



*From The Principal's Desk. . . . .*

2013- 2014 went off really well for the school. We achieved our long cherished desire for 100% pass in both X and XII. I am happy to report that our concerted and continued efforts and new approaches that we have adopted have yielded very positive results. Congratulations to the parents , staff and students.

I also want to say a special word of thanks to all those of you who join our larger efforts by volunteering your time and energy or through financial contributions. Several scholarships and awards have been added in the recent past. As they say 'predecessors plant trees so that successors may enjoy the shade'. We will continue to work hard and our school will continue to thrive because of the support of parents like you. Thank you all once again.

2014- Board Toppers

**SCIENCE STREAM**

SHAKTHIDHAR .B	1187/1200
VISHAL SANKAR .S	1180/1200
ABHISHEK.P	1165/1200

**COMMERCE STREAM**

KANCHANA.D	1182/1200
PRATHIKSHA PRABHU.K	1146/1200
SUBASHINI.S	1146/1200
SARADA.R	1132/1200

2014- SSLC Toppers

PRADEEPA.S	X B	491/500
KAVIN .P	X C	485/500
ACHILLES MARIAN SONICA.D	XC	485/500
SAIMANASA K.S R	X A	484/500
SANSKRIT. R	XC	484/500

**BEST TEACHER AWARDS-2013-14**

Vana Vani's 'Best Teacher' award for the year 2013-14 was presented to Mrs.J.S.Vijayalakshmi (Nursery) , Mrs. A. Tamilzharasi (Primary) , Mrs.N. Jayanthi (Middle School) , Mrs.Usha Kannan ( High School) and Mrs.A. Krishnaveni ( Higher Secondary School)

Mrs. M.Latha (accounts and administrative staff) was presented the award for the 'Best non-teaching Staff '- 2013-14.

Mrs. S.Thirupurasundari of Maths Department was conferred the BEST TEACHER AWARD by the ROTARY CLUB OF MADRAS CHENNAIPATNA on 18-09-14 at a function held at hotel SAVERA, Chennai.

On 05.09.14, Mrs. H. Selvia of Primary school was awarded the Senior Educator Award from National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development . The award was presented in Coimbatore in recognition of her significant contribution and dedicated services in teaching.

**Nursery teachers** attended an awareness program on dyslexia on 14<sup>th</sup> June. '**Good habits and good manners**' was the activity for July while the August month end activity was the **Rainbow corner**.

Joining hands with the parents 'Vinayaka chaturthi' was celebrated in a grand manner on 28.08.2014.

On Teacher's day, parents conducted some fun games for the teachers. We take this opportunity to thank the Parents for gifting a cordless mike and a collar mike for the nursery section.

On 17.09.2014 Nursery Sports was held. Mrs. Lakshmi, Principal, Sunshine CBSE School was the chief guest.

**The Primary Sports Day** was held on 25-07-14 in our school grounds. It was a proud and a memorable day for them. The chief guest Dr. Yamuna, declared the meet open and gave away the prizes to the winners

#### **KARADI PATH PROGRAMME:**

A refresher program and workshop was conducted for English Language teachers on 07.06.2014 (Saturday)

**Teachers and Students Workshops:** 1. 'Awareness on Specific Learning Disabilities' for Nursery and Primary Teachers by Mrs. Vilasini Diwakar and Mrs. Harini Mohan from Madras Dyslexia Association was held on 14.06.14. 2. On 16.06.14 a workshop on "How important it is to be a **Motivated and Motivating Teacher**" was held in the Primary auditorium by Dr. Nalini Ravindran, Resource Person, Good luck Publishers.

#### **CASIO-MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL** was held on 18.07.2014.

In the **SRIRAM MUTHAMIZH KALAI VIZHA** held at St. Michael's Academy on 26.07.2014, the following students won prizes:

NAME	STD/SEC	COMPETITION	PRIZE
J. ROOPINI	III B	Fancy dress	I Place
G.P. SURYADEV	II C	Story telling	II Place
J.G. INSUDAR	III B	Fancy dress	III Place
M. SANDHYA	V B	Speech	III Place

In the **SRIRAM INTER-SCHOOL LITERARY COMPETITIONS** held at St. Michael's Academy on 02.08.14 the following were the prize winners.

NAME	STD/SEC	COMPETITION	PRIZE
R. RIDHI	III B	Show and Telling	II Place
KOUSHIK KAMALA-HASAN	IV A	Rhyme and Reason	III Place

#### **INVESTITURE CEREMONY:**

The Founder's Day celebration and the Investiture Ceremony was held on 8<sup>th</sup> of July 2014 at SAC, IITM. The chief guest of the day Mr.S.Sundaram, Academic Advisor, Sree Vidya Niketan International School, Tirupati, Riverside School, Ahmedabad and Retd. Principal of The Reliance School, Jamnagar, presented the badges and administered the oath to the student leaders. Mrs.R. Rajalakshmi, from the Tamil Department delivered the Founder's Day speech.

**Alchemy Kids** The Alchemy Kids Theatre education is a developmental drama system that has spread itself all across Tamilnadu. Founded in 2003, the drama training program focuses on the Creativity, Communication & Personality skills enhancement through whole brain development modules. Alchemy Kids Theatre over the last 10 years has trained over thirty five thousand children through its long term and short term programs. Vana Vani has been lucky enough to tie up with Alchemy Kids theatre since the 2nd of August Of 2014. A batch of 30 enthusiastic theatre aspirants is getting trained in personality development and enhancement of communication skills through theatre. We look forward to a strong partnership with Alchemy! Students who are interested in joining the Alchemy Kids program may contact Ms. K. M. Indu ( dept. of English ) for details.

**151<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Vivekananda** was celebrated on 03-07-14 in the presence of the Chief guest Prof. Samith Bakshi, Mechanical Engineering Department, IITM. The Ramakrishna Mission came with the Ratha that carried an Idol of 'Swamiji' and the children paid floral tributes.

**The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Day** celebrations was held on 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. Mr.R.Pitchai, Director of Matriculation Schools, was the chief guest of the day. The formal function was followed by the cultural events hovering around the theme 'Power of Numbers'.

**Onam was celebrated on 04.09.14 in the Primary Block.**

**Prof.V. Srinivas Chakravarthy**, Dept of Bio-tech, IITM, introduced “Bharathi Script”, to students of high and higher secondary.

“Bharathi Script” Club was formed by students of class VIII to XII to promote and popularize the importance of learning the script. Members of the ‘Bharathi’ club of VV and IITM meet regularly and train the students to use the script.

To enhance financial literacy among students, on 11-09-14 commerce students of class XII visited the “Financial Gallery” of the RBI .

Twelve students of class XI attended the fully sponsored Inspire Camp between July 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at Vel Tech University, Avadi. Innovation in Science pursuit for Inspired Research (INSPIRE) is a program implemented by the Department of Science & Technology, New Delhi, to inspire students to pursue natural science streams. The students were addressed by experts from various fields of science and technology to encourage them to take up research as a career. The five day camp also included cultural programmes. Gokul.G of XI B and Shyam Sundar.J of XI C received the “Best Students Award”.

**STUDY TOUR:** Students of class XII were taken to Hyderabad on a tour for 4 days. During their stay, the students had the chance to visit some important historic places like Golconda Fort, Charminar, Salar Jung Museum , Ramoji Film city, Birla Mandir etc.,

**A one day trip** was organized for Class IX to Pondicherry . The students had an opportunity to visit Medimix Soap Factory as part of the trip.

**Class X** were taken on a day’s trip to Pondicherry. They visited Sadras Fort on their way .

**Shri Ramachandra Mission** conducted an essay writing competition on the topic ‘Be true to thyself’- “Shakespeare’s Hamlet”. Five students of class XI have participated. Results awaited.

**On 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014**, middle school and high school students attended a work shop on ‘Aero Modelling’conducted by Mr.N.Suresh of IITM.

**ISA PROJECTS:** As part of the ISA activity the following classes have completed their projects:

<b><u>Class</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
I & II	‘FLOWERS’- NATURE’S SMILEY
III & IV	LEISURE ACTIVITES
IX	NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

## **Interact Club**

The installation of the Interact Club of Vanavani was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2015. Kavin.P and Vyoma Mohan of XI A were sworn in as the President and Secretary respectively. The Chief Guest Rtn. Asha Marina, motivated the interactors and pinned the badges for the office bearers. The installation ceremony was followed by the first activity, a presentation by ISHARE on environmental conservation. The club has taken up a project in collaboration with the Rotaract club of Ambattur , on Career Counseling. This project has been charted for the month of September and October.

**NSS UNIT:** (National Service Scheme) for the year 2014, was inaugurated on 05-08-14. The chief guest Mr. Sampath (D.L.O) in his inspiring speech motivated the students to serve others in true NSS spirit.

NSS girls actively participated in the **dental camp** organised by Thai Moogambigai Dental College and Hospital and Sakthi Dental Care in our school during the second and third week of August 2014.

Representatives of Foot Designer and Development Institute, approved by the Ministry of Commerce , Central Government, addressed the students of XI and XII on the importance of fashion technology, designing footwear and retail management.

Mrs.Vijaya Abirami along with a few students of class XI, gave a presentation and exhibited charts to celebrate the Chennai Week Festival , organized by ‘United Way of Chennai’ (NGO) in association with The Times of India, at Valluvar Kottam. The team’s ‘stall’ and their presentation won the appreciation of all the visitors.

Mrs.Leela Sampath and Miss.Lalli attended a workshop conducted by Dept. of Maths, IITM

Students of classes 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> attended a lecture by Prof. A.Subramaniam , Dept.of Physics, IITM, on the topic ‘**Ethics in research**’, on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Students of Class XI and XII attended seminars and workshops organized by Metallurgical Dept, IITM. The programme called “Amalgam” was held in SAC, IITM. The students attended a counselling session conducted by TIMES followed by quiz and rocket making competition. Mrs.R.Sathya of Chemistry department accompanied the students.

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - 2014** Our school is working for a re-accreditation of the ISA certificate of the British Council. As part of their ISA project, Middle school students celebrated the World Environment Day on 05.06.2014. Prof. V. Ganesan of IIT Madras was the Chief Guest who gave a motivational speech on the importance and protection of environment. To mark the occasion, students planted saplings in the school campus.

**On 18-07-14**, the Middle School students participated in the Children Yoga Festival. In the quiz competition that was held as part of the festival, S.Kaviya – VIII A and Shreena Williams – VIII B won and have qualified at the zonal level.

**On 15-07-14**, the school celebrated Kamarajar's birth anniversary.

**Greenom Movement:** got started with the new set of 8<sup>th</sup> std students. As part of the Club's first activity, a field trip was organized to a Kitchen Garden in Besant Nagar, on 26.07.14. Fifty students of Classes VIII and IX were accompanied by Mrs. Gitanjali Elangovan and Mrs. P. Nirmala.

In lieu of Monday (08-09-14) being World Literacy Day, the **Greenom Movement** team took up handwriting classes for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> std and visited "Seva Samajam Orphanage" in Sriram Nagar, where the movement conducted English language class and brought awareness on environment.

Haritha Sreedhar and P.Balaji Subramoniam of VIII B attended the **Times NIE News Makers'** meet on 26.08.2014 at Ramakrishna Mission Matriculation Higher Secondary School's auditorium.

On 17.09.14, Mr.Syed Farhadh Ali, Vice-president of, Iinterchange, addressed the students of middle school on "Be proud of yourself", and also gave useful tips to the students to overcome exam phobia.

#### **Navrathri Celebrations**

'Kolu' was organized in the Primary Block from 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept to 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.

On 23.09.14 a few students of class IX,XI and XII attended a programme organized by Mechanical Engineering department, IITM on the topic "Climate change issues in India" at ICSR. Dr.Devesh Sinha and Dr.Rajamani addressed the gathering. Mrs.Gitanjali Elangovan and Mrs.Brinda Sreedhar accompanied the students.

Primary and Middle school students celebrated the Rain Water Harvesting Week on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. The following are the winners of drawing and project display competitions.

Name	Class/Sec	Event	Place
Navamithra.S	Drawing	V B	I
Preethi. B	Drawing	II C	II
Swetha. P	Drawing	V B	III
Arrthi. A	Drawing	IX A	I
Monica. B	Drawing	IX a	II
Mohammed Azfar. W	Drawing	IX A	III
Sriram.P.S	Drawing	VI C	III
Shreeram.R.K	Display	VIII B	I
Anotnio Arin.D	Display	VIII B	I
Dhinesh.M	Display	VIII B	II
Soorya.R.S	Display	VIII C	II
Sai Sushanth Reddy.G	Display	VIII C	II
Nithyashree.B	Display	IX B	III

On June 24<sup>th</sup> 2014, Captain Ganesh, an Alumnus of our school addressed the Middle school and High School students. The topic was 'A career with the Indian Army'.

On 09.07.14, Dr. Ramanathan Jayraman from Vasantha Memorial Trust, spoke on "The Evil Effects of Smoking".

Gandhi Exam was conducted for students of VI – IX on 01-09-14

**SPORTS DAY:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Sports Day for Middle, High and Higher Secondary School was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2014 (Friday) at Vana Vani School Grounds. The Chief guest was Dr. R.Natrajan, Ph.D., - Superintendent of Customs, International Athlete, Member-Senate, MSU, Tirunelveli, who declared the meet open. Various track and field events were held and the athletes competed in the events with zeal and enthusiasm. The Mass drill by Middle School boys, 'Peacock dance' by Middle School girls and Pyramid formation by 8<sup>th</sup> Std. boys were highly appreciated by one and all.

#### **Over all points:**

Godavari House – I place  
Yamuna House – II place  
Ganga House – III place

In the March Past, Yamuna House was awarded First place followed by Ganga House.

**CENTRAL CHENNAI DISTRICT:**

In the 'D' Zone Athletic Meet, Vana Vani Boys team won the overall championship for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year (1997- 2014)

The Girl's team won the overall championship for 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year (2007 -2014)

In the A.M.M. Interschool Kiddies Athletic Meet ( Under 7, 9, and 11 yrs), our school won the overall championship. This meet is being organised for the first time and our school's team secured 116 points.

Event	Winners	Category
Foot Ball	Boys	U- 14, 17 & 19
Basket ball	Boys Girls	U- 19 & 17 ,( U- 14 runners) U- 14, U-17 & U-19(Winners)
Handball	Boys Girls	U- 14 & 17, (U-19runners) U-17 & 19, (U-14 runners )

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- ⇒ **Attendance is compulsory on the re-opening date.**
- ⇒ **Special Camp for NSS Girls Unit is scheduled for October.**

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***If others would like to support or make sponsorships, please contact your child's class teacher.***

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