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## A TRIP TO ECHUKA

On the Easter's eve, when the weather was fine, a no cold no hot weather, Hartley old boys and their family set out on a trip to Echuka, a village lying on the banks of the river, a place away from traffic, away from congestion and pollution, the country side had a lot to offer. Apart from its scenic beauty, Echuka boasts of its historic significance and its strategic location, being on the border of Victoria and Sydney. The village displays to date the lifestyles of the early settlers. The lady pageants and the men too dressed in the 18th Century costumes patrolling on the streets and lanes exactly depicting the historic times took us more than two centuries back. The machineries, equipment and the tools of those days put forward for exhibition tells us the story without any

explanation required. Our trip started from Glen Waverley railway station, where people from all four corners arrived to. We hit the road before 7am and reached Echuka by 11/30. We spent no time to organize the events for the day. We had a rush program. We were handed over to a lady steward who took us around the sites explaining in detail of each and every stall. We then had a quick lunch and got into the cruise on the



river sailing for more than an hour viewing the world's largest red gum forest. It was 5pm we returned after the cruise. The children had their day, playing cricket and running up and down. The group got into the bus for the return journey around 7pm. We sang the way back home and it was 1am when I went to bed. What was your time? Hey, what was the cost? \$40/= per head including transport and the cruise, too cheap know.

### HARTLEY COLLEGE HOSTEL

The Hartley hostel which accommodated students from Jaffna and other parts of the country including places like Batticaloa, Anuradhapura and Colombo was damaged to the ground by the army during the war between the army and the LTTE. The hostel was constructed on the southern side of the play ground with the playground on the northern side. The hostel provided not only ac-

commodation for students it also a pavilion for the spectators of the matches taken place on the playground.

The well renowned Kiri Karan has taken the initiative to reconstruct the hostel

With funds from German government. The cost of the construction was in the region of Rs.35 million has now spiraled up to Rs. 45 million. Mr. Kiri Karan was in Melbourne and he was thrown a dinner.

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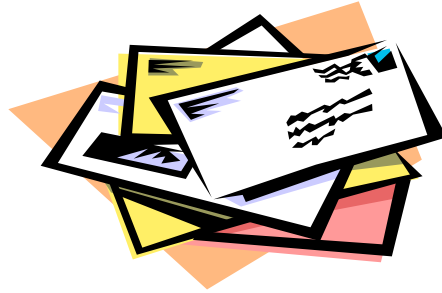
#### Special points of interest:

- A sand bed is the slate for a mathematician and professor .
- Extra curricular activities at Hartley encouraging.
- Student development is not about studies, it is a holistic approach, including extra curricular, leadership, language command and the like.
- The importance of English should be realized.
- One should strive to succeed.

## EDITORIAL

This column is intended to bring to public scrutiny of events that took place during the current year. Of importance is the issue of purchasing a land for Hartley College. The principal of the school put forward a proposal to purchase the land in between the school and the courts where the Court's canteen was previously located. The principal wanted to buy the land for future use of the land for Hartley College, although the use of which is not spelt out. The cost of land was in the region of Rs. 4 million which is around A\$ 40,000. We should at this juncture put all our efforts to uplift the education of the students where the standard of the students is at all time low in all subjects, Professor Nadarajasundram had already alerted the school and the Associations that the standard of English is comparatively low and the results in English needs to be improved should we expect good number of students entering the universities as B pass in English is a pre requisite for university entrance. There is dearth of qualified English teachers in Vadammaradchy area. We need to pump more money to spend on teachers who are up to the mark to teach English rather than lavishly spend on purchasing land. Victoria branch has donated last year around Rs.150,000 . We should bear in mind that extraneous facilities are not the requirement for high level of education. A sand bed can be the slate for a mathematician and not necessarily a pen and paper.

The second important aspect of the association is the lack of participation. The Echuka Trip was organized for all the members of the school however, it was mostly the committee members and their families and well wishers took part in the trip, not many from the general membership. Although, there were unavoidable circumstances for some who tried to participate, there were many others who could have taken part and that would give the committee enthusiasm to organize more events. We, the committee would like to call upon all the members to take part in events of this nature in the future.



Hartley's milestone in education



### Chess Competition

The fifteenth division Chess Champions.



## ABSENCE OF HARTLEY

I read in a Tamil Newspaper - Sunday Thinakkural - of 4th Sept.2011 that a Team of Cricketers selected from leading schools in Jaffna Peninsula have left for New Delhi on Friday 2nd Sept to play in a Cricket match organised in New Delhi for 6th & 8th Sept.2011.. This is the 1st time that a Cricket Team from Jaffna schools has gone to India. Names of schools from which Cricketers were selected are given as follows:-

1. St Patricks College 2. Jaffna Central College 3. St,Johns College 4. Kokuvil Hindu College 5. Jaffna Hindu College 6. Jaffna College,Vadukkoddai

I don't know why Hartley College could not find a place in the Team.

Can anyone indicate the reason/s why Hartley failed to find a place in the Cricket Team ? Take care Chella

### The Eliezer Memorial Lecture and Ranees' 90th Birthday



The Eliezer memorial lecture, publication of a book on Eliezer, Conquering Scientist and Ranees' 90th birthday ceremony was held during this term. There Hartley committee members attended the ceremony. The book says while Professor Eliezer was inventing mathematics Ranees Eliezer spent her life on community service, a service to humanity, social justice and family life. An inspiring statement from Prof Eliezer is that he said "I started my mathematics by doing numbers in a sand-tray and then smoothening out the figure". This was the time when he was a child in the village called "vanni". The book goes on to say that professor 'Eliezer had a very humble beginning in a poor part of this world for a man who climbed so high in academia'.



# KIRI KARAN'S DINNER



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