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This year has certainly been an extremely busy and eventful one for the Executive Committee, with many events and momentous happenings to organize and celebrate. We count it a privilege to have been afforded the opportunity to serve our school and our fellow Bridgetines over the past 12 months, and it is with deep satisfaction that we look back on our term of office because it was a period of unmitigated enjoyment.

In the latter part of the year, the Executive Committee put together several significant events, notably the Student Development Programmes for the Collegiate School, long service awards for teachers, the mass for the dear departed, a tremendously successful Quiz Night and St. Bridget's day celebrations. We were also able to continue to support the identified corporate social responsibility projects with keen interest and spirit.

Let's keep the Bridgetine flag flying high and the spirit of our beloved school forever in our hearts – to always serve and treat each other with respect, dignity and love.

### Editorial Committee

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## From the Desk of the Executive Committee

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association (PPA) will be held on 20th March 2015, at 5.30 p.m at the main Auditorium of St. Bridget's Convent.

### Our Strength

Membership of the Past Pupils' Association stands at three thousand seven hundred & eleven as at 28th February 2015 with ninety eight past Bridgetines joining the Association during the period, 1st April 2014 to 28th February 2015.

### Membership Cards

Members who do not have the new personalized membership card are encouraged to apply for one at a nominal cost of Rs.500/-. Please forward a request letter clearly mentioning the name and address to be printed on the new card together with a recently taken stamp size photograph, and a self-addressed registered envelope together with the old card to the Joint Secretary, Past Pupils' Association of St. Bridget's Convent.

### Membership Database Cleansing

A whole hearted effort was made by the committee to update and cleanse the membership database, whilst converting more members onto the e-circulation list. The PPA email database now stands at one thousand three hundred & eight as of 10th February 2015. Approximately one thousand members were converted from the postal list to the email list during the period April '14 to Feb '15 resulting in considerable reduction in printing and postage costs. Efforts are further continued, to update membership data and members are encouraged to notify the Joint Secretaries with changes on a timely basis.

### PPA Web Site

The PPA website <http://www.sbcppa.org> captures all news about PPA events. The membership form can also be downloaded from the website.

### PPA Facebook Page

The PPA Facebook page with 'likes' in excess of 2500 is posted with photographs and albums and can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Bridgets-Convent-PPA>.

### School Principals

Rev. Sr. Shermila Jayawardena completed her term as the Principal of the collegiate school and was replaced by Rev. Sr. Alexandra Mendis. Rev. Sr. Shermila readily supported and patronized all events of the PPA. We wish her the very best in all her future endeavors. We look forward to working with Rev. Sr. Alexandra with much enthusiasm, and may Almighty God grant her the strength to carry out her new role. We welcome Rev. Sr. Dilani Jayamane who took over as the new Principal of the primary school.



## Member Activities

### Quiz Night

The Quiz Night was held on 23rd November 2014, at the Kingsbury, with the participation of over 200 Bridgetines, young and old. Given an opportunity to flex and display their intellectual muscle, the Bridgetines did not disappoint, responding brilliantly to the sometimes challenging questions they were asked. Immaculately conducted by Mr. Dominic Keller, the evening was filled with fun, and the participants were given the chance to revive themselves after their mental exertions with a delicious spread provided by the hotel to the sounds of energizing music. A hilarious note was struck by Ruhanie Perera and Nehama Jayawardena who interspersed the quiz rounds with a series of performance sketches that took all of us back to our school days and made us roar with laughter. All in all, it was a fabulous evening that combined the best of serious activity with unalloyed fun.







Inaugural winners of the Quiz Night 2014  
"BRIDGET - EINSTEINS"



Winners of "Best Costume"  
"SUN - JINDS Bright Sparks"



Sports song .....with a twist!!



"Best quiz ever. Three hearty cheers to the organizers."

- Dilini Wijesooriya

"Thank you all for the very well organised evening. We enjoyed every bit of it. Congratulations."

- Namali Herath

"Job well done committee. We await more of these."

- Renuka Ratwatte

"Congratulations to the organizing committee. The quiz was fantastic."

- Shayanika De Silva Fernando

"It was a great evening, well done PPA. Every bit of it was fun."

- Lana De Zoysa







## St. Bridget's Day Mass and Fellowship



The PPA celebrated St. Bridget's day with holy mass, followed by an evening of fellowship on Saturday 7th February 2015, at the school premises. The celebrant for the Mass was Rev. Fr. Tony Martin who reminded us once again of the significance and importance of the life and service of our patron saint, St. Bridget and of the privilege we are all blessed with to be associated with this wonderful school.

The Past Pupils' Choir – Contempo accompanied by Ms. Priyanthi Seneviratne VanDort led the beautiful singing during the service followed by two other performances during the fellowship dinner.

The fellowship dinner was well attended by approximately four hundred members who enjoyed an evening of fun, complemented by sumptuous food, gifts galore and the opportunity to mingle and renew ties with old friends and school fellows. It was, from beginning to end, a truly memorable event.



The Patroness Rev. Sr. Rohini Mendis together with President Yasmin Zarook and the Past Presidents cutting the cake



"Contempo" the Past Pupils' Choir performing at the fellowship



"A very great & elegant show. Food was excellent. Very well organized & congratulations to the committee"  
- Sharmini Theagarajah

"A special thanks for organising a lovely evening. The music was really nice & food was great."  
- Nirosha Yatagama

"Yasmin super show to celebrate St. Bridget's day. Everything was very well organized & food was really good. Well done & congratulations to you & your team" - Nirmala Pieris







Ms. Rita Perera, one of our oldest members participating in the offertory

## Religious Activities

### Mass for the Dear Departed \*



A Mass for the members of our community who have passed away was held on 4th November 2014, with the participation of almost eighty Bridgetines. Refreshments were served afterwards to all those who attended.



## Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

The Executive Committee continued to provide assistance to St. Joseph's School for the Hearing Impaired in Kuliyaipitiya and Perakuwatana Sinhala Vidyalaya in Bundalama, Puttalam. The Executive Committee approved a sum of Rupees ninety eight thousand to be given to St. Joseph's School for the renovation of the ceiling for their dormitory.

On the 6th of December 2014, the Executive Committee members visited both schools and distributed school bags to 243 students from Grades 1 to 9 at Perakuwatana Sinhala Vidyalaya and these students were additionally provided with towels and snacks as well. A number of personal donations were also made towards this worthy cause.



"Great job committee. Both schools are very deserving."

- Nareshka Perera

"These moments would have been priceless when putting a smile on the childrens' faces. God bless the PPA of SBC for the wonderful charity work done." - Tania Wannappa Peiris

"Keep up the good work. These schools deserve your assistance. Well done." - Rishda Zarook Ishaq







## Events with School

### Student-Teacher Development Programmes



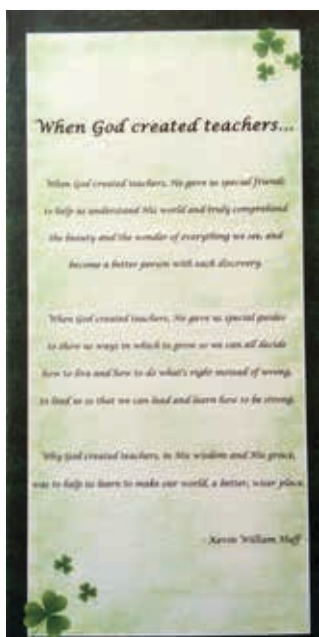
Special gifts were distributed amongst all the little children of the Montessori to celebrate Children's Day on 1st October 2014.



Ms. Andrea Jayatilleka conducted a session on Team Building and Leadership Activities for the students of Grade 11 on 24th October 2014.



On 29th October 2014, another session, this time on How to Face an Examination was conducted for the Year 10 students, also by Ms. Andrea Jayatilleka.



Long Service Awards were presented to celebrate Teacher's Day to eighty one teachers counting more than 10 years of service.

| No. of Service years | Montessori | Primary | Upper School | Total |
|----------------------|------------|---------|--------------|-------|
| 25+                  | 2          | 8       | 7            | 17    |
| 20+                  | 0          | 5       | 9            | 14    |
| 15+                  | 3          | 5       | 15           | 23    |
| 10+                  | 3          | 11      | 13           | 27    |
|                      | 8          | 29      | 44           | 81    |





Awards for the best singer, dancer and instrumentalist at the 'Broadway Boulevard', showcasing young talent, was sponsored on a request made by the Collegiate School, whilst all twenty one participants were bestowed with a token gift to recognise outstanding performance and talent.



## School Events and PPA Participation



During the period under review, the PPA was represented at the following school events.

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Broadway Boulevard (Collegiate School)                         | 24th October 2014  |
| Prefects Day (Collegiate School)                               | 22nd October 2014  |
| Christmas Carols (Montessori)                                  | 30th November 2014 |
| Christmas Carols (Primary School)                              | 5th December 2014  |
| Christmas Carols (Collegiate School)                           | 14th December 2014 |
| St. Bridget's day celebrations & Prefects Investiture ceremony | 2nd February 2015  |
| Sports Meet (Collegiate School)                                | 19th February 2015 |
| Sports Meet (Primary School)                                   | 4th March 2015     |



## School Achievements

It is with great pride that we record twelve students from the Commerce stream and one student from the Science stream obtaining 3 As at the GCE Advanced Level Examination held in August 2014. Three of these students were placed amongst the first fifteen in district ranking and in the first thirty in the all island ranking. Well done, girls! We wish you every success in your endeavours hereafter, for the greater glory of yourselves and your school!

| NAME                                    | STREAM   | MEDIUM  | DISTRICT RANK | ISLAND RANK |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------------|-------------|
| Nilanchana Sivaji                       | Commerce | Tamil   | 2             | 8           |
| Nayomi Virgin Fernando                  | Commerce | Sinhala | 15            | 27          |
| Nimesha Uwani Hangamuwa                 | Commerce | Sinhala | 37            | 79          |
| Eimasha Virangi dabare                  | Commerce | Sinhala | 120           | 321         |
| Shamara Nilakshi Prasanga Fernando      | Commerce | Sinhala | 213           | 614         |
| Shanel Udeshi Samaranayake              | Commerce | Sinhala | 353           | 1146        |
| Kuruppuge Ishani Uresha                 | Commerce | Sinhala | 452           | 1584        |
| Roshani Shereen Bandara                 | Commerce | Sinhala | 517           | 1883        |
| Hashini Malsha Perera                   | Commerce | Sinhala | 587           | 2182        |
| Zeenathul Risha Sherifdeen              | Commerce | English | 634           | 2434        |
| Ayesha Dinukthi Kariyawasam             | Commerce | English | 679           | 2713        |
| Kalutharawedage Amandi Maleesha Fonseka | Commerce | English | 860           | 3650        |
| Joanne Bernadette Mildred Daniel        | Science  | Sinhala | 12            | 28          |







The Bridgetine Choir was selected to sing at the ceremonial launch of Verbum TV – the first Catholic Channel on 30th January 2015 which was attended by the Catholic Bishops Conference of Sri Lanka.

## Other News



The welcome song for the official state welcome of His Holiness Pope Francis on 13th January 2015, was sung by a choir, formed specially for this event comprising children and school leavers selected from various schools. This choir included some Bridgetines present and past. Talia Perera, Senuri Wettasinghe, Mariella VanDort, Mystica Jesuthasan, Aloka Ratnayake, Dajini De Silva, Thesandi Perera were amongst the present students, whilst Shamindri Fernando, Kshamani Mendis and Shanika De Silva were amongst the past Bridgetines.

The song was sung in English, Sinhala, Tamil and Italian and was written and composed by one of our talented Past Bridgetines, Priyanthi Seneviratne VanDort, the Choir Director of the Bridgetine School Choir, who also composed the choral arrangements and trained and directed this special choir. Greeting His Holiness Pope Francis to Sri Lanka on behalf of the catholic church and nation with the words of welcome, was also by a present Bridgetine Mariella VanDort.

The national choir which sang for the canonization mass of Joseph Vaz at Galle Face on 4th January 2015, was also trained, and accompanied by Priyanthi who composed all the choral arrangements for the mass hymns. Rukshika Wettasinghe, Mariella VanDort and Shenaali Dias on violins, were three present Bridgetines who were part of the orchestra that accompanied the national choir.

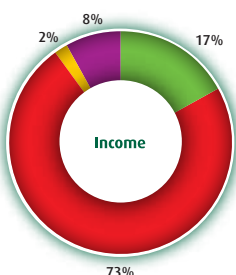


## Financial Snapshot

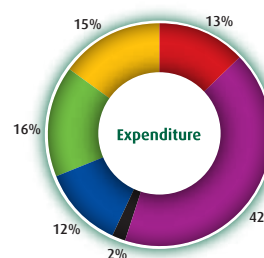
Rs.5.6M was recorded as net income from activities for the year ended 31st December 2014, of which 99% was a result of the Executive Committee's whole hearted efforts to make the fund raiser – Bridgetine Brillanz held in September a resounding success.

Additionally Rs.582,500/- was received as new membership fees and Rs.1.3M recorded as interest income.

Rs.2.7M was expended during the year ended 31st December 2014, of which 42% was on account of school and student/teacher development programmes. Due to the change in the Collegiate School and Primary School Principals which took place in December 2014 we were unable to complete any significant school development projects and are now in the process of identifying potential projects for the school.



- Membership subscriptions
- Interest income
- Net income from activities
- Donations and other income



- St. Bridget's Day expenses
- School/student/teacher development programmes
- "Corpus Christi & mass for the dear departed"
- Corporate social responsibility projects
- Printing, Stationary and Postage
- Other

