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## EDITORIAL

Leaders are born or made?

Leadership is a leader's style of providing directions, implementing plans and motivating people. Honesty, competency, broadmindedness, courage and creativity are some of the qualities which help a person to be a successful leader in both professional and personal spheres.

Certain leadership qualities are inherent, while others are cultivated. Nature and nurture are in continuous interaction in producing a person with good leadership qualities.

In disadvantageous circumstances born leadership qualities wither off while in nurturing environment they blossom to produce a perfect leader.

Transformational process to become a leader begins within, since childhood. Helping a child to take initiative, think critically, listen effectively, knowing how to delegate and handle conflicts are cornerstones in this process of building a successful leader. Children tend to learn these leadership qualities from a variety of sources, of which a powerful source is role models.

A young and intelligent girl who enters Devi Balika Vidyalaya from a remote village will face several challenges in life, some of which are competition, differences in cultural values, financial problems and separation from her family. Such a girl will take a longer time to decide to utilize her leadership potential. The internal decision will become a reality only when it is nurtured by the environment.

My appeal to good hearted Devians is to think of the plight of this girl. Although what she learns from the family and wider society is beyond our control, we can facilitate her path to be a leader in many ways.

Are the past pupils and teachers doing enough to bring about her best potential?

Do we promote equity, equal opportunities, encouragement, show tolerance to her pace of growth and be responsive to her needs? Or are we ignorant of these as we are faced with many challenges in our lives? Or do we only sympathize with her, indirectly killing her confidence?

While many will rally around the smart and resourceful girl who champions many activities, my plea to you is to notice the majority of unseen and unnoticed girls who have a great deal of potential. They need only a little encouragement and understanding, and the rest they do by themselves. Those of you who are fortunate enough to be in leadership positions may decide to be good role models in this regard. Each one of us in whichever capacity can do our part in transforming Devians to be good leaders.

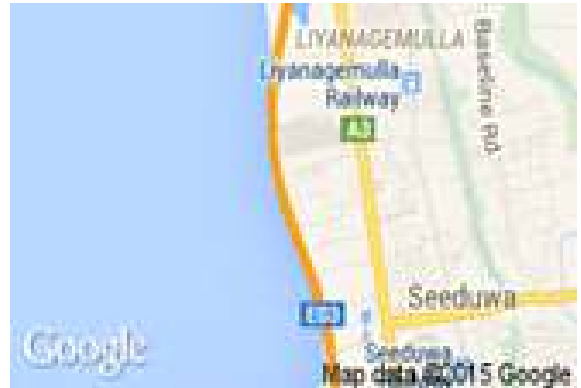
Future is brighter than the past.

**Prof Samudra Kathriarachchi**

## PPA ANNUAL TRIP 2015

Dear Past Devins Let's get together to release our tensions and have a gala time

- When - Sunday 15th of February  
Where - Onreech Hotel, 374, Blue Diamond Road, Liyanagemulla, Seeduwa.  
We Invite - To you, your family and your friends to join with us to spend a joyful day  
Cost - Rs. 2000.00 (over 12 years)  
Rs. (between 6-12 )  
Transport - Free of charge  
( Leaving school at 8.00 a.m.  
Departure from Hotel at 4.30 p.m.)



Entertain yourself with  
Swimming Pool  
(Proper Swimming Attire)  
Musical Events, Lots of games filled with fun

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## Annual General Meeting 2015 – June

The Annual General Meeting of the PPA will be held at the Dr. Wimala De Silva Auditorium on 28th of June 2015 with the Principal Mrs. Pradeepa Samarasinghe chairing as the President. New members will be selected for the Executive Committee.

### Annual Medical Camp for Past Teachers and Present Teachers

Annual Medical Camp for Past Teachers and Present Teachers will be held on 9th of February 2015. We would like to invite all the members of the PPA who are Doctors and other Medical officers to contribute to make this event a success.

### Highlights (After August 2014)

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Teachers' Felicitations</b>  | <b>- 05th of October 2014</b>   |
| <b>Seminar for A/L students</b> | <b>- 30th of September 2014</b> |
| <b>Netball Tournament</b>       | <b>- 22nd of November 2014</b>  |
| <b>Pirith Ceremony</b>          | <b>- 23rd of January 2015</b>   |

## Library Committee in Active

As a subcommittee, the library committee of the PPA took part in many projects during the past four months.

The main project was replacing the main entrance door of the school library which added a modernized look. Refurbishments of the school and hostel libraries during the school vacation, presenting a portrait collection of great Sri Lankan personalities to the school library were the other major projects.

We would like to thank all the sponsors and PPA members who supported us and looking forward for your contributions in upcoming events.

For further details – contact Lalani Mayadunne 0773883177

### Achievements

- ❖ The Senior Brass Band - All Island Championship – Organized by the Ministry of Education
- ❖ Junior Drama Crew - 1st Place –All Island Drama Competition, organized by the Ministry of Education
- ❖ Chamodi Singhalage – 1st Place –“ My Sri Lanka – My Future’ – Photographic Competition held in on the Millennium Development Goals, organized by the United Nations – Sri Lanka
- ❖ Thareendra Liyanage – 1st Place – Children's Category – “Children of Sri Lanka' Photographic Exhibition, organized by the UNICEF
- ❖ Nikini Senaratne – Honorable Ribbon – 27th International Photographic Competition held in Luxembourg, Europe.
- ❖ Team Championship – Girls Category at Sri Lanka Schools Air Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championship 2014
- ❖ Dilki Maleesha – Best Air Rifle Shooter
- ❖ Under 18 Table – Tennis Team – All Island Champions at All Island Inter School Table- Tennis Tournament
- ❖ Under 16 Hand Ball Team – 'Palanga” Runners –up – All Island Hand Ball Tournament held at Anuradhapura Central College Ground

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## Activities of JPPA (2014/2015) :

22 November 2014	Inter-Batch Netball Carnival
10 February 2015	Aspirations '15 - Career Guidance Seminar
<b>28 February 2015</b>	<b>Analiliya - Devi Night '15</b>
April 2015	Leadership Programme for newly inducted Prefects

## Analiliya - Devi Night '15

“Analiliya - Devi Night '15”, aims to provide an opportunity for all past Devians to get-together for the purpose of raising funds in aid of identified development projects of the JPPA. The Organizing Committee is focused on creating a unique event that will be inclusive of past pupils from different walks of life, performers and artists.

Date & Time: Saturday, 28th February 2015, 7.30pm onwards

Venue: Ramada Colombo

Tickets: Rs. 4,000/=

Dress Code: Lounge in Indian style

## Please contact below individuals for further details:

- ❖ Reservations & Tickets: Ms. Shehani Liyanage – 071 514 8574
- ❖ Donations/ Sponsorships/ Banners/ E-banners/ Souvenir advrtisments/ Raffle draw  
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Ms. Yasoda De Silva - 077 735 9594
- ❖ General: Ms. Erangika Abeyirigunawardena - 071 428 2229



## Aspirations – 2015

'Aspirations 2015', a career guidance programme to enhance the knowledge on higher studies and career opportunities in today's society will be held on 10th February 2015 from 8.30am to 12.30pm at Devi Balika Vidyalaya. The participants will get a thorough knowledge on degree courses available at local universities at present as well as other institutions which provide higher education. The target audience will be students after O/L's, their parents and the school academic staff.

For more details/ Sponsorships/ Donations please contact

**Ms. Manushi Wijayapala on 078 461 8569**

## Inter-Batch Netball Carnival

The inter-batch netball carnival was held on 22nd November 2014 at Sri Lanka Air Force Grounds, Colombo 03 from 10.30am to 4.30 pm onwards. 7 teams participated and the team of 2009 A/L batch became the Champions while 2011 A/L, 2010 A/L and 2012 A/L batches won 2nd, 3rd and 4th places respectively.

About 150 Devians came along with their friends & families and had fun at carnival which had many stalls as well as a photo booth. The zumba session conducted after the awards ceremony added much colour to the event. Special thanks should be given to Principal Mrs. Pradeepa Samarasinghe, Mrs. Sagarika Ramasinghe for gracing the occasion and the immense support rendered.



## Requests for Donations

Sisu Athwela Data base – We are updating our new data base of the donors of Sisu Athwela .We really

appreciate if you could spend a few minutes of your valuable time to accurate this data. Please email or

SMS the following details to Niluka Perera 0713343475, email – niluksperera@gmail.com

1. Name
2. Contact No.
3. Mailing Address

Hostel Fund - Please raise your generous hand (Rs. 3000/=per month) to take care of the students at the hostel who cannot afford to pay the hostel fees.

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## Request From the Archives Committee

The archives Committee needs the details of the past pupils those who have brought honors to Mother Devi and those who were and are in top positions. Please be kind enough to send us your details.

### Newsletter Committee

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Niranjala Devi Wijeratne

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## TEACHERS' FELICITATION 2014

The felicitation for our dearest teachers, was held on the 5th October 2014 @ Mirage Colombo, Wellawatte. It was a very successful event with over 150 participants. The teachers had a fabulous time by singing, catching up with fellow teachers and old Devians. We would like to express our special thanks to those who have contributed to make this worthy course a success. Special thanks go to our dear Devians who are overseas and not forgetting our loving teachers who had shined our childhood. Without you all this day won't be a successful one.

## BERAEVEMENTS

It's with heartfelt condolence that we report the death of Mrs. Nimna Siyambalagoda, (G.C.E.(A/L) 1985), the mother of Samadhi (Grade 13B1)

We also extend our deepest sympathies to the following members who lost their beloved ones

Mrs.Ramani Jayawickrama – Mother

Mrs Dileepa Andagama – Father in law

**We specially thank the donors for "SisuAthwela" program and the Hostel fund. We are looking forward for your contribution in the future as well.**

### Notice

PPA is planning to prepare a Directory of the Past Pupils who are in various professional fields (Medical, Engineering, Education, Law, Business, Accounts, Arts etc. Ex: -In the field of Medicine- Consultants, Doctors, Nurses, Laboratory Assistants, etc.)

Please send the details mentioned below by post to the "Secretary, Past Pupils' Association, Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo 08 or Email to [neranjikaw@gmail.com](mailto:neranjikaw@gmail.com).

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**Year of leaving the school**

**Occupation**

**Official address**

**Contact numbers**

**Personal address**

**Contact numbers**

**ID number**

### SPECIAL DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL AND THE HOSTEL (From July - January 2015)

- ❖ Lunch Packets for Esala Perahara
- ❖ Rs, 10,000/= for Hostel Day
- ❖ Rs. 10,000/= for English Work Shop
- ❖ Rs. 10,000/= for Cadet Camp
- ❖ Rs. 115,655/= for medals and plaques for the Prize Giving

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