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## Our Social Events . . . .

June Dance  
13th June 2015  
St. Anthony's Parish  
Hall  
Noble Park.

AGM  
2nd August 2015  
Springers Leisure  
Centre  
Keysborough

Blue & White Dance  
26th September 2015  
Springvale Town Hall

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## From the President

As this is the first Newsletter for 2015, I would like to wish all our Members good health, prosperity and a safe 2015. Last year was a very successful and fruitful year for our Association.

The 15th Anniversary Re-union was a great success for us and we raised much needed funds to finance our Scholarship Program. This would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of all our Committee Members. I also recognise and appreciate the support of all our Members with their families and friends at our Social Functions.

I am a bit concerned at the lack of interest of our Members in nominating to be part of our General Committee. In 2003 when I joined the Committee as Secretary, there were six Executive positions, nine Committee positions and six Social Members. This was a total of 21 Members which formed the General Committee. In 2015 we have six Executive positions, five Committee Members and six Social Members, which is a total of 17 Members. I appeal to our younger Members and also the not so young Members to think about getting involved and nominating for a position in our General Committee. The greater the number of Members in our Committee will mean less work load for our Members.

Our Scholarship Program is growing steadily over the last 13 years. When we started the Program in 2003 we were supporting 16 students from the primary to the secondary standards. In 2005 we commenced support for students who proceeded to the tertiary level. This year (2015) I have received applications for scholarships for 22 students, from the LKG to the University level.

I am also proud to announce that so far we have provided financial assistance to 199 students at Campion and various Universities in Trichy. This was comprised of 166 students from the LKG up to standard 12 and 30 at the University level. This includes 4 students who completed their Master degree. The total amount we have expended towards this fund in the past twelve years is approximately \$35,000.

I appeal to our members to support our fund raising functions this year on the 13th June and the 26th September 2015.



Loftus Callanan

## Party Equipment

If you are planning a party, we have generous sized Bain-Marie's for hire. Revenue generated from this contributes towards our scholarship fund. A big "Thank you" to those who have hired our equipment and donated generously towards our mission. Please contact us if you are interested.

Contact: Gerard Fernandez Mobile: 0439 197 627

## Editor's Note

Isn't it amazing how quickly 2015 is flashing by? We are well and truly gearing-up for our on-coming events. Meetings and discussions are all happening as the team organises the events for this year. You will find information on the upcoming COBA functions in this newsletter. We require more Members and friends of COBA to attend these fund-raising functions if we are to meet our commitment to the students we have sponsored. Please participate actively and help us make it a success. It is your support that motivates us.

In this edition, we are proud to bring you a recent article from The Hindu newspaper featuring one of Campion's popular teachers. Many of our members are his students and will fondly recall his deep voice in the classroom. We're also giving you a brief introduction to some of our committee members.

You may have already received an email from our president Loftus Callanan regarding us discontinuing the postage of the newsletter. All future issues of this newsletter will only be accessible via our website [coba.org.au](http://coba.org.au). If you have not yet provided us your email address, please email it to Loftus Callanan [lcallanan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lcallanan@optusnet.com.au). We will no longer be posting any hard-copies to members unless they request one.



Royston James  
(Editor)



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## PUNOGRAPHY

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- This dyslexic man walks into a bra .
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds..
- I wondered why the ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

Michael B. Venum talks about the lessons he has imparted, and learned, as a teacher for over four decades.



“If you are a teacher, you should continue to teach. When you stop teaching, you die. That’s true of anybody. Whatever you are good at, you should continue to do it. Because when the skill is neglected, it becomes lost. You become miserable, and that is death.”

Generations of Campion Anglo-Indian Higher Secondary School students would be able to recognize the words of their former English teacher Michael Blaise Venum, who has got 41 years of experience to back up his statement.

Speaking to us at his residence in Kottapattu neighbourhood of Ponmalai, Mr. Venum shares his views on the teaching profession and education in general.

“Initially when I joined Campion [in 1973], I thought it was something temporary, but He willed that I should be there,” says the deeply spiritual Mr. Venum. Joining as a Physical Science teacher, he was asked to also handle English for Classes 6-11 (then known as High School), and eventually such was his skill in the latter subject that “nobody knows now that I was a Physics graduate,” he chuckles.

### Language lover

The veteran resident of the city who describes himself as “very much a Tamilian though I belong to the Anglo-Indian community,” says teachers should put in the effort to make an impact on their students. “If the teacher is not proficient, cannot do something, then you cannot expect the student to do the same thing. When I’d write on the board, I’d always tell them to write like me – my handwriting on the board was always good, not so much on paper (laughs).

“I used to tell them that ‘you should write like me, speak like me, and if you can’t, you must do better than me,’” he says.

With English emerging as a lingua franca within India, does he find it paradoxical that the quality of teaching it has declined over the years? “We have lost the study of literature, even language,” he agrees. “There’s a guide, and everyone studies from a guide. If you don’t, you don’t get 100%.”

While his stint at Campion is over, his journey as a teacher of English, shaped by his years as a co-ordinator for common exams for Anglo-Indian syllabus schools in the state for 25 years and a member of the panel of inspection for Montfort schools, is still continuing. He is currently a trainer for students taking the IELTS examination through the British Council. Next year, he is planning to conduct workshops for English teachers in the city.

***If the teacher is not proficient, cannot do something, then you cannot expect the student to do the same thing.***

## Member Profiles

**Gerard Horne:** A Campion student (Class of '87), Gerard has been an active member of the COBA committee since 2013. He excelled as a hockey player and represented Campion all through his years there. Soon after completing his degree in commerce and accountancy at St. Joseph's College in Trichy, he joined the Indian Railways. After 20 years of service as a supervisor in the diesel locomotive section in Chennai and Golden Rock, he migrated to Australia in 2012. He is married to Sujatha and they have a daughter, Nikita. He lives in Cranbourne, Vic and is currently employed as technician in the manufacturing sector.



**Christopher Quental:** A committee member since 2012, Christopher studied at Campion all the way from kindergarten to higher-secondary (Class of '91). Christopher is the Assistant Secretary of COBA and is responsible for booking the venues for all our social events. A tech buff, he has a diploma in electronics and communication. He has worked as an instrumentation technician for 6 years for one of the world's largest petroleum companies, Saudi Aramco. He's single and lives in Cranbourne, Vic. He is currently employed as an instruments -technician with Bytecraft Systems.



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### *Obituaries:*

DAPHNE (Lawless) GONSALVEZ ex Champion Teacher passed away on the 1st December 2014. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Austin and Llewelyn Gonsalvez, Norma Rouse and the Lawless Family. "May Her Soul Rest In Peace".

PAT THOMAS, the very popular Anglo Indian singer from Madras passed away in Sydney on the 28th February 2015 after a prolonged illness. He will be remembered for his husky deep voice when he imitated Pat Boone and Jim Reeves in Calcutta and Madras. Our condolences go out to his wife Marie and their family.

# CAMPION OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

## AUSTRALIA Inc.

### PRESENTS

A fund raising nite to raise Scholarships in India



### BOOKINGS

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Gerard Fernandez	5998 5728
Gerard Horne	0412 869 707
Kevin Bellet	0402 163 195
Loftus Callanan	9369 7735
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Melford Rouse	9798 1040
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## June Dance

Saturday 13th June 2015

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

Melway Ref: 89 E3

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Please contact Loftus Callanan on +61 3 9369 7735 or by email at [lcallanan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lcallanan@optusnet.com.au) if you're interested.

### COBA Items for Sale

DVD covering the three days of our 15th Anniversary Re-Union in October 2014.

Price: \$10 inclusive of postage in Australia.

\$5 postage for overseas orders.

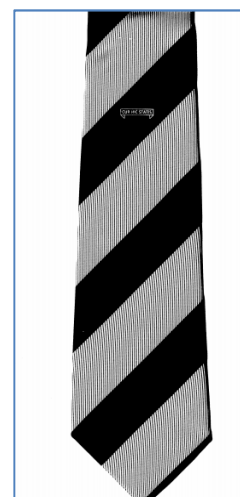


### New Design COBA Neck Tie

This tie has been streamlined and not as wide as the first one.

It also has the school motto "Cur Hic Statis" included.

Price: \$20 including postage.



If you are interested in purchasing any of these items please contact Loftus Callanan on +61 3 9369 7735 or by email at [lcallanan@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lcallanan@optusnet.com.au)

The proceeds from the sale of these two items will be credited to our Scholarship Fund.



## *Our Australian Life Members*

ELLIS	Sydney	Skye	VIC	CONYERS	Jennifer	Clarinda	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Jude	Mulgrave	VIC	HICKMAN	Lucien	Hampton Park	VIC
FERNANDEZ	Ronald	Noble Park	VIC	D'ROZARIO	Alister	Dingley Village	VIC
RODRIGUES	Roland	Oakleigh East	VIC	FERNANDEZ	Derek	Keysborough	VIC
FULLER	Tyrone	Hawker	ACT	RODRIGUES	Brenda	Templestowe	VIC
RODRIGUES	Ouida	Oakleigh East	VIC	CORREA	Jude	Thomastown	VIC
COTTER	Cecilia	Auburn	NSW	FERNANDEZ	Laura	Noble Park	VIC
COTTER	Gwendoline	Sefton	NSW	GONSALVEZ	Austin	Dandenong	VIC
COTTER	Leslie	Sefton	NSW	ROUSE	Norma	Noble Park	VIC
COTTER	Milton	Auburn	NSW	COLOMB	Noel	Glen Waverley	VIC
RODRIGUES	Robert	Chester Hill	NSW	BATES	Lester	Caulfield East	VIC
VAN HALTREN	Derrick	Glen Waverley	VIC	ELLIS	Philo	Skye	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Bernadette	Narre Warren Sth	VIC	LOBOW	Marius	Cranbourne North	VIC
GONSALVEZ	Cyril	Narre Warren Sth	VIC	ROUSE	Alester	Berwick	VIC
D'ROZARIO	Dawn	Mulgrave	VIC	ROUSE	Melford	Noble Park	VIC
LOPEZ	Joseph	Bentleigh	VIC	D'VAZ	Don	Dandenong North	VIC
KEIN	Royce	Oakleigh South	VIC	ROZARIO	Sharon	Narre Warren	VIC
WRIGHT	Neville	Springvale	VIC	CARVALHO	Raymond	Narre Warren	VIC
PAUL	Gary	Springvale	VIC	D'ROZARIO	Priscilla	Keysborough	VIC
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D'MONTE	Mercy	Mulgrave	VIC	MICHEL	Juan	Hampton Park	VIC
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RING	Rudolph	Gosnells	WA	DEMONTE	Stanley	McDowall	QLD
GOMES	Christopher	Berwick	VIC	JACOB	Sylvester	Pemulwuy	NSW
FERNANDEZ	Douglas	Mulgrave	VIC	ALMEIDA	Melroy	South Oakleigh	VIC
VAN HALTREN	Winston	Fairfield	VIC	BROOK	Dagma	Narre Warren Sth	VIC
KEIN	Callistus	Clayton South	VIC	MACEDO	Raulston	Bentleigh	VIC
PATTERSON	Rudolph	Taigum	QLD	MOREIRA	Ronald	Berwick	VIC
COTTER	Joseph	Chester Hill	NSW	VERNEM	Joyce	Doveton	VIC
WALKER	Canute	Clarinda	VIC				
CALLANAN	Loftus	Altona Meadows	VIC				
RODRIGUES	Denzil	Carina Heights	QLD				
HONOUR	Charles	Pearcedale	VIC				
JACOBS	Alfred	West Pennant Hills	NSW				
FULLER	Nobel	Dulwich Hill	NSW				
RODRIGUES	Vilma	Oakleigh East	VIC				



## *Our Overseas Life Members*

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PEARS	Sten	Galway	IRE	WRIGHT	Avis	Tiruchirappalli	IND
GREEN	Kevin	Wiltshire	UK	WRIGHT	Beverley	Tiruchirappalli	IND
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D'CRUZ	Basil	Essex	UK	NETTO	Elwyn	Alwaye	IND
D'SILVA	Rex	Trivandrum	IND	ITTIANATH	Raman	Goa	IND
D'SILVA	Emmanuel	Kottayam	IND	HART s j	Fr. Rodney	San Juan	PH
D'CRUZ	Ralph	Nepean	CAN	BOUT	Aubrey	Florida	USA
BAYER	Alroy	Coimbatore	IND	PEARS	Milton	Surrey	UK
PAUL	Maxwell	Isle of Wight	UK	RAMAKRISHNAN	Nair	Chennai	IND
CLEMENTS	Winston	Tiruchirappalli	IND	SUKUMARAN	Arumugam	Chennai	IND
PILARRD	Henry	Cumbum	IND	BASTIAN	Ashley	Hounslow	UK

### **MESSAGE OF THANKS (SCHOLARSHIP & FRIEND- IN- NEED)**

In response to our request for contributions, we wish to convey our thanks to the individuals who have donated and continue to give their support to our Scholarship and Friend-In-Need programmes for the year 2013-2014.

Thanks to your generosity, which helped us to provide 20 scholarships (2 pre-school, 13 from Std I - Std I2, 1 boarding and 4 degree courses). We also assisted 5 in the Friend-in-Need Programme.

Sharon Rozario	Narre Warren VIC	Eric Quintal	Noble Park VIC
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Jackie D'Costa	Point Cook VIC	Joseph & Audrey Lopez	Bentleigh VIC
Cyril & Bernadette Gonsalvez	Narre Warren South VIC	Alfred & Doris Jacob	West Pennant Hills NSW
Rudolph & Iona Patterson	Taigum QLD	Vincent Sequeira	Dandenong South VIC
Joseph & Meryl Hickman	Clarinda VIC	Roland & Vilma Rodrigues	Oakleigh East VIC
Canute Walker	Clarinda VIC	Terrence Patterson	Canning Vale WA

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COBA wishes to convey our thanks to the local business and individuals who have given us tremendous support in our fund raising efforts, throughout the year.

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