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Newsletter of The Old Antonian Social Club of Australia Inc O.B.A.  
of St Anthony's College, Kandy, Sri Lanka  
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Dear fellow Antonians and their families,

Merry Christmas and happy new year to all of you.

*May this Christmas end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright 2013. It is a great honour and privilege to serve as the President of our OBA in the coming year and I thank all committee members for placing their trust and confidence in me to lead the club. With their support, I will strive to build upon the strong foundation that our past committees had forged for the club, and continue the good work done under the helm of Marlon Von Hagt in the past four years.*

*We are blessed with a passionate and committed group of members, who continue to pledge their support year in, year out. Although Marlon will be departing as the President after four consecutive years, he will continue to impart his services to the committee. One of our stalwarts, Jayantha Peries, has accepted the position of treasurer to relieve Martin Pereira. Jayantha first held this position in 1989, and along with Martin has collectively held this important post of treasurer no less than 12 occasions out of the past 31 years of club's existence. Spencer Madhanayake has accepted to be my deputy whilst continuing to serve as the Editor. Keith Mahamooth will be our new secretary making way for Roshan Edirisinghe to take up the Web Master's role. We welcome Naomal de Alwis into the committee as our newest addition. Adrian Dunuwille and Nirash Amarasinghe have decided to take a break after many years of great service to the committee.*

In the year 2012, we were able to successfully complete all our planned events, culminating with the annual dinner dance which is our main fund-raiser. The next year's Dinner Dance has been scheduled for Saturday November 2, 2013 in Melbourne and I would encourage all Antonians to diarise this event and make a special effort to bring along as many friends as they could. The corresponding dance organized by our Brisbane branch will be held in August (details TBA).

It is our endeavour to continue supporting the sports fund run by the Colombo OBA, where in the past three years we have contributed a total of A\$ 10,000. In addition to this, members of our club have contributed generously towards the Antonian Sports Trust Fund that was launched in late 2010 under the joint chairmanship of Priyantha Ekanayake and Ranjith Samarasekera. Unfortunately, this fund has failed to receive the support it deserves as only a little over Rs 3m has been received to date, a far cry from the target of raising Rs50m in five years. We urge all members of our club to continue supporting this fund and for details please see page 8 of this newsletter.

As an important initiative for year 2013, we wish to reinvigorate our membership to ensure that information on club events and other communications reach out to every single member across Australia. To this end, it is necessary to keep contact details up to date and we kindly ask fellow Antonians to inform our membership co-ordinator Chris Driberg of any changes to their personal details. Chris could be contacted via e-mail at [chris\\_driberg@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_driberg@hotmail.com). It is pleasing to note that Chaminda Adikari (NSW) and Victor Bayley (QLD) have pledged their support towards this initiative in their respective states.

I would also like to remind members to check the financial status of your club membership. Please contact our treasurer Jayantha Peries at [jayantha.peries@hotmail.com](mailto:jayantha.peries@hotmail.com) for details about your subscriptions.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to all members and their spouses who have supported the club in the past years and look forward to their continued involvement in the year 2013.

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**AFZAL LAPHIR**  
President







## Dr. Jayampathy Wickramaratne's

Visit to Sydney October 2012

*By Chaminda Adikari*

This October, old Antonian Dr. Jayampathy Wickramaratne was in Australia for a lecture tour organised by the People for Human Rights and Equality (PHRE) a cross-community organization of Sri Lankans. He delivered few lectures during his brief visit at Monash University, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne and the ANU College of Law, Australian National University, Canberra.

Sydney old Antonians organised a dinner to welcome Dr. Wickramaratne after delivering a lecture at the Sydney Centre for International Law, University of Sydney on 15th October 2012.

He counts 35 years as a legal practitioner in Sri Lanka and specializes in constitutional law, human rights litigation, administrative law and criminal law. He was appointed President's Counsel in 2001. Dr. Wickramaratne holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from the Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura and was awarded the Ph. D. degree by the University of Peradeniya for his thesis titled

The thesis was published in 1996 with a second edition in 2006. Dr. Wickramaratne also was a teacher at the college immediately after his graduation from Peradeniya. It was during Rev. Fr. Aiden De Silva's time, and father principal used to offer first job at collage for any young graduate old boys who wish to contribute back to college.

He has served as Consultant, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and also as Senior Advisor, Ministry of Constitutional Affairs in Sri Lanka. Dr. Wickramaratne was a member of the team that drafted the Constitution Bill of 2000. He was also a member of the panel of experts appointed by the President to service the All Party Representative Committee (APRC) and was a signatory to the "majority report" which proposed a strong power-sharing arrangement as a solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis.

He chaired a committee appointed by the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights to draft a new constitutional Bill of Rights. The committee's proposals contain a draft that includes not only civil and political rights but also social, economic and cultural rights as well as children's rights and women's rights and provisions for better enforcement.

He is a Director of the Institute for Constitutional Studies, a research organization working on constitutional issues including constitutionalism, devolution, power-sharing and human rights. Dr. Wickramaratne has written extensively on issues relating to power-sharing, human rights and other constitutional issues and presented numerous papers at international and local events.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Another year has rolled around and come to an end.



So much for the Mayan calendar, We are still here and it looks like 31st Antonian Dinner Dance wasn't the last one after all.

A new president takes over the reigns of the OBA and is set to continue the good work that has been carried out under the able leadership of Marlon Von Hagt our out going president. On behalf of the OBA, members and all our well wishes please join me in thanking Marlon for the excellence and dedication he brought to the Antonian family.

2012 has brought in 2 prominent Antonians to our shores, a former principle Rev. Fr. Hilarion Fernando, the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Parish Maffra, Victoria and of course the world cricketing star and the finest cricketer our Alma Mater has ever produced so far - Mr. Muttiah Muralitharan (Playing for the Melbourne Renegades in the KFC Big Bash).

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a valued founding member of the Antonian OBA in Australia - Chris Driberg on the appointment of his daughter Micaela Driberg as the Mayor of the City of Monash. I am sure you will join me in congratulating and wishing the Driberg family, all the very best on a great achievement.

I thank you for the privilage of being your editor for another year and wish all of you and your families a blessed Christmas and a Prosperous 2013.

**Spencer Felix Madhanayake**

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## AGM at BA Hall (Clayton, Victoria) – November 2012



## Life at St. Anthony's College Kandy

08 October 29, 2011– Published in The Island on line

*By Dr. Jayampathy Wickramaratne*



When I came to St. Anthony's for the admission test, I knew only three complete English sentences:

My name is J. Wickramaratne; My father is R. Wickramaratne; We live in Udispattuwa. The English test was a disaster. The questions on the board were in flowing letters. At the village school in the foothills of the Knuckles Range, I had been taught only to use block letters. I asked the supervisor what the first question was. "Write 10 sentences about the dog" he explained in Sinhala. I only knew that "balla" meant dog and had no option but to give a blank paper. Probably because I had done well in Sinhala and Arithmetic, I was selected.

I will remember St. Anthony's as the school that taught me English. The first few months were really difficult, but I survived. We boarders were quite vocal at cricket matches and joined the seniors in cheering. "Krishna bowler" the cheer-leader would shout and we would all follow with "Thrash the bowler". Who this Krishna was, I could not figure out. It took me two cricket seasons to realise that the cheer-leader was shouting "He's no bowler". Almost 50 years later, at the OBA dinner to mark the College's 150th anniversary, I was sitting with Jayantha Udukumbura, my classmate and friend from lower school, and was happy to learn that he too had a similar difficulty with the same Krishna. Udda of course went on to captain the college team, while I opted to cheer him from the boundary lines.

I soon picked up grammar and pronunciation. We had little choice, for on boarders' day one chap would recite the best "sixers" of the year at the assembly and we would not want to be quoted.

Learning English at the feet of Father Robinson in Upper School was a rich experience. He took us - along with Jim Hawkings, the one-legged Long John Silver, Squire Trelawney, Dr. Livesey and others - aboard the "Hispaniola" to the Treasure Island singing the famous pirates' song, "Fifteen men on the dead man's chest .....Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum! Drink and the devil had done for the rest ... ..Yo-ho-ho, and a bottle of rum!" What drama, what fun and what a lot we learnt!

Life as a boarder was never dull. But, honestly, I cannot talk good of the food. On weekends, I and Kithsiri Weerasuriya (Kiththa is a senior lawyer at Attanagalle courts) would spend hours gazing from the grounds at the College entrance for our parents to emerge, bringing eats, "feeds" as we called them. On most days, we would be disappointed.

I had the fortune of being in College in the Rosati era. When Father Rosati passed away, it was as if we had lost a close elderly relative. Father Leo (later Bishop Leo) was in charge of the Rainbow Cottages and I had the privilege, along with 125 others, of being caned by him on the day the College Hall was opened. His family joined the Rainbians at dinner and we reacted to laughter from the head table with a "hoot" as he was just coming in. He was furious and caned us all.

Another important thing that I learnt at St. Anthony's was to respect the cultures of others. I had Sinhalese, Tamils, Burghers, Chettis, Muslims and even a German, Helmut, as fellows. It was a rich multi-cultural setting from which we all benefitted.

Years later, I was on the SACK staff for a short stint. It was nice to be on the staff along with those who had taught you- Messrs. Mendis, Weerasinghe, B.L. Fernando, Willie Fernando, Rajendran, Angelo Peris to name a few, not forgetting Mr. Brown - and his beautiful daughter, Drusilla, who was a good friend. You don't want me to give their nicknames, or do you?

(From SACKOBA Centenary, the centennial publication of the Old Boys' Association, St. Anthony's College, Kandy. The writer can be reached at jwickramaratne@yahoo.com)

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## Tributes

We bid farewell to the following members and all other Antonians who have passed away recently.  
Farewell and thank you for contributing to our Alma Mater and for enriching our lives.

Bernard Perera

Franco Rudolph

DM Madduma Banadara

Mrs. Magsie Roberts (Mother of Geoffrey, Peter & Delorine)

Thilak Thalakada

Numan Deen

Mrs. Candappa (Mother of Romesh Candappa)







**Bernard Perera**

**Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year - 1976**

**Antonian Skipper gets unanimous vote. & best all-rounder too !!**

Antonian skipper Bernard Perera, who has been one of the outstanding All-rounders in inter-school cricket this year, was picked by a panel of umpires as the "Ceylon Observer Schoolboy Cricketer" of the year 1976, in the contest sponsored by P. G. Martins.

The panel laid emphasis on fielding besides the batting and bowling capabilities of the players, while sportsmanship on and off the field, too, was taken into account when picking the winner. Bernard Perera filled in these requirements without any "black marks" and it was an unanimous decision that he should get the coveted honour of being the Ceylon Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of 1976. He was also picked as the Best all-rounder.

#### **The Motorcade -**

In May 1976, Bernard was accorded a motorcade on his arrival in Kandy after winning two awards namely 'Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the year' and the 'Times Outstation Schoolboy Cricketer' - a unique double.

He was then the fourth Antonian to win the coveted award and the fifth time an Antonian had won as Charlie Joseph achieved this feat in two consecutive years 1960 and 1961. Others do so were Wijepala Premaratne in 1956 (inaugural occasion) and Franklyn Burke in 1962. And in the 1990s, Muralitharan and Sajith Fernando added two more feathers into the Antonian Cap by winning the schoolboy cricketer awards.

As a 12 year old, I vividly remember Bernard being taken in an open truck, decked with the trophies. This motorcade started from St Anthony's Cathedral Square and right along the journey students from most Kandy schools, let alone Antonians, lined up the streets and greeted Bernard with rapturous applause, some even showering him with presents. He was presented with a Gold Medal and Chain at the ceremony that took place following the motorcade. - **AFZAL**

#### **Nihal Jawa (Germany)**

Although it was well after my Time in College. I still salute a true Stalwart and Brilliant Sportsman of College no matter when and at any time!!!! Sad of his Passing away at such a young age - May his soul Rest in Peace

#### **Bernard Perera**

Sri Lanka

Full name: Jayalathge Bernard Nihal Perera

Born May 27, 1956, Ceylon

Died November 9, 2012, Peradeniya, Kandy (aged 56 years 166 days)

Major teams Ceylon

Batting style Right-hand bat

Bowling style Right-arm medium

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Batting and fielding averages

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	100	50	Ct	St
First-class	8	16	2	537	102	38.35	1	4	2	0
List A	5	5	1	67	31*	16.75	0	0	2	0

Bowling averages

	Mat	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BB1	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	4w	5w	10
First-class	8	277	6	2/48			46.16			0	0	0
List A	5	42	46	0	-	-	6.57	-	0	0	0	0

Career statistics

First-class span 1980-1983

List A span 1982-1983

#### **GOOD BYE MY TEAM MATE & FRIEND - Merry! Dunuwille (Palm Springs, USA)**

In the Vaseline trophy schools 50 over semi final at NCC Bernard was batting with me when, part of the spectators broke out & assaulted umpire Errol Seneviratne when he ruled me out & the match was called off.

In later years I saw him blossoming into perhaps the best all rounder produced by the school. He had a very strong arm which made him shoot thru effective yorkers as a medium pacer. His throwing was bulls eye from anywhere in the field. the six he hit Ravi Ratnayake off the 2nd new ball just rolling his wrists, over the sight screen to the rainbow cottages racing to a big match century will last in my memory forever.

After my coaching stint at Trinity until my departure to USA, Bernard was the second Antonian to do so from 1995 to 2000. Kumar Sangakkara was his first captain. During a visit to Sri Lanka I happened to visit Kandy police grounds where Bernard was conducting his private school practices. I saw Kumar taking a knock under the watchful eyes of Bernard. later he told me he was having trouble with his middle & leg shots (which we all left handers have) & wanted Bernards opinion.

*Bernard Perera, the man with a few words, an accomplished cricketer, a knowledgeable coach brought credit to his alma mater thru cricket. A great human being.*

The news of the passing of Bernard Perera fills me with sadness. I had heard of his prowess on the cricket field, but did not know him personally because he was after my time. Another great Anthonian and Sportsman has now passed on leaving many with fond memories..What saddens me most of all is that I knew Bernard's Father in College, , "Binder" Perera - a gentle man who went about his duties working for College, with a quiet dignity. Many Antonians of my era will remember " B i n d e r " P e r e r a .

All these great Anthonians who were among the Anthonian family pass on, leaving us to grieve. I shall hold him in prayer.

**Bernard VanCuylenburg (Melbourne-Australia)**

# Uncapped Antonian Cricketing Great bids Adieu A Collection of Tributes

*Compiled by Afzal Laphir (Melbourne)*

#### **Marlon Von Hagt (Melbourne)**

College had a great team in 76 (Ranjith, Russel, Thiyar, Ajith, Zarook...etc) captained by the brilliant Bernard. I was in grade six in 76 and grew up watching Bernard play.

There are few things I remember of Bernard:

- A six he hit at Katugastota against St Benedicts or could have been Ananda. It was still climbing when it hit top if the tree left to the canteen. Couldn't he hit a ball..
- His 150 + in the Trinity/Antonian
- His brilliant cover fielding
- And of course his off spin bowling
- I MAY have borrowed his Coloured blazer from him. Not 100% sure on this - been a while

Bernard got tons of runs in SL trial games but never really had a permanent slot in the SL eleven. Very unlucky. I believe he was fighting for berth with Anura Ranasinghe another talented cricketer. His gutsy and brilliant 100 against South Africa facing fast bowlers in the calibre of Grath Le Roux, Van Der Bijl was even discussed in dressing rooms during the times when I was playing.

Unfortunately, because of the rebel ban I never got to play club cricket with Bernard.

I was shocked and sad hear of his passing away. St Anthony's has lost a cricketing legend. But his memories will linger on.

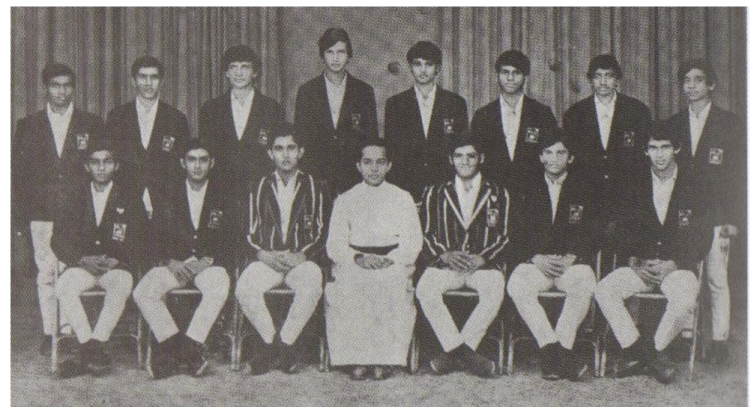
May the good lord bless his soul

#### **Shane Batthazaar (Sri Lanka)**

Sad news and...Jesus....life is so short. We were two sets of brothers in the junior and senior teams in late sixties and early seventies when Bede, Bernard, Kevin and I all played together. When I captained the U 14 and U 16 teams (Both unbeaten sides) Bernard was simply superb. Later in 1976 he bagged the Award... **SCHOOLBOY CRICKETER OF THE YEAR** He Captained college that same year; later on he played for the country. I remember his 148 odd against a foreign side at Asgiriya playing for a SL Board eleven. Ranjan Madugalle got 50 odd. Like Anura Ranasinghe; Bernard was not given a fair deal so he toured South Africa .... the rest is history. Bernard was a superb coach too. Ask Kumar Sangakkara... he will tell you.

May the Turf Lye gently over this great cricketer of College and Sri Lanka.

Please convey my warm regards to my dear friend and former coach Mr Jayantha Peiris. All our team mates are offering prayers for the repose of the soul of Bernard. May Bernard rest in Peace with the LORD our God; our deepest sympathies to all in Bernard's family.



**Bernard, standing far left, first broke into our First XI in 1973 under Premalal De Silva.**



# The Old Antonian Social Club (Queensland)

Annual Dinner Dance (Brisbane)– September 2012



## EVENTS IN 2012

### HOPPER NIGHT

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March we did organize a get together of old Antonians & immediate family members for a "hopper night" which was held at the La Kandy restaurant in Tingalpa. If my memory serves me correct total attendance was 42. It was a great evening in terms of meeting old mates & reminiscing about school days etc. All agreed that we should have this type of get together more often.

### DINNER/DANCE

The annual dinner/dance was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September at the Colossus Reception centre at West End. The band in attendance was the Sam De Silva combo from Melbourne supported by DJ Lennie. Catering was by Jeremy Henderling. A total of 202 plus band & DJ attended. The over whelming response was that the music was good, the food was great & all enjoyed themselves. Old boy David Ginger's achievements in College, University & career received special recognition on the night.

## EVENTS IN 2013

February - Old Antonian & family get together. Details yet to be finalized  
August - Annual Dinner/dance. Details yet to be finalized



Queensland Old Antonians wish all other Old Antonians & their families a very merry Christmas & hope you have a wonderful 2013.





## Annual Dinner Dance (Melbourne)– Nov 2012





# REUNIONS 2012 & A GATHERING OF CAPTAINS

Pictures taken in Queensland by the Brisbane branch when they hosted Michael Macky, Melbourne who was visiting his sister from Sri Lanka.



Mini Class of 81 re-union at Afzal's for visiting Antonians  
Chaminda Adikari (from Sydney) and  
Roy Ranaraja (from Sri Lanka)



The Group

Malcolm de Zilva, Michael Macky, Michael Joseph,  
Christie Gomes, Victor Bayley, Chris Simms, Andre' Titus,  
Brian Offen, Patrick Driberg and Ralph de Zilva



Two Rugby Captains  
Andre' Titus and Michael Macky



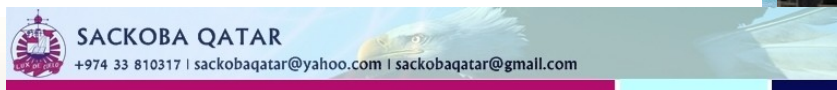
Three College Cricket Captains  
Michael Joseph, Chris Simms and Michael Macky



Chris Simms and Patrick Driberg



Malcolm de Zilva and Michael Joseph



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BEACH PARTY 2012

## UPCOMING EVENT— AUSTRALIA 2013

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
	QUEENSLAND Old Antonian & family get together. Details to be finalised — Please contact Victor Bayley for details	VICTORIA Traditional Trinity Antonian Cricket Encounter – Under 40's and the open age group team. Date and venue to be confirmed	VISIT OUR WEBSITE <a href="http://www.antonian.org.au">www.antonian.org.au</a> to view latest news, pictures and Membership information		VICTORIA St Anthony's Day Mass / Celebrations. Date and venue to be confirmed
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	QUEENSLAND Annual Dinner/dance. Details to be finalized— Please contact Victor Bayley for details			VICTORIA Annual Dinner Dance 2nd Nov, 2013 at 'The Grande'	

## ANTONIAN SPORTS TRUST FUND

The "Antonian Sports Trust Fund" was opened in late 2010 with a view to developing & continuing Sports at St. Anthony's College. Unlike all other funds, monies in this fund will not be utilised directly, only the interest from this will be collected to facilitate the sports activities.

The target is to get around 2000 or more Old Boys to contribute a minimum of Rs.5,000/- per year, so that we will have more than Rs.10,000,000/- per year. We hope to generate Rs.50,000,000/= within five years. At that stage, this fund will be able to assist all sports activities at St. Anthony's, without having to harass same old boys repeatedly. All transactions will be transparent and will be published in our main web site. Appropriately these monies will be utilised in the best interest of the school as determined by the trustees.

### **Bank Account Details**

<b>Beneficiary:</b>	<b>Antonian Sports Trust Fund</b>
<b>Name of the Bank:</b>	<b>Hatton National Bank Plc</b>
<b>Branch:</b>	<b>Colpetty Branch</b>
<b>A/c No:</b>	<b>115010123600</b>
<b>Swift Code:</b>	<b>HBLILKLX</b>

Name, Address, reference no of your remittance & the amount is required to be emailed /faxed to Mr.Ranjith Samarasekara [ranjithsamarasekara@rocketmail.com](mailto:ranjithsamarasekara@rocketmail.com) / Fax No ++94 11 2440096 )

## OUTGOING PRESIDENTS MESSAGE 2012 - Marlon Von Hagt (President 2008/09 - 2012)

To my fellow Antonians, families and friends,

Since its inauguration in 1981, our club has thrived on the support of the loyal Antonians in Australia and on the hard work of successive Committees and their families. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made a contribution to this club over the last thirty-two years.

Early on in April, we played our annual cricket match with our arch rivals Trinity at Heathmont. There were two twenty over matches played between our "over 40" team as well as an open game for all age groups. The "over 40" game was fiercely contested and went down to the wire, but we walked away as the winners. Even though our fielders were the same as the "over 40's" team for the open game, we ended up giving a good fight to a young Trinity team, but we unfortunately ended up losing. The day ended with a presentation ceremony followed by socialising amongst each other. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Sujith Dunuwille for getting this event back on track after a year's layoff.

A few of us attended mass in Keysborough at this year's "College Day" celebrations. This was followed by some refreshments and a hopper meal sponsored by the club at Café Laksa. Thank you so much to everyone who made an effort to be there. I am hopeful that we will get a better crowd for next year.

I want to thank everyone who has made a contribution towards the Antonian "Sports Trust Fund". Our objective is to repeat this donation every year for a period of five years. I do hope that you follow up with the subsequent yearly donations. Also for the people who are yet to contribute I encourage you to do so. These contributions should enable to pay for ALL sporting needs of college in the future.

The club also made a donation of AUD 4000 this year to the Antonian "Sports Fund" in aid of day to day expenses of college sports. I would like to give a special thanks to Ranjith Samarasekara and Priyantha Ekanayake for the time and effort that they put in to coordinating these two funds.

Our flagship event for the year, "The Annual Dance" was held at the "Grande" on the 3rd of November where we had 274 people in attendance and as always, the feedback received has been great. Unfortunately we have been told by the management of "Grande" that the only Saturday available for our Dance is the first weekend in November, which will also be a long weekend. We have had a small decline in numbers this year. Furthermore, there has been an increase of cost per person this year at the Grande.

I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate our colleagues from the Queensland Branch headed by Victor Bailey for organizing a successful Dance/ Fundraising event in September.

We want to welcome back to Victoria our past principle Rev. Fr. Hilarion Fernando who has been appointed by the Lord Bishop of Sale to the pastoral and spiritual care of the people of God in Maffra and the Heyfield parishes. The following are his contact details - St. Mary's Parish, 2 Duke Street Maffra, Vic 3860, Mobile: 0478 909 541, Tel: 03 5147 1344.

This year we have lost a few of our beloved Antonian brothers. "George Denlow", a much loved past Geography teacher of the college. Aelred Samarakoon and of late cricketing legend Bernard Perera. We have also lost some of our fellow Antonians and their loved ones this year. Our thoughts are with their immediate families in these difficult times. May their souls rest in peace.

The Club's financial position is quite strong with \$5000 in the bank leaving the Club in a good position to further assist the College when required.

Many thanks to our Editor; Spencer Madhanayake and Our Webmaster; Afzal Laphir for the time and effort spent on the Antonews and our own website [antonian.org.au](http://antonian.org.au).

After four years at the helm I believe the timing is right for me to step aside as your President. We have a good blend of people in the current Committee who are capable of running our club for the years to come. It's been an honour and a privilege to serve my beloved college. I am so thankful for the support that all of you have rendered me over the years.

In closing, I wish once again to thank the existing Committee for rallying around the banner of the college in 2011 and 2012 and wish the incoming Committee the best of luck for 2012 and 2013