

The Shamrock

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SPECTAMUR AGENDA



THE PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION OF ST. BRIDGET'S CONVENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Bridgetines,

I begin by thanking God for his grace and guidance throughout the year 2025/2026, which has enabled us to serve with purpose and unity.

As we conclude another wonderful term, I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated committee members for their unwavering support, commitment, and teamwork. Your hard work behind the scenes ensured that every initiative was carried out successfully. I also sincerely thank all our members for their enthusiastic participation throughout the year. Your presence and involvement strengthened our bond as past pupils and added meaning to every event we undertook.

A special word of thanks goes to all who contributed so generously towards the Smart Board Project and the Hands of Hope initiative carried out in collaboration with our beloved school. Your generosity reflects the values instilled in us - compassion, service, and a spirit of giving. My deepest gratitude is extended to our Former Patroness, Rev. Sr. Francine Mutugala, for her invaluable guidance during the year, and to our new Patroness, Rev. Sr. Mary Prisca Perera, for her fullest support in successfully concluding the term.

I would also like to sincerely thank Rev. Sr. Sujani Fernando, Rev. Sr. Dilrukshika Silva, and Rev. Sr. Velani de Silva for their continuous support throughout my tenure. My appreciation also goes to the teachers of the school, and especially to the non-academic staff, for their assistance and cooperation at all times.

Together, we continue to honour the legacy of St. Bridget's Convent and support the generations that follow. May our unity and commitment grow stronger with each passing year.

With gratitude,

Lalanee Perera

PRESIDENT,
2024/2026

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025/26



Seated (L-R) - Shirangika Abeyratne, Nirala Lafir, Rukmal Shah, Lalanee Perera, Rev Sr Francine Muthugala, Lakmali Hapuarachchi, Pavani Perera, Dinali Karunaratne

Standing (L-R) - Prabha Satkunananthan, Lahana Irugalbandara, Lakshi Ranasinghe, Yoshika Gunadasa, Upeka Peiris, Champika Mendis, Sonali Jayasinghe, Mariella VanDort, Sherine Perera, Yumei Chang, Manaal Mowlana, Vihangha Perera, Samitha Hettiarachchi

Absent - Charmaine Tilekeratne, Hifza Muhseen

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025/26



A NEW CHAPTER OF LEADERSHIP

During our St. Bridget's Day celebrations, we were truly blessed to warmly welcome Rev. Sr. Mary Prisca Perera as our Mother Superior. Having dedicated fifty years of faithful service to the Lord and the Congregation — serving in formation, vocation promotion, missionary leadership in the Czech Republic, and most recently as Province Bursar — Sr. Prisca brings with her a wealth of experience, wisdom, and steadfast commitment. On this special occasion, she was formally introduced to the membership, marking the beginning of her leadership as Patroness of the PPA and Mother Superior within our community at St. Bridget's.

We extend our heartfelt good wishes to Sr. Prisca and assure her of our continued prayers and support as she embraces this new responsibility.

GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP

A total of **119 new members** were confirmed for the 2025/2026 membership year, bringing the total membership to **5,631**. This steady growth reflects the continued enthusiasm and engagement of our community, supported by the timely acceptance and efficient processing of membership applications. We are pleased to welcome these new members and look forward to their active participation in the Association.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Membership application forms can be downloaded from the PPA website (www.sbccppa.org) or collected from the Collegiate School entrance. Completed forms may be scanned and submitted conveniently via email.

UNITED ACROSS CONTINENTS: ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS ABROAD

We maintained strong ties with our fellow Past Pupils' Associations overseas, who continue to work tirelessly, to keep their members connected and engaged, even during challenging times. We commend their enduring spirit and unwavering dedication.

DONATION FOR MATTRESSES

The Past Pupils' Association of the United Kingdom made a generous donation of GBP 1,000 to support those affected by Cyclone Ditwah. Under Phase I of '**Hands of Hope**', 110 food packs worth approximately Rs. 3,000/- each were distributed using the donation, bringing much-needed relief to families during a time of hardship. For Phase II, a further contribution enabled the distribution of mattresses to affected households, helping restore comfort and dignity to those rebuilding their homes.

The Angels AP Foundation - Past Bridgetines USA also extended their heartfelt support with a donation of Rs. 300,000 towards this humanitarian effort. Their generous contribution funded the purchase and distribution of 93 mattresses, providing essential relief to families who had lost their belongings in the disaster. Through their kindness and solidarity, they brought renewed hope and reassurance to many in need.

PPA EVENTS CALENDAR FOR 2025/26

Harmonies in Reflection 2

A PRELUDE TO EASTER

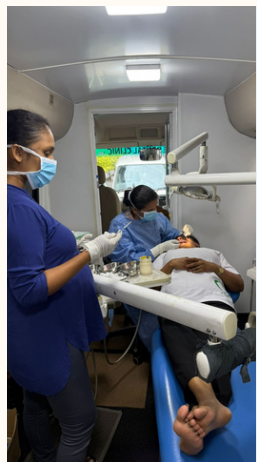
Organised by the Past Pupils' Association, the Collegiate School Choir, under the expert direction of Mrs. Priyanthi VanDort, presented a Lenten Choral Performance at the Collegiate School Auditorium for the second consecutive year on the 10th of April 2025. The event was well attended, drawing a supportive audience that gathered to experience a soulful musical journey enriched by a special reflection from Rev. Fr. Jude Nixon. The performance beautifully captured the essence of the Paschal Mystery, filled with Spiritual Melodies and moments of deep contemplation. It uplifted hearts and minds while contributing to a worthy cause- proceeds being directed towards PPA Outreach Activities.



SBC HEALTH CLINIC

2025 Taking care of YOU!

The SBC Health Clinic was held on the 24th of May 2025 at St. John Eudes Hall, St. Bridget's Convent, as a meaningful initiative to provide free medical consultations and screenings to the Present Teaching and Non-Academic Staff, of the Collegiate, Primary, and Montessori Schools, and the Sisters of the Community. With the generous support of Doctors from the Bridgetine Community and external partners, the clinic offered General OPD, Cardiology, ENT, Gastroenterology, Dental, Dermatology, Eye, and Cancer Screening and more. This was a heartfelt effort to give back to those who serve our school with unwavering dedication and care.



BATTLE OF THE QUEENS

PAST PUPILS' CRICKET LEAGUE



The Wesley College Grounds came alive on Saturday, June 21st, 2025, as four of the island's most prestigious girls' schools — Bishop's College, Methodist College, St. Bridget's Convent, and Ladies' College — proudly launched the inaugural "Battle of the Queens" Past Pupils' Cricket League, Co-chaired by our very own Ruvini Dharmasiri. From the very first ball at 8:30 a.m., the atmosphere was electric. Alumni players, clad in school colours, brought both skill and spirit to the pitch; while spectators cheered with unwavering pride. Each match was a showcase of camaraderie and competition. It was more than just a tournament; it was a landmark celebration of legacy, sportsmanship and unity. From high-energy matches to a festive and lively atmosphere, it was a day for the scrapbooks!



FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On the 27th June 2025, the Past Pupils' Association gathered at the School Chapel at 1:30 p.m. for the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist, in celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi. The solemn adoration flowed into a Eucharistic procession around the school, enveloping all present in an atmosphere of deep devotion and reverence. Past pupils joined in, with joy and fervour; their presence a living witness to faith and unity. It was a sacred occasion, beautifully weaving a tapestry of prayer, reflection and fellowship — leaving behind a lingering sense of grace and spiritual renewal.



SHAMROCKS & SUNSHINE

Our Annual Picnic - Shamrocks & Sunshine - saw our Bridgetines set off to Suriya Resort Waikkal; to revel in a day of games, fun and laughter. Irish-themed decorations and music set a festive tone, weaving a touch of Celtic charm into the tropical setting. Friendly-competition and spirited camaraderie set the tone of the day. The impromptu-performances of well-loved Irish classics were enjoyed by one and all. Tired but happy, the Bridgetines returned with their hearts full and in soaring spirits.



Embracing our EVERGREENS

The Past Pupils' Association hosted a special luncheon titled "Embracing the Evergreens – Celebrating Grace Through the Years" at the Primary School Hall on 6th September 2025. This heartfelt celebration was dedicated to our senior alumni and retired teachers, honouring their years of dedication, guidance, and contribution to the Bridgetine fraternity. The afternoon was filled with gratitude, fond memories, and lively exchanges, as past pupils expressed their appreciation and reconnected with those who have shaped generations of Bridgetines.



MEMORIAL MASS FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGETINE FAMILY

The Past Pupils' Association held a Memorial Mass on 3rd November 2025 at 5.30 p.m. in the School Chapel, in remembrance of departed members of the Bridgetine family. The Holy Mass was offered for all our Reverend Sisters, past pupils, teachers, employees, and their family members. The gathering became a sacred moment for the community to honour, remember and lift in prayer all those whose contributions have strengthened and supported the school throughout the years.



PROJECTS & CONTRIBUTIONS

2025/26

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Our invaluable staff of teachers were presented with gift vouchers - valued at Rs. 5,000 each - in warmest acknowledgement of their selfless service. This initiative stands as a tribute to their unwavering commitment to shaping our future generations.

MONTESSORI SUPPORT

A new projector was donated to the Montessori, enhancing interactive learning for the youngest members of the school community. This contribution ensures that early education is supported with modern teaching tools.

SMART CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

Ten Smart Boards were funded and installed across classrooms, revolutionising the teaching and learning experience. By integrating technology, the Association helped create a more engaging and dynamic environment for students.

MINOR STAFF RECOGNITION

Hampers and gift vouchers worth Rs. 8,000 each were distributed to all minor staff members. This initiative acknowledged the invaluable service they render to the school. Each of these projects was made possible through the generosity and continued support of our membership.



HANDS OF HOPE

The Past Pupils' Association, in collaboration with Rev. Fr. Priyantha Silva of the Church of Our Lady of Good Health, came together in a spirit of compassion and service to carry out Hands of Hope — a meaningful outreach initiative dedicated to supporting families affected by Cyclone Ditwah.



PHASE I : A RELIEF DRIVE

Under the banner "Hands of Hope", the Past Pupils' Association launched a relief drive aimed at bringing together members of the school community to support those in need. Through this initiative, essential aid and assistance were provided to vulnerable communities. Phase I of the project focused on the distribution of dry ration packs. With the support of the Association and the wider school community, **600 dry ration packs** were distributed to families requiring assistance.

PHASE II : MATTRESSES

The second phase of Hands of Hope focused on providing mattresses to families in need. Through this effort, we were able to help households find comfort, rest, and a sense of security through something as simple, yet essential, as a mattress. This phase further strengthened the purpose of the initiative — to offer practical support that makes a meaningful difference in daily life. **In total, 330 double mattresses and 225 single mattresses** were donated, restoring comfort and dignity to hundreds of families.



MORE CONTRIBUTIONS...

BASKETBALL HOOPS

Rs. 550,000/- was donated to purchase state-of-the-art basketball rings and boards to be installed at the tennis court area to support the basketball players of the collegiate school.

FLOOD LIGHTS FOR THE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

The Past Pupils' Association donated 5 LED floodlights to the Collegiate School to enhance visibility and safety during evening practices and events, creating a brighter and more secure environment for students and staff.

DONATION FOR CHOIR PLATFORMS - COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

A donation of Rs. 500,000 was made towards constructing platforms for the Collegiate School Choir. This initiative was undertaken to enhance their performances by providing better safety visibility and stage arrangement, supporting the continued excellence of the choir.

HOUSING REHABILITATION SUPPORT FOR MALLIKA

An allocation of Rs. 500,000 was made to support the rehabilitation of the home of Mallika, a security staff member, whose residence sustained severe damage due to the recent Cyclone Ditwah. Members of the PPA visited the residence, assessed the situation, and resolved to allocate the funds towards the necessary reconstruction once the assessment process was completed.



Farewell

SISTER FRANCINE!

As Rev. Sr. Francine Muthugala concluded her term as Superior, the Past Pupils' Association Committee had the joy and privilege of hosting her, together with our three Principals, for an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly games at the Blue Hall. The farewell dinner was a small yet heartfelt gesture of our deep appreciation and love, and an opportunity for the committee to personally thank Sr. Francine for the guidance, encouragement, and unwavering support she extended to the Association during her tenure.

It was a simple but meaningful gathering, reflecting the deep respect and gratitude she holds within our community. We once again extend our sincere thanks to Sr. Francine and wish her every success and abundant blessings in her new role within the Province Leadership Team in Sri Lanka.

ST. BRIDGET'S DAY 2026

St. Bridget's Day was celebrated on 31st January 2026. Holy Mass was held at 5.00 p.m. in the School Chapel, bringing together the Reverend Sisters and members of the Past Pupils' Association in thanksgiving and prayer. The celebration was followed by fellowship, allowing those present to gather and mark the occasion together.

