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**MARIS
STELLA
COLLEGE
Old Boys
Association**

Message from the Principal

MSC - NEGOMBO

*“We have got positives
& negatives just like
day & night. ...”*





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A REFLECTION ON CONTINUATION OF MARIS LEGACY BY REV BROTHER PRINCIPAL

Jesus heals the man born blind (Jn 9)

“Master, was he born blind because of a sin of his, or his parents?”

“Neither for his own sin nor for his parents’. He was born blind so that God’s power might be shown in him.”

“While it is day we must do the work of the one who sent me ; for the night will come when no one can work, As long as I’m in the world, I’m the light of the world.”

By questioning the “why” we can’t have all the satisfying responses Because our knowledge & understanding about the reason is very limited. We could formulate an idea in the mind about the reason, but always it run short of providing a bare minimal answer which we regard as a truthful one.

Positive Thinking

We have got positives & negatives just like day & night. “While it is day we must do the work of the one who sent me.” Day could be compared to the positive attitude towards



Rev. Br. Sunanda Alwis (Principal – MSC Negombo)

life. Keeping the mind always up without getting discouraged. Because we are being made to work & act during the day.

At Maris Stella, we have been taught how to embrace the newness & positivity of life. Every passing challenge would be overcome through the power of Maris Legacy that we have inherited from Maris Stella College.

Let me remind you once again through the words of our College Anthffromage

**All ye lads of Maris Stella, proudly sing
Let your voices boldly ring, Face life’s trials bravely
Act upon your motto gravely
“Iter para Tutum”**



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MESSAGE FROM THE HONY. GENERAL SECRETARY

As we progress through 2024, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable strides our association has made. The collaboration between our seasoned members and the younger generation bringing fresh, innovative ideas has truly been the foundation of our success.

This year has been marked by outstanding accomplishments across various events. Edura 2024 - The Global Education Fest was a resounding triumph, bringing together an Edu Fair, Book Fair, and Job Fair under one roof. Our College Day Celebration Mass united us in faith and fellowship, while the Lifetime Awards Program paid tribute to those who have made lasting contributions to our cherished school.

A particular highlight was the Maris Motor Rally 2024, alongside its vibrant after-party. Despite challenges, the event was a massive success, thanks to a dynamic Organizing Committee of young, energetic members who showcased the strength and resilience of our Maris Brotherhood.

In addition to these events, I'm thrilled to announce the launch of a new user interface for our OBA website, marisstellaoba.com. This update ensures the site remains aligned with the latest trends and continues to be a valuable resource for all our members.

As we move forward together, I extend my deepest thanks to each of you for your dedication and unwavering support.

Let us continue to carry the spirit of Maris Stella with enthusiasm and unity, always under the blessings of Mother Mary.

Wishing you all the very best.

Warm regards,
Nalaka Perera
General Secretary,

Maris Stella College Old Boys Association 2024

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Mr. Nalaka Perera



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

“As we come together once again in the pages of our beloved newsletter, it fills me with immense joy to witness the unyielding spirit and camaraderie that continue to define our Old Boys Association. As the editor, I am honored to bring you the latest news and updates from our community.

The Old Boys Association (OBA) of Maris Stella College has had a remarkable few months, marked by significant events and milestones. In July, we successfully hosted the annual Maris Motor Rally and after party. The event was a testament to the enduring bond shared by Maristonians, and we thank all participants and organizers for their dedication. Additionally, we had the honor of presenting the Lifetime Achievement Award to Maristonians who have brought pride to our alma mater. Their unwavering commitment and excellence continue to inspire current and future students.

Finally, we take immense pride in recognizing all Maristonians who have achieved significant accomplishments in various fields, from academics to arts and beyond. Their success stories are a source of pride for the entire Maris Stella community. As we look forward to future endeavors, we remain committed to fostering unity, excellence, and service within our ranks, ensuring that the legacy of our school and the Maris Stella Old Boys Association continues to shine brightly.



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Mr. Dempsey Fernando



MESSAGE FROM BRO. DULANGA



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Dear Old Boys,

Our schools have now progressed in different fields in academics, sports, and games to be deemed one of the most renowned schools in the country with esteemed discipline. For over a century, our primary goal has been to produce productive and effective students for the world at large. This effort intertwined with our vision and mission is quite evident in the success of our commitment and dedication we have put into raising you to such a height; whoever and wherever you are today, our Alumni Brothers.

We deeply appreciate your contributions over the past century. From your early days as members of the Marist Family, you have done your best to bear witness to the "Marist Spirit" around the world, and we are deeply proud of the efforts you now make as alumni to uphold our school, our family spirit, and our Marist vision.

Discipline in children is an extremely important factor in today's society. In my view, self-discipline is the strength to face any situation effectively.

Rev.Br. Dulanga Fernando (Maris South Asia)





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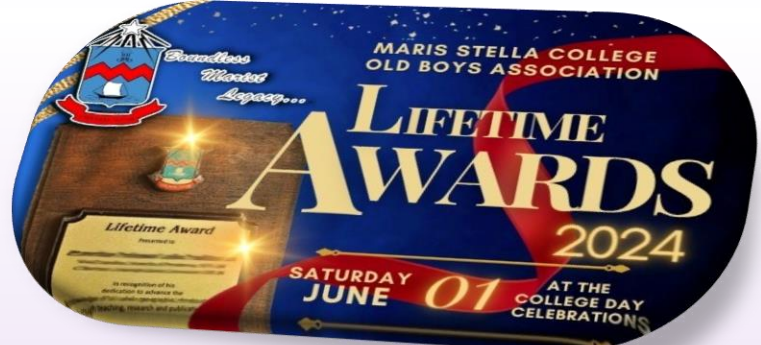
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The life's journey of a Maristonian is meant to serve and to inspire others to follow and achieve greater heights in serving humanity at large and the Maris fraternity in particular.

The ceremony to present Lifetime Awards was held on 1st June 2024 at the OBA Centre, Negombo. Awarded once in a lifetime to an individual, the award recognises Maris Alumni who have made significant contributions to the development of education, administration, sports and extra-curricular activities of Maris Stella Colleges. The award is also open to old boys who have excelled in their chosen profession and reached the pinnacle of their career, with exceptional contribution to society.

Twelve awards were presented this year.

Recipients of Lifetime Awards 2024 (L-R)

M. A. J. Frank Fernando

(Student Maris Stella: 1960-1967), renowned volleyball player who represented Sri Lanka in volleyball and uplifted the game in Negombo.

Mr. S. A. C. R. W. Jayatilake

(Student Maris Stella: 1956-1969), former Director of Physical Education, Ministry of Education, for his exemplary service to develop sports and for his achievements as the Vice Captain in the national volleyball team.

Mr. Lucien F. A. Fernandopulle

(Student Maris Stella 1958 -1970) Engineer, for his exemplary service to Maris fraternity as Secretary OBA 1995, 1997, 1998 and President OBA 1999, 2002, 2003.

Mrs Tyronne Fernando, receiving on behalf of **Professor Tyrone Fernando**

(Student Maris Stella 1978-1982), Lead Researcher and Professor at University of Western Australia, for his contribution to research on clean energy development.

Dr. A. A. Stanley Oilver De Silva

(Student Maris Stella 1953 – 1966), Doctor of Medicine, for his dedication to medical administration and exemplary contribution to the eradication of Malaria from Sri Lanka.

Rev. Bro. Godfrey Edward Perera

(Student Maris Stella 1959-1965, teacher 1971-1974, principal 1996-2002), for his lifelong dedication to teaching and administration of the college.





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B. M. Srilal Fernando

(Student Maris Stella 1963-1974, teacher 1977-1996, section head 1977-2003, deputy principal administration 2004-2022) for his lifelong contribution to teaching and administration of the college.

Mrs. W. M. M. Nalini Fernando

(Teacher Maris Stella 1979-2002, deputy principal academic 2002- 2016) for her lifelong dedication to teaching in the commerce stream and to administration of the college.

Mr Anil Silva, President’s Counsel,

(Student Maris Stella 1961-1972) for his contribution to legal education and knowledge building in the legal profession.

Mr Maxwell Tissera

(Student Maris Stella 1951-1963) Engineer, for dedicated and continued service to the OBA (President 2004-2005) and to the profession of engineering.

Amal Randeniya, receiving on behalf of **Mr Mohamed Ikram Mohamed**, President’s Counsel, (Student Maris Stella 1956-1965), Chairman Law Commission 2024, for his for contribution to the legal profession.

Awarded in absentia: Air Chief Marshal A. Walter Fernando, VSV,

(Student Maris Stella 1939 -1951), Commander Sri Lanka Air Force 1985-1990, for his lifelong dedicated service to the country and Sri Lanka Air Force.



Pradeep Peiris, President OBA said “This year we are recognizing twelve Maris Alumni who have excelled in their chosen profession.

We are honoured to have among the nominees three academics who dedicated their entire career to teaching and administration of the college, and two past presidents of the OBA who are both engineers.

Among the recipients are two sportsmen who are well known in Negombo, and a medical doctor whose dedicated work has contributed to the eradication of Malaria.

We are also honouring two President’s counsel, a professor of engineering and, most importantly, the oldest living Commander of Sri Lanka Air Force.

All these gentlemen and lady have brought honour to the College in all their words and deeds”.

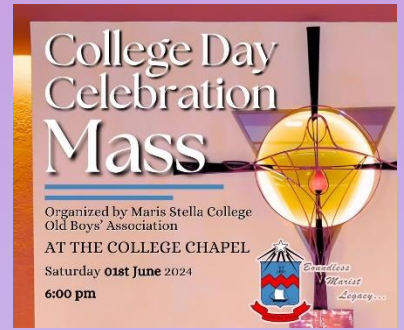
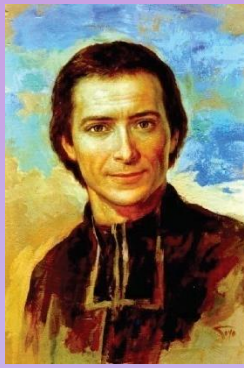


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CELEBRATING COLLAGE DAY WITH FAITH AND UNITY

We recently celebrated Collage Day with a beautiful Holy Mass organized by Maris Stella College Negombo Old Boys Association at the College Chapel.

It was a heartwarming event that brought our community together, reminding us of the values and spirit that bind us.



Thank you to everyone who participated and made this day special. Let's continue to uphold the traditions and camaraderie that make our collage unique. Blessings to all!





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MARIS CRICKET LEGENDS: A YEAR OF GROWTH, UNITY, AND GIVING BACK

The Maris Cricket Legends (MCL) have actively participated in several matches since the beginning of the year. Following the success of their first-ever Annual General Meeting (AGM) in August 2023, MCL has continued to thrive, primarily engaging in friendly encounters over the past few months.

In April, the MCL families came together for a grand Sinhala New Year celebration. Members and their families donned traditional Avurudhu attire and enjoyed a day filled with authentic Avurudhu delicacies and games. The event, organized with great care and passion, fostered a strong sense of team spirit and camaraderie among the participants.



In addition to their sporting engagements, the MCL demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Kasun Bulathsinhala, a member from MCL Australia, two new cricket bats were donated—one to the main school of Maris Stella College and the other to Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa. These bats were officially handed over to the respective school principals in a small ceremony.



However, this year was also marked by sorrow. The MCL community was deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Mr. Ruwan Weeramanthri, a fellow legend and beloved brother of Lakpriya Weeramanthri, who is also a cherished member of the Maris Cricket Legends. His loss is profoundly felt by all who knew him.



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NEW OFFICE BEARERS AT MSC BATCH OF 1983

MSC 83 Legends held their Annual General Meeting on 17th August at OBA Centre, Negombo.

Following office bearers were elected for the period 2024/25.

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|----------------|-------------------------|
| President | - Maxwell Fonseka |
| Vice President | - Peterson Fernando |
| Secretary | - Rupert Outschoorn |
| Asst Secretary | - Sujith Dabrera |
| Treasurer | - Ramesh Perera |
| Asst Treasurer | - Neville Thilakarathne |





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REQUIUM MASS ORGANIZED BY MSC BATCH OF 1985

We 85 batch of MSC Organised an requium mass for our departed 17 Classmates on the 6th of July at the college Chapel with all of the parents of departed Classmates, relations and loved ones



The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev Father Milroy our grade 8 class teacher and master in charge of prefects.





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ANNUAL ALMS GIVING BY MSC BATCH OF 1985

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We 85 batch of MSC had our annual alms giving event held on the July 12th Friday, in a remote village closer to Wilpaththu Under the leadership of Ajith Rienze and the team of our batch mates.





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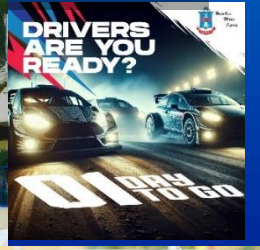
A SPECTACULAR CELEBRATION OF MOTORSPORTS AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

The Maris Motor Rally (MMR) 2024, organized by the Maris Stella College Old Boys' Association (OBA) of Negombo, once again proved why it is the most prestigious motorsports event in the Gampaha District. Since its inception in 2008, MMR has captivated audiences with its thrilling competition, top-tier management, and quality entertainment, solidifying its status as a hallmark event in the region.

THE RALLY: A Day of Adrenaline and Competition

The excitement kicked off on July 20th at the Maris Stella College premises, where motorsports enthusiasts gathered for a day filled with high-octane action. Starting at 8:30 AM, participants showcased their driving skills and competitive spirit, navigating through challenging courses designed to test their limits.

The rally attracted a diverse crowd, including seasoned drivers and newcomers eager to make their mark in the motorsports world. The meticulous planning and flawless execution by the OBA ensured that every aspect of the rally ran smoothly, further enhancing its reputation for excellence.





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THE AFTER PARTY: An Evening of Celebration and Entertainment

The celebration continued on July 27th with the much-anticipated After Party at the Kadol Uyana grounds in Negombo. Starting at 6:30 PM, the venue transformed into a vibrant hub of music, dance, and celebration. Despite facing numerous challenges, including last-minute location changes and a committee comprising freshers, the organizing team pulled off a spectacular event that left attendees in awe.



The After Party featured electrifying performances by the bands **2Forty2** and **Lunudehi**, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening. The highlight of the night was a performance by the renowned artist **Umaria**, whose soulful voice and dynamic presence captivated the audience. The energy was palpable as guests danced and celebrated, making the After Party a massive success.





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MARIS MOTOR RALLY

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ELEVATED LOUNGE

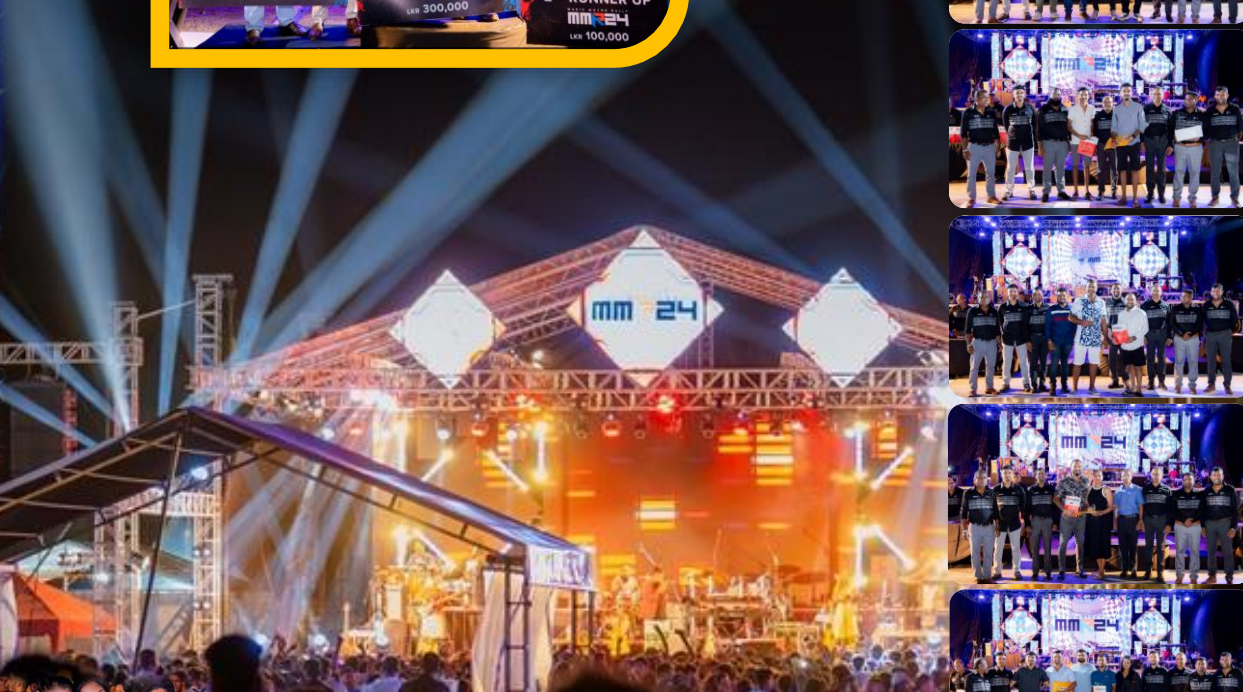




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MARIS MOTOR RALLY MMR24

OVERCOMING CHALLENGES: A Testament to Dedication and Teamwork

Organizing an event of this magnitude is no small feat, and the MMR 2024 team faced its fair share of challenges. The last-minute requirement for a location change for the After Party tested the committee's resilience and problem-solving skills. However, the team's dedication and unwavering commitment ensured that the event went off without a hitch.



Additionally, the involvement of freshers in the organizing committee brought fresh perspectives and innovative ideas, contributing to the overall success of the event. Their enthusiasm and hard work, combined with the experience and guidance of seasoned members, created a perfect blend of tradition and innovation.

A LASTING IMPACT: Supporting Education and Sports

The funds raised from the Maris Motor Rally 2024 will be used to support several important initiatives at Maris Stella College. These include providing scholarships for deserving students, ensuring access to quality education, and enhancing the school's sports programs by upgrading facilities and purchasing new equipment. The success of MMR 2024 not only brought joy and excitement to the community but also made a significant impact on the lives of students and the future of the school.

The Maris Motor Rally 2024 was a resounding success, showcasing the best of motorsports and community spirit. From the thrilling competition on July 20th to the unforgettable After Party on July 27th, the event was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of everyone involved. The Maris Stella College Old Boys' Association once again demonstrated why MMR is the premier motorsports event in the Gampaha District, leaving a lasting legacy that will be remembered for years to come.





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MSC '93 GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

MSC OBA Management Committee take this Opportunity to wish the Batch of '93 on their Golden Jubilee Celebrations.





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MSC '99 SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

MSC OBA Management Committee take this Opportunity to wish the Batch of '99 on their Silver Jubilee Celebrations.





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Soft-Opening of Members Lounge

We are glad to inform the soft opening of Members Lounge under the new catering service provider.

Chef Ravindra brings more than 20 years of experience in his field and has introduced many new dishes into the A'La Carte and can use the QR code to order your choice.

Rev Fr Patrick conducted the holy blessing at the reopening of our services.



MSC OBA Centre Committee take this opportunity to thank President Pradeep and the all parties who extended their fullest corporation to leverage the facilities at Centre.

We Invite and encourage our fellow Maristonions to utilize this facility in having various celebrations.
Note: the Facility needs to be prior booked by contacting the center management.





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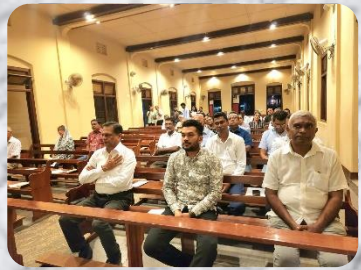
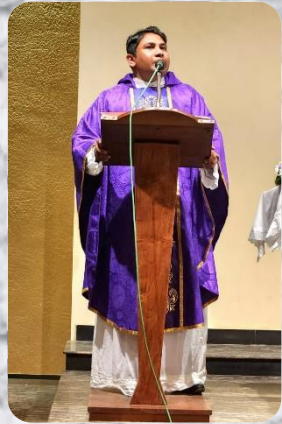


LET'S SAY "THANK YOU" FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS AND GUIDANCE.

It's a long tradition of MSC OBA to conclude the activities of the year by celebrating a holy mass. As we are beginning the season of Advent, this year too MSC OBA as one family gathered at the college chapel on last day of November for the holy mass.

Many families participated. This thanks giving and requiem mass was celebrated by **Rev Fr. Suranga Warnakulasooriya of MSC Batch of 2005.**

The priest preached about the advent of the Messiah and the second arrival of the Lord Jesus Christ with Glory. He highlighted that we have to be ready for his second arrival.



The introduction was delivered by Vice President Dr Tilak Siyambalapitiya and vote of thanks proposed by the incoming President Mr Dhammika Fernando.



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**MARISTONION RESEARCHER RECOGNIZED
BY
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.**



Renowned Maristonion Researcher and Scientist, **Ranjan Perera, Ph.D** and **Masanobu Komatsu, Ph.D.**, from the **JOHNS HOPKINS ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, USA** had been recognized for their research work in fundamental theoretical or experimental investigations to enhance the understanding of cancer at the molecular, cellular, and organismal levels, as well as the discovery and development of new drugs or therapies.

OXFORD COLLEGE OF BUSINESS OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD 2023

Mr Weckasinghe holds a Six Sigma – GREEN BELT and a MBA form Australian Institute of Business and currently works as Managing Director of Flintec Transducers (pvt) ltd.



Mr.Tyrone Dileepa Weckasinghe is a proud product of **Maris Stella College, Negombo**. We wish all success in his future endeavors.



**CHAIRMAN OF THE INSTITUTE OF HOSPITALITY UK,
SRILANKA REGION**

Congratulations Ramesh Dassanaka, the President of Colombo Branch - MSC OBA on your appointment as Chairman of the Institute of Hospitality UK, Srilanka region with a global membership of renowned, qualified hospitality industry professionals fast reaching 100,000.



MOST POPULAR TELE DRAMA

JANU, won the award for the most popular tele drama of the year (2023) at the Raigam tele awards.

The said tele drama was produced by Indrajith Silva – MSA Social Secretary.

We are confident that Indrajith will win many more awards in the industry and MSA wishes him every success in the future.





PAST MSC BOYS AT LPL



Left to right : Lasith Croospulle, Dasun Shanaka, Wendell Labrooy, Shantha Fonseka, Dushmantha Chameera, Dulan Kodikara.

DR. THILAK SIYAMBALAPITIYA APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN OF CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD.

Dr. Siyambalapitiya graduated from University of Moratuwa, and earned his PhD from the University of Cambridge. He carries 40 years of experience in the energy sector of Sri Lanka, as well as in the region. He has worked in Ceylon Electricity Board, and in Saudi Arabia, on power sector planning and policy. He is a Chartered Engineer, and a Past President of Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association. He is currently an international energy consultant, working with countries in Asia and Africa. He worked in government committees to establish the pricing policy for renewable energy (2006), net metering (2008) and national energy policy (2019).



Dr.Thilak is a proud product of Maris Stella College, Negombo. We wish him all the very best in his new role as the chairman of CEB.



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CASH DONATION TO MSC THIMBIRIGASKATUWA U19 CRICKET TEAM

MSC Thimbirigaskatuwa U19 Cricket team emerged Champions in the U19 Division 2 tier B Cricket tournament,

2023/24 season. In the finals played against Royal Panadura on 05th and 06th May at Surrey Grounds, Maggona, MSC beat Royal with an outright win. As a result of the teams exemplary performance, they were promoted to Division 2 Tier A.

Captain of MSC Thimbirigaskatuwa, Yohan Fernando had an outstanding season scoring 1100 runs and taking 95 wickets. Vishwa Peiris achieved a rare milestone capturing 120 wickets in the season and becoming the only Maristonian to take 100 plus wickets in a season.

The team is coached by MSA Committee member Mevan Fernando.

A cash donation was handed over by MSA in recognition of the teams performance & for further development of the team to Rev Br Mervyn Perera – Principal, Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa by Shannon Ambrose – President MSA & Jayen Costa – Gen Secretary MSA.

STAR a Komar compny sponsors MSA Cricket kits

STAR, very graciously came forward to sponsor MSA Cricket kits for the period 2024/25. Their noble gesture is well appreciated by Marsitonians Sports Association (MSA) and further enhances the good relations that MSA & Star have created. MSA sincerely hopes that the relations created will benefit both entities and trust that STAR will continue to be a proud sponsor of MSA Cricket kits in the future as well.



At a simple ceremony held at STAR office, its Director Operations Jeevith Senarathne handed over the Cricket kits to MSA Cricket Captain Indrajith Silva.



Also present were Sangeeth SilvaPulle – President Star Mercantile Cricket Club, Mevan Fernando – Head Coach Star Mercantile Cricket Club, Shannon Ambrose – President MSA and a few others from Star, involved in Cricket. Mevan Fernando also serves on the Committee of Management of MSA.



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GRASS ROOTS – HOCKEY COACHING CAMP

A Hockey coaching camp was held on 06th and 07th of July at Maris Stella College, Negombo. The camp was held for Hockey Players of the College comprising age groups Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 & Under 20.

The camp had sessions of the following:

Basic skills & development, Team Building, Injury Prevention, Skill Training, Physical Fitness, Game Plan, Warm Up, Feedback & Discussion. The event was concluded with a practice match between the participants. The programme was well accepted by the players who gained valuable knowledge.



The programme was planned with attention to detail and successfully conducted. The event was sphere headed by Naveen Wanigatunga – MSA Secretary Hockey. Our sincere thanks to Mr Tyronne Alwis – MIC Hockey and Dr Rukmal Karunanayake of the Ministry of Sports.



SPONSORSHIP TO MASTER MISHAL FERNANDO

MSA handed over a cash sponsorship to Master Mishal Fernando of Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa in recognition of his selection for the under 21, 22nd Asian Karate Championship held from 23rd August to 25th August in Pasig City, Philippines.

2017 – 2023 Master Fernando was the national champion (Sri Lanka Karate Do Federation). 2022 & 2023 he won the 01st place at the national schools games conducted by the Ministry of Sports.



The cash sponsorship was handed over to Rev Br Mervyn Perera, Principal, Maris Stella College, Thmbirigaskatuwa by Shannon Ambrose – MSA President. .



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MSA Family Trip

The annual MSA family trip was held on 21st and 22nd June. The team spent quality time with their families enjoying every moment with fun and laughter.

Centauria Lake, New Town Embilptiya was the designated hotel where the team found it comfortable and free to participate in various sporting & recreational activities. The lake bordering the hotel was unique

The enjoyment commenced from the moment the bus carrying MSA families left MSC. On our return, we made a stop at “The Shrine of Our Lady of Matarara” where the MSA team offered prayers and received blessings from the Parish Priest.

It was yet another well organized trip with Social Secretary Indrajith Silva spending time to ensure everything went off well. Once we wound up, everyone departed saying thank you and good bye, taking cherished memories with them.



UNDER 12 BOWL CHAMPIONS

MSC Negombo, under 12 football team emerged bowl champions at the all island championship conducted by The Football Federation of Sri Lanka.

In recognition of their achievement and to motivate the team, MSA handed over plaques to the under 12 football team. MSA founder President and Vice Patron Graeme Labrooy sponsored the cost of the plaques.

The handing over of trophies were held at the main pavilion MSC, Negombo. The plaques were handed over to the players by Rev Br Sunanda Alwis – Principal Maris Stella College, Negombo.



Present at the handing over ceremony were Br Ranjith Perera MIC, Mr Susan Thamel – POG, Mr Navod Deshan- MIC, Football coaching staff and trainers, Shannon Ambrose – MSA President, Janaka De Lambert – MSA Vice Patron and ex MSC Football Captain, Hemal Dias-MSA Secretary Football and Primal Vitharana – OBA Treasurer .

The event was successfully organized by Hemal Dias – Secretary Football.



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UEFA EURO 2024 FOOTBALLS TO MSC

MSA made a donation of UEFA EURO 2024 footballs to Maris Stella College, Negombo & Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa.

Lalin Anthony - MSA Secretary Media played a pivotal role in securing the footballs from Singhagiri, agents or Hisense in Sri Lanka. Hisense were the official partner for UEFA EURO 2024 which was held in Germany.

Shannon Ambrose – President MSA along with Hemal Dias – MSA Secretary Football, handed over the footballs on behalf of MSA to Rev Br Sunanda Alwis – Principal Maris Stella College, Negombo where Prefect of Games Susan Thamel too was present and to Rev Br Mervyn Perera – Principal Maris Stella College, Thimbirigaskatuwa.



STARDUST 2024

MSA STARDUST 2024 (25TH Anniversary Edition) was held with much glamour on 03rd May at Avenra Garden Hotel, Negombo. Sarith, Surith with News and Hana entertained the large gathering. Clifford Richards was the compere. Ajith Weerasinghe, a distinguished old boy of Maris Stella College, Negombo graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

Doors to the banquet hall were opened at 7.30pm and event ended well after 1.00am the following day. Many competitions were held to ensure winners walked away with attractive prizes. One such price was, where a table received full cash refund on their ticket purchase. This price was in celebration of MSA 25th anniversary. An return air ticket Colombo/Chennai vv was awarded as first price for the entrance ticket draw. This was in addition to nine other valuable prices.

MSA takes this opportunity to thank the main sponsor Chroma by Bandula Paint Centre, co sponsors Anchor Hot Chocolate, Tuk Tuk wine & dine, other sponsors, well wishes, all those who assisted and all participants for ensuring MSA Stardust 2024 was successfully held.

Stardust 2024 was meticulously planned and executed successfully by Achala Jayalath- Secretary Foreign Affairs who was the project chairman for the event . He was ably assisted by rest of the committee.

Await the next edition of MSA STARDUST in February 2025. .





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ALL ISLAND CYBER ZEE '24 QUIZZ COMPETITION

Team Vipers of our College were placed as the 1st Runners' Up in the All Island Cyber Zee '24 quizz competition organized by the Faculty of Computing & Technology of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

We congratulate our young Maris lads in their achievement which made our Alma Mater proud. Thank you to Mr. Sumedha Appuhamy for his guidance.



TB JAYAH ALL ISLAND SCHOOL BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024



Weight Category: Youth Boy 60 - 63.5 Kg

Gold Medal won by Mas. Ayeshan Madusanka of MSC, Neg.
Thank You to Mr. Sumeda Appuhamy – Master in-charge
Boxing.





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NATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC FEST 2024



St. Marcellin's Choir of our College was able to represent themselves amongst the National Youth Choir for the National Youth Music Fest 2024.

A musical event organized by the Ministry Of Education of Sri Lanka.

The event consisted of choristers all around the Island making the sound of 1000 voices. Along with that through a Solo audition our very own Chorister Mas. Aloke Appuhamy earned the chance to sing the Vocal Male Solo among 1000 other Choristers This is truly a prestigious moment for both our Choir & our Very own Alma Mater.



RUNNERS UP FOR THE ALL ISLAND SCHOOL GAMES WESTERN PROVINCE U20 VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Under 20 Volleyball team of Maris Stella College with Rev. Bro Sunanda Alwis (Principle), Mr. Ajith Kusumsiri (Vice Principle), Mr. Susan Thamel (Prefect Of Games) Mr. Basil Fernando (MIC), Mr. Kushan Perera (MIC) and the Coaches Mr. Channa Jayasekara (Head), Mr. Ruwan Aruna, Mr. Janaka Fernando.



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U 19 DSI VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024 – Gampaha District Runners up

MSC, Neg U 19 Team with Mr. Basil (MIC), Mr. Kushan (MIC), Mr. Channa (Head Coach) & Mr. Aruna, Mr. Janaka (Trainers).



**THE WORLD’S BEST LITERARY PROJECT – AWARDED BY UNESCO HQ, FRANCE
Executed by Colombo Children’s Book Society**



Senior Section : 1st Place
Mas.Vihas S. Lambert of grade 11-D



Junior Section : 2nd Place
Mas.Dihen Silva of grade 9-C



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SUBROTO CUP INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2024



Mr Navod Deshan & Mas. Ayod Silva Represented the national U17 school football team that participated the tournament.



Sri Lanka U17 School National Team

OLYMPIAD INTERNANTIONAL COMPETITION -TURKEY 2024



Mas. Thenuka Senith of Grade 9 Represented Sri Lanka for the **Mathematics Olympiad Competition 2024** which was held in Turkey and Secured the Silver Medal for Srilanka.

While we congratulate Mas. Thenuka on his achievements, we would like to remember all the teachers, elders who helped him and guided him to achieve this victory for our mother land and to our alma mater.

ALL ISLAND SCIENCE OLYMPIAD 2024



Mas. Ryan Perera was selected for a **Merit Award** being ranked all island 7th in Grade 8 – Grade 9 Category.

A word of “Thank You” to all the teachers and his parents who facilitated his participation



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U 17 ALL ISLAND CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024
– Organized by Sri Lanka Cycling Federation

Mas. Rashmika Fernando of MSC Negombo,
won the Gold Medal at the event.



37TH ALL ISLAND SCHOOLS ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

37th All Island Schools Athletics Championship 2024

BRAVO!!!
Maris Stella College, Negombo Athletes won the 37th All Island Schools Athletics Championship @ Sugathadasa Stadium, today with 105 points

1 st	Maris Stella (105)
2 nd	Lyceum (71)
3 rd	Mathara Rahula (64)
3 rd	St. Joseph Vaz (64)

Our thanks to
Mr. Susan Thamel (POG),
Mr. Philip Ranjith ((Head Coach),
Mr. Ajith Priyantha (Physio), Mr. Lalith Silva (Coach),
Mr. Herath (Coach), Mr. shenesh Chanuka (coach),
Mr. Ganeratne (Coach), Mr. Sadeesha Fdo (Coach)
and Mr. Lasaru Prabodhana



Congratulations to the Athletic team of
MSC Negombo, for becoming the
Champions with a score of 105.



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U15 DIVISION | CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2023 – Organized by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association

Best Batsman Winner :
Mas.Kavith De Silva



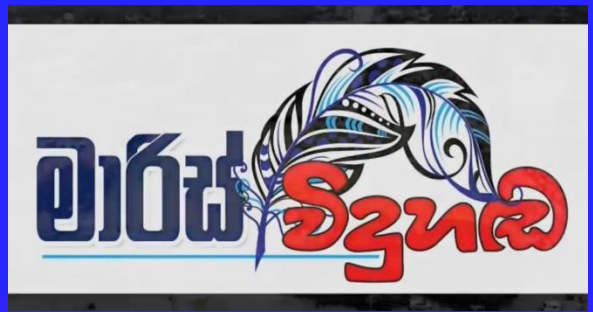
U 20 All Island Schools Chess Tournament - 2024



Congratulations to the Chess Team of MSC Negombo,
for becoming the Champions and bringing glory to our alma mater



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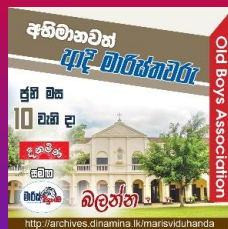


1ST EVER DIGITAL NEWS PAPER BY A SCHOOL IN WESTERN PROVINCE : මාරිස් විදුහල

It's with great pride we announce that we yet another leading step among Western Province schools by our very own Alma Mater.

The Digital Newspaper මාරිස් විදුහල in collaboration with Lake House, consist of School updates/ its' history/ School academic and non-academic events etc.

We invite all our alumnus to refer the Newspaper through the below link.



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FROM THE OBA BRANCHES ALL AROUND THE WORLD



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UK Quadrangular Tournament 2024

Marist Stella College OBA – UK won the “Challenge on the Chalice” trophy 2024 while MSC Old boy Mr. Kevin Anthony securing the “Best Batsman” award and Mr. Frank Appuhamy another Old boy of MSC securing the “Best Bowler” Award.

Below are some click to remember.





MSC OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION - AUSTRALIA



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The newly appointed executive committee for 2024-2025

- ❖ **President** – **Dulshan Mahanayake**
- ❖ **Vice President 1** – **Sahan Hasthi**
- ❖ **Vice President 2** – **Shivanka Peiris**
- ❖ **Secretary** – **Sach Fernando**
- ❖ **Ass.Secretary** – **Sheshan Jayamah**
- ❖ **Treasurer** – **Emil Tissera**
- ❖ **Ass. Treasurer** – **Sujan Rajaratne**

Committee members

- Lionel Fernando
- Rohan de Silva
- Sriyan Perera
- Nilhan Fernando
- Melitus Silva
- Suresh Fernando
- Shalindra Fernando
- Shehan Fernando
- Thilan Perera
- Shenuka De Alwis





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Maris Stella College OBA-UK Vs Holy Cross College OBA-UK

Annual Cricket Match & Family get together with Friends





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MARIS STELLA COLLEGE OBA UK – AGM 2024

The newly appointed executive committee for 2024-2025

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| ❖ Secretary | – Kithsiri Seneviratne |
| ❖ Treasurer | – Rukshan Warnakulasuriya |
| ❖ Vice President | – Praveen Karunasena |
| ❖ Ass.Secretary | – Sam Senanayake |
| ❖ Ass. Treasurer | – Shanilka Fernando |
| ❖ Social Events Coordinator | – Jiva De Lambert |
| ❖ Auditor | – Neville Jayamaha |
| ❖ Compliance Officer | – Clancy Peiris |
| ❖ Regional Coordinator | – Yohan Fernando |

Committee members

- Ruwanal Perera
- Sudantha Perera
- Jeewaka Jayalath
- Joseph Fernando
- Alwyn Martinezz
- Amal Weerasinghe
- Dian De Silva

- FOC Representation
 - Kivan Fernando
 - Kithsiri Seneviratne

- Cricket Captain – Kevin Anthony





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MARIS STELLA COLLEGE OBA ITALY – EUROPE AGM 2024

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- ❖ **Secretary** – Deluxan De Lambert
- ❖ **Treasurer** – Priya Fernando

- ❖ **Vice President 2** – Don Sureen Serasinghe
- ❖ **Ass.Secretary** – Dishan Fernando
- ❖ **Ass.Treasurer** – Dilshan Fernando

