

The Parent-Teacher Association of Bishop's College

The Parent-Teacher Association of Bishop's College comprising of parents as well as teachers was established with the primary objective to "assist the development and progress of the children, both at home and at school, by promoting understanding and co-operation between parents and teachers."

In keeping with the above objective, the Parent-Teacher Association identifies and carries out various projects within the school, utilizing income generated from fundraisers organized from time to time.

The Executive Committee of the Bishop's College Parent Teacher Association:

President	Mrs. Chemali Goonetilleke Herath
Vice Presidents	1. Ms. Chrishnika Galbadage 2. Mr. Vijaya Ratnayake
PTA Representative to the Board of Governors	
Joint Secretaries	1. Mrs. Anusha De Silva 2. Mrs. Srinika Gunawardena Linden
Treasurer	Mrs. Anjana Fernando
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. Rajiv Wanniarachchi

Committee- Teachers	Mrs. Anoma Seneviratne Mrs. Virginia Thalpavila Mrs. Sathindra Amarasinghe Mrs. Shehani Raddalgoda
Parents	Mrs. Shanika Nanayakkara Mr. Dammika Ganegama Mrs. Samitha Wijendra Mr. Nuwan Jayawickrama

Participation in development activities of the school.

The PTA spearheaded many important projects during the past few years. The KG Frontage paving and Face Lift, installation of 2 new gates at James Pieris Mawatha entrances, construction of a new Tuck Shop for the Primary section and a modern steel enclosure for parking the school bus and the Principal’s vehicle, reconstruction of the Standard Block washrooms, air conditioning the Main Hall and installing new curtains, lights and sound systems, assisting in construction of the perimeter security fence and CCTV Camera system are few of these projects.

Projects completed by the PTA for the year 2020/2021

- 1) Contributed Rs. 442,000/- being 10% of the purchase value for procuring laptops for teachers.
- 2) Attended to repairs and maintenance work to the Hostel and Day Care and provided 50 beds, 50 mattresses and 50 bedside cupboards at a cost of Rs. 1,328,000.
- 3) Actively involved in the installation of wash basics and other sanitizing requirements at the entrances and throughout the school.

Projects in progress

- 1) Construction of a dedicated garbage disposal enclosure with segregated sections as advised by the Colombo Municipal Council. Work is scheduled to be completed by 15th September 2021. Estimated cost- Rs. 1,300,000.
- 2) Installing dispensers with UV filtration to provide safe drinking water.

Fundraisers 2020/21

The PTA planned two major Fundraisers for the years 2020/21 with a view of utilizing the funds for the renovation and redesign of Bookshop and the senior school Tuck Shop. Unfortunately both these fundraisers had to be abandoned with the advent of the pandemic in March 2020:-

- Band Heroes
- Sing-A-Long

Other activities:-

The PTA is largely instrumental in keeping the school premises clean, dengue-free and making sure that all precautions taken against the Covid-19 pandemic is adhered to.

- 1) The Environmental Sub-Committee regularly inspects the school to make sure the premises are always kept clean and dengue-free.
- 2) Two PTA Executive Committee Members spearheaded the expert committee in successfully planning and implementing the online platform for the school.
- 3) Certain members of the Executive Committee are part of the School Covid-19 Response Team responsible for coordinating the Covid-19 infection prevention guidelines. A Policy and Procedure document had also been formulated and this document covers all aspects of the subject of safety guidelines preparedness in this pandemic situation. A well-stocked store is maintained for all chemicals and equipment needed.

A number of new vital projects have been identified as further value additions to the facilities of the school. Initial planning is currently underway. The PTA will assist the Principal and Vice Principal to implement these projects as and when they commence.

The Executive Committee of the PTA keep in constant touch with the Principal and offer every possible assistance in all activities of the school whenever needed.

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