



From the Editors

It is with great pleasure that we, the Executive Committee for 2014/15, bring our first issue of the Shamrock to you. We have enjoyed a busy and rewarding period, and we hope to continue in this vein for the remainder of our tenure.

The various activities organized for the membership were all extremely well attended and gratifyingly enjoyable. The picnic and the dinner-dance as well as the other events attracted enthusiastic participation from members of all ages, and it was extremely satisfying to see their delight at being able to renew old school ties and relive the carefree days of their school life with old friends. The success of the programmes conducted for the benefit of the school community, both teachers and students, gladdened our hearts as it was evident that these helped the staff and students in several ways.

The revamping of our database and the reduction of paper correspondence by resorting to e-communication continues, as we strive to be more environmentally friendly while keeping up with the communication trends of the 21st century. Our website is constantly updated and provides easy access to all PPA-related information, and we are delighted by the continued popularity of the PPA Facebook page.

We continue to focus on the community around us that of school and society at large and have several projects in the pipeline which we are confident will make a genuine contribution to the lives we touch. We have at all times been privileged to receive the advice, assistance and encouragement of the Patroness and the Principals in our endeavor to serve the school as fully and as meaningfully as possible.

The success of all our activities depends on so many people whose continued support and participation we anticipate in the months ahead. No journey is possible to the friendless, and it is all of you, our friends and sisters, whose affection and loyalty we cherish and count on. Let us remain true to God and Lanka, and to each other, in our endeavor to support and uplift this school that we all owe so much to and love so dearly.

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From the Desk of the Executive Committee

- ✿ The period April to September 2014 saw 65 new Membership Applications being approved by the Executive Committee, ensuring a membership that is over 3,700 members strong to date.
- ✿ Jean Aponso resigned from the post of Jt.Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the PPA with effect from 23rd June 2014 and Rukmal Shah was appointed to this post with effect from 23rd June 2014. Sudeshna Ranmuthugala resigned from the post of Jt.Secretary with effect from 5th August 2014 and Sonalie Jayasinghe was appointed to this post with effect from 5th August 2014.



MEMBER EVENTS

Bridgetine Indulgence Sunday



One of the first events to be conducted by the PPA for Bridgetines, past and present, was Bridgetine Indulgence Sunday, a collaborative effort between amanté and the Executive Committee. This exciting event took place at the Racecourse on 25th May, 2014, where amanté has its flagship store.

All Bridgetines were provided with exciting vouchers and discounts on the tantalizing and tasteful lingerie produced by amanté, and were treated to delicious and exotic teas and scrumptious brownies, courtesy of Tea Breeze. The ladies also enjoyed a makeover and the chance to then pose for a photograph with friends. This all day happening was a wonderful opportunity for Bridgetines to expand their intimate wardrobes and to

also update their personal information at the PPA help desk. The smiling faces that left the Racecourse, clutching their chic purchases in attractive amanté bags, were a testament to the success of the day.

"It was a super day, great deals and friendly amanté service, slight touching up, lovely atmosphere, nice music, yummy iced tea and brownies, good company, clever photography and most of all a Wow! Wow! President and an efficient smiling and friendly Committee making everybody feel special and truly Bridgetine. Thank you ladies for organizing such an innovative event. Looking forward to more excitement....." Nirmala M. Pieris

"Yes..it was a great evening thanks" Anoma Udawatte





Rumba Rush



The PPA Committee mustered its extensive membership to support 'Rumba Rush', an initiative by the Interact Club of St. Bridget's Convent. This event, which took place on 30th May, saw two sessions of energizing Rumba conducted by Juan Carlos of High Octane. It was a truly inspiring sight to see Bridgetines of all ages decked in their sporting gear performing the Rumba routines with vigor and enthusiasm. After their exertions, the diverse refreshments on offer did much to cool down the participants, providing them with some restoration. The event was a resounding success for the school's Interact Club, whilst being fun filled for the fitness enthusiasts amongst us.



The Jungle Rumble

The much anticipated Picnic, 'Jungle Rumble', took place on 21st June. The picnickers set off in 6 buses for a jungle themed day of fun at Club Palm Bay, Marawila. Greeted on arrival by a group of Veddhas, the Bridgetines were then divided into teams each of which bore the name of an inhabitant of the jungle, to work up a sweat taking part in the various games and activities all of which were jungle-inspired. To revitalize them after their fun and games, there was a lip-smacking delicious buffet and a wide variety of additional snacks and drinks, all in keeping with the jungle theme. The dress-up relay and the Fancy Dress event were a revelation, displaying the ingenuity and creativity of the Bridgetines. The day wound up with a session of dancing to pulsating music. The event's appeal was enhanced by the tasteful décor and tantalizing give-aways and prizes that provided an additional luster to what was truly a memorable day of fun. The success of the event was due in no small measure to the accommodating and obliging hotel staff who went out of their way to ensure that this would be a day that all present would long remember. All in all, it can safely be said that the Bridgetines had a truly "wild" time!



Anusha Hettiarachchi Hettigoda - *"We had a fabulous time.... Thank you"*

Theashini Goonetilleke - *"It was a lovely day! A big Thank you to the PPA"*

Malintha Chamindri Hettiarachchi - *"We all had super fun...it was well organised and the Hotel was as great!!..a big thank you to the organizing committee.."*

Niluka Marini Hettiarachchi - *"Many thanks to Aunty Yasmin and her fabulous team!!! We had such a great day jam-packed with fun, excitement, a lot of laughs!!!"*

Jayani Wickremanayake - *"Dear Aunty Yasmin & Your Wonderful Team, Thank you so very much for the fun filled super day out that you organised for us today. All of you would have worked extremely hard the last few months. The games, food, decor and the innovative ways of presentation in line with the theme; all had been planned meticulously."*

Malkanthi Chandrasekera - *"It was a memorable day and may we see many more events like this. You will always have our support"*





Bridgetine Brillianz

The dinner dance organized by the PPA was a glitzy, glamorous event aptly titled "Bridgetine Brillianz." This was held on the 12th of September at the Colombo Hilton. Guests were able to have their photos taken, and were provided with a delightful bag of giveaways on arrival. The unstinted generosity of the platinum, gold, silver and all other sponsors went a long way towards ensuring the success of the dance. The festive ambience was enhanced by elegant décor, and the scintillating music provided by Anno



Domini and Black did not allow anyone present to absent themselves from the dance floor for too long. Ably compered by Clifford Richards, everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly, while the luckier guests found themselves winners of several competitions and draws, and were presented with attractive gifts, again courtesy of diverse sponsors.

Sumptuous and plentiful food and drink flowed in an endless supply throughout the evening, providing timely and necessary sustenance to the lively Bridgetines who were on the floor, and to others who preferred discreet toe-tapping to

more active exertions.



The dance was an intensely enjoyable experience for all those who attended it. Many were the compliments and enthusiastic responses of the delighted attendees, who found this to be an invigorating event.



Indu Dharmasena - *"Excellent Dance! We had a great time. Tell the committee a job well done as always. :-)"*

Dr. Lilamani Wijeratne - *"Congrats Superb dance you did the school proud Thanks"*

Nileema Casie Chetty - *"Everything went off well- good food, lovely music and SBC ambience"*

Ramali Wijewardena - *"Thank you for a Super fun night!!! You and your team had done a FANTASTIC job! Proud to be a Bridgetine!"*

Maya Jayasinghe - *"Wonderful time with SBC family with great music. Cheers to Yasmin & her team, Well Done! Looking forward for many fun times in the future!"*

Tania Wannappa Peiris - *"Wow..... absolutely brilliant. Well done Yasmin Zarook, Anusha Sumathipala Dharmadasa & committee. Magnificent!!!!!"*

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES



The Feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated by St. Bridget's Convent on the 26th of June 2014. Members of the PPA joined the Eucharistic Procession. The PPA and the SDS were responsible for decorating the 3rd repository. Shirangika Abeyratne read one of the Intentions. The PPA conducted the last half-hour of the Adoration, and were lead in the Reflections by Ms. Damayanthi Rajapakse.





EVENTS WITH SCHOOL

Teacher-Student Development Programmes

The PPA conducted several programmes for the edification and upliftment of the teachers and students of the Primary and Collegiate Schools, with a view to keeping them abreast of current academic, social and intellectual trends as well as improving and developing their outlook and mind-set.



TEACHERS

		RESOURCE PERSON	DATE
Luncheon program	Primary & Collegiate	Professor Harendra de Silva – Child Behaviour from Infancy to Teenage Years Andrea Jayatillake – Conversational approach of communication for better engagement	1st September 14



COLLEGIATE SCHOOL

GRADE	PROGRAM TITLE	RESOURCE PERSON	DATE
8	Understanding Teenagers	Sudeshna Ranmuthugala	10th September 14
9 & 12	A Bridgetine is a leader	Preethi Burkholder	23rd June 14

Programs have been scheduled for the rest of the grades in the ensuing months.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND PPA PARTICIPATION



- ✿ 27th May 2014 – SDS Annual General Meeting
- ✿ 28th May 2014 – Collegiate School Swimming Meet
- ✿ 4th June 2014 – Primary School Prize Giving
- ✿ 20th June 2014 – Primary School swimming Meet
- ✿ 22nd June 2014 – Pride of Lions, organized by the Interact Club of the school
- ✿ 25th June 2014 – Collegiate School Prize Giving
- ✿ 6th July 2014 – “Attribuer 2014”, the Awards Ceremony of the Interact Club of the School
- ✿ 14th July 2014 – “Emporia”, the Commerce Day of the Collegiate School



SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Primary School

The Primary school of St. Bridget's Convent was placed first in Division C, Best Performance Apparatus event at the all Island Schools' Gym for Life Challenge Championship 2013, conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools' Aerobic Gymnastics Association in June 2014, at Vihara Maha Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Kiribathgoda.



Collegiate School

- ✿ The Daphne Attygalle Scholarship was awarded to Romona Perera, a Science stream student of Grade 12.
- ✿ At the All Island Bible Quiz held in September 2014, St. Bridget's Convent Senior Team was placed 1st, and the Intermediate Tamil team was placed 3rd.



- ✿ The Thespians of St. Bridget's Convent emerged Champions at the Inter-School Shakespeare Drama Competition, the finals of which were held in September 2014.

Outstanding achievements, every one of them, and our heartiest congratulations to these superlative Bridgetines who have brought glory and honour to their Alma Mater!

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