombo and won the much coveted Mayor's Flag. The annual camporee and the camp at Downside Estate, Welimada and get-together of Josephian and Peterite were a great success.

The past year witnessed the steady progress of the Premadasa Pavilion Project which is nearing completion. In spite of the escalating costs, we intend to complete the full project soon. A host of old-boys and well-wishers have contributed generously to meet the cost. We regret the delay caused by the change in administration and the non-availability of adequate men and material.

The Welfare Society of the College helps in the collection of donations and organises ways and means of obtaining funds for the College. They not only collect donations but are committed in a more meaningful way by undertaking specific projects for the

College such as improving the laboratories, the book - shop, seeing to the maintenance of bulidings and updating the accounting system of the College.

It is the envy of St. Joseph's that parents have been our supporters and with their donations they have helped the College to survive. They are now directly involved in special classes for students during vacation and week-ends. Parents also give a helping hand in organising extra-curricular activities such as dramas, the chess club, and other hobbies.

Our old-boys are not second to the parents in their dedication to the College. They obtain funds required for our sports activities and the College Sports Meet is financed by the old Boys Union. The Old Josephions's sports Club contributes to other sports such as cricket and football. We thank them for their help in the past year.

I mention in a special way our old boys scattered throughout the world who so generously sent in contributions for the sports fund. I thank Mr Harold de Andrado, our cricket critic, for supplying me with their addresses.

We cannot forget to thank the clerical staff the manager and minor staff for their devoted and valuable service to the College, unobtrusive as their work often is.

Last, but not the least, my thanks are due to my tireless Secretary, Mr. Denis de Silva, who has spent many late evenings attending to the typing and to other details of this Prize Report.

I thank the donors of prizes for their continued generosity and the ladies and gentlemen here today for their encouraging presence.

Finally I wish to say how very deeply grateful we are to Your Excellency for so kindly accepting to preside at this function, and to Mrs. Jayewardene for kindly consenting to give away the prizes, and the distinguished guests both ladies and gentlemen for their presence.

Neville Emmanuel  
Rector.



# PRIZE LIST - 1979

## GRADE 12 (SCIENCE STREAM)

### PHYSICS

The Rev. Fr. Charles Collin Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union.*

Awarded to

Suresh Gunaratne

(S)

George Nadesan

(T)

### CHEMISTRY.

The Rev. Fr. C. M. Lytton Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union.*

Awarded to

M. Surin B. Perera

(S)

Manoha Rajakarier

(T)

### MATHEMATICS.

The Rev. Fr. Emile Nicholas Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union.*

Awarded to

Surin B. Perera

(S)

George Nadesan

(T)

### MATHEMATICS (Mechanics)

The Rev. Fr. M. J. Le Goc Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union.*

Awarded to

M. Surin B. Perera

(S)

### BOTANY

The Rev. Fr. Peter A. Pillai Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union.*

Awarded to

Gihan Jayasundera

(S)

### ZOOLOGY

The Rev. Fr. Mervyn P. Weerakkody Memorial Prize

Presented by *The Old Boys' Union*

Awarded to

Christie Anthony

(S)

### AGRICULTURE

The J. B. M. Perera Memorial Prize

Presented by *Carl de S. Weyeratne, Esq.*

Awarded to

Chrisanthal Jacobs

## GRADE — 12 (COMMERCE STREAM)

### COMMERCE

Prize presented by *Mark Fernando Esq.*

Awarded to	Harsha Silva	(S)
	Wester Felthman	(E)

### ACCOUNTS

Prize Presented by *D. R. Mallawaratchy Esq.*

Awarded to	Rohan Warnakula	(S)
	M. M. A. Paul	(E)

### ECONOMICS

Prize presented by *C. B. Wijeyeratne Esq.*

Awarded to	Harsha Silva	(S)
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### GEOGRAPHY

The Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Arsekularatne Memorial Prize

Presented by *Victor Arsekularatne Esq.*

Awarded to	Harsha Silva
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### MATHEMATICS

The Captain J. de S. Wijeyeratne Memorial Prize

Presented by *Mrs. J. de S. Wijeyeratne*

Not Awarded.

### LOGIC

The H. N. G. Fernando Memorial Prize

Awarded to	Roshan Sivanandajah
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## GRADE - 11 (SCIENCE STREAM)

### PHYSICS

The N. D. Fred Silva Memorial Prize

Presented by *N. Demis S. Silva Esq.*

Awarded to	<b>Keith Chapman</b>	(S)
	<b>J. I. Santhiapillai</b>	(T)

### CHEMISTRY

Prize presented by *Noel Mendis Esq.*

Awarded to	<b>Janaka Algama</b>	(S)
	<b>Y. Q. Bastiampillai</b>	(T)
	<b>F. P. Moldrich</b>	(E)

### MATHEMATICS

The Sir Marcus Fernando Memorial Prize

Presented by *C. H. A. Fernando Esq.*

Awarded to	<b>Mahanama Jayamanne</b>	(S)
	<b>A. C. Marcelline</b>	(T)
	<b>Hilary Nicholas</b>	(E)

### MATHEMATICS (Mechanics)

Prize presented by *M. L. D. Caspersz, Esq.*

Awarded to	<b>Mahanama Jayamanne</b>	(S)
	<b>S. J. Santhiapillai</b>	(T)
	<b>K. M. Mohamed Kowdu</b>	(E)

### BOTANY

Prize presented by *H. V. Perera Esq.*

Awarded to	<b>Keith Chapman</b>	(S)
	<b>Y. Q. Bastiampillai</b>	(T)

## ZOOLOGY

Prize presented by *C. Thyagalingam Esq.*

Awarded to	Lakmal Perera	(S)
	Prabath Perera	(S)
	A. C. Marcelline	(T)

## GRADE 11 - (COMMERCE STREAM) COMMERCE

The Scholastica Memorial Prize

Presented by *Dr. R. Caldera*

Awarded to	Niel de Alwis
	Dilip Fernanbo

## ACCOUNTS

The Mr. & Mrs. L. Sylveter de Silva Memorial Prize

Presented by *E. L. Joseph de Silva, Esq.*

Awarded to	Ravine Wijesuriya
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## ECONOMICS

Prize presented by *Bede Anthony Esq.*

Awarded to	Tyrone Fernando
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## GEOGRAPHY

Prize presented by *P. C. Samaranayake, Esq.*

Awarded to	Ravine Wijesuriya
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## LOGIC

The Gate Mudliyar & Mrs. James Fonseka and  
Gate Mudliyar Stanley Fonseka

Memorial Prize Presented by *A. Fonseka*

Awarded to	Dilip Leo
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## GRADE - 10

## GENERAL PROFICIENCY

## GRADE - 10 S1

Prize presented by *Dr. D. P. Y. Kannangara*

Awarded to	Maithri Perera
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### GRADE - 10 S2

Prize presented by *Dr. Milton Munidasa*  
Awarded to *Upul Thevarapperama*

### GRADE - 10 S3

Prize presented by *the Rev. Fr. Rector*  
*St. Peter's College Colombo.*  
Awarded to *Naomal Perera*

### GRADE - 10 T

Prize presented by *N. Thurairajah, Esq.*  
Awarded to *Kingsley Nesarajah*

### PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS.

#### RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE.

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. W. L. A. Don Peter, Rector Aquinas*  
*College.*  
Awarded to *Kingsley Nesarajah*

#### SINHALA

Prize presented by *Muni Kundanmal, Esq.*  
Awarded to *Maithrie Perera*

#### TAMIL

Prize presented by *T. Anverally, Esq.*  
Awarded to *Kingsley Nesarajah*

#### ENGLISH

*The A. P. Singarayer Memorial Prize*  
*Presented by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Singarayer.*  
Awarded to *Jeevaka Candappa*

## MATHEMATICS

The Chevalier John J. Fernando Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Hermon Cooray, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Dinesh Jayasinghe**

## GENERAL SCIENCE

The J. C. de S. Wijeratne Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Carl de S. Wijeratne, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Naomal Perera**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Prize presented by *Dr. Anthony Lucas*  
Awarded to **H. Asoka A. Pieris**

## GRADE - 9.

### GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

## GRADE - 9S1

The Rev. Fr. Cajetan Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Edmund J. Cooray, Esqr.*  
Awarded to **Rohantha Anthony**

## GRADE - 9 S2

The P. O. Fernando Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Mrs. Daisybelle Fernando*  
Awarded to **Chandana Gajamange**

## GRADE - 9 S3

The A. A. Wickremasinghe Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Winston Wickremasinghe Esq.*  
Awarded to **Michele Martil**



## GRADE - 9S<sub>4</sub>

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. Gerry Abeysekera*  
Awarded to **Ruwan Senaratne**

## GRADE - 9 T.

Prize presented by *Dr. G. Wignarajah*  
Awarded to **Johann Somanather**

## PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS. RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. Don Sylvester*  
Awarded to **W. R. Keerthi Fonseka**

## SINHALA

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. Raymond Peiris*  
Awarded to **Ruwan Senaratne**

## TAMIL

The Chevalier Abeysundera Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Noel de Costa, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Julion Sivapragasam**

## GENERAL SCIENCE

Prize presented by *S. H. Moosajee, Esq. M. B. E.*  
Awarded to **Johann Somanather**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

The J. A. N. Saverimuttu Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Clarence S. B. Saverimuttu, Esq.*  
Awarded ex aequo to **Chandana Gajamange**  
**Marcellus Vathsayan**

## GRADE - 8

### GENERAL PROFICIENCY

#### GRADE - 8 S1

The Dr. Percy S. Goonewardene Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Prasanna S. Goonewardene, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Rukmal Jayasinghe**

#### GRADE - 8 S2

The F. X. A. Pereira Memorial Prize  
Presented by *G. Manik Pereira, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Rukshan Soza**

### PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS

#### RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

The Mr. & Mrs. J. L. E. Fernando Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Dr. Dennis Aloysius*  
Awarded to **Anthony Nandimithra**

#### SINHALA

The Darrel Weinman Prize  
Presented by *Dr. Dennis Aloysius*  
Awarded to **Rohan Siriwardene**

#### TAMIL

Prize presented by *R. I. Fernandopulle, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Angappan Ravindran**

#### ENGLISH

Prize presented by *C. H. W. M. Abeysekera, Esq.*  
Awarded to **L. Rukshan Soza**



## MATHEMATICS

The Santhiapillai Aloysius Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Cyril Gardiner & The Aloysius Charitable Fund.*  
Awarded to **Rukmal Jayasinghe**

## GENERAL SCIENCE

Prize presented by *W. L. Ma.lawana, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Rukmal Jayasinghe**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Prize presented by *Hector Perera, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Rukmal Jayasinghe**

## GRADE - 7

### GENERAL PROFICIENCY

#### GRADE - 7 S1

The Rev. Fr. Y. M. Le Jeune Memorial Prize  
Presented by *a well-wisher.*  
Awarded to **Janaka Karunanayke**

#### GRADE - 7 S2

The Dr. E. C. Alles Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Dr. T. N. J. Alles*  
Awarded to **Dharshan Muthumani**

#### GRADE - 7 S3

The K. P. R. de Silva Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Michael F. de Silva Esq.*  
Awarded to **Jude Palitha Perera**

## GRADE - 7 S4

Prize presented by *J. C. Nilgiriya, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Jonathan Alles**

## GRADE - 7 T

Prize Presented by *Lt. Col. F. P. Chapman*  
Awarded to **Amalraj Lourdusamy**

## PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

The Mrs. Winifred Silva Memorial Prize  
Presented by *The Members of her family*  
Awarded to **A. Jonathan Alles**

## SINHALA

Prize presented by *A. N. D. Balasooriya, Esq.*  
Awarded to **Jude P. K. Perera**

## TAMIL.

The Manthri Memorial Prize  
Presented by *A. P. Manthri Esq.*  
Awarded to **Amalraj Lourdusamy**

## ENGLISH

Prize presented by *S. J. V. Weeraratne Esq.*  
Awarded to **Hiran de Alwis**

## MATHEMATICS

The W. R. Ranasinghe Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Ranasinghe Esq.*  
Awarded to **Ravindra Wijsekera**



## GENERAL SCIENCE

The Vivienne Perera Memorial Prize

Presented by *Dr. Frank Perera and Mrs. Roanne Chandraratne*

Awarded to **Mario Fernando**

## SOCIAL STUDIES

Prize presented by *L. C. A. de S. Wijesinghe Esq.*

Awarded to **Janaka Karunanayake**

### GRADE - 6

#### GENERAL PROFICIENCY

##### GRADE - 6 S1

The W. A. Muthkumaru Memorial Prize

Presented by *Mrs. W. A. Muthukumar*

Awarded to **Ranil Fernando**

##### GRADE - 6 S2

The Dr. Ernest Abeyesundera Memorial Prize

Presented by *Mrs. G. G. Adeysundera*

Awarded to **Pradeep Wijesinghe**

##### GRADE - 6 S3

Prize presented by *Neville Ranasuriya Esq.*

Awarded to **Srilal Suaris**

##### GRADE - 6 S4

The Mr. & Mrs. T. A. de S. Wijeyeratne Memorial Prize

Presented by *Mr. & Mrs. Dalton de S. Wijeyeratne*

Awarded to **Sanjeeva Liyanage**

##### GRADE - 6 T.

Prize presented by *I. B. Anandappa, Esq.*

Awarded to **Arul Kanagarajan**

PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS  
RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

The Paris Perera Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Mr. & Mrs. Newton Perera*  
Awarded to *Sampath N. Kumar*

SINHALA

Prize presented by *Rev. Bro. Director, St. Benedict's College*  
Awarded to *Sanjeewa Liyanage*

TAMIL

The C. Vanniasingham Memorial Prize  
Presented by *V. S. Nadarajah Esq.*  
Awarded to *Chelvadurai Sarathchandran*

ENGLISH

The Suren Aloysius Cabraal Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Dr. & Mrs. Shelton Cabraal*  
Awarded to *Kishan A. de Silva*

MATHEMATICS

The Ruby Rayer Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Angelo N. Rayer Esq.*  
Awarded to *Nadarajah Sugumaran*

GENERAL SCIENCE

Prize presented by *K. D. N. Ariyaratne Esq.*  
Awarded to *Arul Kanagarajan*

SOCIAL STUDIES

Prize presented by *H. W. R. Weerasuriya Esq.*  
Awarded to *Srilal S. Suaris*



PRIMARY SCHOOL

GRADE - 5

GENERAL PROFICIENCY

GRADE - 5 A

Prize presented by *H. V. Perera Esq.*  
Awarded to Mackenzie Perera

GRADE - 5 B.

Prize presented by *D. R. Johnson Esq.*  
Awarded to Sanjeeva De Alwis

GRADE - 5 C.

Prize presented by *D. Galappathi Esq.*  
Awarded to Sharonne Wijegunwardena

GRADE - 5 D

Prize Presented by *Bertram Silva Esq.*  
Awarded to Ikram Miskin

GRADE - 5 E

Prize presented by *V. S. Kodikkara Esq.*  
Awarded to Samantha A. Prerera

GRADE - 5 T

Prize presented by *Mr. & Mrs. M. Esufali*  
Awarded to Nishangan Joseph

**PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS  
RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

Prize presented by *His Lordship Rt. Rev. Anthony de Saram  
Bishop of Galle.*

Awarded to **Samantha A. Perera**

**NUMBER**

Prize presented by *F. C. V. Wickremaratne Esq.*

Awarded to **Sanjeeva De Alwis**

**SINHALA**

The Mervyn Perera Memorial Prize

Presented by *Percy A. Perera Esq.*

Awarded to **Chandana Galappaththi**

**TAMIL**

Prize Presented by *T. M. B. Miskin Esq.*

Awarded to **Nishanker Santhiapillai**

**ENGLISH**

The N. D. Silva Memorial Prize

Presented by *Dennis S. Silva Esq.*

Awarded to **Ikram Miskin**

**GRADE - 4.**

**GENERAL PROFICIENCY.**

**GRADE - 4 A.**

Prize presented by *Gerald Joseph Esq.*

Awarded to **Angelo Jayasinghe**



**GRADE - 4 B.**

Prize presented by *Lalith Goonwardena Esq.*  
Awarded to **Sanjeewa Anthony**

**GRADE - 4 C.**

Prize presented by *P. G. B. Johnson Esq.*  
Awarded to **Manjula Perera**

**GRADE - 4 D.**

Prize presented by *Harrold de Sayrah Esq.*  
Awarded to **Mario Gunsekera**

**GRADE - 4 E**

Prize presented by *U. L. L. Perera Esq.*  
Awarded to **K. M. Shyamal Dias**

**GRADE 4 T**

The Melchia Nicholas Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Christi Nicholas*  
Awarded to **Flavian Surenderan**

**PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS  
RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

Prize presented by *His Lordship Rt. Rev. Marcus Fernando  
Bishop of Chilaw*  
Awarded to **Mari Gunsekera**

**NUMBER**

Prize Presented by *Rev. Fr. Rector, St. Aloysius Seminary*  
Awarded to **Manjula Perera**

## SINHALA

Prize presented by *J. R. A. Wijesekera Esq.*  
Awarded to **Chaminda Perera**

## TAMIL

Prize presented by *J. T. Rayer Esq.*  
Awarded to **Sirinivasan Sinnadurai**

## ENGLISH.

The Mr. & Mrs. U. C. Perera Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Aloysius Perera Esq.*  
Awarded to **Indhiran Vannisinkan**

### GRADE - 3.

#### GENERAL PROFICIENCY

#### GRADE - 3 A.

Prize presented by *D. G. de S. Wijeyeratne Esq.*  
Awarded to **Suresh de Silva**

#### GRADE - 3 B.

Prize presented by *Harold de Andrado Esq.*  
Awarded to **Prinil Ranasinghe**

#### GRADE - 3 C.

Prize presented by *H. B. A. Forbes Esq.*  
Awarded to **Dinesh Fernandopulle**

#### GRADE - 3 D.

The J. B. de Fonseka Q. J. F. de Fonseka Memorial Prize  
Presented by *E. V. L. de Fonseka Esq.*  
Awarded to **Niranjan de Silva**



### **GRADE - 3 E.**

Prize presented by *F. A. de Silva Esq.*

Awarded to **Nilhantha Silva**

### **GRADE - 3 B.**

Prize presented by *K. Sunderampillai Esq.*

Awarded to **Veshanthan Vellanthurai**

### **PRIZES FOR SUBJECTS RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE**

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. Noel Perera*

Awarded to **Dinesh Fernandopulle**

### **NUMBER**

Prize presented by *the General Manager of R. C. Schools.*

Awarded to ex aequo to **Dinesh Fernandopulle**  
**Gagenran Durairajah**

### **SINHALA**

Prize presented by *The Rev. Fr. Procurator General*

Awarded to **Nishantha Silva**

### **TAMIL**

prize presentd by *N. G. Gopu Esq.*

Awarded to **Veshanthan Vellandurai**

### **ENGLISH**

Prize presented by *Rev. Fr. Rector, St. Joseph's College, Colombo*

Awarded to **Jeyarajah Yogarajah**

OPEN PRIZES  
RELIGIOUS ESSAY  
SENIOR

The Chevalier Dr. C.J.C. de Silva & Mrs. de Silva Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Rev. Fr. Ronald de Sliva*  
Awarded to *Manohar Rajakarier.*

INTERMEDIATE

Prize presented by *the Archbishop of Colombo.*  
Awarded to *Lalintra Kaththiriarachchi*

JUNIOR

Prize presented by *His Lordships, Bishop Edmund J. Fernando.*  
Awarded to *Rukmal Jayasinghe*

SINHALA ESSAY  
SENIOR.

Prize presented by *Teachers' Guild, St. Joseph's College, Colombo.*  
Awarded to *Upul, Thevarapperuma*

INTERMEDIATE

Prize presented by *R. A. Kannangara Esq.*  
Awarded to *Rukmal Jayasinghe*

JUNIOR

Prize presented by *George Ondatjie Esq.*  
Awarded to *Susitha Perera*

TAMIL ESSAY  
SENIOR

Prize presented by *Mrs. S. Muttiah.*  
Awarded to *A. C. Marcelline*

Prize presented by *S. Ambalavaner Esq.*  
Awarded to *Julian Sivapragasam.*



## JUNIOR

Prize presented by *The Jaffarjee Bros.*

Awarded to

**Amalraj Lourdasamy**

## ENGLISH ESSAY

### SENIOR

The Dr. & Mrs. P. M. Muthukumar Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Major General Anton Muthukumar.*

Awarded to

**Ravi Bhaskaran**

## INTERMEDIATE

The Prof W. A. E. Karunaratne Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Joe Karunaratne Esq.*

Awarded to

**Sampath Welgampola**

## JUNIOR

The Chevalier J. E. M. de Saram Memorial Prize  
Presented by *Eshantha de Saram Esq.*

Awarded to

**Hiran de Alwis**

## SINHALA ELOCUTION

### SENIOR

Medal presented by *Sinhala Literary Union, St. Joseph's College,  
Colombo.*

Awarded to

**Rohana Warnakula**

## INTERMEDIATE

Medal presented by *Sinhala Literary Union, St. Joseph's College,  
Colombo.*

Awarded to

**Chandana Gajamange**

## **JUNIOR**

Medal presented by *Sinhala Literary Union, St. Joseph's College,  
Colombo.*

Awarded to

**Maurice Gurusingee**

## **TAMIL ELOCUTION SENIOR**

Medal presented by *T. E. Peter Esq.*

Awarded to

**George Nadesan**

## **INTERMEDIATE**

Medal presented by *the Late Dr. C. S. M. Perera*

Awarded to

**Shantha Kumar Joseph**

## **JUNIOR**

The Elmo Perera Memorial

Medal Presented by *Mrs. Daisybelle Perera*

Awarded to

**Ravindran Adhiyappan**

## **ENGLISH ELOCUTION SENIOR**

The Rev. Fr. Joe Nethesinghe Memorial

Medal presented by *Leslie Ratnanather Esq.*

Awarded to

**Clisff Tranchell**

## **INTERMEDIATE**

The Mr. & Mrs. John W. Mendis Family Memorial

Medal presented by *Victor A. Mendis Esq.*

Awarded to

**Lalindra Abeysekera**

## **JUNIOR**

The W. G. C. Fernando Memorial

Medal Presented by *V. C. de S. Wijeyeratne, Esq.*

Awarded to

**Harin de S. Wijeratne**



## ENGLISH ELOCUTION - PRIMARY SCHOOL

### GRADE - 5.

The Sir Lalitha Rajapakse Memorial Medal.

Awarded to Nishan Muthukrishna

### GRADE - 4.

The George Jayawardhana Memorial Medal

Presented by *Dr. & Mrs. Cyril Perera*

Awarded to Sheran Fernando

### GRADE - 3.

Medal Presented by

J, A. P. Jayasooriya Esqr.

Awarded to

Dinesh Perera

### BEST RESULT IN THE G. C. E. (O/L) 1978

Sir Lalitha Rajapakse Memorial Award

Presented by *Mrs. J. Gunasekera*

Awarded ex aequo to

A. C.. Marcelline

J. T. Santhiapillai.

### SCOUT AWARDS

#### BEST ALL ROUND SCOUT - 1979

The Rev. Father Pillai Memorial Challenge Cup

Presented by *Nimalasiri Esqr*

Awarded to

Victor Mendis

Awarded to

President's Scout Award

Christopher Perera

**INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS - 1979**  
**INTER HOUSE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP**

Presented by *The Late Sir Chitampalam Gardiner*

Awarded to Bonjean House

Inter House Relay Shield

Presented by the Late Mr. Ben Seneviratne

Awarded to Bonjean House

Inter House Cricket Shield

Presented by *Messrs Adamjee Lukmanjee and Sons.*

Awarded to Coudert House

Inter House Swimming Challenge Trophy

Presented by *Messrs Equipment & Construction Co.,*

Awarded to Coudert House

Inter House Foot Ball Competition.

Shield presented by *Abdul Hussain Jafferjee, Esq.*

Awarded to Bonjean House.

Archbishop Masson Challege Cup for Studies.

Awarded to Coudert House.

The Rev. Fr. Le Goc Championship Shield for Sports & Studies

Awarded to Coudert House.

**LONG SERVICE AWARD**

The Fernando Memorial Trust Award in memory of  
V. M. Fernando and H. N. G. Fernando, awarded to:

Mrs. G. Stephen	1941—1979
Miss Bastiampillai	1947—1979
Mr. M. Wickremaratne	1949—1979
Mr. W. D. J. Ratnasekera	1949—1979
Mrs. T. Gunasekera	1949—1979
Mrs. M. Weerasinghe	1950—1979
Mrs. O. Jayamanne	1953—1979



## PRIZE-GIVINGS AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

1. 1897 (27th Nov.) The Most Rev. Andrew Melizan O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
2. 1898 (1st Dec.) His Excellency Most Rev. Ladislas Zaleski,  
Apostolic Delegate.
3. 1899 (2nd Dec.) His Excellency Sir Noel Walker, Lieutenant-  
Governor.
4. 1900 (3rd Dec.) His Excellency Sir J. West Ridgeway,  
Governor of Ceylon.
5. 1901 (30th Nov.) The Most Rev. Andrew Melizan O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
6. 1902 (6th Dec.) The Most Rev. Andrew Melizan, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
7. 1903 (28th Nov.) His Excellency Mr. E. F. im Thurn,,  
Lieutenant-Governor.
8. 1904 (3rd Dec.) The Most Rev. Andrew Melizan, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo
9. 1905 (1st Dec.) The Most Rev. Antony Coudert, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
10. 1906 (1st Dec.) His Excellency Sir Henry Arthur Blake,  
Governor of Ceylon.
11. 1907 (30th Nov.) The Hon. Hugh Clifford, Colonial.  
Secretary.
12. 1908 (12th Dec.) The Very Rev. Fr. G. Griaux, O. M. I.  
Vicar General, Archdiocese of Colombo.
13. 1909 (4th Dec.) His Excellency Sir Henry Edward Mccallum,  
Governor of Ceylon.
14. 1910 (3rd Dec.) The Hon. H. L. Crawford, Acting Colonial  
Secretary.
15. 1911 (2nd Dec.) His Excellency Sir Hugh Clifford, Actg.  
Governor of Ceylon.
16. 1912 (13th Dec.) The Most Rev. A. Dontenwill, O. M. I.  
Titular Archbishop of Ptolemais and Superior General  
of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.
17. 1913 (6th Dec.) The Most Rev. Antony Coudert, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.

18. 1914 (12th Dec.) His Excellency Most Rev. Ladislas Zaleski.  
Apostolic Delegate.
19. 1919 (11th Dec.) His Excellency Sir W. H. Manning,  
Governor of Ceylon.
20. 1920 (3rd Dec.) The Hon. Sir Graeme Thomson, Colonia  
Secretary.
21. 1921 (3rd Dec.) The Hon. Sir Anton Bertram, K. C. Chief  
Justice.
22. 1922 (2nd Dec.) The Hon. Mr. Macrae, Director of  
Education.
23. 1923 The Most Rev. Antony Coudert, O. M. I., Archbishop  
of Colombo.
24. 1924 (28th Nov.) Professor R. Marrs, Principal of the  
Ceylon University College.
25. 1925 (12th Dec.) His Excellency Sir Hugh Clifford,  
Governor of Ceylon.
26. 1926 (4th Dec.) The Hon. Sir James Pieris, Vice-President  
of the Legislative Council of Ceylon.
27. 1928 His Excellency Sir Herbert J. Stanley, Governor of  
Ceylon.
28. 1929 The Hon. Mr. F. G. Tyrell, Acting Colonial Secretary
29. 1930 (28th June) The Most Rev. Peter Marque, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
30. 1931 His Excellency Sir Graeme Thomson, Governor of  
Ceylon.
31. 1932 (9th July) The Hon. Mr. A. F. Molamure, Speaker  
of the State Council of Ceylon.
32. 1933 (30th June) The Hon. Mr. Justice L. C. Dalton, Acting  
Chief Justice.
33. 1934 (29th June) The Most Rev. Peter Marque, O. M. I.  
Archbishop of Colombo.
34. 1935 (5th July) The Hon. Mr. Justice F. J. Soertez.
35. 1936 (3rd July) The Most Rev. Peter Marque O. M. I.,  
Archbishop of Colombo.
36. 1937 (2nd July) Mr. L. Mc D. Robison, Director of  
Education.
37. 1938 (15th July) The Hon. Mr. G. C. S. Corera The  
Hon. Minister of Labour, Industry and Commerce.



38. 1938 (1st July) His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon.
39. 1940 (19th July) Owing to war conditions, the prize-giving, was held privately. No report was read. The Rector (Fr. M. J. Legoc) presided and gave away the prizes.
40. 1941 (March) This time again the prize-giving was held privately.
41. 1941 (28th Nov.) The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edmund Peiris, Bishop of Chilaw.
42. 1942 (11th Dec.) The Most Rev. J. M. Masson, Archbishop of Colombo.
43. 1943 (4th Dec.) The Hon. D. S. Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture.
44. 1944 (9th Dec.) The Hon. E. G. P. Jayetilleke, K. C. Puisne Justice.
45. 1946 (12th Mar.) His Excellency Most Rev. Leo Peter Kierkels, C. P., Apostolic Delegate.
46. 1947 (7th Feb.) The Most Rev. Thomas B. Cooray, Coadjutor Archbishop of Colombo.
47. 1948 (5th June) His Excellency Sir Henry Minck-Mason Moore, Governor of Ceylon.
48. 1949 (28th Nov.) Sir S. William Ivor Jennings, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon.
49. 1949 (28th Nov.) The Hon. Dudley Senanayake, Minister of Agriculture and Lands.
50. 1950 (1st Dec.) Dr. H. W. Howas, Director of Education.
51. 1951 (30th Nov.) The Hon. H. H. Basnayake, K. C. Attorney General.
52. 1952 (1st Dec.) Professor W. A. E. Karunaratne.
53. 1953 (4th Dec.) The Hon. H. W. R. Weerasooriya, Puisne Justice.
54. 1954 (26th Nov.) The Hon. E. B. Wickremanayake, Q. C., Minister of Justice.
55. 1955 (25th Nov.) The Hon. H. N. G. Fernando, puisne Justice.
56. 1956 (30th Nov.) Sir Nicholas Attygalle, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon.
57. 1957 (29th Nov.) Mr. E. F. N. Gratien, Q. C.

58. 1959 (17th Jul.) Mr. S. F. Amerasinghe, C. C. S. Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Finance.
59. 1960 (7th July) Mr. W. J. A. Van Langenberg, C. C. S., Permanent Secretary to the Minister of Health.
60. 1961 Senator Edmund J. Cooray.
61. 1962 (27th Jul.) The Hon. A. W. H. Abeyesundere, Q. C., Puisne Justice.
62. 1963 (18th Jun.) The Hon. H. H. Basnayake, Q. C., Chief Justice.
63. 1964 (9th Jul.) The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Anthony de Saram, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo.
64. (22nd Jul.) His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Coory, O. M. I., Archbishop of Colombo.
65. 1966 (27th Jun.) His Excellency Most Rev. James R. Knox, Apostolic Delegate.
66. 1967 (26th Jul.) The Hon. H. N. G. Fernando, Chief Justice.
67. 1968 (30th Jul.) The Hon. G. T. Samerawickrame, Q. C., Puisne Justice.
68. 1969 (30th Sept.) The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Oswald C. Gomis, Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo.
69. 1970 (19th Nov.) His Excellency Most Rev. Luciano Storero, Apostolic Delegate.
70. 1971 (23rd Sept.) The Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edmund Fernando, O. M. I. Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo.
71. 1972 (30th June) The Hon. Justice G. P. A. Silva
72. 1973 (13th June) His Excellency The Most Rev. Carlo Curis, Apostolic Delegate.
73. 1974 (23rd Nov.) The Hon. I. M. Ismail, Judge of the Supreme Court.
74. 1975 (18th Nov.) Her Excellency Miss Marion A. Macpherson, High Commissioner for Canada in Sri Lanka.
75. 1976 (20th Nov.) Dr. Shelton A. Cabraal.
76. 1977 (19th Nov.) The most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Marcus Fernando, Archbishop of Colombo.
77. 1978 (17th Nov.) The Hon. R. Premadasa, Prim Minister of Sri Lanka.
78. 1979 (9th Nov.) His Excellency J. R. Jayewardene, President of Sri Lanka.



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பல்கலை

இறைவா எல்லோரும் ஒன்று சேர்ந்து நாங்கள்  
உம்மை என்றென்றும் புகழ்கின்றோம்.

பிரிவினை என்னும் தீமை அகற்றி,  
பொதுநல நன்மையே நாடி,  
பல இமைக்களை ஓர் குலமாக்கி  
நம் தாய்த்திரு நாட்டின் வளர்வை நோக்கி

மேன்மை தங்கிய ஜனாதிபதி  
எங்களின் மனதைக் கவர்ந்தவரே  
சிறந்த குணங்களை உடையவரே  
இறை தந்த உம்மை என்றும் வாழ்த்துவோமே

## PRAYER

Almighty and Eternal God, We implore Thee to grant to our President, Junius Richard Jayewardene, an increase in wisdom and enlightenment to govern Thy people and to discern between good and evil May he be a beacon of light to lead us that we may walk before Thee in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart so that this nation may enjoy that tranquility of order which is peace We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen

## WELCOME SONG

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## THE COLLEGE ANTHEM

Fruits of Virtue and of Knowledge  
Here we gather, peace and Power,  
Symbolised in yonder banner  
Floating o'er St. Joseph's Tower

White and Blue its mystic colours,  
Harmonising Strong and clear,  
Stolen from the distant mountains,  
From the wild waves breaking near

From the wild waves breaking near  
Harmonising strong and clear  
White and blue our mystic colours  
Till the mountains disappear