

# Newsletter

PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION  
HOLY FAMILY CONVENT - BAMBALAPITIYA

2023/2024

## Help us Keep in Touch with you!

An initiative taken by the 2023/2024 Committee to update the PPA database with your latest details so that we can keep you posted on the upcoming events and projects hosted by the PPA. We would seek your assistance to connect with you digitally for better engagement. For more information refer page 14.



## Event Lineup for 2023/2024

Here is a lineup of exciting events planned especially for you by the 2023/2024 Committee. Whilst we are all busy with our daily routines, the Committee takes pleasure in inviting you to take part in these events and be a part of the PPA family. Do share the events calendar with your batch mates and come join us. More details on page 16.



## Meet the Committee

Get to know our Committee better so that you can share your comments, ideas with us and stay in touch with us. We'd love to hear from you!

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# Patroness' Message



**Rev. Sister Shirani Vass  
Patroness  
Past Pupils' Association  
2022 - 2024**

Pope Francis in his Lenten message invites us to set out on a journey. The Holy Father highlights the Lenten penance as commitment sustained by grace, to overcome our lack of faith and our resistance to follow Jesus on the way of the cross.

As we take the Holy Family as our model, we are also called to live their way of life.

Let the love of Jesus, Mary and Joseph be the link which binds together all members of the Holy Family.

Let us be united in our work and in prayers. Let us combine our efforts to spread the kingdom which is love.

# President's Message



**Sara Gallage**  
**President**  
**Past Pupils' Association**  
**2022 - 2024**

My Fellow Familians,

Thank you for placing your trust in me and giving me this opportunity to represent you for another year.

My dream is the betterment of the school and the Past Pupils' Association. It is indeed an honour to be able to serve my beloved Alma Mater. I assure you that I will do so to the best of my ability.

I hope to get your fullest support by way of participation in the PPA activities planned especially for you. Take time off from your busy schedules and come join us in the true Familiar Spirit!

I am blessed with a vibrant , enthusiastic and energetic committee.

I seek the blessings of the Holy Family whom we have taken for our model to complete another successful year.

Come join hands with me to take the PPA to greater heights.

May God bless you all!

# Principal's Message



**Rev. Sister Charitha Thandalge  
Principal  
Holy Family Convent -  
Bambalapitiya**

Past pupils are the stars that shine and flicker in the society. It is through you that people see the true colours of the school. You are the ambassadors of the school who bear the true spirit of it. By your words and deeds people see the value of your Alma Mater.

So, dear Sara and the new Committee of the PPA, it is in your hands now. You are called to vibrate that message to fellow Familians. "Once you become a Familiar, you are a Familiar forever".

Past pupils are the role models to the present students. Present generation is looking at you to learn the values from you. It is an immeasurable responsibility to pass the true Familiar spirit to the next generation. "The Grand old Lady by the sea" is proud of you for what you are today.

Thank you very much for all the support given to the school in all situations. They were moments of strength and courage; and indeed the true Familiar Spirit.

I wish all the best for the new Committee and all your future projects. May they become blessings which renew and strengthen the bonds with your Alma Mater and with your colleagues young and old.

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph be with you and guide you always!

# 89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting



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89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Past Pupils' Association was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the School Green Hall.

As per tradition, we started the days proceedings for the day with Holy Mass followed by breakfast.

School Prefects conducted an Ice Cream stall and further sold HFC Merchandise items prior to the AGM.

The AGM concluded at 12.30 p.m. followed by lunch and live music provided by one of our own past Familiar's Maria Soysa. Below are some of the captures from the event.



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# Meet the Committee 2023/24



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## **Sara Gallage – President**

I am Sara Gallage, mother of two teenagers. Daughter aged 19+ just left school. Son aged 17+ is at SPC. I'm a professional attached to HR. I love traveling and watching movies. I love to have fun in anything I do generally in life.



## **Devinka Kulatunga – Vice President**

Hi I'm Devinka, currently working at Public Bank Berhad. I'm a mother of two beautiful teenage daughters. My hobbies are dancing, social service and hanging out with friends.



## **Niroshi Nicholas – Vice President**

I am Niroshi, from the batch of 93' I am into Exports. I have two daughters. Love to get involved in social work.



## **Nishani Perera – Joint Secretary**

Hi I'm Nishani. I'm working at Nations Trust Bank in Cards Portfolio Management. I'm a mother of two beautiful girls (5 and 1 1/2). I'm an adventure traveller, fitness fanatic and love community service.



## **Sonali Crusz– Joint Secretary**

I'm Sonali, and I run my own event management company, 'events by Sonali Crusz'. I'm a mother of two; daughter (13) and son (10). I love to travel, read, watch movies and cook.



## **Sujama Yogarajah– Treasurer**

Hi I'm Sujama Yogarajah. I'm currently attached to Cargills Bank.

# Meet the Committee 2023/24



**Judith Dharmaratne– Asst. Treasurer**

I'm from batch of '87. I'm a housewife. I love singing and dancing.



**Rangika Perera– Teacher Coordinator**

I am Rangika Perera Warnesuriye and at present attached to HFC as a Teacher. I have three children. My hobbies are listening to music, singing and social work.



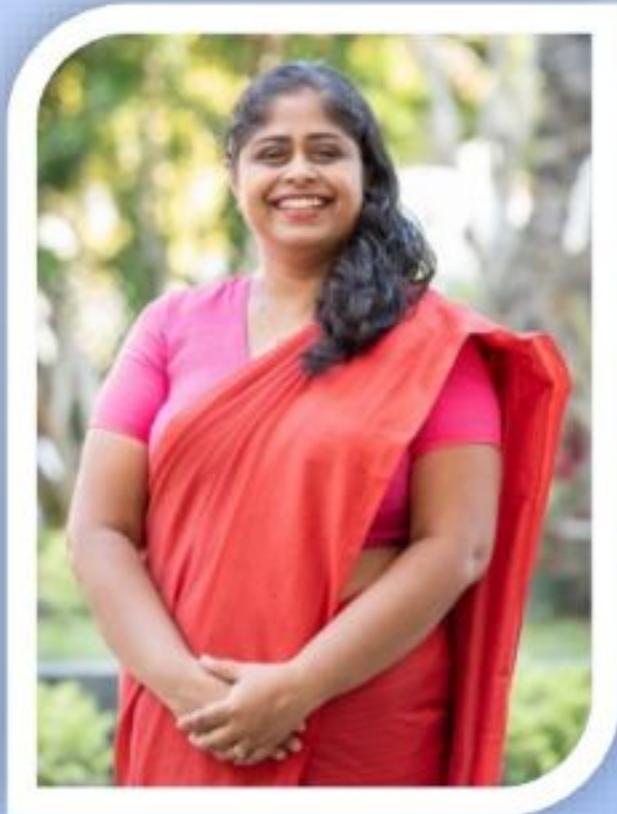
**Chaturi De Lanerolle– Committee Member**

Hi I'm Chaturi. I'm a teacher at HFC and I teach Maths & Business Statistics in the upper school. I have two daughters aged 7 & 4. I love to dance, watch movies, and eat good food!!



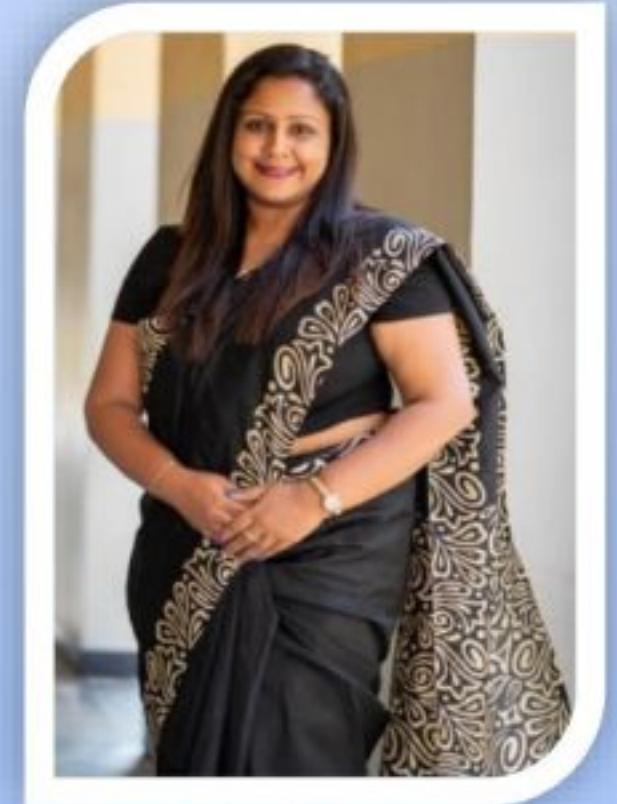
**Rijeka Peries– Committee Member**

Hi I am Rijeka. A house wife. I am a mother of two handsome boys. My hobbies are cooking, patchwork and candle making.



**Sherika Fernando– Committee Member**

I am Sherika from the 2001 batch. I'm currently serving my Alma Mater as a teacher of English language and Literature in the upper school. I'm also the mother to three kids: 2 boys and a girl. I love baking and always make my kids' birthday cakes but my one true passion is teaching.



**Mahesha Soyza – Committee Member**

Hi I am Mahesha. I'm a very humble and strong character. I'm an IT professional working as a lecturer. I love teaching, travelling, community service and I'm a great music lover.

# Meet the Committee 2023/24



**Fathima Irshad – Committee Member**

I'm Fathima, a full-time house wife and a mother of two daughters and a son who is currently studying at SPC. And I have one cheeky grandson who takes most of my time. I love to cook. I love nature and I enjoy travelling and exploring places.



**Oshini Chandradasa – Committee Member**

I'm Oshini Chandradasa. I'm practicing as an Attorney-at-Law. I have one son. My hobby is collecting stamps.



**Kavindi Fernando – Committee Member**

I'm Kavindi, currently employed at Citibank. I enjoy reading, music and practicing yoga.



**Niroshini Perera – Committee Member**

Hi I'm Niroshini. I'm a BSc holder in MIS who worked at KPMG SL previously but now a full time stay home mum. I have a son and a daughter. I love travelling with my family as I enjoy going to new places.



**Shihara Wimalaratne – Committee Member**

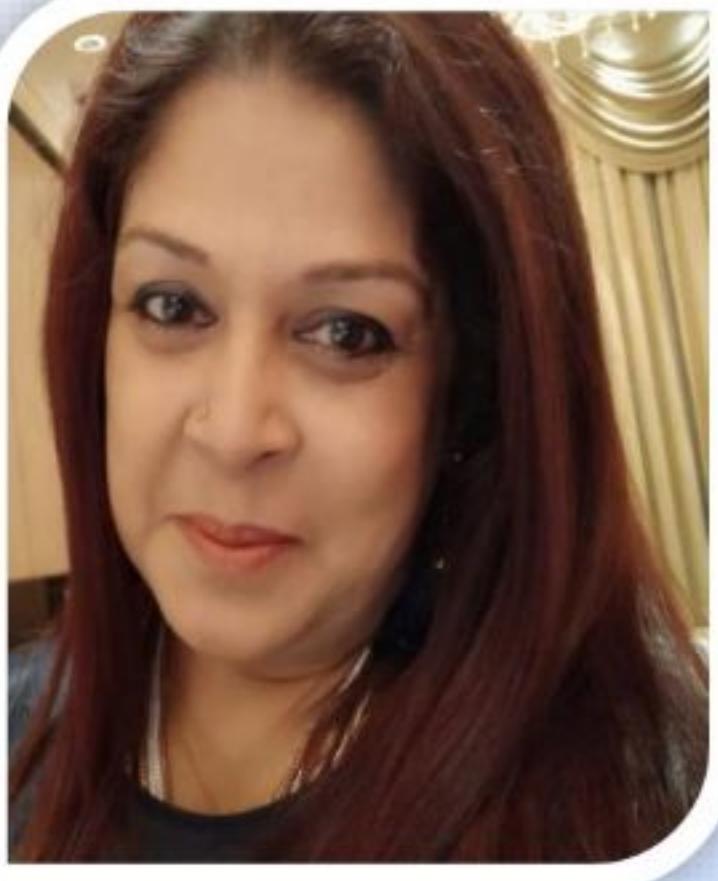
I am Shihara from the 96 batch. I am blessed with a beautiful daughter. I am attached to the travel industry and love to travel the world. Love to work under stress and love to be always on my toes.



**Suzette Hakel – Committee Member**

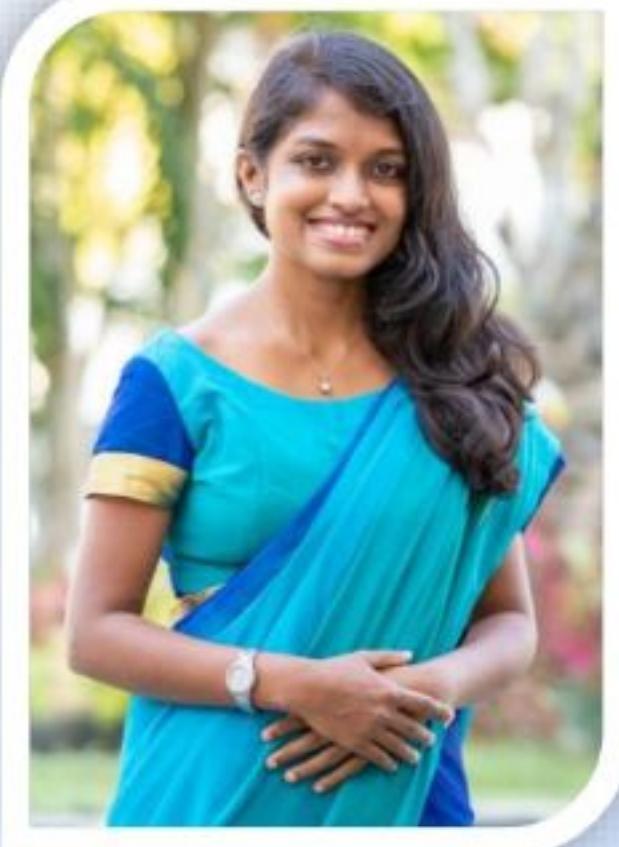
Hi, I'm Suzette Hakel. A mother of two kids. A professional in Human Resources. I'm a very friendly and a talkative person.

# Meet the Committee 2023/24



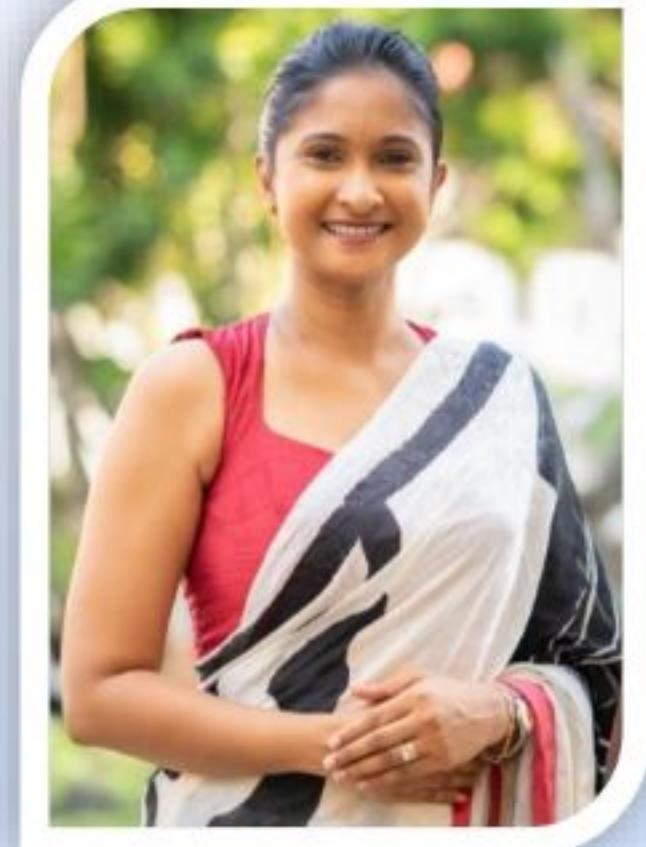
**Suzanne Paiva  
– Committee Member**

I am the Director of Events for the Burgher Association in Sri Lanka and I run my own catering business. I have two sons aged 28 and 23. My hobbies are cooking, baking gardening and reading.



**Dilki Fernando – Committee Member**

Hi I'm Dilki, currently working as a Preschool teacher at Lyceum International School Panadura. My hobbies are playing the piano, listening to music, watching movies and baking cakes, cookies etc.



**Dilini Gunawardena – Committee Member**

I'm Dilini Gunawardena. I have two daughters aged 12 and 9 years. I have my own Travel Agency and my husband is in the pharmaceutical business. My hobbies include traveling, DJing and reading.



**Anusha Soyza  
– Committee Member**

I'm Anusha, currently working at Centrepoin Homes. I have 2 kids, a beautiful daughter talkative like me studying at HFC, and a cricket craze son who is studying at STC. My hobbies are gardening and social service.



**Avanthi Warnapura– Committee Member**

I am Avanthi Warnapura from the 99 batch. Working at Freshway Bakers. I have one daughter who has left school and two sons.

# Sports Meets 2023



President **Sara Gallage** and Vice President **Devinka Kulatunga** represented the Past Pupils' Association at the Primary and College Sports Meets that were held in March 2023.

These were milestone events for our young Familians, subsequent to many challenging years of lock downs and economic crisis.

PPA conducted a virtual Sports Meet parallel to the college Sports Meet in order to build enthusiasm amongst the past pupils', and to cheer for their houses whilst they engage as one team.

Over 2,000 past Familians participated in the virtual Sports Meet where they had to vote for their house and the house with the most number of votes was declared as the Winner.

**Suzanne house** emerged as the Winner in the virtual Sports Meet with **445 votes**.

This virtual Sports Meet was a true display of the Familiar spirit and sportsmanship.

# Familian Past Pupils gathering

Past Pupils' Association of Holy Family Convent, Bambalapitiya hosted the "Familian Past Pupils Gathering - Colombo Province, 2023" on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at the School Green Hall.

The objective of the meeting was to collaborate with all past Familians from the Colombo Province under the guidance of the Holy Family Sisters.



Familian  
Past Pupils  
Gathering 2023  
Colombo Province



Hosted by  
The PPA of Holy Family Convent,  
Bambalapitiya



# Empowering Familians

During March 2023 in conjunction with the International Women's Day we started a new segment under the theme "Empowering Familians" to recognize those Familians who have made an impact in their chosen profession.

For 2023 edition, we were able to feature a handful of such Familians. For details of these posts please visit our Facebook/Instagram pages. We sincerely hope that this initiative will be continued by future committees as well so that our younger generations understand the legacy we leave behind.



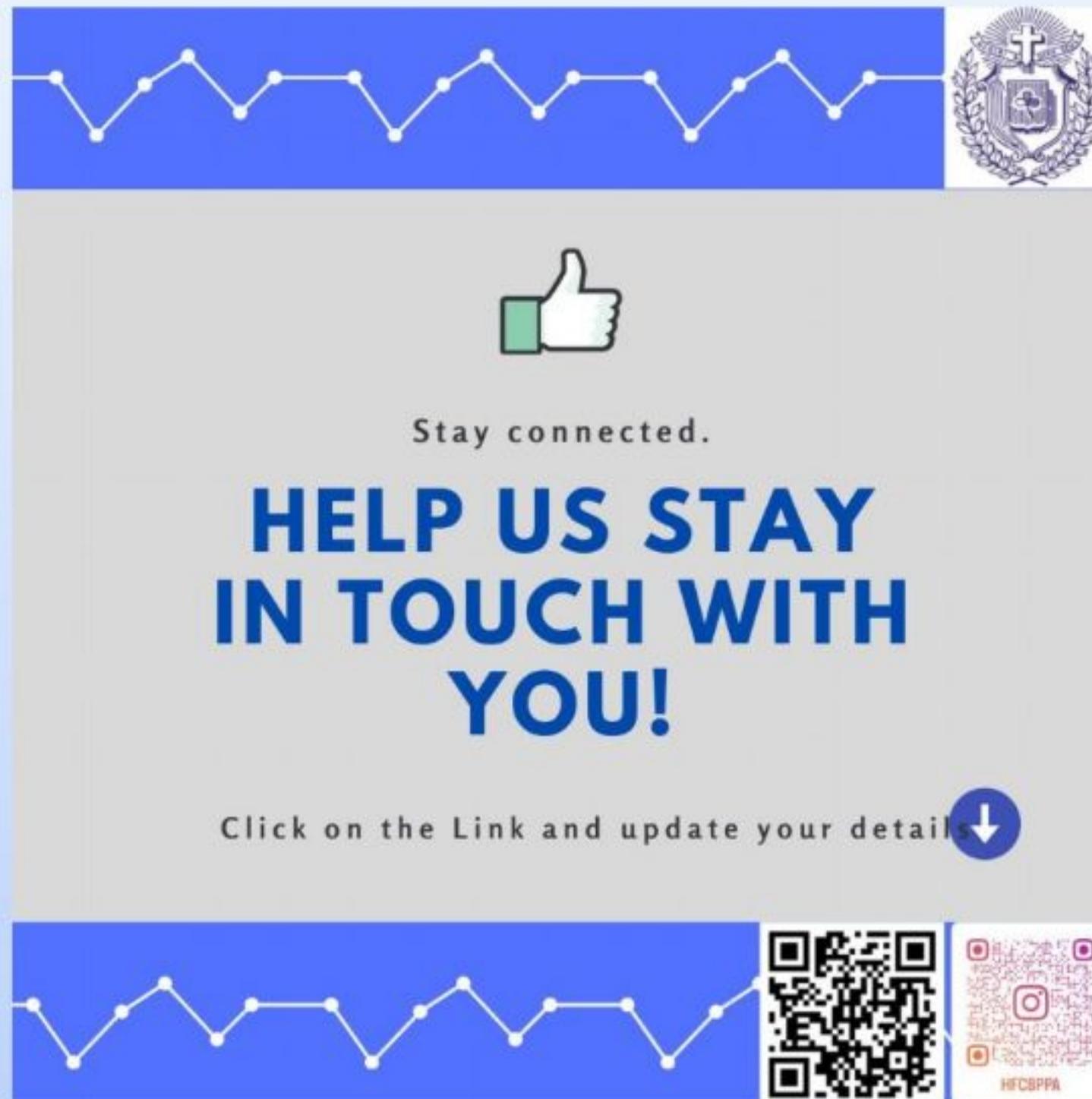
# First Committee Meeting 2023/2024



The First Committee Meeting of the 2023/2024 Committee was held at the School Green Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2023. We started our proceedings with an opening prayer seeking God's blessings for a successful year ahead and the President in her speech explained the expectations from the Committee members and the ultimate objective being self-less service for the Alma Matter.

Key discussions included the segregation of duties, event lineup for the year, standard protocols etc.

# Past Pupil Information Update Drive



We have launched a Member Information update drive so that we are able to reach out to a wider audience with our initiatives planned for the year and projects that we undertake.

We seek your support to update your information by scanning the below QR code and share same among your batchmates for better connectivity.



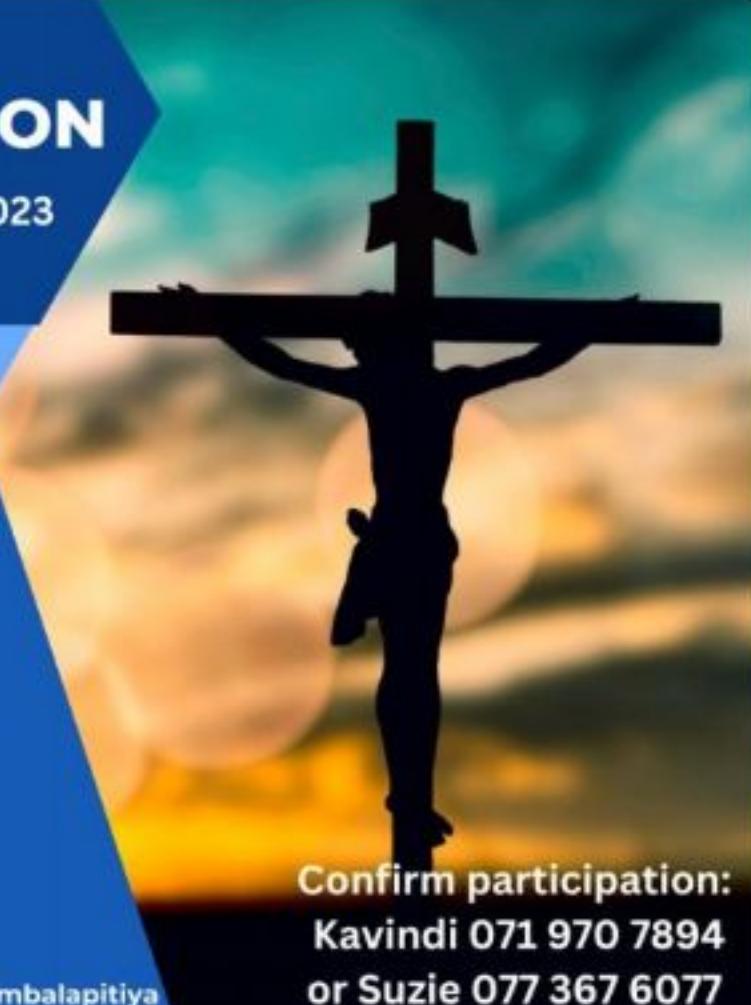
# Day of Recollection

## DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, 25th March 2023  
School Chapel

*Bring your family along!*

8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m.  
Breakfast  
9.00 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.  
Reflection  
10.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.  
Holy Mass



Confirm participation:  
Kavindi 071 970 7894  
or Suzie 077 367 6077



Past Pupils' Association  
Holy Family Convent - Bambalapitiya

The 2023/2024 PPA calendar started with the Day of Recollection held on Saturday, 25th March 2023.

Members of the PPA and their families came together to reflect upon Jesus's journey during this season of Lent.

The day commenced with a meaningful reflection delivered by Rev Fr Sheron followed by Holy Mass.



# Event lineup – 2023/2024



Day of Recollection

March



Recital of the Rosary

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 7.00 p.m. via Zoom

Annual Social

May

Membership Drive

June/July

Back to School

August

120 year Celebration

November

Mass for Dear Departed

November

# Annual Social 2023



PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION OF  
HOLY FAMILY CONVENT BAMBALAPITIYA  
presents

# Aloha!

Annual Social 2023

SATURDAY, 27TH MAY 2023  
FROM 7PM ONWARDS  
Hilton Colombo Residences

For table reservations:  
Suzie - 077 367 6077  
Kavindi - 071 970 7894

Please contact your batch representative for more details

# T-Shirt Sale

## HOLY FAMILY CONVENT BAMBALAPITIYA PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION T-SHIRT SALE 2023



**Ladies** - Tops Size Chart

| Size   | S       | M       | L       | XL      | XXL     |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Chest  | 15"     | 16 1/4" | 17 1/2" | 18 3/4" | 20"     |
| Length | 22 1/4" | 23 1/2" | 24 3/4" | 26"     | 27 1/4" |



Scan QR code to place order!

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Update your details on the link and we will get in touch with you!

# Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I become a PPA Member?**

Refer <http://www.hfcppa.org/membership/> for detailed procedure.

- **Can I apply for PPA membership despite not having the leaving certificate?**

Yes. It is possible. <http://www.hfcppa.org/membership/> for the Special Membership Drive Section.

- **I have lost my membership card, what is the procedure to obtain a new membership card?**

You are required to re-apply for a membership card paying a re-issuance fee of Rs.750/- . Please email the Secretary at [ppahfcb1934@gmail.com](mailto:ppahfcb1934@gmail.com) with your request.

- **What is the procedure to update my contact details/email address in the PPA data base?**

Please email: [ppahfcb1934@gmail.com](mailto:ppahfcb1934@gmail.com) with the required change along with PPA membership number to update the records.

- **What are the ways I could help the PPA activities?**

Actively participate in the events organized by the Committee  
Support fund raiser events of the Committee via ticket sales, sponsorships etc.  
Update your colleagues about the fundraising events/initiatives and encourage them to obtain membership as well.



# Stay in touch with us!



Holy Family Convent Bambapalitiya PPA



<http://www.hfcppa.org/>

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regarding the Newsletter  
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