

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, JAFFNA

THIRD TERM - 2007

The school re-opened for the Third Term on 04.09.2007

Condolence:

- Dr E S Thevasagayam, Principal Emeritus, St. John's College passed away on the 3rd of August 2007. He was a student from 1933 to 1943; teacher from 1947 to 1951 & Principal from 1988 to 1993.
- A Special assembly was held on 18th September 2007. Mr D J Thevathason, Head Master, Primary School and Sectional Head for Grade 1 – 7, paid tribute.
- A Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving was organised at St. John the Baptist's Church on 22nd September 2007. Mr J Amalaseelan, Former Vice Principal and Mr S Narendranathan – Staff, paid tributes to him. Rev A Stephen (Old Boy) preached the sermon. Rev N J Gnanakarunyan (Old Boy) led the intercession prayer. Prayer and benediction by Ven S P Nesakumar, Archdeacon of Jaffna.

05.10.2007 The Teachers' Day was organised by the OBA, Jaffna. The day began with a service followed by an assembly. The President OBA Jaffna delivered the welcome address and speeches were delivered on behalf of students, parents and Old Boys. The Tutorial and Non-Tutorial Staff who had completed more than fifteen years of service were felicitated by the college and the OBA. Mr P M Karunainayagam – Tutorial Staff & Mr M Apputhurai – Non Tutorial Staff have completed 30 years of service and Mr D J Thevathason 35 years. Prizes were awarded to the best three teachers who participated in the competitions organised by the college under Staff Development Programme. These competitions included English Short Story Writing, Designing Power Point Presentations, and the Preparation of Visual Aids. The day ended with Cultural program, games and finally with a fellowship lunch. Academic Scarf was introduced to the Tutorial Staff with different colour bands denoting the number of years they served at the college.

06.10.2007 Middle School & Junior Secondary Prize Giving & Parents' Day was held. The Vice Principal Mr S Antonypillai chaired the function. The Former Vice Principal Mr J Amalaseelan and Mrs Mary Josephine Amalaseelan graced the occasion as chief guests. Prizes were distributed by Mrs Amalaseelan.

11.10.2007. Installation Ceremony of the Leo Club. Lion B R Ranjan, District Coordinator, Northern Region was the chief guest. Thirty-nine students were inducted as Leos.

12.10.2007. Primary School Battle of the Babes Cricket Match – Leather Ball Cricket for the first time for the babes. Chief guest Mr T Jeganathan.

- 27.10.2007. Primary School Parents' Day & Prize Giving. Mr B Thavapalan Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public and Unofficial Magistrate, and Mrs Vijitha Thavapalan were the chief guests.
- 03.11.2007. 56th Annual Festival of Carols by the combined choirs of schools and colleges of the North was held at St. John's College.
- 11.11.2007. St. John's College & Chundikuli Girls' College Carol Service. Eighty Students participated from Primary, Middle, Junior Secondary and Senior classes.
- 16.11.2007. Gandhi's Visit Commemoration Day – 80th Anniversary. (28.11.1927 – 28.11.2007) Organised competitions - Essay Writing and Verse writing, in Tamil & English and 'Killithadu' a traditional game. Mr S Pathmanathan, Retired Principal Palaly Teachers' Training College was the chief guest.
- 06.12.2007 Christmas Party was celebrated and CCFC gifts were presented to the Primary students.
- 08.12.2007 Term End
- 09.12.2007 Cricket Under 13 A and B teams participated in the tournament organised by the Sri Lanka Schools' Cricket Association in Vavuniya
- 10.12.2007 Opening of the Cricket Practice Nets (Funded by Sri Lanka Cricket) by Mr. V.K.Shanmugalingam
- 11.12.2007 Staff Family Get-together

Games

Soccer Two teams (A and B) from each age group (1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI, 4th XI and Baby Team) were formed for the first time. 150 members from the 10 teams participated in the matches played in this season.

From the College Calendar 2008:

185th Anniversary and Prefects' Centenary Celebrations

- 02.05.2008 Exhibition
- 03.05.2008 Prefects' Centenary Celebrations
- 05.05.2008 College Day – 185th Anniversary

All are welcome!

We wish you all a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Rev N J Gnanaponrajah
Principal, St John's College, Jaffna
10th Dec. 2007.