

Dear Parents & Friends of Wesley,

Here we are, drawing near to the end of another term and we are pleased to share with you some of the significant highlights. While keeping you posted on the happenings here at Wesley, we would also wish to draw the attention of parents' on a few matters of concern, as we continue to provide a safe environment which will motivate the students to reach their greatest potential. We look forward to working with parents more closely in order to ensure that we intellectually challenge our students to become critical thinkers.



A system to monitor each student on a monthly basis has been introduced. This monthly evaluation report will indicate the monthly marks, expected marks, term mark and also a graph to show the progress of the student on each subject. This would enable the parents to understand their children's position in class at a glance.

We would also appreciate the attention of parents to be drawn towards the use of social media by students. As students are exposed to these Social Medias after school hours, we urge each individual family to decide which types of technology your children are able to access and moreover, talk with your children about the potential negative sides. This would enable them to be on the right track and not be at a loss even when tricky social issues come up online.

Thank you for being supportive and appreciative partners of our school and we look forward to your continuous assistance in all our endeavours.

**PRINCIPAL**

## GRADE 1 – 2017

The Grade 1 welcome assembly took place in the month of January, 2017, at all three locations of Wesley College. The new bunch of children were given a very warm welcome as they stepped into their 'home away from home'.



## INDUCTION OF PRINCIPAL (ACTING)



Mr Avanka Fernando was inducted as the New Acting Principal of Wesley College, Colombo, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2017, at the College Main Hall, by Rev Asiri Perera, President / Bishop of Methodist Church Sri Lanka. The service of Induction was witnessed by Rev Kingsley Weerasinghe, Secretary of the Conference, Methodist Church Sri Lanka, Rev & Mrs Noel Fernando, Representatives from the Board of Governors, members of the Ex-Co of the OBU, PTA, OWSC & Welfare Society, Co- Vice Principals, Sectional Heads, Teachers and senior students. We wish our Principal all the very best and pray for God's guidance to be upon him, as he takes on the responsibility of nurturing and guiding the community of Wesley.

## INDUCTION OF SENIOR PREFECT, PREFECTS & SUB PREFECTS

The Senior Prefect, Prefects and Sub-prefects were appointed at the General Assembly. We wish them all the very best as they strive to meet the expectation of the College by setting an example among their fellow students.

Installation of prefects and sub-prefects 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2017.

# A/L - 2016

The students who obtained 'best results' at the GCE A/L examination, 2016 were recognized at a special assembly.

From left: Mazin Imthiaz, Mahdi Rezvi, Yahia Jaffer, Roshana Perera, Senith Manchanayake, Kisal Sooriarachchi, Chamika Amarasinghe.

Absent: Dedun Liyanage, Muhammed Fazal, Harith Fernando, Kaumada Gunasekara.



## '82 BATCH RE-UNION

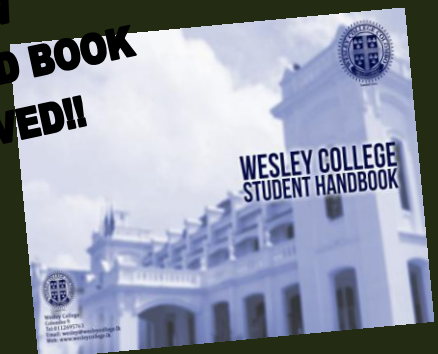
Memories of being together at school was brought back by the batch of 1982. The Old boys of this batch along with their families came in for a time of fellowship and union to the School which has molded them to be what they are today.



## BACK TO CHAPEL

In order to generate a strong bond with the past students of the SCM, an evening of prayer and fellowship was organized by the present SCM. These past members will be invited to speak to the boys during the SCM meetings.

**THE NEW  
STUDENT HAND BOOK  
HAS ARRIVED!!**



## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- A seminar for primary school teachers was held on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, to streamline the syllabus.
- Links have been formed with the Department of English of the University of Colombo, to train our teachers of English Language. As an initial stage, a needs assessment evaluation was held today (7<sup>th</sup> March) by some lecturers from the English Department. This would enable them to plan a customized curriculum according to their needs.

**WESLEY FRATERNITY T SHIRTS  
ARE AVAILABLE @ SCHOOL OFFICE**



## WESLEY CELEBRATES 143 YEARS OF

### EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

A Special Assembly was held to commemorate the 143<sup>rd</sup> Founders' Day of Wesley College on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017. The celebration was followed by friendly matches between the Old and present boys and a service of thanksgiving in remembrance of our founders and the faithfulness of God was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March at 8:30 a.m. at which Dr Ivor Poobalan was the guest speaker. It was a great encouragement to see the increased number of participants at this service.



## 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING @ WESLEY COLLEGE

Wesley is the 14<sup>th</sup> Colombo Scout Troop which is one of the oldest Scout troops in Sri Lanka. Wesley College from its inception has been focusing unrelentingly on student learning which was not limited only to theory. As a step towards enhancing the capacity of the students and thereby identifying the significance of scouting and the impact it would make in the lives of our students, Rev P T cash founded the Scouting movement at Wesley in 1917. Scouting in general, enables its members to develop themselves emotionally, socially, intellectually & physically so that they can make a positive contribution to their communities and the wider world. The centenary celebration commenced with an open rally which was followed by a Special assembly at which the President of the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka & the District Commissioner were present.



### **OBU UK PRESIDENT VISITS WESLEY....**

President of the OBU in UK visited the school on the Founders day. We look forward to their continued support towards the welfare of the school



### **SPELLING BEE**

The Tampola Primary school had their Spelling Bee Competition recently.





## BOTANICAL GARDEN PROJECT

A Botanical Garden is being constructed within the School premises. This was an initiative of the students from Grade 6 – 11. A special word of gratitude to all the parents who contributed so generously towards this project.

## KALAI VIZHA 2017

The Tamil Literary Union presented their cultural show titled 'Kalaisaagaram 2017' on Saturday the 25th at 4p.m at Ramakrishna Mission, Wellawatte.



## YOUNG SPEAKER 2017

Yusuf Barrie became the 1<sup>st</sup> runner up at the Young Speaker 2017 which was organized by the British School in Colombo. The finals were held at the Jaic Hilton and the contestants comprised of national and international schools.



## OLD BOYS ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

An Invitation was extended to a few of our Old boys to be present at the general assembly once a month and address the students. We are grateful to Mr Jeremy Brohier, Mr Farman Cassim and Mr Prashan de Visser who accepted our invitation event inspite of their very busy schedule.

## GCE ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATION 2016

Our heartiest congratulations to the 11 students who obtained 9 As and the 16 who obtained 8 As. A special assembly was held recently to recognize their hard work and commitment.



## DRAMA WORKSHOP

Another drama workshop was organized on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017, in the College main hall, which was conducted by Mr Jerome De Silva, who is a prominent Director of Shakespeare Drama and Theatre artist. The recently held workshop was open to the girls of Methodist College. The students of both schools were highly benefitted and responses were positive.



- ❖ Wesley College regained the Sir Oliver Goonetilleke Trophy by winning the match against S Thomas' College.



- ❖ The Rugby team had another triumphant victory at the encounter with Prince of Wales College & Science College.

## SPORTS ROUND – UP

### RUGBY

- ❖ The new Rugby captain and vice captains for the year 2017 were appointed. Picture shows the Captain - Denister Gunathilake & Vice captains: Shamil Amath & Avantha Lee together with the Principal.



## MARTIAL ARTS

Dayaan Bahardeen won a Silver Medal at the 2nd Muay Boran World Championship (2nd International Thai Martial Arts Championship) which was held in Bangkok, Thailand, from the 12th to the 16th of March 2017. Around 56 countries participated in this Championship and Dayaan was the youngest participant to represent Sri Lanka in the U19, (54 kilos) category. His final match was against Indonesia. Although the fight was a tie until the end, the final decision was based on technical points and awarded to Indonesia and Dayann emerged as the Silver Medalist.

It is a remarkable achievement for the 18 year-old, at his first World Championship. Wesley is tremendously proud of his achievement.



## SFKE OPEN KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Rayan Perera of Wesley Primary in Thampola was awarded at the Championship at the SFKE Karate Championship 2017.



## CRICKET

- ❖ The 1st Eleven Cricket Team members after their tremendous performance with St. Joseph's College at the centenary cricket encounter.



- ❖ Shenal became the best bowler of the match in the Royal vs Wesley 124<sup>th</sup> cricket encounter.
- ❖ Thilina Perera placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the first week in the Dialog 4G- The Sunday Times most popular schoolboy cricketer of the year 2017.

## SPORTS MEET

- ❖ The Senior school & the Primary school had their Annual Sports meet on 17<sup>th</sup> February & 9<sup>th</sup> March respectively. Mr Jeremy Brohier graced the Senior Sports meet by his presence as the Chief Guest of the event and Mr & Mrs Hapugalla graced the Primary School sports meet by their presence. We are grateful to these loyal old boys who have always assured us of their support.



## WESLEY WEBSITE KEEPS GETTING BETTER!.....

Please do visit our newly designed website and be updated of the



events of the School. Do get in touch with us with your comments / suggestions, on [Wesley@wesleycollege.lk](mailto:Wesley@wesleycollege.lk)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ End of Term – 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2016
- ✓ Reopening for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term - 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2017
- ✓ Scouts Camp 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017
- ✓ Wesley – Kingswood L E Blazer Trophy Encounter : 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017.
- ✓ A/L class commencement : 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017