

# St. John's College, Jaffna

Newsletter No. 5 (August 2014)



This issue of the Newsletter is going to be very brief and to the point owing to the sheer number of activities that took place during the course of this term.

The Chief Guest of the English Day was Ms Amanda Brown, Director, British Council Jaffna branch (above left). She was full of praise; she was so overwhelmed that during her emotional speech, her eyes welled up with tears

On the right is a photo of the members of the Canberra Ceylonese Cricket Club who came to St. John's from Australia to play a friendly match with our old boys.



'The key to success is the ability to believe in oneself,' noted Global Head of Sales for Corporate FX at Citigroup Global Markets and Head of Foreign Exchange for Europe Citibank, London, BernardSinniah at our Annual Prize Giving on 21st June 2014.

The Photographic Club is back in action after a lapse of many years. The Club organized an exhibition which was declared open by the Director of Jaffna Academy, Mr.S.Gobinath. Ms Amanda Brown, Director, British Council Jaffna, after seeing the exhibition invited the Club to have the exhibition in the British Council.



Matthew Avadier, Chris Ponnudurai and JitoSenothirajah fromJesuran Healing Ministry conducted a workshop on 'Inner Healing.' More than 30 staff (including a few staff of Chundikuli Girls' College and Nuffield School) participated. Many situations in life leave us feeling powerless. Through this counselling programme, it is hoped to help the staff, students and parents move from a position of self-doubt or insecurity to one where they feel more in control; to give them back choice in their life and hopefully the confidence to use that choice...

# Lower Primary School (Grades 1–3)

## ENGLISH DAY

Besides the three competitions organized by the Department of Education in Grade 3 (Recitation, Reading Aloud and Copy Writing), a variety of competitions were organized by the College for Grade 1, 2 & 3, and prizes were awarded at the English Day held on 12th July. Thirty-nine students from Grade 1 to Grade 3 received certificates at the function.



Prizes being awarded to students by the Chief Guest Ms. Amanda Brown, Manager, British Council Jaffna.

## JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



P. Ganashanth and T. Delujan (Grade 3) from the Lower Primary School represented the College Basketball Team Under 11, which emerged Runners-up in the Junior Basketball Championship organized by the Jaffna District Basketball Association (5th & 12th July).

## LIBRARY DAY



Books being donated to the Library by the students of Lower Primary School

## CHESS WINNER

Sri Lanka Schools Junior Individual Chess Festival – 2014 (Jaffna Zonal Level) organized by the Sri Lanka Schools Chess Association



S. Abisaieeshan of Grade 2 won “Three Star” in the above tournament, and “Two Star” in the Finals.

## ENVIRONMENT-RELATED ACTIVITY



An activity of Grade 2 students during Environment Related Activity Lesson



# Upper Primary School (Grades 4&5)

## ENGLISH DAY

The students from Grade 4 staged an Action Song, "Together We can Change the World" at the English Day held on 12<sup>th</sup> July.



## WINNERS OF THE ENGLISH DAY COMPETITIONS (Inter-School Competitions)



(L-R) **J.Ebenezer Nesakumar** (Reading Aloud 2nd Divisional Level & 3rd Zonal Level),

**M.Joseph Jayshan** (Reading Aloud 3rd Divisional Level) &

**E. Eric Arnold** (Copy Writing 3rd Divisional Level)

## ACHIEVERS IN SPORTS

### Runners Up - Junior Basketball Championship



Members of the Basketball Team - Under 11 which emerged Runners-up in the Junior Basketball Championship organized by the Jaffna District Basketball Association (5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July).



## "MAN OF THE SERIES" AWARD - Junior Basketball

Our Vice Captain  
M. Suruthikan  
was adjudged  
"Man of the Series"

## FIRST IN SPEECH CONTEST



**J.Omshiyamsanker** (Grade 4)  
(Junior Division)  
First Place - District Level,  
Light of the World Speech Contest  
(6<sup>th</sup> July)

## CUB SCOUTS IN ACTION



Our Cub Scouts performed Grand Howl at the Opening Ceremony of the Scout Adventure Activity Park at the Old Park, Jaffna (6<sup>th</sup> July).

## ENGLISH DRAMA COMPETITIONS



In the Inter-Class English Drama Competitions held on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Grade 4C and Grade 5B won first place in their respective classes.

## 20<sup>th</sup> "BATTLE OF THE BABES" for DJ Thevathason Memorial Trophy - Grade 5 Cricket - "Reds" vs. "Blacks" - 31<sup>st</sup> July



Both teams with the Principal, Sectional Heads, Coaches, and Mrs E. Thevathason.



Mrs E. Thevathason giving away the awards

Best Batsman: K.Sabesan  
Best Bowler: A.Abisher  
Best Fielder: K.Sabesan  
Best All-rounder: A.Abisher  
Man of the Match: K.Sabesan  
"Reds" won the match by two wickets.



# MIDDLE SCHOOL

## GRADE 6&7

**E.Thavasuthan**  
Head Prefect  
**D.David Livingstone**  
Deputy Head Prefect



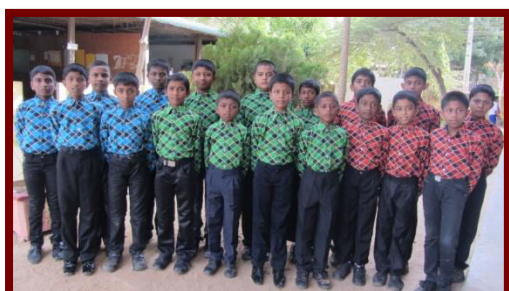
Set of Books donated by our students – **Library Day**



**V. Nevethan**  
7<sup>th</sup> National Karate  
Championship 2014  
Kumite – 1<sup>st</sup>, Kata – 1<sup>st</sup>



**Choral Recitation – English Day**



**Science Exhibition**



### Divisional level English Day Competitions

Creative writing -

Gr 6. M.Mithulan - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Gr 7. E.Thavasuthan - 1<sup>st</sup>

Gr 7. S.Manasan - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dictation -

Gr 7 J.Remeushan - 3<sup>rd</sup>



### Drama Competition– English Day





# Junior Secondary Grade 8 & 9

## PROVINCIAL COMPETITION UNDER 15

### Athletics

4 X 100m Relay 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Thanushan.M  
Tharshan.T  
Pravinton.G  
Tharshan.T

Carrom Provincial Champions

## SCIENCE DAY

Mas.T.Thivithan of Gr.8E has been selected among the best twenty at the Provincial Level Science Invention Competition.



The College Music Room was accredited with an "A Grade" by the Department of Education for its conducive learning-environment.



## ENGLISH DAY

65 students from our section won prizes in the English Day competitions and exactly 150 students received certificates of participation.



## ACTIVITIES OF SCOUTS & SEA SCOUTS

20 members participated in the "SCOUT ACTIVITY CAMP" organized by the Jaffna District Scout Association.

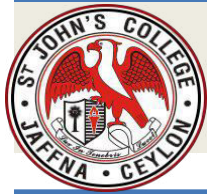


## LIBRARY DAY

All the divisions in grades 8 and 9 published their own hand-written bulletin and won prizes in the Library Day competitions.

## TEACHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Mr.S.S.Thomas & Mr.V.Daniel Jeyaruban have successfully completed Phase IV of the Scout Advanced Course held in Pedro Camp Nuwara-Eliya. This course was conducted by the Sri Lanka Scouts' Association.



# Senior Secondary Level

## Achievement Of Our Students

### Badminton

**G.Wesley** and **E.Terance Sugeevan** became first runnerup in Badminton at Provincial level



### Cricket

**K.Kabilraj** and **V.Jathushan** are the members of the U19 cricket team which was adjudged Best in the North - 2014.



### Karate

**Sinnarasa Nitharshan** became first in group Kata at Provincial Level Karate Tournament.



### English Day

Our annual English Day was held on 12th July 2014. Senior secondary students performed a collection of modern songs. It was highly



appreciated by the audience.

### Reading Awareness

Reading Awareness Programme was introduced this term to develop the habit of reading among students.



Every Thursday we buy and sell Daily News paper to our students. They eagerly buy these papers and improve their reading habit.



### Games & Sports

**S.Sabies** obtained first place in 4x400 m Relay, second place in Triple Jump, third place in 4x400 relay and first runner-up in Badminton at Provincial level.



**G.I.GoldShajan** obtained first place in 4x100 m Relay, third place in 4x400 m Relay and first runner – up in Badminton at Provincial level.



**V.Diluxshan** obtained first in 4x100 m Relay and 3rd in 4x400 m Relay at Provincial level athletic meet.





# A/L ARTS STREAM – 2ND TERM 2014



## Sports and Games –Athletics – Provincial Level

M.Nilojan 200m - 1<sup>st</sup> and 400m 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 G.Abraham Anojan Discus Throw 1<sup>st</sup>  
 R.SamDavid 800m 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1500m 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 M.Nilojan  
 R.Pirishankar } Relay Team 1<sup>st</sup> Place with Colours Standard  
 R.Sam David }

## Games-Cricket (Under 19) Best Team of the Northern Province



G. Abraham Anojan (Vice Captain), R.Lohathieswar, M. Nilojan,  
 R. Pirishankar & R.Lithoorjan

## Hockey Under19 Provincial Champions

Siron Fenando - Coloursman Best Attacker,  
 M.Prince Best Defender, R.Sanjeewan & R.Lithoorjan



## Volleyball Under 19

R. Pirishankar  
 R. SamDavid  
 P.Samaravanan



**Football**  
 S. SamDavid  
 M.Prince  
 R.Sanjeewan  
 A.SironFenando



## Tennis Under 19

R.Sanjeewan



## Aesthetics- Provincial Level Folk Dance - 1<sup>st</sup> Place

**Team members**  
 Kowsikan .P  
 Dileep .G  
 Arulnesan. A  
 Prince. M  
 Sanojan.S



## Music

T.Kiritharan  
 Divisional 1st Place  
 Zonal 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

**Best Exhibit**  
 S.Sarujan



## Cadet Group

A.Achuthan - Air Force  
 A.Vithurshan - Army  
 A.Antany Kingston - Army

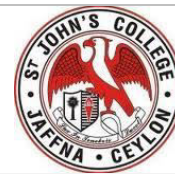


To prepare the students for a good career  
 Enable students to have a healthy social life  
 To foster the Johnian spirit in our students



"AIM HIGH AND PERSEVERE"

## St.John's College, Jaffna, Sri Lanka



### ACHEIVEMENTS OF OUR STUDENTS

#### Johnian Eagle Award



Thuvarakaseelan.P

Mas. Thuvarakaseelan.P was awarded the most prestigious award of the college – the Johnian Eagle. Being the Vice Captain of the Murali Harmony Unity Team, he visited the U.K from June 9-17, 2014.

During the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Interact Club, President Int.S.Saranjan feeds a piece of cake to our Principal on March 18, 2014.



Commerce Students in Action during the Environmental Day on May 12, 2014



#### Debate Competition



Kadootkajan .N



Jonathan.S

Mas.Kadootkajan.N and Mas.Jonathan.S got the 1<sup>st</sup> place at Divisional Level & 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Zonal Level Debate Competitions organized by the Department of Education on July 12, 2014.

#### Provincial Level Weight Lifting – 4<sup>th</sup> Place on 15.06.2014



Uthayaroshan.U Nilakshan.K



Divon.P



Kishjanthan.J



Pavikaran.S

Provincial Level Group Kata 1<sup>st</sup>

#### Provincial Level Hockey Champions on June 12.



Thanushan.T



Abraham.M



Nilojan. P



Mahilan.P



Nishanthan.I



Diroshan.E



Pavikaran.S

#### Provincial Level Folk Dance on 28.6.14 1<sup>st</sup> Place



Caleb.P



Akalankan.P

#### Provincial Level Carrom 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up on June 16,17, 2014



Mithushan.S

#### Essay Competition

Mas.Siveskar .S got the 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Commerce Day Zonal Level Essay Competition organized by the Department of Education on July 12, 2014.

#### Why should you choose Commerce Stream?

# Student Friendly Environment. # Tamil & English Medium Classes # Parallel Courses like AAT/CBF # Mini Library # Experienced Staff # Spoken English Training # Career Guidance...

Have a nice vacation!



# St. John's College, Jaffna

## Collegiate Level Science Newsletter - 2nd Term 2014

The second term at St. John's was, if possible, busier than the first. There are so many achievements that putting them in black & white on one page is a challenge. Details of the winners and their achievements are given below



G. Lavajeevan received two appointments this term; Prefect and Assistant Secretary of the Photographic Club. He is also a member of the Team which became first in Softball Cricket at Zonal Level.



A. Elankeeran obtained 1st place in Kata (team) and M. Jenoyan got the first place in Group Kata in the Provincial Level Karate Competitions.



S. Praveenshan became Second Runner-Up at the U19 Carrom Tournament organised at Provincial Level. He is also a member of the U17 Jaffna District Cricket Team.



C. Kireshanth who became Champion in U19 Tennis Singles also grabbed the First Runner-Up Award in the Provincial Level Tennis Tournament (Doubles) with S. Sivaragavan.



R. Subaharan is a member of the team which became first in 'Thenmodi Kooththu' at the Tamil Day Provincial Level Competitions.



J. Mathurangan and V. Ravivarman became Champions at the Provincial Level Hockey Tournament. The former also secured places in the Provincial Level Athletic Meet; 1st place in 4 x 400m relay and 2nd place in 4 x 100m relay.



A. Gowthaman and S. Sayanthan were appointed Vice President and Secretary of the Hindu Union respectively.



- Mix of New and Veteran Teachers
- Regular Monitoring of Students' Progress
- More focus on English and Discipline
- Personal Care
- Classes for Below Average Students
- Regular Workshops
- Ongoing Assessment System
- Geared towards 'No more failures.'
- 'Any child can/will learn if properly taught.'

### ENGLISH DAY / ENGLISH DAY COMPETITIONS...

LVIFG AND UPVIE grabbed the first place in the English .....Inter-Class Drama Competitions.



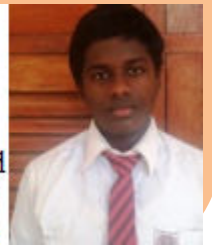
Of the six students who made it to the semi-finals in Gold Medal Oratory, four were from our stream. P. Mithushan who obtained second place, delivered the speech during our English Day Celebrations. His speech drew a tremendous applause from the audience. Obtaining first place in Impromptu Speech and 2nd place in Debate at the Zonal Level English Day Competitions added another feather in his cap.



D. Julius Charoon obtained 2nd place in Impromptu Speech at the Zonal Level English Day Competitions.



Divisional Level English Day Competitions: T. Sukirthan obtained 1st place in Solo Acting and 3rd place in Impromptu Speech; T. Sayeeshan who participated in News Reading obtained 3rd place in Impromptu Speech; I. Kuyiliniyan and K. Pakirthan took part in Copywriting.



And so, the achievements continue...



# Collegiate Level - Technology Stream

## 2nd Term, 2014

### The first step of the large leap

The giant sturdy tree that is St. John's has borne innumerable fruits over the past 192 years. But this time around, a seedling has taken root under the afternoon shade of this magnificent tree. The temperature is appropriate; with the right amount of water at the right times, this plant too promises to grow into a mighty tree in the years to come...

Yes! The foundation stone for the New Technology Faculty at SJC has been laid! The challenge of providing Technology Education stream for the A/L students by raising 30 million Rupees has been met! St. John's has reached another milestone, many thanks to the continued support of our alumni benefactors, staff, both tutorial and non-tutorial, parents and well-wishers! The Chairman of the Governing body, Dr. Dan Seevaratnam laid the foundation stone and the endeavor was blessed by Rt Rev. Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey, the Bishop of the Colombo Diocese - Church of Ceylon.



The foundation stone is being laid by the Chairman of the Governing Body



Blessings by the Bishop

### Shramadana by Technology Students

Students from Lower VI and Upper VI in the Technology Section, supported the school by doing a Shramadana for one week. They stayed back after school to clean the premises of the Jaffna Academy of Science and Technology. By the end of the week, the area where classrooms and laboratory for the technology lab were supposed to be built was spick and span.



Students involved in the shramadana





# Jaffna Academy & School of Technology

## ➤ Courses cater the school leavers



Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)



English Language Development Programme (ELDP)

## Pre School & Primary Teacher Training (PSPTT)



## Grade 1 Tri Lingual Class



## Grade 2 Tri Lingual Class



## ➤ Special Education Programme to support St John's College



**A.Thusiyanthan**

Karate National Level open meet competition 3<sup>rd</sup> place (Gr - 10c)



**J.DiluxshanMorins.**

Hockey under19 captain. Hockey Provincial level Champions – 2014.



**N.Stephaan.**

Tamil day competition 2014 provincial level 1st place in Nattu koothu competition

## Available Courses

- ✓ Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)
- ✓ English Language Development Programme (ELDP)
- ✓ Pre School & Primary Teacher Training (PSPTT)
- ✓ Gr 1&2 Tri Lingual Classes
- ✓ G.C.E A/L Science & Maths (for school leavers) - will be restarted from Sept 2014.
- ✓ Special Education programme support to St John's College

## Extra care- Special Education Programme



## From the Principal's Pen...

On 22.06.2014, at 4.30 p.m., Chairman of the CMS Governing Body, Dr. Dan Seevaratnam, Archdeacon & Manager of our College, Ven.S.J.Jeyaveerasingan, staff, old boys and well-wishers gathered to take part in and to witness the Opening of the Guest House by former Manager of our College, Dr.T.W.Jeyakularajah, (Below Left) and Dedication of the Chaplain & Staff Quarters Ground floor (donated by Mr Ravi Thambiayah and Dr.Gunam Kanagaratnam family) by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey.(Below Right).



Mr.Karuna Karunakaran (an old boy of St. John's; 1972-1980) and his family were at St. John's. The former took workshops for the staff and students of the Science Stream (Advanced Level). We owe them a big thank you for giving their time and talent to the College.

The College would also like to thank Mas. Duva Karunakaran (son) and his friend Seann Gunaratnam (see photos below) for voluntarily coaching soccer to our students. They founded 'Kids for Kids Charity Initiative' together with twenty other Tamil children in Vancouver, Canada and raised Rs.1 million for our College (Rs.600,000/= for the purchase of sports equipment for war affected children and Rs. 400,000 to aid students excelling in studies and sports to pursue their higher studies)Sivananthan and Thileepan were the first recipients of this Scholarship Fund; they received Rs. 20,000/= each. The College is also grateful to the duo for donating soccer balls.



A workshop on "Personality Development through English" was conducted by Mrs.Lalitha from Polgahawela under the Continual Staff Development Programme of St. John's College from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Workshops on "Inner Healing / Counselling" were conducted to staff on 11<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> August.



Admission test for 2015 has been scheduled for the 11th of October 2014. The number of admissions is expected to increase - specially students seeking admission to the Technology Stream.

Thank you once again for all your support. With warm wishes and prayers,

Rev. N.J.Gnanaponrajah  
Principal  
St.John'sCollege