

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011**

**“He who finds diamonds must grapple in mud and mire because diamonds are not found in polished stones but are made”.**

We glorify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for his wonderful counsel and guidance in all our endeavours to achieve great heights in the current year. The following is the gist of all that we had explored, strived and achieved – in the academic arena.

We, at St.Anthony’s believe that a Value Based Education is a powerful and positive force, that shapes the lives of our future citizens. It is our ceaseless endeavour that each student leaving the portals of this institution, leaves as a better individual, equipped with the right ideals and beliefs.

At St.Anthony’s “Victory” is not an incident; but it is a success, that is wrought by team work the dedicated efforts of teachers, students and parents. As in the past, this academic year has also seen many proud Anthonians winning many laurels for their Alma mater, in Academics, Sports, Extra-curriculum, co-curricular activities, as well as in cultural competitions. We have achieved cent-percentage results in the A.I.S.S.L.C examination. We believe and recognize that without the support and co-operation of the parents, our efforts to impart a Value Based Education would have been impossible, in today’s competitive world.

### **ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS**

On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010 an orientation programme was conducted for the parents of the children, where they were given an insight by Mr. Rajesh Fernando Guinness Book Record breaker on value Based magic tricks. The seminar enriched the parents to encourage their children to do well in their studies.

**“O SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG**

**FOR HE HAS DONE MARVELLOUS THINGS”**

The Centenary Year of St.Anthony’s was launched on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2010 with a grand concelebrated Eucharistic celebration at St.Anthony’s church. Rev.Fr.Thamburaj, Fathers, Sisters, Parents, P.T.A members, Alumni members and Retired teachers took part with solidarity in the Holy mass.

### **ORIENTATION DAY FOR TEACHERS**

To start the academic year on the right note we had an Orientation Programme on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010 for our teachers by a very energetic and enigmatic resource person Fr.Arulmani. The staffs were given tips on how to be a good and successful teacher.

### **SPORTS MEET**

The Centenary Sports Day of St.Anthony’s Anglo Indian High School was celebrated with much pomp, splendor, grandeur and acclaim on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Even though the sky was overcast, crowds of parents, special gusts and invitees turned up in large numbers. The Chief guests of the day were Thiru N.Balaganga – Member of Parliament and Rev.L.Balaswamy – Parish Priest of St.Anthony’s Church, Egmore.

St.Anthony’s has always had an excellent record in the field of interschool sports. On 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010 our Headmistress Sr.Jeyarani, P.T.Master and 48 students went to participate in Anglo Indian Inter-School Sports meet at Trichy and our athletes bagged one gold medal, two silver medals and one bronze medal at the sports event.

On 20<sup>th</sup> August 2010, our school kabbadi team participated in the North Chennai 'E' Kabbadi Match for boys. Our Junior Kabbadi team won the match and seniors were runners-up

On 29<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 50 Students from our school took part in Chennai Marathon and seven students were declared winners.

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010 in North Chennai 'B' Zone sports meet held for girls and our athletes won two silver medals in 200 mts and discuss throw.

In North Chennai 'E' Zone Sports held for boys on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010 in Nehru Park, Our athletes won 2 gold medals, 2 bronze medals and 2 silver medals. We were also the winners of the Hand Ball Match conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> October at Nehru Stadium. 'One Thousand Hockey Legs' rolled off at the SDAT-Mayor Radhakrishnan stadium in the city on 18<sup>th</sup> November. Our school's Hockey team under 14 category was runners up. On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 D. Santosh won the championship in under 17 short put, in a Districts level sports meet.

## **CENTENARY YEAR CELEBRATIONS**

Being a centenary year the school had focused on a project and various cultural competitions were held.

As a part of our Centenary year Celebration we organized a **Dance Competition** on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 based on Patriotism and Bio-diversity. The Competition was conducted for juniors and seniors. Students from various Presentation Schools in Chennai took part in the competition.

**Green Day Project** was held in our school campus for the students from classes I to X on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010. Mr.N.M.Mylvahanan, Deputy Commissioner of Police was the Chief Guest of the day. Our students displayed a wide range of projects and models on Science and Bio-diversity covering various topics like global warming, environmental pollution etc. The exhibition gave the students a chance to use their creativity and talents. Judges from various schools were present and selected the best exhibits. The winners were:

1. ST.Joseph's-Perambur & St.Columban's -Broadway
2. St.Aloysius-Vepery
3. Sacred Heart Matriculation Higher Secondary School-Thousand Lights.

Also as a part of our centenary cultural celebration a **Singing Competition** was held on 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. Sr.Rose, Sr.Elizabeth and Mr. Joe were the special guests of the day. The winners were

1. St.Joseph's Anglo Indian High School-Perambur
2. St.Aloysius Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School-Vepery
3. St.Urusula's Anglo Indian Higher Secondary School-Thousand Lights

## **PRESENTATION DAY FEAST**

The Feast of Presentation Day was celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> of November in our school. STD VI presented an assembly on the life of Mother Mary and Nano Nagle, Our Foundress. The life of Nano Nagle was indeed a very touching one and was well enacted by the students.

## **INSTALLATION OF WATER PLANT**

The dream to provide our children with good drinking water came true on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2010 by installing a water plant in our school. Our children are enjoying the benefits of clean drinking water.

## **INDEPENDENCE DAY**

We had a grand Independence Day Celebration, conducted by the students of Std.IX kindling in us the spirit of Patriotism.

On 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2010 Parents meeting was held in our school regarding Centenary building fund.

Standard 1 to 8 went on an excursion to M.G.M Dizee World on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010. Our little kids enjoyed their trip to the theme park with their friends.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> standard students went on an excursion on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2010 to Queensland and enjoyed their day-out in the theme park.

## **TEACHERS' DAY**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2010 our Captains conducted a wonderful assembly and variety entertainment for our teachers on Teachers' Day. Thanks to our beloved children.

## **TRIBUTE TO MRS.DAPHNEY**

God called Mrs. Daphney Alexander on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010 a beloved teacher of our staff to eternal rest on October. It was with a sorrowful heart that we bid farewell to her. We will always cherish the wonderful days we spent together. We, the Presentation Community, place on record our grief at her death and our appreciation of her services to St.Anthony's.

## **GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

In order to have mutual development between our schools and schools in Ireland a global educational experience programme was arranged by our Headmistress sr.Jeyarani, Mr.Brain, Miss. Helena, Sr.Jennie and Sr.Teresa were the members of the team who came from Ireland for this programme. It was a very fruitful and welcoming experience where we had an opportunity to share our educational goals.

## **CHILDRENS DAY**

The Children's Day was celebrated on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2010 with festivity. Our children looked gorgeous in their civil apparel. The Teachers made the day joyful by entertaining the children with their singing and dancing.

## **WORLD AIDS DAY**

Std VIII presented the school with a very creative and meaningful assembly on World AIDS Day. They brought out the ways by which a person acquires HIV<sup>+</sup> and how to prevent this disease. A Tamil debate was conducted for STD IX students as a part of a AIDS awareness programme.

## **CHRISTMAS SHARING**

**“Every Charitable act is a pathway to heaven”**

The spirit of caring and sharing was set in on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2010. Students generously contributed for the poor. We care and so we share was the gesture of the Christmas love from our children to the less privileged of our school and the neighbourhood. Our Headmistress Sr.Jeyarani arranged for a Christmas sharing party for the blossom children of our school. They were given special lunch and wonderful gifts. The year 2010 culminated with a very inspiring and creative Christmas play by the students of std IV on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2010. Fr.Irudhayaraj the assistant parish priest of St.Anthony’s Church was our chief guest. The play invoked in us the spirit of Advent.

## **Conclusion**

**“Victory comes at that moment when the thousand hours of training meets with one moment of Opportunity”**

This year being the centenary year celebrations have been a momentous and memorable year filled with a variety of activities and events. We have been waiting for this year and had prepared ourselves well to celebrate it and we are immensely happy and grateful for all that has happened. And now, we find ourselves in a new era in the annuals of our school, marching towards the next centenary.

The first sentiment that swells up in my heart is Gratitude. I am grateful to God not just for the great, awesome year we had celebrated but for these hundred years of blessings and daily miracles. Just think of the number of students who have passed out of this school. The past pupil lovingly call St.Anthony’s **“The School of our heart”**.