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### THE JUBILEE HYMN

Rev. John Selvaratnam – Former Warden  
By courtesy of Thomiana from Australia

O Father, You have guided  
Our School from age to age  
We praise you for the vision,  
The early pioneers had  
A home of faith and study:  
Of grit and courage strong  
Of sportsmanship and justice  
Of comradeship and care

Your hand O God, has led us  
For seven core years and ten  
Both in the crowded city  
And on the sacred mount  
Bless, Lord our *alma mater*  
Both teacher and the taught  
To work and serve together  
At wisdom's holy feet.

O Light of Light Eternal  
To Lanka grant your peace  
And let your Holy spirit  
Into all hearts breathe love:  
And may our College flourish  
For ever and for aye,  
A beacon on the hill top,  
Of Him – the Truth, the L

### THE ORIGIN AND SUCCESS OF THE OPEN RANKING TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**(A report written by the coach Mr.Dhilip de Alwis  
as a Foreword to this year's Tournament)**

It is through the vision of Bishop Chapman that S.Thomas' College was born 150 years ago, and it is very pleasing that innovation continues with the tournament, now in it's fourth year.

It is encouraging that the Tournament continues to attract good competition, sponsors and spectators.

With the dawn of the new Millennium, S.Thomas' College has not only created history, but has also accomplished yet another "First" among the many Firsts she has to her credit.

The Annual Open Tennis Tournament was conducted from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, for the fourth successive year. The specialty about this year's Tournament was that it was a 'B' grade Ranking Tournament which attracted the crème of

Junior tennis players from all over Sri Lanka, the first of its' kind organized by a school.

This was the birth of the inaugural Tennis Tournament at S.Thomas' College, which was probably the first ever in the South East Asian region. With the support of generous sponsors, well wishers and a couple of "Die Hard" parents, together with the then Warden Mr.Neville de Alwis and the Coach, the Tournament was successfully conducted.

The following year too, we witnessed a similar spectacular event, which has now become a permanent fixture in the Tennis Calendar, not only at College, but also in the highly concentrated calendar of the Sri Lanka Tennis Association. It is heartening to know that more Thomians are showing keenness in the sport and it augurs well for the promotion of Tennis at College, as well as the development of sports in general with a view to produce National players capable of performing at International level.

S.Thomas' College in its' 150 year history, has molded many a Gentleman who has not only learnt from books, but has also excelled in the sphere of sports, thus developing a healthy body and mind, to which the game of Tennis too, has played a vital role.

Children at this age must be taught the values of Sportsmanship and Discipline. It is then, that they grow up to be Gentlemen. Tournaments such as this no doubt help in that cause.

Although a few such Tournaments are conducted by professional organizations, it is very rarely, if at all, a school takes the initiative to organize such a Tournament, mainly due to the lack of organizing ability and the enormous volume of work that entails in organizing an event of this magnitude.

In keeping with the Thomian spirit that "Nothing is Impossible" they took up the challenge and organized the first ever S.T.C Annual Tennis Tournament in 1998, followed by successive Tournaments in 1999 and 2000. with a view to enable the students to participate at different levels, in keeping with the age groups and to introduce professional outlook and to enhance their competitive. The Sri Lanka Tennis Association has upgraded the College from 'C' grade to 'B' grade ranking rights. The organizers propose to conduct the Tournament annually in future too, to achieve the status of inviting overseas participants for it.

To achieve this success we owe our thanks to the Warden Dr David Ponniah who was always at hand to advise and assist us and the Organizing Committee, the members of which made themselves available at all times of the day to discuss and plan the event. The Prefect of games and the Assistant Prefect of Games for their assistance and the Ground Staff for their punctuality and willingness to complete the task assigned to them at short notice, both willingly and cheerfully too deserve our sincere thanks. We also thank Master Thiraj Haputhanthri for His splendid performance in co coordinating all functions connected with this year's T  
Tournament

# SPORTS NEWS

SPORT	EVENT & DATE	VENUE
<b>ROWING</b>	<p><b>Inter – Monsoon Regatta</b> 12<sup>th</sup> May “Head of the Beira”</p> <p>The Thomian Rowing Crew once again proved to be the toughest to beat on the waters of the Beira Lake, when they emerged Champions at the recently concluded Regatta – “Head of the Beira” The Thomian Crew, made up of:</p> <p><b>Niroshan David (Bow)</b> <b>Isuru Perera (Two)</b> <b>Preshith Ganegoda (Three)</b> <b>Tharindu Gunasekera (Stroke)</b> <b>Sharen Kannangara (Cox)</b></p> <p>did extremely well to be placed first in the <b>Intermediate Category</b> with a record timing of <b>13 mins: 43 secs.</b> Missing the Senior record by a mere 3 seconds.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Performance of the Senior Four &gt;</b> Our Senior four also did extremely well at this Regatta by becoming <b>Runners Up.</b> They were beaten by the Club four by just 2 seconds. The Crew &gt; <b>Renuk Bandaranayake (Bow)</b> <b>Prasanjith Wijeythileke (Two)</b> <b>Devanka Aluwihare (Three)</b> <b>Charitha Hettiarachchi (Stroke)</b> <b>Ramanan Balasubramaniam (Cox)</b></p>	Beira Lake
<b>RUGGER</b>	<p>Canon R.S. de Saram Shield <b>Vs</b> <b>Trinity College</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> June</p> <hr/> <p>Merril Guneratne Cup <b>Vs.</b> <b>Royal College</b> 9<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Lady Jayathilake Shield <b>Vs</b> <b>St. Joseph’s College</b> 24<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p><b>vs</b> <b>Thurstan College</b> 14<sup>th</sup> June</p> <hr/> <p>MILO SEMI FINAL <b>Vs</b> <b>St Anthony’s College</b> 17<sup>th</sup> June</p>	<p>Longden Place <b>Won 3/0</b></p> <hr/> <p>Longden Place <b>Lost 0/30</b></p> <hr/> <p>Longdon Place <b>Won 27/8</b></p> <hr/> <p>Thurstan College Grounds <b>Won 27/19</b></p> <hr/> <p>Havelock Park <b>Lost 18/16</b></p>
<b>TABLE TENNIS</b>	<b>54<sup>th</sup> Junior National T.T Championship</b>	<b>Sports Complex</b>
<b>Under 15&gt;</b>	Tharindu Samaraweera bt G.P.H Sajith	16/21 21/12 21/15
<b>Under 13&gt;</b>	T.Samaraweera bt. G.M.Liyanage	21/12 21/13

TENNIS	Annual Open Ranking Tennis Tournament 2001	College
	The two junior Tennis players who brought some sort of pride to S.Thomas' at the recently concluded Tournament were none other than <b>Prathaj Haputhanthri</b> and <b>Arith Ediriweera</b> of the <b>Under 14 age</b> group. Having been the bottom seeds of the draw, they had to fight their way into the Semi finals and thereafter the Finals. After entering the Finals with strong top seeds of St.Peter's College, they were in for an upset winning the final, which was the only Thomian victory at the Tournament conducted by them.	<p>Scores of the Final</p> <p><b>4 / 6</b> <b>6 / 0</b> <b>6 / 3</b></p>
<b>CRICKET</b>	<b>Under 15 Tournament Division 1 Matches</b>	
	<b>S.T.C vs Royal College</b>	
	<b>R.C Innings &gt;</b> V.B.C de Mel > 4 for 25	<b>163 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> Rahendra Karunaratne > 23 not out	<b>65 for 3</b>
		<b>Drawn</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs St.Benedict’s College</b>	
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> V.Balasubramaniam > 31	<b>136 for 9</b>
	<b>St. Benedict’s Innings &gt;</b>	<b>102 for 6</b>
		<b>Drawn</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs Basilica College</b>	
	<b>Basilica Innings &gt;</b> V.Balasubramaniam > 4 for 17	<b>116 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> Naveen > 60 not out	<b>119 for 1</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs D.S.Senanayake College</b>	
	<b>D.S.S Innings &gt;</b> V.Balasubramaniam > 5 for 27	<b>119 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> R.Karunaratne > 61 not out	<b>163 for 4</b>
		<b>S.T.C Won</b>
	<b>Division 2 Matches</b>	
	<b>S.T.C vs Isipathana College</b>	
	<b>Isipathana Innings &gt;</b> Y.A.Yatawara > 3 for 23	<b>147 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> D.S.K.Pilapitiya > 31 not out	<b>74 for 1</b>
		<b>Drawn</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs St.Peter’s College</b>	
	<b>S.T.C Innings &gt;</b> D.R de Silva > 34	<b>132 for 9</b>
	<b>S.P.C Innings &gt;</b>	<b>248 for 3</b>
		<b>S.P.C Won</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs Siri Piyaratana Maha Vidyalaya</b>	
	<b>S.P.M.V 1<sup>st</sup> Innings &gt;</b> W.A Wijesinghe > 3 for 24	<b>132 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C 1<sup>st</sup> Innings &gt;</b> W.A.Wijesinghe > 22	<b>52 all out</b>
	<b>S.T.C 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings &gt;</b> N.S.Muthukuda > 25 not out	<b>63 for 3</b>
	<b>S.T.C vs Carey College</b>	
	<b>Carey Innings &gt;</b> A.J.Thangapillai > 3 for 13	<b>101 for 7</b>
	<b>Match Abandoned due to Bad Weather</b>	

## JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS MEET

This year too the Junior School sports meet was held on a very grand scale on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month in the presence of a very large gathering of parents, old boys and well wishers.

Mr & Mrs. Vijitha Jayasinghe were the chief guests and were accompanied to the pavilion by a very efficient and disciplined junior school band by the Acting Warden Mr. D.A. Pakianathan and the Head Master, Mr. M.D. Maurice.

Stone House won the award for the best decorated hut. .... for the march past and ..... were the overall champions with ... coming second.

## OLD THOMIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

At the Annual General Meeting of the Union held on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2001 Mr. Arjun Dharmadasa was elected as the president of the Union for the ensuing year. M/s Ray Abeywardena and R. Renganathan were re elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The OTRFU organized the Trinity and Royal matches which were played at Logdon Place with a greatly enhanced spectator participation

## NEWS OVERSEAS

### AUSTRALIA

The news letter Thomiana was received with grateful thanks and made very interesting reading. The office bearers for 2001-2002 are as follows

PATRON – Mark Flamer Caldera

PRESIDENT - Rajan Hensman

SECRETARY - Chris J. Lawton (Sr)

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Australians had sesquicentennial celebrations in NSW with Dr. Ben Chapman the Patron being one of the attendees. It was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2001 at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Mount Waverly. Rev. J. Selveratnam, former Warden, was the celebrant and preacher and was assisted by Rev. Baldwin Daniels a former Chaplain. The choir consisted of Old Thomians and their families.

## NEW SOUTH WALES

Thank you, Mr. Miroy Berenge for the May Newsletter and Mr. Graham Mansfield for the donation of Rugger balls. Wish the Thomian Hopper Night on 30<sup>th</sup> June all success.

## SOCIETY & ACTIVITY NEWS

### Buddhist Students' Association

The Association is currently conducting a Buddhism Quiz. The junior quiz was won by Upper IV (Grade 7) beating Lower VI (Grade 9) by 10 points. The senior quiz is currently behind conducted.

The Association will conduct its Annual Alms-giving on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

### Current Affairs Forum

#### **Activities of the Forum for Term II:**

**8<sup>th</sup> May** > "Career Opportunities in the Hospitality Trade" by the International Hotel School of Mount Lavinia.

**16<sup>th</sup> May** > "Professional Career in Management Accounting" by C.I.M.A

**23<sup>rd</sup> May** > Programme dedicated to COLL E students who would be leaving College.

### 16<sup>th</sup> Colombo Scout Troup

#### Events of term one

Term one of 2001 was a very busy term for the Thomian scouts who worked hard towards the benefit of the College. They started it with building a structure in front of the school for the 150<sup>th</sup> year celebrations. It was one of the main attractions during the Founder's day and the College Fair.

At the fair the scouts showed off their talents and skills when they made a dunk, which was definitely the best game stall that anyone witnessed during the fair.

Then, on BP's day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February the foundation stone of the Cub Scout room was laid.

The scouts were on duty at the sports meet as well.

### Cadet Platoon

#### Thomian Cadets Attend Selection Camp

25 Cadets participated at the Selection Camp on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

names to the Master in Charge, House Prefects or the House Captain by the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2001.

## Captains of Sports

SPORT	CAPTAIN
ATHLETICS	Roshanka Peiris
BADMINTON	Suranjith Ratwatte
BASKETBALL	Suneth de Fonseka
CRICKET	Dilshan Gunawardena
HOCKEY	Pumega Kulatunga
ROWING	Niroshan David
RUGBY	Jivan Goonetilleke
SOCCER	
SQUASH	Malinda Sugathapala
SWIMMING	Eranga Warnapura
TABLE TENNIS	Duswin de Silva
TENNIS	Dananjayan Kaneshyogan
VOLLEYBALL	
WATER POLO	Nabil Mubarak

## Annual Inter House Rugger Tournament

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual under 13 / under 15 Inter –House Rugger Tournament organised by the Old Thomians’ Rugby Football Union and sponsored by Union Assurance will be held at the Big Club Grounds on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June 2001 from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Parents and Old Boys are welcome. Food and drink will be available at the grounds throughout the Tournament. All participants will be provided with a jersey, and a certificate. Those willing to participate should give in their

## Notice Board

### **Classical Music Association**

#### **Annual Singing Competition - 2001**

The above will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2001. Those who wish to participate please obtain entry forms from Mrs. R. Abeynaike. Entries close on **22<sup>nd</sup> June**.

#### Cadet Platoon

Students who wish to join the Cadet Platoon may contact the Master in Charge; Mr.T.B.Jeganathan

#### Sinhala Literary and Debating Society Inter House Drama Competition

The Inter-house Sinhala Drama competition organized by the Sinhala Literary and Debating Society was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2001 in the College hall. The judges were Mr. Palitha Silva and Mr. Gamini Hettiarachchi.

The results are as follows-

**Winner** - Buck House  
**Runner-up**- Stone House

#### Consolation Awards

B.C.P. Peiris of Stone House  
B.J.P. Mendis of De Saram House  
D.R. Fernando of Buck House  
N.S. Samararatne of Stone House  
W.P. Wannakuwatte of De Saram House

**Best Actor** > S.P. De Silva of Wood House

**Best Supporting Actor** > E.S. Kirige of Buck House

## **EDITORIAL BOARD**

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