

PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE DAY REPORT

1st July 2018- 12th September 2019

Chief Guest, Rt.Rev.W.W.M.W.D.Keerthisiri Fernando, Chairperson of the CMS Governing Body, Mrs. Thanja Peiris, Members of the Governing Body, President, OBA Jaffna, Dr.U.Mayoorathan, Brother Clergy, Heads of Institutions and Schools, Distinguished Guests, Old Boys, Parents and Well-wishers,

St. John's extends to you all a warm and cordial welcome to its Annual Prize Day Celebrations. The presence of parents, Old Boys and well-wishers in large number encourages us this morning. We are confident that your interest in our school will remain deep and unfailing.

We are greatly honoured to have an eminent person at our Prizing Giving today. Thank you very much for accepting our invitation. We warmly welcome you, Bishop Keerthi to the Annual Prize Day celebrations.

Our Chief Guest, Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando, an old boy of Prince of Wales College, Moratuwa has made his Alma Mater proud by climbing up the ladder to become the Bishop of Kurunagala. His ecclesiastical ascent started in 1989 when he was made Deacon and shortly afterwards, an ordained priest. Coincidentally, his first appointment as Deacon was in Badulla in 1989 where my father served as Vicar. I was in the Youth Fellowship under Father Keerthi and he encouraged me to preach my first sermon in the Church.

Bishop Keerthi has been a Curate, Vicar, Youth Chaplain, Member of the Ministerial Advisory Committee of the Diocese of Colombo, worked for the Whitstable Team Ministry in the Diocese of Canterbury, UK, where he was licensed to officiate, became Director - Fulltime Lay Workers of the Diocese of Colombo, was licensed to officiate in the Diocese of Kurunagala, was appointed the Sri Lankan representative of NIFCON (**Network for Inter Faith Concerns**), was engaged in pastoral ministry in numerous parishes/institutions in Sri Lanka. He served as Chairperson of Interfaith Desk of the Diocese of Colombo and the Chair of the Confederation of Churches - Moratuwa area deanery. He was an Examining Chaplain of the Diocese of Colombo. He has served as Area Dean of Moratuwa and environs and was the Archdeacon of Nuwara Eliya - Diocese of Colombo before his episcopal ordination in 2018.

In addition to his many involvements in the Christian ministry, he has been working with people of sister faiths and no faith, promoting xenophilia instead of xenophobia. As a member of the "Clergy Choir" of the Diocese of Colombo, he has been promoting Gospel values. His interest in music and singing has promoted discipleship among various people to date.

During his stint in the UK from 2001 to 2005, he organised several multi-cultural and inter-religious programmes in numerous schools and charity organisations. While in the UK, he was invited by the Archbishop of Canterbury to deliver a speech on 'Worldwide Links of the Diocese of Canterbury.'

Back home, his contribution to the Theological College of Lanka, Pilimatalawa was immense. He served as a Lecturer and I am one of his students at TCL. He was in charge of the publication of textbooks. He also served as Director of Field Education, Postgraduate Dean and even Acting Principal, which role he is doubling at this very moment as well. It must be mentioned at this juncture that our Chief Guest rendered his services as the Acting Principal of the School for the Deaf in Ratmalana and also at St. Thomas' College, Bandarawela.

Also worthy of mention is his role as an Advisor for Day School Text books on Christianity for the Department of Education, Sri Lanka. He is also the Patron and founder member of YMCA Matara.

His vision is to foster peace and harmony among various ethnic and religious groups through his academic, pastoral and administrative strengths, experiences and abilities to create a better future for the citizens of the world.

Our Chief Guest holds a double Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Theology & Sociology related fields. He also holds Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Divinity Degrees. As if this was not enough, he also holds qualifications in Engineering from an examinations body in the UK.

Our distinguished guest is the author of more than 8 books and has presented a few seminar papers on identities of Sinhala Buddhists and Christians. He has also taken part in many radio and television discussions on various subjects ranging from religions to immigrants to education. His well-researched articles have appeared in many newspapers, magazines, journals and e-journals. One has to just Google his name to see what a man of renown he is. The internet is full of articles by him. An academic of his calibre is rare and extremely hard to find. Students, I encourage you to take our Chief Guest as your role model.

His zeal for learning and his passion for imparting his knowledge to the others have made him to reach great heights. Children, right on stage, we see an example of what learning and sharing knowledge can do to a person. I would advise you to follow his footsteps. There is a saying in English - reach for the stars; if you fall short, you can still land on the moon. Try to emulate our Chief Guest. Even if you fall short, you will still end up being a respected and an honourable person.

We are honoured by your presence today.

I now take great pleasure in inviting the Chief Guest, the Rt.Rev. Keerthisiri Fernando to receive the memento presented by the College in honour of his presence as Chief Guest.

The report I am presenting today is for the period from 1st July 2018- 12th September 2019.

1. PRIZE GIVING

The College Prize Giving is organized separately for each Section to ensure maximum presence of parents and students. The number of Prize recipients for the year 2019:

Primary School Parents Day & Prize Giving (Grade 1 - 4)	331
Middle School & Junior Secondary Level Prize Giving (Grade 5 - 8)	212
Prize Giving for Senior Students (Grade 9 - A/L)	<u>466</u>
Total Prize Winners	<u>1009</u>

2. ENROLMENT

The number on roll at present is 2002; the break up being **297** in the Lower Primary (Grades 1 - 3), **198** in the Upper Primary (Grades 4 & 5), **331** in the Middle School (Grades 6 & 7), **366** in the Junior Secondary (Grades 8 & 9), **349** in the Senior Secondary (Grades 10 & 11), **65** in A/ Level Arts, **127** in Commerce, **195** in Science, and **74** in Technology.

3. THE COLLEGE HOSTEL

There are 65 students in the College Hostel under five Hostel Masters, a Medical Attendant and the Senior Hostel Master, Mr. V. Kumanan.

4. STAFF - TUTORIAL & NON-TUTORIAL

Tutorial staff: (Government Cadre: 109 and College Appointment-21)	130
Master's Degree with Postgraduate Diploma	09
Graduates with Postgraduate Diploma	30
Graduates	38
Higher National Diploma	03
Diploma	06
Specialist Trained	16
GCE (A/L) & other qualifications	28
Non-Tutorial Staff	<u>46</u>
Total	176

The following teachers have been absorbed into the permanent cadre.

- Mrs.R.S.M.Felix Primary School
- Mr.B.Prasath Middle School
- Mr.T.Vimalraj Middle School
- Mr.K.Suvendran Middle School
- Mr.A. Jehu Junior Secondary
- Mr.A.P.Dias Junior Secondary
- Mr.N.Kirupananthan Senior Secondary
- Mr.G.Janarthan A/L Arts
- Mr.P.Ajanthan A/L Commerce
- Mr.O.Kaylon A/L Commerce

We welcome the following teachers:

NEW APPOINTMENTS

- Mr. Jude Nithershan 03.09.2018 - Junior Secondary
- Mr.R.Saseelan 03.09.2018 - Senior Secondary (Absorbed into the permanent cadre)
- Mrs.A.Kaneshavel 14.09.2018 - Primary
- Mr.U.Mirojan 03.09.2018 - Senior Secondary
- Mr.S.Yoganath 04.09.2018 - Coordinator - Technology (Absorbed into the permanent cadre)
- Mr.M.Sudaharan 11.09.2018 - A/L
- Mr.S.Saikrishnan 11.09.2018 - Middle School
- Ms. Helen Jeyakrishan 04.01.2019 - Primary
- Mr. S.Sylvester 07.01.2019 - Primary
- Mr. G.Kanisleen 07.01.2019 - Primary
- Mr.R. Thejaswar 07.01.2019 - A/L Science for Technology
- Mr.M.Jathavan 01.04.2019 - Librarian
- Mr. G.Maharanthan 01.04.2019 - Lab Technician
- Mr.P.Pakalavan 01.04.2019 - Library/ Lab Assistant
- Mr.S.Gavaskar 29.04.2019 - Gr. 6-11
- Mr.B.Vijirathan 29.04.2019 - Gr. 6-11
- Mr.S.Thileepan 29.04.2019 - Gr. 6-11

LEFT

- Miss M.Vijayarajah left in August 2018
- Mr.T.Mathan left in September 2018
- Mrs. S. Vithuran left in December 2018
- Mr. K. Sriranganathan left in April 2019
- Mr. T. Lavendran left in May 2019
- Mr. S.Kajendren left in July 2019
- Mrs.G.Suganthan left in August 2019
- Mr.S.Kamsan left in August 2019
- Miss.S.Natkunasingam left in August 2019
- Mr.L.Rathees left in September 2019
- Mr.J.Jerusilin left in September 2019

CHAPLAIN

- Rev. Hashan De Mel was appointed as the Chaplain to St. John's College from 1st September 2018.
- Rev. Hashan de Mel was succeeded by Rev. Jurinesz R. Shadrach on 27th March 2019.

We thank the under mentioned for their voluntary help and support in our activities:

No	Names	Activities
01	Mr.Gobinath Amarasingham	Accounting
02	Mr.Jekhan Aruliah	Debating and Robotics
03	Mr.Karthikeyan M Mr. Sanshayan. S	Cricket
04	Mr.Vijayaraj. S	Karate
05	Mr.N.Soundarajan, Head Quarters Commissioner & the Scout National Training Team Mr.T.Ajithkumar, Head Quarters Commissioner & the Scout National Training Team Mr. S. Thavagobal, District Commissioner, District Scout Association, Jaffna & the Scout National Training Team Mr.R.Raveendran, Scout National Training Team Mr.S.Thevaranjan, Scout National Training Team	Scouting
07	Mrs. S. Kanagaratnam, National Training Team	Cub Scout Counsellor
08	Mr. Ravi Navaratnam Mr.Harin Amirthanathan	Western Music
09	CPO S. A. K. Somapala- Sea Wing PO S. D Dammika- Sea Wing SGT Tharmaseelan M.P.K- Air Wing	Cadet Instructors
10	Mr. U. Vinothkumar	Weight Lifting
11	Rev. P. Thevamithran Ms. M. Sangeetha	Eastern Music
12	Mr.S.Srikanth	Roll Ball

JUBILARIANS

Tutorial Staff

- Mr.K.S.Muhunthan, who is teaching Biology in the Advanced Level, has completed 25 years of service. In addition to classroom teaching, he was actively involved in the extra-curricular activities of the college. He coached the First XI Cricket and Table Tennis, served as the Chairman of the Library Committee, and is the Vice Patron of the Philatelic Club.

Non-Tutorial Staff

- Mrs.C.D.Premakumar, who has served at the Welfare Office, and at the College Office under various capacities shouldering different responsibilities, has completed 25 years of service at St John's. She has been meticulous in carrying out her responsibilities.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - TEACHERS

- Teachers are encouraged to do a study and publish papers on topics relevant to their subjects or on any topic related to the school.
- Training Programme for Teachers organized by the College in collaboration with the United Board, 6th - 10th August 2018 - 57 teachers participated.
- Advanced Leadership Seminar organized by the College in collaboration with the United Board, 13th - 15th August 2018 - 26 teachers participated.
- Rev. Hashan De Mel, Mr. R. Nishan and Mr. T. Vimalraj participated in the Chaplaincy Training Program held in Lady Doak College, Madurai, India. The program took place from 24th - 29th of September 2018.
- Mr.V.Kumanan, Mr.N.Shanmugathan, Mr.A.Jehu, Mrs.A.N.Kamalakumar, Ms.T.E.Anandarajah, Miss.A.Gnanendran and Mr.C.A.Aravinthan participated in a workshop on counselling conducted by the United Board in India from 13th - 20th October 2018.
- All the teachers participated in a Workshop on "Happy Classroom Learning" conducted by the United Board on 3rd & 4th December 2018 at St. John's College.
- Scout Seminar & Award of Badges was held on 5th December 2018.
- 12 teachers from St. John's College, 03 teachers from Mowbray College, Kandy and 04 teachers from the Nuffield School for the Deaf & Blind, Kaithady participated in the "Training Faculty towards Research and Counselling" Workshop held from 6th - 13th April 2019 at St. Christopher's College of Education, Vepery, Chennai.
- Mr. M. Janistan participated in the "MPI 20th Annual Peace Building Training 2019" held from 13th - 31st May 2019 in Philippines.
- A workshop for staff who missed Phase II Scout Training took place on 4th January 2019.
- All Ceylon Union of Teachers' (ACUT) workshop was held on 23.03.2019
- Forty-Seven of our teachers received their membership badges in Scouting.
- Mr.A.Patrick Dias has completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Jaffna.
- Mr.S.S.Thomas has completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Jaffna.
- Mr.P.Edward Kajan has completed his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Jaffna.

RETIREMENT

- The Rev. N. Jameson Gnanaponrajah, Principal, retired on 30th April 2019. He has been associated with St. John's College from 1969 as a student, prefect, teacher, Hostel Master, College Chaplain, Headmaster of the Primary School, Sectional Head of the A/L classes and Vice Principal. He rose up the ladder and was eventually appointed as the Principal in 2006. We thank him for his dedicated and passionate services to the St. John's community.
- Mr. S. Gobinath, Director of the Jaffna Academy & School of Technology and Welfare Officer of our College, retired on 31st August 2019. He too is an old boy of our College.
- Mrs.S.Sivapalan joined St. John's College in 1993. She taught Art for grades 6 to 11. She became the Supervisor for the Middle School in 2012 and the first Headmistress (lady) of the Primary School in 2016. She retired after serving the college for 25 years.
- Mr. M.Chandirakumar joined St. John's College in 2010. He taught Science (Tamil medium) and Health Science (English medium) for grades 10 & 11. He was also a Football coach for U-15. He retired in 2016 and continued to serve the College for another two years.

We thank them for their dedicated services to the College and wish them a happy and peaceful retired life.

5. BEYOND THE VEIL

Mas.S.Abikaran of Gr.2 succumbed to illness on 28th May 2019.

We convey our heartfelt condolences to the members of his family.

6. VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS

- On 19th June 2018, His Excellency James Dauris, British High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, visited our College.
- Former Principal of St. John's College (1920-1940), Rev. Henry Peto's grandchildren, Gill Peto, John Hobbs and Wendy Peto visited our school with their spouses on 25th March 2019.
- A team from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia - the Rev. Dr. Maher Spurgeon - Chaplain and Regional Programme Consultant for South Asia programs, Dr.WaiChing Angela Wong - Vice President for Programs, Dr.Jeyakar Chellaraj, Former Principal, Bishop Heber College, Trichy, and Fr. Xavier Alphonse, Former Principal of Loyola College, Chennai - came to St. John's to conduct the Advanced Leadership Seminar from 13th to 15th August 2018.
- Miss Maggie Gratz arrived at St. John's College to practice her teaching skills between January and April 2019. She came under the United States Fulbright Scholarship Program, a US State Department-sponsored educational exchange program that sends American teachers and students to other countries and sponsors foreign nationals to come to the U.S. educational institutions to study, research, and teach. She taught English for students from Grades 6 to 9. She also took some subjects for students in the English Medium classes. She also assisted in sports especially Basketball and Inter-House Athletic Meet. She extended her fullest support with the educational support programmes in Thanneeroottu.

- Miss Hannah Gellman who came under the same programme with Miss Maggie, taught English for A/Level.

They both had to leave in April due to the Easter Sunday attacks.

- Mr. Simon YdeKatballe and Mr. Andreas Midjord-Kudsk, teacher trainees from the University College Copenhagen, Denmark taught English for students in grades 6 to 7 from 11th February until 29 March 2019. They also helped in teaching a few subjects to the students in the English Medium classes.
- Miss Nadia KousarHussain, Miss Christina Phillip Wisniewski and Miss Amanda Deleuran Petersen, the second batch of teacher trainees from the University College, Copenhagen, Denmark arrived on 31st March 2019. They were to teach English for grades 6 & 7 and other subjects for students in the English medium classes once the school reopened for the second term on 22nd April 2019. However, they were not able to complete their entire teaching practice due to the Easter Sunday attacks. They left on 20th May 2019.

7. ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Grade 5 Scholarship Examination - 2018

107 students sat for the exam and 17 students qualified for the scholarship, the percentage being 15.88%. 77 students obtained above 100 marks (percentage 71.96%). Mas. S. Praveen obtained the highest marks - 187.

GCE O/L December 2018

		Tamil Medium	Bilingual Medium	Total
a.	Number sat	116	53	169
b.	Number qualified for A/L through exam	100	50	150
c.	Number qualified for A/L through SBA	4	---	4
d.	Total number qualified for A/L (b+c)	104	50	154
e.	Number eligible to follow A/L on condition	3	3	6
d.	Number eligible to follow A/L (d+e)	107 (92.2%)	53 (100%)	160 (94.6%)

Result	Number of students
9A's	--
8A's	8
7A's	5
6A's	3
5A's	7
Total	23

G.C.E. (A/L) August 2018

126 students sat for the G.C.E A/L examination held in August 2018.

64% - eligible to enter the University

01 student obtained 3As

02 students obtained 2As & 1B

04 student obtained 1A & 2B

General Information Technology - G.C.E. (A/L) 2018 batch (held in 2018)- Results not yet released.

- **University Admissions based on the Cut off z-Score of the Advanced Level Examination 2017.**

Medicine	1
Engineering	4
Management	2
Agriculture	3
Arts	2
Biological Science	1
Physical Science	3
Pharmacy	1
Physiotherapy	1
Palm and Latex technology	1
Environmental Conservation & Management	1
Estate Management	1
Financial Engineering	1
Food Science & Nutrition	2
Information & Communication Technology	1
Information Technology	1
Marine And Freshwater Sciences	1
Mineral Resources & Technology	1
Landscape Architecture	1
Science & Technology	1
Siddha Medicine	1
Tea technology	1
Total	32

Number sat for the exam : 160

Percentage entering the university : 20%

Higher National Diploma in Engineering	1
College of Education	2
Total	3

Congratulations to the above students and all the teachers for their hard work.

8. GAMES & ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS

The Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet was held on 1st February 2019 with Dr.Thayasivam Gobyschanger (MBBS, MRCS, MS, FCSSC) Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Teaching, Hospital, Jaffna and his wife Mrs. Nilani Gobyschanger B.F.A (Music), teacher, Chundikuli Girls' College, Jaffna as Chief Guests. Johnstone House emerged Champions with 282 points and Peto House became Runners-up with 249 points. Below are the Best Performances in the Athletic Meet.

Age	Name	Event	Time/ Distance	House
Under 16	Sabesan. K	Long Jump	05.87m	Johnstone
Under 18	Ninujan. J	Short Putt	10.85m	Handy
Under 20	Thanujan. C. P	Long Jump	6.20m	Handy
Under 16	Vabishan. M	300m Hurdles	49.2 Sec	Thompson
Under 18	Piranavan. S	110m Race	17.9 Sec	Johnstone
Under 20	Thanujan. C. P	100m Race	12.6 sec	Handy

The Primary School Inter-House Sports Meet was held on 16th February 2019 with Mr.Pathmanathan Sasikumar, Assistant Director of Education, Zonal Education Office, Jaffna, as Chief Guest. Thompson House emerged Champions with 173 points and Peto, House, Runners-up with 125 points.

SOCCKER 2018

Team	Coaches	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
First XI	Mr.T.Ajanthan	08	03	03	02
Second XI A	Mr. V. Kumanan	14	08	04	02
Second XI B	Mr.T.Vimalraj	04	-	-	04
Third XI A	Mr.G.A.Gracion	09	04	02	03
Third XI B	Mr.B. Prasath	04	-	02	02
Fourth XI A	Mr.C.A.Aravinthan	07	02	03	02
Fourth XI B	Mr. J. Anton Lugino	03	-	02	01
Under 12	Mr. C. A. Aravinthan	16	15	-	01

CRICKET 2018/2019

Battle of the North

- The Big Match '113th Battle of the North against Jaffna Central ended in a draw.
1st innings - SJC : 181 : all-out
JCC : 195 : all-out
2nd innings - SJC : 245: 09 wickets
JCC : 176 : 07 wickets

Awards - Best Batsman - Dinoshan. T
Best Wicket Keeper - Sabesan. K
Best Fielder - Vinojan. T
- Jaffna Central - St. John's 17th Limited over Cricket encounter - St. John's won by 2 wickets.
JCC - 221 all -out
SJC - 222/8
Award - Man of the Match - Sukethan. A

Team	Coaches	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1 st XI Innings Match	Mr.P.Lavendra	20	09	08	03
1 st XI Limited	Mr.P.Lavendra	03	02	-	01
U17 A	Mr.P.Lavendra	14	08	01	05
U17 B	Mr.J.R.Abraham Prasath	03	-	-	03
U15 A Innings Match	Mr.A.Daniel Surendran	18	-	18	-
U15A Limited Over	Mr.A.Daniel Surendran	07	06	-	01
U15 B	Mr. M. A.Luxman	10	02	08	-
U - 13 A	Mr.A.Daniel Surendran	17	-	17	-
Un - 13 B	Mr. T. Priyaluxan	04	01	03	-
Un - 13 C	Mr. B. Prasath	03	-	02	01

SOFTBALL CRICKET

Team	Coaches	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Under 20	Mr.G. Janarthan	04	02	-	02

VOLLEYBALL 2018

Team	Coaches	Matches Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Under 18	Mr.S. Prince	03	02	-	01
Under 20	Mr.N.Yesunesan	04	01	-	03

KARATE

Sri Lanka National Karate Championship (Open) – 2018 Organized by Sri Lanka Karate Do Federation:

- V.Nivethan: Kumite – 3rd Place, Category - Under 14-15 (Black Belt – 45Kg)
- V.Thamilnilavan: Kata – 3rd Place, Category - 11 Years Male – (5, 4 KYU)

Provincial Department of Education, Northern Province, Schools Sports Competitions 2018

Places – Single Event

Under 16

- V.Nivethan Kata 1st Place
- Kumite 1st Place

Under 18

- V.Thirushanth Kata 1st Place
- S.Saranakeerthan Kata 3rd Place

Under 20

- A.Thanushan Kata 1st Place
- Kumite 1st Place

Places – Group Event

- Group Kata Champion (V.Nivethan , V.Thirushanth & A.Thanushan)
- Group Kumite Champion (V.Nivethan , V.Thirushanth & A.Thanushan)

Best Player of the Game – 2018

- A.Thanushan – Under 20 (*Gold Medal & Shield*)

PARTICIPATION AND PLACEMENTS 2018/19

Games	Zonal	Provincial	National
<i>Mini Tennis</i>			
Orange Ball Gr. 3	-	-	Promoted to B grade
Green Ball Gr. 4	-	-	Promoted to B grade
Green Ball Gr. 5	-	-	Promoted to A grade
<i>Rifle Shooting</i>	-	-	Received 3 Colours (2018)
<i>Roll Ball</i>			
Un - 14			3 rd Place (2019)
Un - 17			3 rd Place (2019)
<i>Soccer</i>			
Un - 12		Champions (2018)	3 rd Place
<i>Tennis</i>			
Un 20		1 st Runner-up (2019)	
Un 17		3 rd Runner-up (2019)	
<i>Carom</i>			
Un - 20		3 rd Runner-up (2019)	

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Clubs & Societies

There are 45 Clubs and Associations operating in our college. These help students to develop their leadership and personality. The various activities carried out by the Clubs & Societies and their detailed reports appear in the annual College Magazine.

Eastern Music Examinations & Results 2018

- Two students were placed in the 2nd division in the Grade IV Vocal examination and a student got 2nd division in the Grade IV Violin NCOMS examination.
- Three students sat for the Grade III Vocal examination and two students were placed in 1st Division with Distinction and one student got 2nd Distinction.
- For the Grade II Vocal examination, two students sat for the exam and one student got 1st Distinction and the other student got 2nd Division.
- Two students sat for the Grade I Vocal examination and they obtained 1st Division.

Eastern Music Examinations 2019

Grade	Examination	No. of Students sat for the examination
Grade III	Vocal	03
Grade II	Vocal	03
Grade I	Vocal	02
Grade II	Veena	01
Grade II	Harmonium	01

Western Music

Western Music Society was in the forefront coordinating choir practices for the 195th Anniversary celebration of Thanksgiving held on 29th June 2018.

Talent Search 2019

St. John's College Western Music Society and Talent Search 2019 committee members in collaboration with the YMCA of Jaffna, organized Talent Search and the Preliminary Auditions were held from 28th February to 2nd of March 2019. The Semi Final and the Final competitions have been postponed.

Tamil Day Competition 2019

Level	First	Second	Third
Divisional Level	04	05	02
Zonal Level	03	01	-

English Day Competitions 2018

- Mas. Menan.S of grade 8 got 2nd place in Dictation in the Provincial Level competitions and participated at National Level.

PROVINCIAL LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Un 20 Hockey team became Champion and Tharshanthan.J was awarded 'The Best Player of the Northern Province' by the Provincial Department of Education.
- Un 12 Football team won 4th place in the Provincial Level competition 2019 conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Football Association.
- Aadarshan.C.S.S won 3rd place in Long Jump in the Inter-Province Sports Meet 2019 conducted by the 20th National Cadet Cops.
- Anujan. S secured the 'Board Player Award' in the Chess competition organized by the Provincial Department of Education.
- Harvin. S. won 1st place in the 60m and won 2nd place in the 100m race organized by the Provincial Department of Education.
- Our U-13 Relay Team won 3rd place in the 4x50m Relay organized by the Provincial Department of Education.
- Sabesan.K. got 2nd place in Long Jump organized by the Provincial Department of Education.

- Akash. N. won 3rd place in the 400m race organized by the Provincial Department of Education.
- Hemathusan. M. won 3rd place in Javelin Throw organized by the Provincial Department of Education.

NATIONAL LEVEL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Volleyball – Became District Champions and participated in the National level 2018 competitions.
- St. John’s won 1st place in the NattarPaadal in the National Level Tamil Thina competition.
- We won 1st place in Vaaththiya Nadanam in the National Level Dance Competition 2018.
- First year A/L students participated in Creative Dance in the National level competition organized by the National Youth Centre.
- Students of our Primary School won 1st place in the National Level Musical Dance Competition organized by the Ministry of Education.
- Advanced Level students won 1st place in Folk Dance at National Level and won the 1st place in the International Level competition held in Kanjipuram, India.
- St. John’s won 1st place in the Creative Dance organized by the National Youth Society.
- Our students got 2nd place in the Thavil Instrumental competition.
- P. Thulaseehan and N. Pramothan of Grade 4 participated in the National Level Individual Chess Tournament which was held in March 2019.
- Roll Ball – Our U-14 and U-17 teams won 3rd place in the National Roll Ball Competition organized by the Roll Ball Federation of Sri Lanka on 8th & 9th February 2019.
- U-20 boys participated in the All Island Hockey tournament organized by the Sri Lanka School Hockey Association from 1st – 4th March 2019 at the Rajarata University.
- Un-13 Tennis Team obtained ‘Bronze’ in the Sri Lanka Inter Schools Tennis Cup Tournament 2019 – Division II

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION / ACHIEVEMENT

- Mas. Pramothan. N of Grade 4 participated in the Island Level “Asian Youth Chess Championship” competitions and participated at International Level in April 2019.
- Mas. Omshiyamsankar.J and Mas. Ruckshanth.P got ‘Very Good Pass’ in the Indian Music Grade III Vocal International level examination conducted by Annamalai University through Bridge Academy 2019.
- Mas. Elakkian.P got ‘Excellent Pass’ in the Indian Music Grade I Veena International Level examination conducted by Annamalai University through Bridge Academy 2019.

Congratulations to the above students on their participation and achievements at Provincial, National and International Level and all the teachers for their participation, dedication and hard work.

COLLEGE WEBSITE

The College website is being maintained - thanks to the hard work done by Mr.P.Saravanapavaan (Australia), and by our staff Mr.K.Girishan. The web address is www.sjcjaffna.com

PREFECTS' GUILD

Prefects continue to help the school in the day-to-day affairs and in all school activities. I appreciate their leadership and responsibility.

Section	Section Head Prefect	Deputy Head Prefect	No. of Prefects
Primary School	Birunthan. U	Guilton A.G.	28
Middle School	Sakshiyar. N	Sajienath. R	21
Junior Secondary	Arunkumar.Y	Sanjeevan.S.J	23
Senior Secondary	Athithan. R	Mithulan.M	21
Collegiate Level	Kuhananth. C	Jenusan. C. A	31
Total number in Leadership			124

SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

Two children with autism are cared for in this unit with the help of shadow teachers.

COUNSELLING UNIT

Students were counselled with the "Inner Healing" process and were motivated.

CHARITY

Scholarships and Bursaries

Students under Bursary	72
Displaced School Children Project	183
Academic Scholarship	48
Anglican Clergy	05
Staff Children	43
Scholarships from Staff Contributions (Charity Fund)	07
Total no. of students supported by the College	358
Total amount spent on Charity in 2019	10,844,350.00
Need Sponsors for Bursary	66

SPONSORS	NO. OF STUDENTS SPONSORED
SJCDCETF - Canada & USA	89
UK -Eagle Nest	43
Sydney	01
87 Batch	01
90 Batch	01
Colombo OBA	10
Come Share Foundation	06
Individuals	<u>29</u>
TOTAL	<u>180</u>
Need sponsors	03

Charity Outreach

- Displaced School Children Project - Stage 6 Education Support Programme in Kilinochchi (Shanthapuram, Tharmapuram & Palai) & Mullaitivu District (Thaneeroottu) (Now channelled through the Parish).

BUILDING AND PROPERTY

- 02 temporary classrooms have been constructed in the Primary School.
- Fixed under sheet for 4 Primary classrooms.
- Parapet wall enclosing the Primary School, Middle School and Senior Secondary School has been elevated.
- Staff Quarters 3rd & 4th floors - is nearing completion (04 houses). We are looking for funds to complete it.
- 25 chairs were purchased for grade 10/11 section and gents' staff room.
- Three televisions were fixed in the Advanced Level science laboratories.

FACILITIES IMPROVED

- A computer system, a laptop, 7 tennis rackets, some grip wraps and 8 pack-tournament balls (96 balls) were donated by Mr. Yoga Arulnamby.
- 20 plastic chairs were donated by Mr. Selvanayagam Amirthanirajan to the Primary School Staffroom.
- 10 traffic cones were donated by Hon. A. Gracian Alexrajah to the Primary School.
- Mr.P.Rubenthiran donated a computer and a printer to the Middle School.
- Cricket equipment worth Rs. 50,000/= was donated by Mr. Mahadeva Jeyaratnam.
- 2 cricket bats were donated by Mr. E. M. Deva.
- 2nd stage of fixing CCTV Cameras to the Jaffna Academy and the George & Ranee Ratnarajah Memorial Hostel has been completed.
- 3rd stage of fixing 83 CCTV Cameras around the St. John's boundary line has been completed.
- The Primary School gate was redone with a roof over the pathway. Mr. K Ratnamukunthan donated towards this cause.

- Turf Side Wicket Project is in progress and is coordinated by Mr.A.Arni Arnold
- New computers for the Advanced Level IT Lab, Internet Browsing Centre and for Stage-6 Project were donated by Eagle Care, UK.
- Garden landscaping in front of the Library has been sponsored by Mrs. Gunam Kanagaratnam (In Memory of Dr. Gunam Kanagaratnam).
- Sound system for the Primary School was donated by the 2001 batch of Johnians in Australia, coordinated by Mr.M.Mathuran.
- A metal detector was donated by Mr.M.Senthuran for the Primary School.

FACULTY OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES AND SPORTS MANAGEMENT

- The College has sent Mr. S. Ajay, Mr.Santhosh Eldan Roshan, Mr.Sinnarasa Elilan, Ms. Jeromkumar Jeromy Samsha and Ms. Selvarajah Thevamaralar to follow their Higher Education in Madras Christian College, India.
- An Orientation Programme for school leavers on Christian Leadership was organized from September to December 2018. 02 boys and 02 girls participated. The participants underwent training in spiritual development, personality development and academic development. We hope to provide a holistic training to the participants.
- 26 applicants registered through the FCS and sat for the National Certificate of Religious Knowledge (NCRK) Examination held on 15th December 2018 in our College. This certificate is needed to become a teacher of Christianity.
- Faculty of Christian Studies of St. John's College conducted the Eastern Christian Music, Dance and Instrumental Level I examination for students from grades 4 to 9 on 4th & 5th December 2018 in the College.
 - No. of students sat for the exam: Grade 4 - 24, Grade 5 - 28, Grade 6 - 34, Grade 7 - 16, Grade 8 - 33, Grade 9 - 22, FCS students - 03 and outside students - 07.
- The Awarding Ceremony of Eastern Christian Music, Dance and Instrument was held on 7th December 2018.
- 51 students received certificates for completing Level I Eastern Dance, 74 students received certificates for completing Level I Eastern Instrument (Harmonium) and 42 students received certificates for completing Level I Eastern Music.
- On 2nd November 2018, on All Souls' Day 500 trees were planted in memory of loved ones who have gone before us. The donor of the land in Uduvil was specially remembered. The teak trees were planted in memory of the late Mr. Dhevaratnam Danforth.
- We have taken steps to partner with the Hospital Chaplaincy team of the Roman Catholic Church in Jaffna, in an effort to serve the sick, the wounded and those in hospitals.
- The Sports Management team conducted a programme for children at Nuffield School, Kaithady on 13th October 2018.
- The Sports Management team conducted a Teenage programme for children at Sithampampuram on 18th December 2018. 110 students from the area participated.

**THE JAFFNA ACADEMY AND SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY - (School No. 11477
Department of Examination Sri Lanka)**

Trilingual classes – No. on Roll 208 (up to August 2018). From April 2019, students were transferred to St. John’s College as per the decision of the Governing Body.

Grade 01 to SPVI

Tamil medium	153
English medium	<u>115</u>
Total	268

Grade 05 Scholarship Examination - August 2018

Number of Students applied	42
No of students passed	08

G C E O/L Examination - December 2018

Number of Students Applied	22 - Tamil medium
Number of Students Applied	07 - English medium
Qualified for A/L	07

G.C.E A/L Examination - August 2018

Number of Students Applied	03
Passed	NIL

Spoken English Examination- 2018

Grade	Range	Number	%
High Distinction	90-100	87	4.63
Distinction	80-89	150	7.98
Very Good Pass	70-79	201	11.17
Credit Pass	60-69	252	13.40
Ordinary Pass	50-59	264	14.04
Weak	<50	875	46.54
Absent		42	2.23

**ST. JOHN’S ACADEMY & COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY (TVEC Centre Registration
No. P25/0076, TVEC - Divisional Secretariat Certificate No. J/DS/03/BR/1667/2016)**

St. John’s Academy & College of Technology has obtained accreditation to conduct the following courses:

Computer Hardware Technician

- Computer Hardware Technician Course NVQ - Level 03 & Level 04
- Course Accreditation Certificate No.: NCS Code No. K72S001.1
- Course Accreditation Valid for a period of 03 years (26.07. 2017 to 25.07. 2020)

Information and Communication Technology

- Information and Communication Technology NVQ - Level 03
- Course Accreditation Certificate No.: NCS Code No. K72S008.0
- Course Accreditation Valid for a period of 03 years (18.01. 2019 to 17.01. 2022)
- Information and Communication Technology NVQ - Level 04
- Course Accreditation Certificate No.: NCS Code No. K72S004.1
- Course Accreditation Valid for a period of 03 years (29.03. 2019 to 28.03. 2022)

Radio, TV and Allied Equipment Repair-Mobile Phone Technician Course

St. John's Academy & College of Technology conducts the following courses:

Computer Hardware Technician Course NVQ - Level 03

Number of students Enrolled - 10

Computer Hardware Technician Course NVQ - Level 04

Number of students Enrolled - 07

Information and Communication Technology NVQ - Level 03

Number of students Enrolled - 10

Information and Communication Technology NVQ - Level 04

Number of students Enrolled - 08

Radio, TV and Allied Equipment Repair-Mobile Phone Technician Course

Number of students Enrolled - 06

New courses

- Pre-School Teacher - NVQ Level 3 & 4
- Spoken English
- Spoken Sinhala

- The Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission has given St. John's Academy & College of Technology approval to conduct Information and Communication Technology - NVQ Level 5. This is a significant achievement in the history of St. John's College.

For the first time in the history of St. John's Academy & College of Technology, 14 students sat for Computer Hardware Technician Course NVQ- Level 03. 12 students (85.7%) qualified. Certificates were given to the students at the First Graduation Ceremony held on 1st December 2018, graced by the Guest of Honour, Mr.Ratnasingam Mathan, Assistant Director (NVQ), Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission. Mr. A.Muruganantham was the Coordinator for the NVQ Programmes under St. John's Academy and College of Technology.

Open University Teaching Centre

- Advanced Certificate in English for Business and Professional Communication - 02
- Following Certificate in Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management - 02
- Following Certificate in Pre School Education- 05 (SJC Staff)

Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka / AAT Students Details

Class	T/Medium	E/Medium	Total
LVI	24	04	28
UPVI	22	10	32
SPVI	37	08	45

No. of Students Passed Stage I - 10

No. of Students Passed Stage II - 15

- For the first time in history, St. John's Academy & College of Technology prepared students for the AAT Examination and were given certificates at the Graduation Ceremony held at school on 1st December 2018, graced by the Guest of Honour, Mr.Tishanga Kumarasinghe, Chief Executive Officer, Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka.

Bridge Building 2018

Number of Students Enrolled - 99

Preschool and Teacher Training Programme

Number on roll - 08

Education Support Programme in other Districts under the Displaced School Children Programme - Stage - 06, (Now channelled through Parish).

- Thanneeroottu- District of Mullaitivu
 - St. Matthia's Trilingual English Medium Nursery
 - Total No. of students - 17
 - 01 Coordinator & 01 Teacher
- We are working on an MOU with the property owner of buildings used for this project.
- Tharmapuram- District of Kilinochchi
 - St. Luke's Pre School
 - Total No. of students - 10
 - No. of Teachers - 02
- Santhapuram- District of Kilinochchi - Evening Classes
 - 52 Students
 - No. of Teachers - 03

- Palai- District of Kilinochchi
 - 26 Students
 - No. of Teachers - 02

- Mowbray College, Kandy
 - Education Financial Support
 - No. of Student - 01

St. John's College Continuing Education Reg. No: P25/ 0077

- On 1st December 2018, the College held its first Graduation Day where 100% of the students (25 students) who followed Building Career Skills at St John's College Continuing Education were awarded certificates for the successful completion of their course of study. The Guest of Honour at the function was Mr. Ratnasingam Mathan, Assistant Director (NVQ), Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission. Mr. Christie A Pararajasingam coordinated the courses under St. John's College Continuing Education.

- Plans to commence Developing Career Skills (NVQ2), Advancing Career Skills (NVQ4), Diploma in English and Education (NVQ5) & Higher National Diploma in English and Education (NVQ6) came to a standstill after the Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission's decision to temporary stop English related courses and focus more on trade courses.

- An application for the renewal of registration of the Centre was made. The Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission has renewed the registration up to 13.12.2020.

- After a careful analysis of the courses available, it was decided to start Pre School Teacher course (NVQ3) in the English Medium. The response to a paper advertisement calling for interested students to enrol and another calling for qualified teachers to apply for the post of a lecturer, was minimal. The course had to be discontinued due to its unpopularity in the North.

- The Tertiary & Vocational Education Commission has plans to hold special NVQ RPPL Assessments. RPL (Recognition of prior learning) is an assessment process that assesses the persons' competencies acquired through informal, non-institutional learning to determine the extent to which that person has achieved the required competencies as set out in the relevant National Skills Standard leading to a qualification of the NVQ framework. Six of our staff who studied 'Introduction to Working in an Office' have applied.

NEW ACTIVITIES

OBA	President	Secretary	Treasurer
Jaffna	Dr.U.Mayoorathan	Mr. T. Piradheepan	Mr.V. Kumanan
South Sri Lanka	Mr. E.M.Deva	Mr. B. Balajeyandhan	Mr. A.Philips Thuraisingam
Canada SJCGAA	Mr. Theva Nalliah	Mrs. Nithya Sugumar	Mr.Pirathap Lawrence
Canada SJCDCETF	R.Rajkumar & Sri Paramanathan	Vignapalan Sellakandu	Ranjit Sivananthan
CSJPPA	Mr ArjunaSomasekaram	Ms. SangeethaVignarajah	Mr.AkshayanAthmanathan
OBA Sydney	Mr.RathakrishnanVanni yasingam	Dr. R. Roberts	Mr.Mynthan Shiva
Melbourne	Rev. DevAnandarajan	Mr.DaljitChelliah	Mr.Sanjeev Raj
Norway	Mr. Angelo Snell		
USA	Coordinator: Dr.Karunyan Arulanantham		
Vancouver, Canada	Coordinator: Mr. Sam Nalliah		
New Zealand	Coordinator: Dr. Ram. Sriramaratnam		
Denmark	Coordinator: Mr. T. Thevarajah		
1981 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. Hudson Solomons		
1991 Batch	Coordinator: Mr.V.Mayooran		
1993 Batch	Coordinator: Mr.RohanThevathason		
1995 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. P. Rubendran		
1996 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. T. Danendra		
1997 Batch	Coordinators: Mr. N. Nirmalan&Mr.V.Sanjeev		
2001 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. M. Mathuran		
2002 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. K. Vimalan		
2004 Batch	Coordinator: Mr.PratheeshMaheswaran		
2010 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. R. Hajeegan		
2012 Batch	Coordinator: Mr. Brian Eric		

OUR NEEDS

St. John's College Jaffna, EAGLE VISION 2023 - STREAM ONE

	SEGMENT	Action	Objectives	Estimated Cost	Remarks
1	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Reduce class size to 30 students. Construct additional classes : Eastern Music Room, English Resource Room, Assembly Halls, etc.	15 Class Rooms with Furniture For A/L Section	45,000,000	
			Eastern Music Room	3,000,000	
			Staff Room For A/L Section	3,000,000	
			New Four-Storey Block with Assembly Hall for Primary and Middle School	154,000,000	
			Resources Room for each of the eight Sections	24,000,000	
			Additional filing space for Office	5,000,000	
2	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Improve the quality of desks and chairs and the general outlook of classrooms. Rebuild old classrooms. Make it green - friendly. (Each classroom with new furniture, smart board, fan and paintings)	Upgrade classrooms for Lower Primary	2,500,000	Mr Yoganathan family pledged Rs 2.5Mn
			<i>1. Multi-purpose portable sound system and essential amenities (Primary School)</i>		Rs.96,575 by Johnians 2001 batch Australia
			Upper Primary	2,000,000	Received 68 Chairs and 61 tables through the State Minister of Education (from parliament budget allocation)
			Middle School	7,000,000	
			Junior Secondary	7,500,000	
			Senior Secondary	8,000,000	
			A/L Commerce	2,500,000	
			A/L (Arts)	2,000,000	
			A/L (Science)	2,000,000	
Technology	1,500,000				

			Garden in front of Senior Library		A new garden was created in Memory of Dr Gunam Kanagaratnam at the entrance of the Library Rs 0.25Mn
3	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Covered passages connecting the buildings and toilets with roofs.	Primary gate, primary classroom, toilet, Pooranampillai Block	250,000	Mr K Ratnamukunthan funded to build gate and sun shade
			Middle School classroom, Pooranampillai Block, toilets	500,000	
			A/L classroom, canteen, toilet, Peto Hall, library	500,000	
			Gr 10-11 classroom block, toilet, staffroom, library	500,000	
			A/L Section - Improve the roof of all the buildings	400,000	
4	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Boundary wall will be repaired for Safety/Security reasons. Paintings to aid peripheral learning.	School gate to Bastian junction	1,000,000	
			School gate to Chundikuli junction	1,000,000	
			Old Park Road	1,000,000	
			Kandy Road	1,000,000	
5	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Create and upgrade pathway within the school premises. Carpet part of these so that roll ball practices can take place.	Main gate to Principal's Bungalow	2,000,000	
			Williams Hall to Ladies Staff room	1,500,000	
			Canteen to Hostel	1,000,000	
			Peto Hall to Tennis Court	500,000	
			Peto Hall to Library	500,000	
6	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Improve the drinking water facility	RO Plant - capita expenditure 5 million and annual recurring		Donated By PINA Organizati

			<i>cost Rs. 300,000. Opening ceremony was held on 14/3/2019.</i>		<i>on</i>
7	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Improve the quality of toilets including better access during rainy season. Build more toilets and washrooms. Better supervision and frequent visits by cleaners	1. Primary - Toilet for gent teachers	400,000	
			2. 4 toilets in Jaffna Academy's premises.	1,000,000	Pledged 1 Mn - Government grant
8	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Completion of Staff Quarters	Four units need to be completed	10,000,000	
				10,000,000	
9	<i>Infrastructure Development and Upgrade</i>	<i>Implement solar powered lighting</i>	<i>Phase I- 42.24 KWP Tie Solar PV System - Completed on 11th Of February 2019. Total cost 4.9Mn</i>	10,000,000	<i>Received Rs. 4M from Dr Karunayan Arulanant ham</i>
10	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Improve vehicle parking space for staff and students		500,000	
11	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	CCTV (for the safety of children and to monitor thefts of students' bicycles etc and installation of Intercom	1. CCTV Camera implemented. Total cost 3.3Mn	3,000,000	
			2. Intercom for office and all sections	250,000	
12	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Modernize the current dining room and kitchen	New Building	30,000,000	
13	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Build Williams Hall with classrooms while preserving certain sections to remember the war and to create a time line of college history	Need a minimum of 100,000,000 to start the project. One Classroom will cost 5,000,000. Can be donated individually.	100,000,000	
14	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Peto Hall Ceiling and Air-Conditioning		7,000,000	
15	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Air-Condition for the Auditorium		1,500,000	
16	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Air-Condition for the Library	Senior Library	2,000,000	
			Junior Library	2,000,000	

17	Student Education and Resourcing	Upgrade the Laboratory Instruments and bring in qualified Lab Assistants. Upgrade Equipment for Science and Computer Labs	A' Level IT Lab	3,000,000	36 Computers funded via Eagle Care Technology Programme Rs 2.9Mn
			Advanced Computer Centre		Reconstruction work pledged by SJC 90 batch.
			Primary Lab and Gr 8 - 11 Lab Network Connections	500,000	
			8 computers for Primary IT Lab	800,000	
			One Smart Board for each of the eight Sections	4,000,000	
			Equipment for A/L Science Labs	3,000,000	
				3,000,000	
				3,000,000	
			Equipment for Technology lab		
			1. Bio	6,750,000	Received Rs.766,500 From PPA UK
			2. Automobile	6,750,000	
			3. Civil	6,750,000	
4. Electrical and Electronic	6,750,000				
18	Student Education and Resourcing	Facilities for English Language Lab	Lab with 40 Computers	7,000,000	
19	Student Education and Resourcing	Upgrade to computers with internet facilities - College Library	Senior Library - Ten Computers	1,000,000	10 Computers funded via Eagle Care Technology Programme Rs 815,000.
			Junior Library - Ten Computers	1,000,000	
20	Student Education and Resourcing	Develop a mentorship program			
		Hire three Student Guidance Officers for	For each section create "Mahilakam" rooms for	8,000,000	8,000,000

		Lower, Middle and Upper Schools who are non-teachers. Create an Inner-Healing and/Motivational (Counselling) Centre.	Inner Healing, Motivational / Counselling	8,000,000	
				8,000,000	
21	Staff Empowerment and Development	Provide laptops to staff. (Knowledge of basic MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Use of laptop and English - make it compulsory for all staff. This will help to train them and improve their skills)	Provide 125 Laptops /Tablets for all tutorial staff.	7,000,000	
			A Computer with Printer and Internet Facility, for each of the eight Sections.	1,000,000	
22	Improvement of sports and extracurricular activities	Ground Improvement			
		A sprinkler system, two new sight screens, side-nets, mini tractor / lawn mower, turf cricket pitch, drainage and fencing.	Turf side wicket and nets	20,000,000	Received Rs. 2,938,427 from Chundikuli Trust Fund UK (Coordinated by Mr A Arnold)
			Rain Gun System for college ground is in working progress. Total cost 2.5 Mn.		Pledged 2Mn - government grant
		The Primary School grounds and a new soccer grounds.		5,000,000	
		Ground Pavilion with accommodation for players/ officials (Changing Rooms)		30,000,000	
23	Improvement of Sports and extracurricular activities	Better facilities for indoor sports (Badminton and Table Tennis). Need a bigger space and better equipment.		30,000,000	
24	Improvement of Sports and extracurricular activities	25m Swimming Pool with four lanes	Help students learn to swim and participate in competitions.	15,000,000	Collected Rs. 1,290,302.46 from Students, Staff and well

					wishers
25	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Purchase of adjoining lands	1. Land behind Fleming Hostel	20,000,000	Received Rs. 2,651,136 and pledged Rs. 7Mn
			2. Land - North side of the present Principal's Bungalow	72,000,000	
26	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Build a fund to repay current outstanding loans	Loan capital of 18,000,000 with interest of 8,000,000	30,000,000	
27	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Create a SJC Foundation in Jaffna and Hire a Project Manager to oversee all infrastructure development including full transparency of project time lines and accounts - writing proposals and fundraising.	Communicate with OBAs to write & monitor reports	6,000,000	
28	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Buy a College Bus		8,000,000	Received Rs. 1,665,300 from SJC 87 Batch
29	Infrastructure Development and Upgrade	Upgrade Principal's car		6,000,000	
30	Reserve Funds				Received Rs.135,000 from Mr S Vignapalan

St. John's College Jaffna, EAGLE VISION 2023 - STREAM TWO

	TRUST FUNDS	Objectives	Estimated Cost
1	To become Number One School in the Northern Province and within Sri Lanka in discipline, studies, sports, other activities and Infrastructure facilities.	Invite Developed Professionals from various fields to the preliminary evaluation and prepare reports to monitor the progress and do the evaluation report termly.	4,000,000
2	Professional Courses - Diploma and Degree	Create facilities to provide professional and vocational courses for students not eligible to enter universities.	2,000,000
3	Vocational Courses - NVQ Level		2,000,000
4	English Language		2,000,000
5	Teacher Training		2,000,000
6	Establish Special Education Unit for Autistic Children. (SJC from time to time supported blind children, autistic children and differently-abled children.)		75,000,000
7	Scholarship Trust Fund for Boarders (Life Long) * The interest will be utilized to award Scholarship annually (School fees and Hostel fees), and upon completion of schooling it will be transferred to another student.(capital should earn at least the minimum interest to pay the fees) * The payment to create this Endowment Scholarship Fund could be made in instalments. In such case, the award of scholarship will begin when the amount reaches the capital of Rs.1,400,000	Create a Scholarship program for 10 students per year to attract bright students for grade 6 (Admission Test and Scholarship Exam) + 10 for Sports. These will be for new students and not for present students.	20,000,000
8	Scholarship Trust Fund for Day Scholars (Life Long) *The interest will be utilized to award Scholarship annually, and upon completion of schooling it will be transferred to another student. *The payment to create this Endowment Scholarship Fund could be made in instalments. In such case, the award of scholarship will begin when the amount reaches the capital of Rs.450,000.	Create a Scholarship program for 10 students per year to attract bright students for grade 6 (Admission Test and Scholarship Exam) + 10 for Sports. These will be for new students and not for present students.	10,000,000
9	Gold Medal Fund - University Admission		5,000,000
10	Distinction Prize - O/L & A/L		3,000,000
11	Subject Prize		2,000,000
12	Students Welfare Trust Fund - Medical		5,000,000

	expense for Sports		
13	Inner Healing Trust Fund		5,000,000
14	Staff Professional Development Fund. To be based on individual needs. For Workshops / Training Programmes Short Term & Long Term / 1-2 years (Inland/Abroad). Needs will be based on their subject and sectional expertise.	Install a systematic staff training programme for every member of the staff for their benefit and for the benefit of the students / Facilitate teacher training in local and foreign institutions / Develop a program to get staff to do their first and second degrees / Research/Masters/PhDs.	5,000,000
15	Staff Welfare Trust Fund		
	Staff achieving - District/Provincial / National Winners (Individuals /Teams)	Establish a fund to top up teacher salaries and bonus for outstanding performance. Set performance benchmarks / Reward financially, Reward top performers/attendance.	5,000,000
	Extra working hours		5,000,000
	Support medical treatment of Staff.		5,000,000
	Annual Incentive		5,000,000
	Annual family gifts		5,000,000
16	Higher Education Trust Fund		
	Install a systematic staff training programme for every member of the staff for their benefit and for the benefit of the students / Facilitate teacher training in local and foreign institutions / Develop a program to get staff to do their first and second degrees / Research/Masters/PhDs.	Theological Studies	5,000,000
		English	5,000,000
		Science	5,000,000
		Technology	5,000,000
		Commerce	5,000,000
		IT	5,000,000
		Arts	5,000,000
		Music	5,000,000
		Sports	5,000,000
		Agriculture & Environment	5,000,000
		Highest Studies Scholarship for all-round hostellers.	5,000,000
17	Sports Prize		2,000,000
18	Sports Trust Fund	Improve the quality of training and performance, equipment for coaches and allowance	3,750,000
		Nutritious food & academic support for sportsmen.	3,750,000
		Bring in outside coaches or specialist coaches for certain sports and activities.	7,500,000
19	Building Maintenance Trust Fund	Elayathamby Block/Thevasagayam Block	5,000,000
		Pooranampillai Block	5,000,000
		J.T Arulanatham Block	5,000,000
		Handy Memorial Block	2,500,000
		Gunaseelan Block	2,000,000
		Rajesekaram Block	3,000,000
		Mathai Block	2,000,000
		Technology Faculty Block	2,500,000
		Thanapalan Block - Staff Room	2,500,000

	Peto Hall	5,000,000
	James Chinnappa Block	5,000,000
	Anandarajan Block - Office	5,000,000
	J.T Chelliah Block	5,000,000
	Staff Quarters	10,000,000
	Principal's Bungalow	2,500,000
	Auditorium	2,500,000
	Library	2,500,000

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING COMMEMORATING THE 195TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE AND THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE FOUNDER, THE REV. JOSEPH KNIGHT TO SRILANKA

The Celebration of Thanksgiving commemorating the 195th Anniversary of the College and the Bicentennial of the Arrival of the Founder, the Rev. Joseph Knight to Sri Lanka was held on 29th June 2018. The open-air function was held at the Karunyan Stand and was webcast for all interested stakeholders to see.

The Bishop of Colombo - the Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj R. Canagasabey, Archdeacon of Jaffna and Manager of the College and Chairperson of the CMS Governing Body - Mrs.Thanja Peiris attended. The Guard of Honour and members of the Land/Sea and Air Scouts paid a fitting welcome to the guests and the College Band led the visitors from the college main gate to the venue at five o'clock in the evening.

The Choir comprising of students from Grade four to Advanced Level, specially trained for this special occasion sang the College Hymn - the first item in the agenda.

The Archdeacon of Jaffna led the audience in the Opening Prayer.

The Welcome Speech was delivered by the Senior Prefect, R.Abinayan. 'I look ahead into the future - to a time when we will be celebrating the College's bicentennial in 2023 - in just five years from today. The community of St. John's, at the helm of which is our Principal and Mr.Bernard Sinniah, Global Chairman of Vision 2023, have various projects planned to make St. John's from being one of the best schools in the North to be the best in the island. We now have a basketball court and a tennis court that is one of the best at national level. The Technology Block is the only four storey Technology building at school level in the island. We are making milestones! With this momentum, you and I, together, can make our alma mater the best!' was the concluding statement of the Senior Prefect.

Next the Chairperson of the CMS Governing Body. Mrs.Thanja Peiris, conveyed her greetings. She talked about the past, present and future of the College and expressed her satisfaction at its growth over the years, in spite of the many challenges and obstacles faced.

Mr. T.Vipulanandamoorthy sang a Christian Song in Tamil, in praise of the Creator of the Universe. After the song, the Vice Principal, Mr.A.H.Gnanarajan talked about how St. John's came to be and about its achievements during the hundred-year period from 1823 to 1922.

Next was an Eastern Orchestra. Following the Orchestra, the Vice Principal, Mr.V.S.B.Thuseetharan gave the history of the College from 1823 to the present.

After a group of girls from Chundikuli Girls' College performed a dance, a Tamil Hymn by the Choristers followed.

Mementos were given by the Principal to the special invitees, people in charge of the Choir and to the outsiders who provided entertaining programmes.

The Tamil Hymn 'Thuthy Geetham' played to the accompaniment of eastern and western instruments was followed by 'The Lord of Years.'

The sermon by the Bishop of Colombo, the Rt. Revd. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, was based on patience and perseverance in the faith of Christ. He told the audience to live according to His word for His will to be done in their lives.

At the Celebration of Thanksgiving, Rs. 26,251/= was received as collection towards the Higher Education Scholarship Fund to ensure that no eligible student forgoes an opportunity to pursue his tertiary education due to his monetary limitations. The College wishes to create funds of Rupees 5 million for each of twelve different areas of study identified. The interest the College hopes to receive from the scholarship fund, is hoped, will produce a graduate every year.

'On Eagles' Wings' by the College Choir and the College Song brought the function to an end.

PROJECTS

1. 50m SWIMMING POOL PROJECT

The College couldn't proceed with the 50m Swimming Pool Project because the expectations of Dr.Jeyendran Gunasegaram, the donor, from the community of St. John's College to raise funds to match his contribution, did not materialise.

2. MECHANIZED RAIN GUN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

The soil inside the premises of the College gets parched due to the hot climate in Jaffna. The grounds need to be maintained well because it is used throughout the year for sporting activities. The installation of an irrigation system will help us to have a lush green ground throughout the year. Rs. 2,000,000 will be funded by the Government Grant from 'Gamperaliya' Rapid Rural Development Programme 2019 (RRDP). Rs. 500,000 will be funded by the College. This 2.5M project is in progress.

3. SANITARY FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Construction of additional toilets is very essential for the convenience of teachers and students. Rs. 1,000,000 will be funded by the Government Grant from 'Gamperaliya' Rapid Rural Development Programme 2019 (RRDP). This project is in progress.

4. REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT

THE PINA organisation has installed an RO plant within the premises of St. John's College. The four taps on the Old Park Road is for the public and the four taps inside the College premises is for the staff and students of St. John's College. The opening ceremony was held on 14th March 2019.

5. SOLAR POWER PROJECT - PHASE 1

One of our distinguished old boys, Dr.Karunyan Arulanantham, donated Rs. 4M for the installation of Solar Power System to save electricity and to make St. John's environment-friendly. A 42.24KWP Tie Solar PV System has been installed. The opening ceremony was held on 13th February 2019

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

29.06.2018	Thanksgiving Service - Message by The Rt. Rev. Dhiloraj Canagasabey, Bishop of Colombo 200 th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Founder 195 th Anniversary of the College
30.06.2018	Annual Prize Giving - Chief Guests: Dr. & Mrs. Dhanan Senathirajah, National Director, World Vision Lanka
10.07.2018	Fine Arts Exhibition
03.08.2018	Mahalingam Soccer Carnival Term End
06-10.08.2018	Workshop for Teachers
13-15.08.2018	Workshop for Administrative Staff
05.09.2018	School Re-opening
06-12.09.2018	Career Guidance Workshop for SPVI students
10.09.2018	Gandhi Day Competitions
12.09.2018	Cubs - Bronze Star Award - Gr.3
13.09.2018	Commerce Day - Chief Guest: Mr. R. Jeyald Antony, Technical Advisor, Economic & Agriculture Development, World Vision
20.09.2018	Bushman's Thong Award - Gr.10
21.09.2018	Science Day - Chief Guest: Dr.Kandasamy Vignarooban (B.Sc., M.Phil., PhD) Senior Lecturer & Head of the Department of Physics, University of Jaffna.
26.09.2018	Cub Scout Membership Award - Gr.2
29.09.2018	Middle School - Junior Secondary Prize Giving - Chief Guest: Mr.P.M.Karunainayagam, Retired Teacher & Sectional Head, St. John's College, Jaffna.
01.10.2018	Children's Day

02.10.2018	91 st Anniversary of Gandhi's Visit – Chief Guest: Hon. Dr. Kandiah Sarveswaran, Minister of Education, Cultural Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs, Northern Province
05.10.2018	Teachers' Day
06.10.2018	Admission Test - 2019
08.10.2018	Scout Master Award – Gr.6
13.10.2018	Saraswathi Pooja
15.10.2018	Group Scout Master Award – Gr.7
20.10.2018	Upper Primary School Parents' Day & Prize Day – Chief Guest: Mr. P. Sathiyar, Regional Manager, Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Northern Province
23.10.2018	DC Cord Award – Gr.8
24.10.2018	Lower Primary School Parents' Day & Prize Day
27.10.2018	Saiva Paripalana Sabai Examination
03.11.2018	C.G.C & S.J.C Carol Service
04.11.2018	Festival of Carols by the Youth of the North
30.11.2018	Primary School & Middle School Christmas Party
07.12.2018	Term End
08.12.2018	New Admission 2019
04.01.2019	Staff Service & Workshop
05.01.2019	Blessing Ceremony of 12+ (Gr.8)
07.01.2019	School Re-opening
09.01.2019	Ceremony to Honour National & International winners
11.01.2019	Students' Parliament
17.01.2019	Interact Club Installation Ceremony - Chief Guest: Rtn. Robinsion B. Prasanthan, President, Rotary Club of Jaffna <i>Kaal Kol Vizha</i> (Welcome Ceremony for Gr.1 students)
22.01.2019	Leo Club Installation - Chief Guest: Lion. S. Raveedra, Deputy District Coordinator, Global Leadership Team
29.01.2019	St. John Ambulance Installation – Chief Guest: Dr.S.R.I. Purushotaman, Jaffna Teaching Hospital
15.02.2019	Competition for 'Student Inventors' – Chief Guests: Mrs. Naomi Aruliah & Mr. Jekhan Aruliah
16.02.2019	Inter House Athletic Meet – Chief Guests: Dr. Thayasivam Gobyshanger, Consultant Orthopedic Surgeon, Jaffna Teaching Hospital & Mrs. Nilani Gobyshanger, Teacher, CGC
16.02.2019	Primary School Athletic Meet – Chief Guests: Mr. Pathmanathan Sasikumar, Assistant Director of Education, Zonal Education Office, Jaffna
23.02.2019	A/L Union Lunch – Chief Guest: Ponnambalam Thayanathan, Divisional Secretary, Divisional Secretariat, Jaffna
26.02.2019	Tamil Day – Chief Guest: Mr. C. Pubalasingam, Assistant Educational Director – Tamil, Zonal Educational Office, Jaffna
7-9.03.2019	Battle of the North – JCC vs. SJC – 113th Encounter Cricket Match

16.03.2019	Limited Over Cricket Match SJC vs. JCC - 17th Encounter
05.04.2019	'Aruliah's Trophy' - Inter House Debate Competition (LVI)
	Term End
06.04.2019	OBA Day
06.05.2019	School Re-opening
06.05.2019	College Day
08.06.2019	M.Amilthan Memorial Badminton Tournament - Award Ceremony
14, 15.06.2019	Boarders' Day
10.07.2019	English Day - Chief Guest: Ms. Rebecca Rawnsdon, Manager, British Council, Jaffna
03.08.2019	Mahalingam Soccer Carnival
03.08.2019	Term End

**WE THANK THE FOLLOWING DONORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS:
CONTRIBUTION LIST 2018/2019**

Endowment Fund 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Mr & Mrs C Navaratnarajah	Canada	Trust Fund For Best English Debater	250,000.00
SJC OBA Sydney	Australia	Vision 2023 Trust Fund	891,200.00
Mrs Kamalini Arul	UK	Thavarajan Arulambalam Mem Trust Fund	70,887.00
Mr K N Y Maurice	Canada	Health & Physical Ed Trust Fund	185,000.00

Addendum to Endowment Fund 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Mr S Kathirgamathamby	Sri Lanka	Addendum School Development & Prize Fund	3,500.00
Mr Shelton Navaratnam	Canada	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	75,000.00
Mast R Deshan	Sri Lanka	Addendum Science Invention Trust Fund	10,000.00
Mr V Hariharan	Sri Lanka	Addendum Thanapalan Memorial Trust Fund	55,000.00
Mr K Yoganathan	Canada	Addendum Staff Welfare Fund	50,000.00
Mr E Sriharan	UK	Addendum 50 - 60 Trust Fund	75,400.00
Mr Easvararupan	UK	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	14,200.00
Mr Andrew Rajaratnam	UK	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	28,400.00
Mr Vijey Shakthi	UK	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	79,520.00
Mr & Dr (Mrs) N Kugapalan	Uk	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	71,000.00
Mr Sue Balakrishnan	Uk	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	32,260.00

Mr S Singanayagam	UK	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	5,682.00
Mr Rohan Rajaratnam	Canada	Add Jimmy Rajaratnam Mem Sch Fund	76,471.80
CSJPPA UK	UK	Addendum Needy Children Trust Fund	876,000.00
Mr J Amalaseelan	Sri Lanka	Addendum Prize Fund	5,000.00
Mr K Ganeshalingam	Sri Lanka	Addendum Prize Fund	5,000.00
Mr S Kanapathipillai	Sri Lanka	Addendum Prize Fund	5,000.00

Displaced School Children Program 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Mr P Rubendran	Sri Lanka	Displaced School Children Sponsor	29,400.00
SJCDCETF	Canada	Displaced School Children Sponsor	5,049,393.90
SJC 87 batch		Displaced School Children Sponsor	42,500.00
Chundikuli Trust Fund	UK	Displaced School Children Sponsor	1,940,413.00
Mr R Satheeskanan	UK	Displaced School Children Sponsor	160,000.00
Mr V S Vijayaratanam	Saudi Arabia	Displaced School Children Sponsor	50,000.00
Anonymous		Displaced School Children Sponsor	80,000.00

Prize Fund 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Mr & Mrs A Pirabaharan	Sri Lanka	Prize Fund	1,000.00
Mr P M Karunainayagam	Sri Lanka	Prize Fund	3,000.00
Mr N Kanagaratanam	Sri Lanka	Prize Fund	1,000.00
Mrs S Arumugasigamani	Sri Lanka	Prize Fund	1,000.00

Vision 2023 - 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Dr Ariaratnam Gobikrishna-Malaysian boarders re-union	USA	Eagle Vision 2023	438,125.00
Mr S Arunan - Malaysian boarders re-union	UK	Eagle Vision 2023	227,226.00
Mr P Harithamathan Malaysian boarders reunion	UK	Eagle Vision 2023	204,504.00
Mr Bernard Sinniah Malaysian boarders reunion	UK	Eagle Vision 2023	1,533,777.00

Other Donations 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Ms Carmeline Subathra Francis	USA	Flood Relief Fund	277,640.00
Mr Ravi Navaratnam		Talent Search	10,000.00
2001 Batch Australia Johnians	Australia	Sound System & Staffroom Equipment Primary	96,575.00
Mr S Kiritharan	Sri Lanka	Donation	10,000.00
Mr K Yoganathan	Canada	Gift to Office Staff	27,000.00
Mr V Utharsan		Staff Development	7,000.00
Amanda,Nadia & Christina	Norway	Student Development	75,000.00
Kotmale Dairy Products (Pvt) Ltd	Sri Lanka	School Development	100,000.00
Mr S Saikrishna	Sri Lanka	Donation	2,000.00
Chundikuli Trust Fund	UK	University Merit Award	48,482.50
Mrs R Chathiriga		Donation	1,500.00
CSJPPA UK	UK	A/L Bio System Technology Lab Equipment Fund	766,500.00
OBA South Srilanka	Sri Lanka	Scholarship Grade 6 Students	225,900.00
Comeshare Foundation	Sri Lanka	Scholarship School Fees	127,400.00
Dr A Mahendrarajah	UK	Student Scholarship	84,000.00
Mrs Gunam Kanagaratnam	UK	Dr Gunam Kanagaratnam Memorial Garden	113,600.00

Games Donations 2019

NAME	COUNTRY	FUND	AMOUNT
Mr V Hariharan	Sri Lanka	Cash Award -Limited Over Match Cricket	5,000.00
Mr J Rajeevan	Sri Lanka	Big Match Song Cd	30,000.00
Mr S K Annalingam	Sri Lanka	Cash Award for the Winning Team Limited Over Match	15,000.00
Mobitel (Pvt) Ltd	Sri Lanka	Battle of the North Central St. John's Big Match	1,682,500.00
Mr S Nakulan	Canada	Cricket	20,000.00
CSJPPA UK	UK	Cricket Team Travel Expense Fund	547,500.00
CSJPPA UK	UK	Educational Support For Cricket Players	219,000.00
Mr Vasanthan Partheepan	Sri Lanka	Cricket Team Jersey	50,000.00
Mr R Hajeeban	Sri Lanka	Mahendran Amilthan Mem Badminton Tournament	30,000.00
Mr & Mrs Mahendran	Sri Lanka	Mahendran Amilthan Mem Badminton Tournament	5,000.00

MATERIALS

Mr. M. Senthuran	Super Scanner - 01
2001 Batch Johnians in Australia	Multi-purpose portable sound system and essential amenities - Worth Rs.100,000.00
Mr. S. Kulendran	04 Laptops
Mr. T. Sriram	05 - Guitars, 02 - Magic Microphones and 32 - Karaoke Microphones
Mr.Yoga Arulnamby	Computer system - 01, Tennis rackets - 07, Ball pack - 08 (96 balls)
Mr.Selvanayagam Amirthaniranjana	Plastic chair - 20
Hon.A.Gracian Alexrajah	Traffic Cone - 10
Mr.P.Rubenthiran	A computer and a printer
Mr.Mahadeva Jeyaratnam	Cricket equipment - Worth Rs. 50,000.00
Mr.E.M.Deva	Cricket bat - 02

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS

I am glad to report that the College has implemented the policy of child protection put forward by the Diocese. We, as a community in Sri Lanka are slowly but surely changing course from using corporal punishment as a means of enforcing discipline. I am conscious of the fact that there are many who still confuse discipline with punishment and respect with fear. The community of St. John's needs all your support as we recognize the need for discipline whilst devising and learning new methodologies and creative ways of implementing discipline without resorting to any form of violence.

We have learnt in history that order brought out of violence and militarisation cannot be sustained. Such an effort will eventually lead to more violence and chaos. It is discipline due to respect and a sense of responsibility that is sustainable. It is this discipline that we must all endeavour to inculcate in our students - and in our community. However, this requires a lot of effort, hard work and patience.

As I interact with people, there is much said about the academic excellence that St. John's used to achieve in the past. The Northern Province, especially the peninsula, inherited the educational legacy due to the missionary schools. However, owing to the standardisation introduced by the government in the 70's, conflict, war and migration, the tables have, unfortunately, turned. Today, the Northern Province is struggling to keep pace with the other provinces in academic achievements at public examinations.

As an institution involved in education, and as being a part of a community that gives a lot of emphasis to academic excellence, we need to review our methods of teaching and learning as the facts and harsh reality of our descent are stubbornly glaring at us.

The tuition culture, exams based only on testing of memory without encouraging critical thinking or out of the box solutions and the yardstick of measuring the success of a school mostly by the number of students entering local universities, need to be re-evaluated. These cannot and must not be the only guiding principles.

What is education? We need to ask ourselves this imperative question. Are we, as educators, able to instil disciplines namely hard work, perseverance, eagerness to acquire knowledge & skills, in our students? Are we equipping our students to be responsible, skilled and mature human beings? In a commercial and corporate sense, are students passing out of St. John's College employable? In a community sense, are students passing out of St. John's able to contribute positively to the society?

I would like to quote from the meditation published by the Henri Nouwen Society on Tuesday 9th September on Education, as a reflection for all of us this morning

"The word school, which comes from schola (meaning "free time"), reminds us that schools were originally meant to interrupt a busy existence and create some space to contemplate the mysteries of life. Today they have become the arena for a hectic race to accomplish as much as possible, and to acquire in a short period the necessary things to survive the great battle of human life. Books written to be savoured slowly are read hastily to fulfil a requirement, paintings made to be seen with a contemplative eye are taken in as part of a necessary art appreciation course, and music composed to be enjoyed at leisure is listened to in order to identify a period or style."

As a school founded by missionaries, we have an obligation to inculcate a sense of social responsibility in our children. First, we must remember our obligations to God and fellow human beings. We must remember the missionaries who came to this island, giving up their comforts and securities. The one thing they had was the passion to serve God and human. We must remember with gratitude that they didn't have a sense of entitlement but a sense of service. I invite the community of St. John's to be led by their example.

Finally, as the Board of Governors are engaged in seeking a suitable person to the post of the Principal of St. John's College let us pray that God will guide them to select a candidate who will take this institution forward, to the future, not forgetting the legacy of St. John's College being a missionary school.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I wish to thank the Vice Principals, the Headmaster - Primary School, the Chaplain, and the Supervisors for planning, implementing and monitoring the overall activities of the College; Senior Hostel Master & Hostel Masters for taking care of the Hostel; Prefect of Games, Secretaries of Games & all the coaches for their dedication and hard work; and all the Staff, both tutorial and non-tutorial and the support staff, for their fullest support and co-operation in all school matters. Their willingness to work long hours whenever the situation demands is a mark of dedication and loyalty towards the school.

I wish to thank the Bishops of Colombo & Kurunagala, and the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Members of the Governing Body and members of the Advisory Board for their valuable advice and guidance; the Directors of Education and the authorities at various levels - Divisional, Zonal, Provincial and National - for helping in all school matters; old boys, parents and well-wishers, and the donors of the Prize Fund Endowments for their generous contribution and support.

Finally, I thank and praise Almighty God, who has been guiding us for the past 196 years, and pray that God continues to lay God's hands upon this institution to bless, protect and guide us into the future. Thank you.

Ven. Fr. Samuel J Ponniah
Manager/ Acting Principal
13th September 2019