

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM gathering momentum

by Afzal Laphir (President)

It gives me immense pleasure to announce the launch of our Scholarship Program this year. This scheme is aimed at providing incentives to talented students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to ensure they receive a well-rounded education at a reputed school like ours.

Our commitment is to provide financial support to the selected students periodically (every term), and continue this funding until they complete their education at college. We have already released funds to one student this year.

The value of each scholarship is approx. A\$ 2500 (SLR 300,000) to cover for a period of seven years at college.



K Sadhurshan is the first recipient of our scholarship. He comes from a family of labourers from a tea estate in Rangala, located about two hours from Kandy.

Inspired by our program, two distinguished families have come forward and magnanimously committed to two additional students. The de Alwis family commenced their sponsorship of a student this year, in memory of their late parents, Dr Claude and Merle. Whilst, the children of one of our revered teachers, late George Denlow, will be supporting a student from next year in memory of Fr Lawrence Hyde.

The outpouring support we have received to-date means that we are on target to sponsor a further student next year. All in all, four deserving students will be benefiting from our program starting 2015, a program which wouldn't have materialized without the co-operation extended to us by Fr Principal. We owe a debt of gratitude to him and also to the rest of our generous Antonians.

Please get in touch with a committee member for further details including a copy of our Policy Document.

A wonderful Initiation by the Old Boys in Australia

by Fr. Henry Wijeratne, OSB (Principal SACK)

It is with joy and gratitude I express my sentiments about the generosity shown by the OBA Australian branch, to less privileged young Antonians here in Sri Lanka.

Old Antonians to look after the young ones. I think you have not forgotten this beautiful way of sharing which has been embedded to you during your life spent under this blessed portals. Your good will and generosity is a strength to the children those who come from remote areas to be illumined by the light from heaven.

I am encouraged by your enthusiasm, to look forward for a greater cause of lending



a compassionate hand to uplift the less privileged students in the College at present. I too am convinced if given a chance, one day they will transmit the spirit of their Alma Mater to the ends of the universe.

May God bless all of you and your family members in all your endeavour.