

PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION
HOLY FAMILY CONVENT, BAMBALAPITIYA

NEWSLETTER

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At the heart of our Past Pupils' Association at Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, lies a powerful bond that transcends mere friendship. We are sisters-in-arms, united by a deep-rooted passion and an unwavering commitment to our alma mater. Our journey together is not just about reliving cherished memories but about forging a future that honors the legacy of those who came before us and paves the way for generations to come.

Bound by tradition, strengthened by unity, and driven by purpose, we stand shoulder to shoulder, striving to propel the PPA to unprecedented heights. With dedication, resilience, and a shared vision, we work tirelessly to uphold the values instilled in us, ensuring that the blue and white flag of Holy Family Convent continues to soar high. Through every initiative, every achievement, and every challenge we overcome, we reaffirm our pledge to give back to the school that shaped us, leaving an indelible mark on the community we proudly call our own.



Together, we are not
just a group of
past pupils—we are a family,
a force,
and a legacy in motion.



*Together, we can inspire
others to join our cause
and
contribute to the legacy
we are building.*



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PATRONESS' MESSAGE



Rev. Sr. Shirani Vaas
Patroness
Past Pupils' Association
2025/2026

My Dear Familians,

As we journey through the corridors of time, let us pause to reflect on the enduring values embodied by the Holy Family. Their unwavering love, compassion, and humility serve as a guiding light, inspiring us to uphold these virtues within our school community.

The Holy Family stands as a timeless symbol of unity, understanding, and devotion. Through their steadfast faith and mutual respect, they remind us of the strength found in togetherness and the profound importance of familial bonds. Their story resonates deeply within our hearts, encouraging us to walk a path of righteousness and kindness.

In their spirit, let us foster a nurturing environment where love and respect prevail. May we extend kindness to one another, offering support and encouragement as we pursue our dreams and aspirations.

May the values of the Holy Family continue to illuminate our journey, filling our lives with hope and wisdom. Together, let us build a community rooted in faith, compassion, and love, carrying forward these timeless teachings for generations to come.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Shihara Wimalaratne
President
Past Pupils' Association
2025/2026

My dear Familians,

I am deeply humbled and honoured to serve as the President of the Past Pupils' Association of our beloved alma mater, Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya, for a second term. My commitment remains unwavering—to strengthen the bond between our alumni and school while elevating both our institution and the Association to greater heights. Fostering lasting friendships and a spirit of fellowship within our community continues to be at the heart of our mission.

As we step into another exciting year, I warmly invite you to join us in a series of meaningful and memorable events. I am dedicated to empowering our dynamic committee to innovate and excel, ensuring our initiatives are engaging, inclusive, and impactful. This year, we will also extend our efforts beyond our immediate community through a dedicated outreach program, giving back to society while continuing to support our alma mater and Rev. Sr. Charitha Thandalge's vision for the school.

This year we celebrate 122 glorious years of our "Grand Old Lady by the Sea"—a testament to our school's enduring legacy and the generations of strong, empowered Familians it has nurtured.

With gratitude, I seek the blessings and guidance of our Heavenly Father. All thanks, praise, and glory belong to Him, our ultimate source of strength, who enables us to overcome challenges and strive for excellence.

May He grant us wisdom, courage, and perseverance to fulfill our plans in accordance with His divine will.

Glory be to God alone!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Rev. Sr. Charitha Thandalge
Principal
Holy Family Convent,
Bambalapitiya

Dear esteemed alumni of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya,

I express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you for the continued support and engagement with the school's activities.

The Past Pupils' Association plays a vital role in the progress of the school. You are the brand ambassadors of our hallowed institution. We are proud of our alumni who live the true spirit of being Familians, witnessing to true values of sincerity, simplicity and concern for others, as your alma mater always taught you to be. Your reputation across the country and the world is an inspiration to our present generation.

Therefore we always give priority to first approach our own past pupils as guests for school activities. This not only provides you the opportunity to showcase your talents and share your expertise with our present students but also provides you the chance to show your gratitude to the place where your seeds and roots were planted.

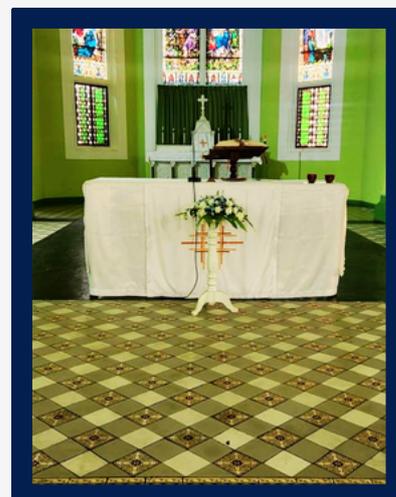
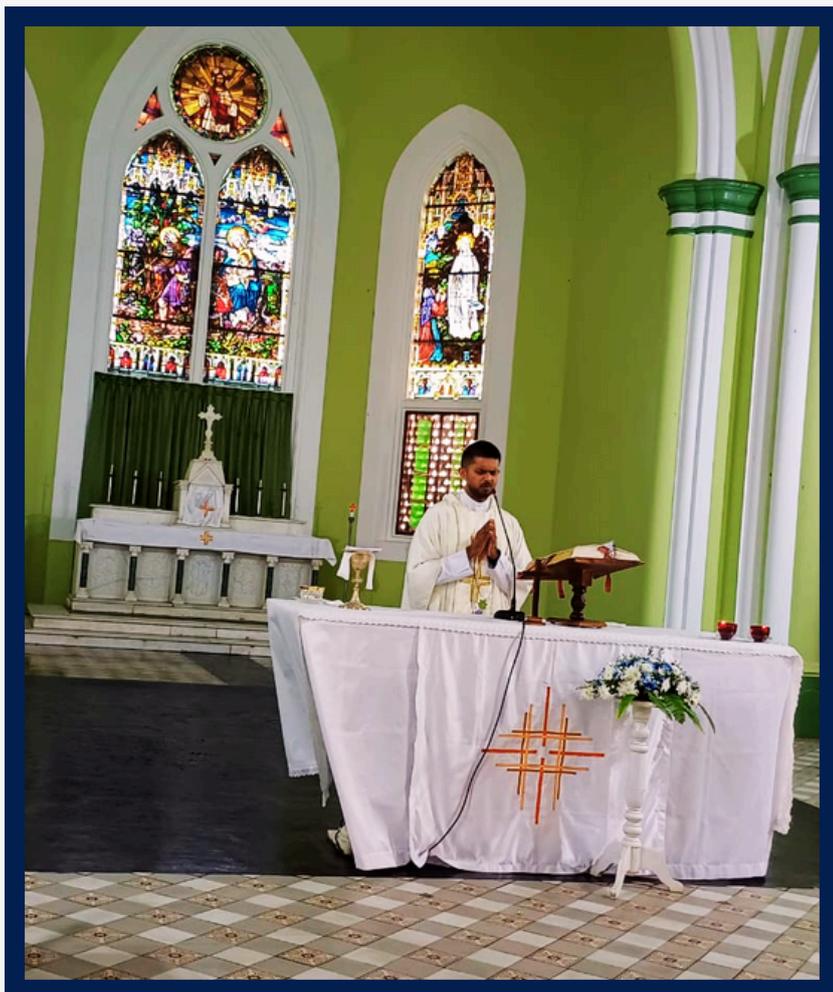
extend my invitation to every past pupil of this renowned institute, to join hands with the Past Pupils' Association and come back to your second home where you were moulded and shaped to be the person you are today.

The time has come for all of us to get together; for we have a great mission to accomplish as Familians glorifying God alone.

91ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya was held on the 22nd of February 2025.

The event began with Holy Mass, bringing together Familians in prayer and gratitude.





The day commenced with Holy Mass at the chapel, followed by the traditional breakfast served under the auditorium. After the conclusion of the AGM, lunch was served to the members.





MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



**President
Shihara Wimalaratne**

1996 Batch

Mother to a miracle little girl. Proud of all I've achieved so far.

"Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another stepping stone to greatness."



**Vice President
Sonali Cruz**

1999 batch

Mother of two.

"One of the most courageous things you can do is identify yourself, know who you are, what you believe in and where you want to go."



**Vice President
Sawasdee Zoysa**

1998 batch

Wife & mother.

"Behind every fearless woman is a story that gave her no choice."



**Joint Secretary
Fazna Gaffoor**

2004 batch

Mother of two adorable boys, teacher by profession.

"A woman of resilience, strength, and unwavering determination. She is not just a survivor; she is a warrior."



**Joint Secretary
Suzette Hakel**

2006 batch

Wife, mother & an HR professional.

"She believed she could, so she did."



**Treasurer
Kalpani de Mel**

1998 batch

Wife, mother and self employed.

"Behind every successful woman is herself!"

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



**Assistant Treasurer
Eresha Kandanaarachchie**

1998 batch

Former banker with 23 years' experience in the banking industry. Mother of one daughter and six fur babies.

"Be happy. Be joyful. Be unapologetically you."



**Teacher Coordinator
Rangika Warnesuriye**

1989 batch

I am a mother of three and from the batch of '89. I'm currently serving our school as a teacher and love to teach and help others while being simple as always. The purpose of our life is to be happy .



**Committee Member
Surangi Perera
Edirisinghe**

1997 batch

Teacher at Ave Maria Convent, Negombo. A mother of three daughters.

"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."



**Committee Member
Manoja Pinto**

1998 batch

Proud wife and a mother of two adorable kids.

"The privilege of a lifetime is being who you are."



**Committee Member
Devinka Kulatunga**

1999 batch

A working mother of two.

"Family first, ambition fierce, and courage unshakable. I embrace life with joy, surrounded by friends, laughter, and endless adventure."



**Committee Member
Shazna Irshad**

1998 batch

A proud housewife and mother of three; two girls past pupils of HFC and a son studying at SPC.

"Self confidence is a super power. Once you believe in yourself. magic starts happening."

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



**Committee Member
Nimali Mihindukulasuriya**

1989 batch

Mother of three daughters.
Director - Duke and Duchess
Consultant- Merchandising/
Freight Forwarding

"Always be the best version of yourself. Success isn't just about reaching the top; it's about lifting others as you climb."



**Committee Member
Janani Perera**

2014 batch

"I believe in effort over excuses, action over words. I may not always be the loudest, but when something needs to be done, you can count on me to see it through no matter what."



**Committee Member
Vindhya Fernando**

2005 Batch

A simple soul. I love my school; it's my second home, the favorite memory and it's my passion to see HFC shine brighter every day.

"God is my strength and I'm unafraid."



**Committee Member
Kavindi Fernando**

2014 batch

Banker by day seeking balance in work and play as a yogi and hobby potter.

"The grass is greener where you water it."



**Committee Member
Avanthi Warnapura**

1999 batch

Wife & mother of three.

"She finds joy in the little moments, strength in the hardest days, and beauty in the journey of motherhood."



**Committee Member
Mihiri Paaris**

2002 batch

Banker by profession and mother of three children.

"If there's a will, there's always a way."

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



**Committee Member
Nathashya Ragel**

2009 batch

Mum of a son and daughter.
Currently working as a Senior
Business Executive at
a leading insurance
company.

"Life can only be understood
backward; but it must be
lived forward."



**Committee Member
Janice Hake-
Ranasinghe-
Jamaldeen**

1999 batch

I am the creator and CEO,
KAIROS Events and
Weddings. I also have the joy
of being mum to Mikhail,
Sofiya and Rafael.



**Committee Member
Wenderlin De Zilva**

2000 batch

Wife and mother of three.

"Love the life you live.
Live the life you love."



**Committee Member
Sowthambigai
Chandirakumar**

2011 batch

Attorney-at-Law. Proud black
queen. I believe in myself and I'm
prepared to work hard.



**Committee Member
Feryal Sheriff**

1986 Batch

A proud and patriotic Familian.

"Say nothing, unless
your words are sweeter than silence".

FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING

The first committee meeting of the year for the Past Pupils' Association of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya was held on the 1st of March 2025. The meeting commenced after the traditional committee pictures were taken — capturing cherished moments filled with laughter, fun and even a touch of rain!

President Shihara Wimalaratne opened the session with a prayer of thanksgiving, seeking blessings for the year ahead, ensuring that all planned activities would be carried out successfully. The meeting was an engaging and productive one, where ideas were shared, details ironed out, and a plan was set in motion to kickstart an exciting year for the Association!!



Any time women come together with a collective intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting down making a quilt, in a kitchen preparing a meal, in a club reading the same book, or around the table playing cards, or planning a birthday party, when women come together with a collective intention, magic happens.

- Phylcia Rashad

COLLEGE SPORTS MEET



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ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE SPORTS MEET 2025

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DAY OF RECOLLECTION



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ANNUAL SOCIAL - 2025

**Tickets Out
Now**

FOR THE MOST
Enchanted
EVENING OF THE YEAR

Date - 31st May 2025
Venue - Waters Edge, Battaramulla
Time - 7.00pm onwards

Hurry!
Tickets priced at Rs. 12,000/-

For reservations
Manoja 070 296 1171 / Wendy 076 210 0183

 **Past Pupils' Association**
Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya

For private circulation only

Scrumptious
dinner
buffet

Beer
& chasers

Exciting & fun
games

An array of items
in your goody
bag

DJ music to keep
you dancing
all night

Surprises
galore!

Kindly note that the deadline for payment is 10th May 2025.

Please use the following details:

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A/C name - Past Pupils Association, Holy Family Convent Bambalapitiya

Branch code - 039

SWIFT code - HBLILKLX

Narration - Social xx (i.e. your name and surname)

Please share a screenshot or a confirmation with value and date to
Manoja - 070 296 1171 or Wendy - 076 210 0183

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO!

31st May

Annual Social – An Enchanted Evening
🌟🌹 A night of magic, memories, and celebration!
#Enchanted



27th July

Reintroducing the fun-filled Familian Family Trip!
#FamilianFamilyFun



23rd August

Did someone say CARNIVAL? 🎪🎠
Get ready and stay tuned!
#FamilianFantasy



October/ November

Let's come together and give back! ❤️
Making a difference, one act of kindness at a time.
#FamilianSpirit



November

Mass for the Dear Departed



December

In aid of the Paediatric Ward at Apeksha Hospital.
Await more details!!



Engage with Us: Attend our gatherings, reunions, and events to reconnect with old friends, forge new bonds, and share in the joy of our collective achievements.

Connect Online: Stay abreast of the latest developments and opportunities through our social media platforms, ensuring that distance does not diminish the strength of our bond.

Volunteer Your Talents: Your unique skills and expertise are invaluable assets in our pursuit of excellence. Consider lending your time and efforts by actively joining events and programmes that are being organised.

Spread the Word: Help us expand our reach and amplify our impact by spreading awareness of our endeavors within your circles of influence.

OUR PARTNERS - BATCH REPRESENTATIVES

Batch No.	Name of the Batch Representative	Mobile Number
1974	Srimathy Wijesinghe	0777963168
	Shyami Cabraal	0777482290
1975 (O/L)	Jayangani Jansen	0773622709
	Aasha Siriwardena	0712376959
1980	Priyana Gunasekera	0773469477
1986	Azraa Rizaa	0773114290
	Samantha De Alwis	0774111397
1987	Nilanthi Ranasinghe	0773185789
	Madhuri Jayasuriya	0714854416
1988	Dilummini De Mel	0773563516
1989	Rehanya Nugawela	260764242383
	Amali Munasinghe Peiris	0761939463
1990	Suzanne Paiva	0714012745
1992	Sara Gallage	0773411701
1994	Marina Samaratunge	0777840737
1995	Anusha Soysa	0777669066
1996	Rijeka Peries	0773047164
	Nilanka Jayathilake	0773287442
1997	Wathsala Manathunga	0773890983
	Nishikah Muttiah	0774544233
1998	Mihiri Perera	0718392146
	Nilanka Dias	0777738407
1999	Shiranthi Mihindukulasuriya	0777064361
	Nishanthi Amaratunga	0772001461
2000	Thilangani Kollure	0753660339
	Prasangika Fonseka	0777741098
2001	Dilini Gunawardena	0718720740
	Amali Hettiarachchi	0773642680

2002	Anushka Mendis	0771543654
2003	Aloka Perera	13475706606
	Vinodani De Silva	0727848467
2004	Isuru Bandaratilaka	0773334461
2005	Sabrina Sathgunasingamani	0777342942
	Nicola Deen	0772361936
2006	Fredrica Marianne Francisco	0770796609
	Ruwandi Perera	0779099461
2007	Shehara Fernando	0772965739
	Dinali Nissanka	0773820045
2008	Nishani Perera	0773022038
2009	Ravinka Fernando	0776840964
	Prashani Anthony	0770136510
2010	Thilani Jayasinghe	0768518003
	Hashani Fernando	0774716227
2011	Judith Fernando	0717251789
	Rozelle Perumal	0774718734
2012	Ruwanthika Perera	0779561141
	Manisha Cooray	0777211662
2013	Kithma De Silva	0771093289
	Hafsah Bongso	0768550116
2014	Morwenna Pietersz	0773775940
	Shihara Fernando	0712366765
2016	Hashini Perera	0771795891
2017	Shamara Fonseka	0776908613
2021	Tanina Avory	0767581170

A big shoutout to all batch reps for their hard work, dedication, and the positive energy they bring — your efforts don't go unnoticed! Keep up the great work!



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