

St. John's College, Jaffna

Media Report - English Day 2015

The English Day was celebrated in the Peto Memorial Hall on Saturday, 30th May at 9.00 noon.



The programme began with the College Hymn and the Welcome Address by the President of the English Union. The Chief Guest, Mr. Sabaratnam Kanagaratnam Kannathas, Senior Lecturer, English Language Teaching Centre, University of Jaffna was welcomed and garlanded.



Next was a group song by the students of the Primary School, 'If you give love.' The song talked of the virtues of giving and promised the givers that they would certainly get more than what they give.



Next was the Oratory by J.Volta Jebaprashanth, an extract of the speech by Severn Suzuki. He talked about how scary living on Earth has now become. Towards the end of the speech was an accusation that adults are doing irreparable and irreversible damage to nature. He said, 'You don't know how to fix the holes in our ozone layer. You don't know how to bring salmon back up a dead stream. You don't know how to bring back an animal now extinct.' He finished this with the plea – 'If you don't know how to fix it, please stop breaking it!'



The Choral Recitation, Western Dance, Distribution of Prizes and Drama was followed by the Vice Patron's address. In his address, he said that it was

paramount to know how to use the English language rather than just knowing it. At a later point in his speech, he also pointed out that education is an ongoing process and therefore no one can ever say that he has studied all what he needs to study.



He then went on to talk about the achievements of the students which is given in point form below

	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Divisional Level	5	6	11
Zonal Level	2	2	3
Provincial Level	2	-	-



Following the speech were three performances – Country Music, Recitation and Boy Band II.



Mr. and Mrs. Ambikaipakan from Melbourne, Australia gave away the certificates during the second session of the Prize Giving. Mr. Ambikaipakan is a very active member of OBA Melbourne, Australia who has supported in the development of the school in more ways than one.



Fourteen years after joining the Sri Lanka Teacher Service and teaching English in the government sector, the Chief Guest joined the university of Jaffna where he put in another fourteen years of service. In all, he has been serving the populace by teaching English for more than twenty eight years now. He was presented with a memento for playing a major role in the English Language enhancement of the community.

entertaining morning he had.

The Chief Guest in his address talked about the importance of English. He commended the programmes staged and thanked the College for inviting him as Chief Guest and for the

The Vote of Thanks and the College Song brought the function to a close. So ended another successful day at St. John's College...


