

Newsletter

VISAKHA VIDYALAYA OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION

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“ This year has been a busy year for Visakha Vidyalaya with a series of special events organized to celebrate the school's journey over hundred years and to honour the memory of its visionary founder. The issue of the Commemorative first day Stamp and the launch of the Centenary Coin, Almsgiving for one hundred Bhikkunis, the Visakha Centenary Walk 2017, Centenary School Exhibition and the Visakha Centenary Carnival are some of the highlights of our centenary events calendar that have been concluded very successfully.

As you can imagine, meeting the challenges of a centenary year while keeping up with the academic calendar is no easy task. Our plans could never have been brought to fruition if not for the tireless efforts of many who toiled day and night to ensure that the centenary year will indeed be a cherished one.

As preparations continue for the remaining centenary events, I take this opportunity to thank my staff, students, parents, Old Girls' Association, School Development Committee, well wishers and others who stood strong and tall, lending me a helping hand every step of the way as we planned and executed the centenary celebrations.

I am humbled to be at the helm of this great educational institute at this important time and feel a deep sense of pride and gratitude for all those who have steered this wonderful school safely and soundly through these eventful hundred years. Education is the wings for progress of human kind – beginning with 2017 Visakha Vidyalaya starts another hundred years of service kindling the light of knowledge and learning in young minds, and I have no doubt it will continue to create history in the annals of education in our country.

Wishing you all a peaceful Vesak, I fervently hope that you will continue to strengthen our hands in the future in the same manner you have done in the past.”



Message from the President

Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppola

Centenary Celebrations Kick Off



The Visakha Centenary celebrations commenced with a solemn religious ceremony in the morning of 16th January 2017, under the shade and blessings of the Visakha Bo Maluwa. It was on a day like this a hundred years ago that Mrs Jeremias Dias laid the foundation for what would later become the country's foremost Girls' school. The religious blessings were followed by a special assembly conducted in the Jeremias Dias hall graced by the presence of the Speaker of the Parliament, Honourable Karu Jayasuriya. The highlight of the Assembly was the issuing of the Commemorative Stamp and First Day Cover by the Deputy Minister of Post, Postal Services and Muslim Religious Affairs, Hon. Dulip Wijesekera to the Principal Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppola. The event was complete with speeches by the Honourable Speaker, Principal Mrs S Aviruppola, past principal Mrs M N Edussuriya and past Vice-Principal as well as Old Girl Mrs Sita Siriwardane. The event that was marked with grace and elegance came to an end with the airing of an inspiring documentary on the 100 year journey of the school, directed and produced by the President's Media Unit, and a tea party hosted by the School Development Committee for the distinguished guests.

The Commemorative Stamp and First Day Cover can be purchased from the **VVOGA Secretariat**.



Centenary Coin launch



On the 23rd of January 2017, the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association unveiled the Commemorative Centenary Coin to mark the school's Centenary Jubilee, becoming the first girls' school in the country to issue a commemorative coin to celebrate the centenary year. In a simple yet elegant event held in the school hall, the coin launch took place under the patronage of His Excellency the President of Sri Lanka, Maithripala Sirisena, to whom the first issue of the coin was presented by the Governor of the Central Bank, Dr Indrajit Coomaraswamy. The event was graced by several other distinguished guests, the academic staff and several Visakhians, new and old. It was complete with speeches by the President, Principal and a rhythmic dance performance by our own Visakhians who delivered a beautiful rendition of the "Gajaga Vannama". The program finally came to an end with a vote of thanks proposed by Ms Darshi Neelawathura Bandara, Joint Secretary of the VVOGA, and a tea party hosted by the VVOGA to the distinguished visitors.

A very limited number of coins are available for those who are yet to purchase theirs. Contact **Punsirini** on **0777 222 988** Price Rs. 12, 200/-. Hurry and avoid disappointment.



Almsgiving for 100 Bhikkunis



The Religious Sub-Committee of the VVOGA, organized a very special event to commemorate the school's centenary year - an almsgiving for one hundred Bhikkunis, in honour of the life and times of Visakha Situ Devi, the noble Buddhist who lends her name to our school. The Bhikkunis who came from all parts of the country to take part in this historic event received alms in an impeccably organized traditional Buddhist ceremony held in the Jeremias Dias hall and chanted pirith to invoke blessings of the Noble Triple Gem for the school's continued journey.



Visakha Centenary Walk 2017



The much awaited Visakha Centenary Walk took place on the 11th of February 2017 with more than 10,000 jubilant Visakhians, young and old, teachers and parents coming together in a grandiose show of strength and unity for the cause of their beloved school. Jointly organized by the VVOGA and the SDC, the walk commenced from school grounds and swept through the city streets in a wave of blue and gold with crowds cheering for Visakha. On return to school, the camaraderie continued with food and music that kept crowds bouncing till 1.00 pm.

The event was a fund raiser to support the proposed Primary School building, a gift from the VVOGA to the school in this centenary year. The event reached heights far exceeding all expectations, thanks to many who helped, donated and participated. All profits from the event, totaling a grand Rs 16.5 million, will be channelled to the Primary Building Fund.

Let the pictures speak !!



Visakha Centenary Carnival



It was carnival time on the 7th and 8th of April 2017, as Thurstan Grounds came alive with laser beams, fun rides, music, lip-smacking food and thousands of happy carnival-goers, with the Visakha Centenary Carnival kicking off amidst much fanfare. With over 70 trade kiosks and a variety of amusement rides and games on offer for kids and adults, it was a fun filled celebration that everyone has been looking forward to. The atmosphere was truly festive with Visakhians, young and old, accompanied by their friends and families participating in various activities and having fun alike sans age differences. Musical shows by 'Wayo' and 'Marians' topped it off by putting up awesome performances that rocked the crowds with their hit numbers till midnight. The Visakha Centenary Carnival was yet another brilliant show put together by the VVOGA, thanks to the untiring efforts of many who helped and sponsored making the event a grand reality.



A note of Appreciation from the Joint Secretaries - EXCO 2016/17

The year 2017 will be etched in our memory forever, for it is the centenary year of our Alma Mater. To mark this milestone year, the Visakha Centenary Celebrations Committee together with the EXCO 2016/2017 of the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association put together an exciting calendar of centenary events. Several of these special events have already been completed successfully - the full page supplementary advertisements in Sinhala & English Newspapers on the 16th of January, launch of the Centenary Coin, alms giving for one hundred Bhikkunis, Visakha Centenary Walk 2017 and the Visakha Centenary Carnival being the highlights. Celebrations are not yet over! and more special events are scheduled to take place throughout 2017 - the Banquet, Campfire for present and past Girl Guides, Visakha Geetha Natakaya, Centenary Signature Table Cloth and the launch of the Centenary Magazine being the balance line up eagerly awaited for. We sincerely express our deep gratitude to the many who made all this possible, in particular;

- Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppola, the Principal & the President of VVOGA for her blessings and guidance, enabling us to complete our tasks with ease.
- Mrs. Sita Siriwardena, the Chairperson of Centenary Celebrations Committee for her leadership and commitment at all times.
- The Vice Presidents and all our senior members for their valuable advice.
- The Executive Committees of 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 of VVOGA & the Sub Committees for their tremendous support and hard work for all the centenary events so far completed.
- The Centenary Celebrations Committee for their support.
- The School Development Committee, staff of the office of Visakha Vidyalaya and the security personnel for all the help
- Last but not the least, the general membership of the VVOGA without whose generosity, support and hard work none of this would have been possible.

May Visakha Vidyalaya be the guiding light for many generations for another Century!

Wish you all the Blessings of the Noble Triple Gem.

Darshi & Renuka

Vesak Reflections



It is the blessed month of Vesak. At a time like this we as Buddhists, are expected to commemorate the life of Lord Buddha and to reflect on his great teachings. The true meaning of Vesak goes beyond its ceremonial 'glitter' - it is a reiteration of our commitment to the way of life he advocated.

In today's burning times, rituals and ceremonies have become more important. They seem the most popular means through which dhamma is articulated and understood. As the Vesak full moon beams on this blessed month, we must celebrate the life of this great teacher by not only lighting a lamp but also contemplating on his teachings that has significance to issues we face in our lives today - particularly, an aspect that we have slowly but surely distanced ourselves from - simplicity of life and mind.

For most of his life, Buddha lived in forest monasteries, close to nature and living the most minimalistic of lives. He preached that simplicity and living as one with nature are cornerstones of spiritual awakening and led by example. However, how much of this Buddha's important message is seen around

today, even in our own lives? Consumerism has become the hallmark of today's economies, and so it has become the modern philosophy of life. In a society where how much is produced and consumed is a measure of economic success and prosperity, we continue without a second thought, fooled by the mirage that more goods mean more happiness and more choices mean more freedom. Our approach to life has become very materialistic, craving for more and as a result having to earn more. New technology, with all its positives, is contributing to this in no small measure, as we increasingly bury our faces in digital screens oblivious to simple pleasures that go on in nature around us.

The recent tragedy of a waste mountain falling on people shook us to the core. We created this mountain of trash in Colombo as a result of our endless consumption – we are guilty in one way or another! We no longer repair things as we used to, as we have got used to simply throwing things away as trash and buying new ones – a habit that is dangerously tending to extend to people's relationships as well. When we live simply, we clear the clutter not just from our material spaces, but also from our mental and emotional spaces. Habits influence moral standards and along with consumptive desires come moral deterioration, not to mention the precious habitats that are being relentlessly destroyed to create more goods and build more buildings. Consumerism has pushed us to a point that we have undoubtedly become the most and perhaps the only wasteful, impatient and disregardful species on earth.

In this beautiful month of Vesak, we should try and reflect on how we can begin to make little changes that will simplify our lives, physically as well as mentally. As a mountain is made up of tiny grains of earth, the ocean tiny drops of water – so is life, an endless series of seemingly small actions having consequences that are far-reaching. As Buddha said, true peace and happiness has to come from within. Let us promise ourselves to make an attempt to de-clutter our lives and minds gradually and contribute less to that mountain of trash!

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“ When the last tree is cut down, the last river poisoned, the last fish caught.....then only man will discover that he cannot eat money – Ancient Indian Wisdom ”

The Glorious Centenary of Visakha Vidyalaya

Mrs. Jeremias Dias, our iconic foundress, Born Selesthina Rodrigo, Panadura her fortress, Aged sixteen, she wed Jeremias Dias who became, The philanthropist of the “Panadura Vadaya” fame.

The benevolent lady, nine children she mothered, Widowed at thirty five, great courage she gathered, Kind, gentle and caring, far sighted was she, Sustained the family fortune and raised her family.

Without any formal education herself, she discerned, Education for Buddhist girls was her primary concern. In 1917, “Buddhist Girls College” she founded, At “Firs” house in Colombo, her aim was firmly grounded.

Modestly commencing with twenty students on roll, Dr Banning, the American scholar was head of the fold. In 1924, three acres on Vajira Road was purchased, Renamed ‘Visakha Vidyalaya, our Alma Mater emerged.

A true statesman, a scholar Sir Jayatilleke D.B., Appointed by our foundress as manager and trustee, For maintenance of Visakha, “Good Hope” estate was released, Sadly in 1933, our great philanthropist deceased.

A succession of principals soon took over, Ladies Ganguli, Westbrook, Deveraux, Fletcher and Lowe, The value of our mother tongue was shown by Miss Pearce, They guided our destiny for the next sixteen years.

From 1933 to 45, Mrs. Clara L. Motwani ruled, In 1934, the Old Girls’ Association was produced. In 1940, our school uniform, pahana and tie were introduced, With sports, dancing and home making, Visakhians were groomed.

After decades of great service, Sir D.B. resigned, Youngest son of our foundress, Charles Dias was assigned, Later in years, Mr. N. E. Weerasooria moved over, Till 1959, when the ruling government took over.

By Dr. Anula Wijesundere, nee Samaranayake.

The “Pulimood Era” heralded the “Golden Age”, For twenty two long years, she was on top of our stage. In 1947, our own school song was composed, By musician and scholar, Ananda Samarakoon.

In 1947, Visakha transformed from Grade II to Grade I, Dias, Dawes, Motwani and Jayatilleke, four houses began, With laboratories in place, she began the science stage, Enrolled science teachers from India and blossomed her image.

Mrs. Pulimood’s special loves were books, children and flowers, In 1959, with her guidance, to super grade we towered, New offices and classes and laboratories came of age, The Visakha operetta became part of the school heritage.

In 1963, the first girls’ school band was presented, On Mrs. Pulimood request, Sita Joseph consented. Visakhians at all public examinations did extremely well, Winning accolades in sports, drama and music to tell .

The year 1967 heralded our great golden jubilee, Celebrated grandly at the Race Course for a week with glee. After serving Visakha over two decades so well, We bade Mrs. Pulimood, a loving, tearful farewell.

Ladies Chandra de Zoysa, Daisy Karavita and Sita Siriwardene, Yeomen service they rendered from the prime of their lives. Mrs. Pearl Wirasinghe recorded with love, Visakha’s history divine, They became true legends of Visakha, during our times.

Mrs. Jayasinghe was our very first national principal, For seventeen years she remained undaunted, invincible. Senior teachers and advisers caused her no fright, With tact, poise and calmness, she took all in her stride.

In Mrs. Jayasinghe’s era, Visakha’s landscape changed much, Temporary structures came down, solid buildings sprung up. Building the Jeremias Dias Hall, an arduous task was required, First time in history, our own playground was acquired,

Mrs. Eileen Siriwardene, stately lady of literary fame, Renovated the Bodhi and shrine and held on the reins.

The sports pavilion and the computer centre donation, Were gifts of the OGA, for our seventieth celebration.

Mrs. Edussuriya, so charming, poised and dignified, Adopted Gonagala remote school, social service signified, The indoor sports stadium, she completed as planned, And linked up Visakha with the Junten High School in Japan.

By now our dear Alma Mater was in full bloom, Principals Jayasekere, Siriwardene and Amarasinghe continued to groom, Audio visual and reading rooms, the infra structure improved, Hostel expansion was a necessity, the swimming pool became a reality.

In 1917, beginning with mere twenty students on roll, In 2017, bursting at seams, over five thousand our toll. Offering twenty two sports and thirty active societies, Education at Visakha provides so much variety.

Mrs. Sandamali Aviruppola, our present guardian angel, Will surge Visakha’s march at the turn of the century, May a bold, eloquent Visakhian of the next generation, Guide the destiny of our beloved island nation!

In the coming century may Visakha continue to soar, Realize the aspirations of our foundress and continue to roar! May Visakhians emulate Visakha’s wisdom, generosity and zest, May our school by the Noble Triple Gem, forever be blessed!

“Pannaya Parisujjhati” By Wisdom Is One Cleansed “Chirang Jayathu” Long Live Visakha Vidyalaya!

Upcoming Events



Susan George Pulimood Memorial Oration 2017

An annual feature in the OGA calendar is the Susan George Pulimood Memorial Oration held every year on the 23rd July to commemorate the Birthday of Mrs. Pulimood who served Visakha Vidyalaya as Principal for 22 long years – laid the visionary foundations and her dedication led to Visakha being established as a ‘Super Grade’ school. She opened new doors for young Buddhist women hitherto restricted to the home sciences, by introducing the Science section.

An eminent past Visakhian, who has distinguished herself in her chosen profession, is selected each year to deliver the oration. The oration this year will be delivered by Dr. Iyanthi Abeywickreme, MBBS(Ceylon), MSC (Colombo), MD (Colombo), Fellow of the Sri Lanka College of Venereologists, Honorary Senior Fellow, PGIM, Former Director of the National STD/AIDS Control Programme/ Ministry of Health, Former Regional Advisor /HIV, World Health Organization, Immediate Past President, Sri Lanka Medical Association on 23rd July 2017 at the Jeremias Dias Hall, at Visakha Vidyalaya.

The Trust also awards scholarships annually to students achieving academic excellence based on their performance at the GCE A/L examination in the Science (Bio & Physical), Arts and Commerce streams.

The Pulimood Trust is sustained by the generous contributions made by our old girls, which has enabled us to conduct this prestigious event uninterrupted for the past 27 years. We are grateful to our old girls for their generosity and look forward to their continued support.

Gala Banquet

A Banquet organized by the VVOGA to celebrate the school's glorious one hundred years will be held on the 24th of June 2017 at the Cinnamon Grand. Details are still being finalized, so stay tuned to our websites for updates on the Banquet.

☎ **Renuka Dharmadasa** - 0777 289 389

Signature Table cloth

An opportunity to place your signature on the Centenary Signature Table Cloth. To mark the Centenary year, a table cloth with signatures (hand embroidered) of VVOGA members has been designed.

The signature slots are limited–Please hurry and make your reservations at your earliest convenience, by submitting your signature and payment of Rs.5,000 to the VVOGA Secretariat Office.

☎ **Harshini Yapa** - 0777 415 499

☎ **Madhushani (Secretariat)** - 0778 463 618



An invitation to experience an enjoyable evening with your school mates!
Join the sing along right after the AGM on 1st July 2017 at 5.30 pm. Ticket price Rs. 500/-

☎ **Sarangi** - 0772 443 119

☎ **Pabalu** - 0770 717 160

☎ **Chathuri** - 0779 419 334



Centenary Campfire

Sunday 9th September 2017

A campfire is being organized at the Visakha Vidyalaya grounds for the Guides and ex Guides of 11th Colombo to mark the school centenary. We hope to have lots of fun going down memory lane to rekindle the unforgettable and wonderful times we had around our campfires.

For further information / booking of tickets / any contribution you may wish to make towards costs etc please contact:

☎ **Shanta** – 0773 608 150 (shantajayalath@gmail.com)

☎ **Anoja** – 0771 673 845 (anojaf@yahoo.com)

☎ **Kumudini** – 0722 260 878 (kumihem@gmail.com)

From the School News Desk



Shanthi Pooja

The student parliament of VV organized a traditional Sinhalese ritual ‘Daha Ata Sanniya’ in a bid to invoke blessings on the school at this historic juncture.





Founder's day Pirith & Alms Giving

The Founder's Day pirith and alms giving to commemorate the founder of Visakha Vidyalaya - Ms. Jeremias Dias were held on 25th and 26th of March in school. One hundred monks were invited to participate in the Alms giving.



Visakha Centenary Exhibition

The 'Siyawas Udana' educational exhibition took place from the 30th of March to 1st April within school grounds. The exhibition, organized by the students and staff of Visakha Vidyalaya, was opened to the public and amply showcased the talents of young Visakhians in a multitude of fields. The last exhibition of this nature was held in 1992 for the 75th Anniversary of Visakha.



Visakha Vidyalaya vs Musaeus College Inaugural Cricket Encounter.

Visakhians brought home the Winner's Trophy of the first ever annual cricket encounter with Musaeus College. Team Visakha scored the winning 224 runs without a single loss of a wicket in this 20 over encounter and bagged in the awards for best batting, best bowling, best fielding and woman of the match. Congratulations Girls!



VISAKHA VIDYALAYA OLD GIRLS' ASSOCIATION Notice of the Annual General Meeting 2017

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association will be held on **Saturday the 1st July 2017 at 3.00 pm** at the Jeremias Dias Hall, Visakha Vidyalaya, 133, Vajira Road, Colombo 5, for the purpose of inter alia electing new members to the Executive Committee 2017/2018 and appointing Auditors for the Association and to adopt resolutions as necessary of which due notice has been given.

Nominations in the relevant format needs to be completed and sent by Registered Post to the VVOGA Secretariat (at the above address) latest by **Friday the 9th day of June 2017 by 3.30 pm**.

The nomination list would be on display at the OGA Secretariat on **Friday 16th June 2017**. The Final date for objections if any to the nominations would be **Friday 23rd June 2017**.

Voting will be open **until 5.00 pm** on the day of the AGM

Agenda for the AGM

1. Religious observances
2. Welcome address by the President
3. Reading of the notice convening the Meeting by the Secretary
4. Condolences
5. Excuses
6. Reading & adoption of minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting & matters arising from the minutes
7. Election of Office Bearers & Members of the Executive Committee
8. Tabling & adoption of the Secretaries' Report
9. Tabling & adoption of the Statement of Accounts by the Treasurer
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Tabling & adoption of the Statements of Accounts of any Trusts or Affiliations of the Association by invitation
12. Consideration of any resolutions which are in order - discussion, voting & passing of resolutions
13. Vote of thanks
14. School song

On conclusion of the business meeting, presentation of the **Dr Priya de Silva Memorial Scholarship Award for Medical Studies** will be held.

NOMINATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017 / 2018

Nominations are invited from the general membership to serve on the Executive Committee of the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association. Nominations should be sent on the prescribed form (appended herewith).

The Executive Committee of the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association comprises of the following:

Office Bearers

President - Principal of Visakha Vidyalaya (Ex officio)

Vice Presidents - Two posts

Joint Secretaries - Two posts

Treasurer - One post

Assistant Treasurer - One post

NOMINATION FORM

Committee Members - Total 30

60 yrs & above - 02 positions

Above 40 yrs & below 60 yrs - 10 positions

Above 30 yrs & below 40 yrs - 14 positions

30 yrs & below - 03 positions

Staff member - 01 position

The criteria for eligibility & non eligibility as per the VVOGA constitution are as follows.

Eligibility

- Any past pupil who has been a member of the Association for a minimum period of five (05) consecutive years ending on the 31st March 2017 shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee.
- Members who have served on the Executive Committee for a period of two (2) years or more and are of high integrity and efficient are eligible for nomination as Office Bearers. However, the maximum number of occasions as Office Bearer is 06.

Non-eligibility

- No member whose daughter's application is to be submitted for admission to any grade of Visakha Vidyalaya for any particular year, shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee for the one (01) year immediately preceding the year of submission of such application for admission and until the admission process is complete.
Eg : No member whose daughter's application is to be submitted in 2018 shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee 2017/2018 and until the admission process is complete.
- No member of the Association shall be elected a member of the Executive Committee for more than three (03) consecutive years. (This does not apply to Office Bearers).
- No member who has been elected an Executive Committee Member or an Office Bearer in a Past Pupils' Association of another school; shall be eligible for election to the Executive Committee of the Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association for that particular year.
- No member may be elected an Office Bearer of the Association on more than six (06) occasions.
- An Office Bearer on being elected to such office each year could hold a particular office for a maximum period of two years. However, in the absence of nominations for a particular office in any given year, such a member who has held such office for more than two years may be appointed to continue in such office for one more year.
- Those who qualify to serve on the Executive Committee should send in their nominations in the attached format.

By order of the Executive Committee, Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association

Renuka Dharmadasa / Darshi Neelawathura Bandara

Honorary Joint Secretaries, 2016/2017

Visakha Vidyalaya Old Girls' Association

VVOGA NOMINATION FORM ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017/2018

PROPOSER :

I propose the name of _____

(Name as used in Full. Please print) _____

For the Office of _____ /as Executive Committee Member for Category

Over 60 yrs	
Over 40 & below 60 yrs	
Over 30 & below 40 yrs	
30 yrs & below	
Staff	

Membership No. of Nominee _____

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name of Proposer	Membership No	Date of Joining VVOGA	Signature & Date

SECONDER :

I second the name of _____

(Name as used in Full. Please print) _____

bearing membership No. _____ for the above post.

_____	_____	_____	_____
Name of Secunder	Membership No	Date of Joining VVOGA	Signature & Date

CONSENT OF NOMINEE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Nos. _____

Membership No _____ Date of Joining VVOGA _____

Fill if applicable

1) Year of submission of application for admission of daughter to Grade 1 _____

2) Details of current membership in Executive committee or Office Bearer of any other PPA/ OGA

3) Been an Ex-Co Member consecutively for 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017 Yes/ No

4) Nominee, Proposer & Secunder are Members of VVOGA since 31/03/2012 (Over 5 years) Yes/ No

I consent to be nominated for the above post & hereby declare that the above information furnished by me is true & correct.

Signature _____

Date _____

**PLEASE FORWARD THE COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM BY HAND / REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE
JT. SECRETARIES ON OR BEFORE 3.30 PM ON JUNE 9, 2017**

Children's Day Celebrations

The Social Activities Sub-Committee of the VVOGA organized a special event for the hostellers to commemorate the International Children's Day on Saturday the 26th of November 2016.

Ms. Chamathya Fernando, past Visakhian and National Co-ordinator of Stop the Violence Campaign of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association was the chief guest.



Best OL results

Anuki Chamathka Pasquel of Visakha Vidyalaya came first in the island at the GCE Ordinary Level Examination held in December 2016. Anuki who joined Visakha Vidyalaya in Grade 1 is a second generation Visakhian. Our heartiest congratulations to you Anuki, you have made your school proud!

Obituaries

It is with deep sorrow that we notify the demise of Mrs Dilsiri De silva (Nee Lamabadusuriya), a distinguished Old Girl and a Past Teacher of Visakha Vidyalaya, who passed away on the 27th of March. In honor of her wishes a private funeral was held.



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