

BISHOP'S COLLEGE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2010/2011

The Executive Committee of the PTA took office for the year 2010/2011 at the AGM held in November 2010. They met regularly during the ensuing period which comprised 6 meetings and also held 02 Ordinary General Meetings during the year 2011.

During the ensuing year, the following changes occurred amongst the members of the Executive Committee

1. Ms. Uma Mahadevan resigned from the post of Committee Member representing the staff in February 2011 and Ms.Sumudu Jayawickrema was appointed in her place.
2. Ms.Tharangi Goonethilake who was appointed a Committee Member at the previous AGM did not attend 3 consecutive meetings and thus vacated her post by default. Ms.Shaan Jayawardena was appointed in her place in July 2011 and she resigned in October 2011 due to an overseas posting. Ms. F.H. Gaffoor was appointed to fill in this vacancy consequent to the nominations called for at the OGM held during the 2nd term.
3. Ms. Michelle Wickremasekera resigned as a Committee member in September 2011 . Nominations are being called for at the 61st AGM to fill in this vacancy.
4. Dr.Prasanna Cooray has been appointed the PTA Representative on the Board of Governors of Bishops College consequent to the resignation of Ms Michele Wickremasekera who held this post earlier.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING FOR THE LENT TERM, 2011

The First Ordinary General Meeting held in the Lent Term was on 16th of March 2011 at the Main Hall of the school. The Guest Speaker at the meeting was Dr.Chandani Liyanage, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Sociology of the University of Colombowho spoke on the topic "Socialisation of the girl child". The meeting was very well attended.

During this term we bid farewell to the out going Principal Mrs Hemamali Bibile who served our school from May 2003 for a period of 8 years.

ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING FOR THE TRINITY TERM, 2011

The Second Ordinary General Meeting for the Trinity Term was held on the 13th of July 2011 in the Main Hall. The Guest Speaker Emeritus Professor Carlo Fonseka addressed the gathering on the topic "Wellbeing of the Student".His presentation was well received.

BUILDING PROJECTS

We inform you with great pleasure that the renovations to the staff room have been completed. The renovations included the tiling of the floor, putting grills to the windows, building a separate pantry area and changing the layout of the staff room to include separate work area and a lounge area. New Notice Boards, chairs, water dispensers,tea flasks and computer tables were purchased and the lockers varnished.

EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Steps have been taken to upgrade the syllabus for the subject of English from Grade 6 upwards from next year by incorporating new texts for literature poetry and grammar. This has been done with a view to improve the standard of English of the students of Bishop's College. This is in addition to the material set out in the Government syllabus.

SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

Hockey- Bishop's College beat Ladies College 2- nil at the 7th Annual Under 19 Hockey Encounter held earlier this year, to take possession of the Bishop's Ladies Shield. The team is coached by National Hockey player, Ms DineshaPerera and Mr. G.H. Jayatissa. The Teachers in Charge are Miss Ransirini Fernando , Mrs RajithaKulasekera and Mrs.Zeinab Barry.

Hockey player Amira Ghafoor was chosen to represent the Western Province Hockey Team which was placed second.

Water Polo- The Bishop's College Water Polo team emerged the Sri Lanka Womens' National Champions this year beating the Sri Lanka AirForce Team to achieve this great victory.The Team is

coached by Mr. Danushka De Saram & Mr. Lasith Perera. The teachers in charge are Mrs. Razika Anzar, & Miss Lakmali Wijesinghe.

Rowing- Our rowers were well placed at the Nationals. The team also performed well at the Asian Schools Rowing Association meet held in India. The Team is coached by Mr. Lloyd while the teacher in charge is Mrs. Beatrice Devasagayam.

Diving- Nivanka Nanayakkara was selected as the Champion at the Junior Nationals held in October this year. Our team has successfully won most of the Diving Championships they have taken part in this year. The divers are coached by Mr. Esiri Kankanige and the teachers in charge are Mrs. Geetha Disanayake and Mrs. Harshini Dissanayake.

Tennis- The under 19 team became the Champions in the Sri Lanka Schools' Tournament. The team is coached by Ms. Maheshi Seneviratne and the teachers in charge are Mrs. Sharmila Mohamed and Mrs. Princy Horshington.

PROJECTS- In an effort to get the input from the general body of parents in order for the Executive committee to carry out projects for the development of the school and the growth and progress of its students, the Committee drafted and sent out a circular to all the parents requiring them to respond to the set of questions set out in the circular on a purely voluntary basis. The responses will be analysed and it will help the Committee to discuss and prioritize itself as to the type of projects it should embark on which would be beneficial to the school as well as the students. The responses have not been satisfactory and the parents have been given time till end of the third term to send in their output. Translations of the circular in Sinhala and Tamil are also available in the school office.

The Executive Committee have earmarked certain fund raisers for the ensuing year to raise funds for PTA projects. They are namely

1. Project for the purchase of a mini bus – This is the primary project of the PTA and steps are being taken to have fund raisers to enable the school to fulfil this task. The main fundraisers for this project would be the Band Festival to be held in March 2012 in collaboration with the Interact Club of Bishops College and the BC Walk 2012 scheduled to be held in June 2012. The Band Festival Committee is headed by Mr. Devinda Amarasuriya and Mrs. Zainab Barry and the BC Walk committee is spearheaded by Mrs. Cheryl Cooray and Ms. Rochelle Tissaratchi. Assistance by way of funds and services from parents are sought for these projects.
2. Christmas Card Project – Mrs. Hidaya Gaffoor a member of the committee has been instrumental in this project where Art work by the students have been incorporated into cards to be sold during the Christmas Season. All children will be given a pack of these cards to be sold and the proceeds to be utilized for the projects of the PTA. The parents cooperation is expected when the cards are sent through their children to be sold.

WELCOMING OUR NEW PRINCIPAL

Our new Principal, Ms Sharmila Gunatilleke commenced her term of office in the Second term. The Institution and Installation of the new Principal took place on the 31st of May 2011 at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Polwatte. General assemblies were conducted separately for the Primary Middle and Upper schools to introduce her to the students.

MEETING THE PARENTS

Parents Day has been held during each term to enable parents to discuss their concerns with the respective teachers.

In conclusion, the members of the Executive Committee of the Parent Teacher Association wish to convey our sincere thanks to the Principal for her support, cooperation, guidance and motivation to initiate activities and projects for the betterment of the school.

We would also like to say a big thank you to the Vice Principal for your understanding and encouragement.

On behalf of the Exco, we will be failing in our duty if we do not make a special mention of all the teachers serving on the executive committee of this association. A special thank you to the tutorial staff for the co-operation extended to us at all times.

We also wish to convey our sincere appreciation to the office staff; Ann, Viroshini, Desiree, Mrs Pillai and Mr. Tissa Fernando for all the assistance extended to us.

Finally a big thank you to all you parents for being here today and lending support to implement the projects.