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From the Principal's Desk...

On 31st July, we will be celebrating the feast of St Ignatius Loyola, the patron saint of Loyola School. He was an ambitious soldier wanting to achieve fame and name in the battlefield. When the cannonball shattered his leg, his dreams were also shattered. Then he underwent a spiritual transformation and the battlefield moved to the spiritual, intellectual and emotional realms. He collected a group of highly educated men at the University of Paris and formed the Jesuit Society. They transformed the educational systems with the clarion call of *Magis*.



This billboard, newly erected on the campus, shows the global presence of Jesuit Schools

Loyola School continues that tradition. It is 500 years since Ignatius had that cannonball experience. And Loyola School is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee this year. Connecting both these events, an essay contest on Jesuit education is being conducted.

The 1982 batch of Loyolites lost one of their batchmates, Mr Sreenivas B. The batchmates are collecting money to make a cricket pitch to be named after Sreeni. Loyola School has entered into an agreement to start a cricket club under the leadership of Mr Sanju Samson and the cricket pitches are being built.

We had the Std XII & X Open Houses. The parents are working with the school to make the online teaching and learning process a great success.

On 24th July, we will resume our Career Counselling talks organised by LOBA. Our own alumni in the Civil Services will be addressing the students.

This year, more students are attending the online Yoga, Music, Art and Physical Education classes as compared to last year. In spite of all the difficulties caused by the lockdown, majority of our students are learning to cope with the new normal. I wish all the best to our students.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S. J.

UPCOMING EVENTS



LOBA EXPLORE SESSION 8: CIVIL SERVICES



MEET OUR PANELISTS

EXPLORE

Session 8: Civil Services



Anish Rajan IFS
1997 Batch
Consul General of India,
Durban,
South Africa



Sabareesh G IRS
2001 Batch
Jt Commissioner,
Central GST



Prasanth N, IAS
1995 Batch
MD, KSINC, Government
of Kerala



Anup John IPS
1997 Batch
Deputy Inspector General of Police
Co-Moderator



Hafiz Ahmed Raffi
Class XII, Loyola School
Co-Moderator

The session is on July 24, 2021 at 6:45 PM IST on MS Teams

MS Teams Link: <http://tiny.cc/24JulLOBA>

You may send in questions for the panelists to exploreloba@gmail.com



Loyola School

**JULY
17
6PM**

LIFE SKILLS FOR THE NEW WORLD.



**BY
DR KIRAN KUMAR S
MBBS DPM DNB
PSYCHIATRIST
MENTAL HEALTH CENTRE TRIVANDRUM**





ENGLISH ESSAY COMPETITION

The Ignatian year (20 May 2021 to 31 July 2022) is doubly significant for Loyola School because it is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of its inception which coincides with the Quincentenary of St Ignatius's cannonball moment and conversion. What the projectile did to St Ignatius was igniting his spirituality and making him the fire that kindles other fires. Committed to the time-honoured Jesuit ideals of education and as a part of our Diamond Jubilee celebrations, we plan to conduct an English essay competition open to all students of Loyola school.

The details are given below:

Topic:	The legacy of Jesuit education
Word limit:	Not more than 1200 words
Eligibility:	Any student on the rolls during this academic year
Date of submission:	On or before 25 July 2021
Mode of submission:	Soft copy, addressed to: loyolaessay1@gmail.com
Result announcement:	31 July 2021
Certificate & cash prize:	Rs. 3000 for the First Prize Rs. 2000 for the Second Prize Rs. 1000 for the Third Prize

B. SREENIVAS MEMORIAL

CRICKET PITCH

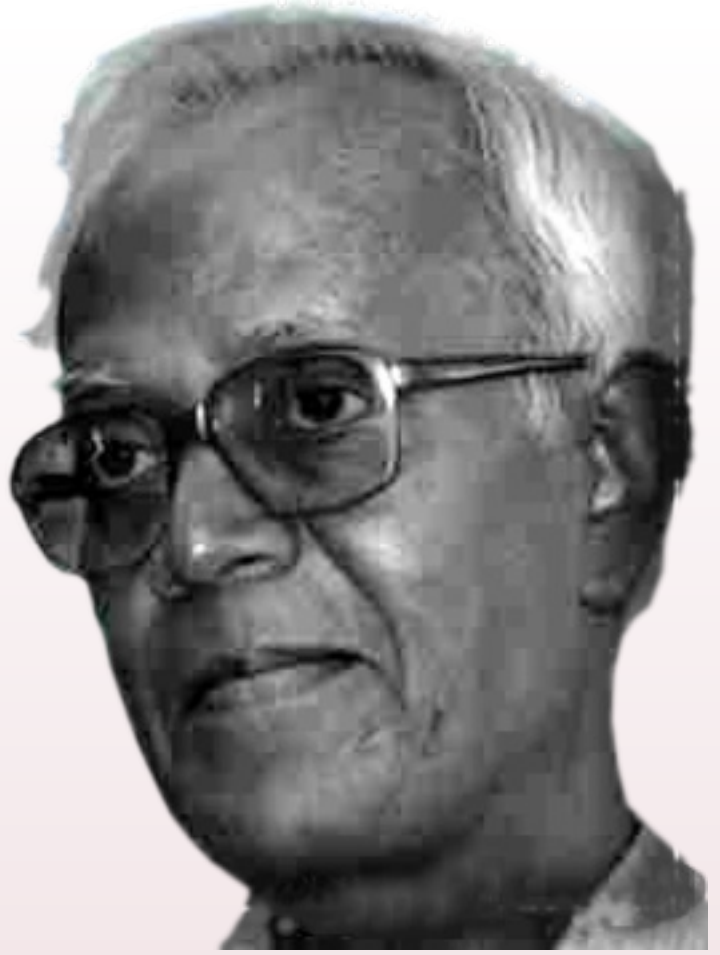
BY 1982 LOYOLITES



In loving memory of late Mr. B. Sreenivas and in appreciation of the beloved teachers, management, and the beautiful campus of Loyola that shaped the '1982 Loyolites', the batch wishes to install a cricket pitch on the campus playgrounds. The pitch is expected to be inaugurated around August 15, 2021 or when the seniors return to the campus after a long absence due to the pandemic. The ongoing drive has raised Rs. 207,352 as of June 30, 2021. The current list of donors includes Ashok P., George M. Philip, George Thomas, Manoj Ravindran, Radhakrishnan S., Raghunath R., Rakesh S. Chandran, Ram Mohan P., Ravi P. V., Samuel John, Sandeep Roy, Shaji P.C., and Subath K. L. The batch also wishes to thank the principal Fr. P.T. Joseph who graciously entertained this request and took diligent steps to initiate this project.

Onwards on Loyola's Sons!

Rakesh S. Chandran, 1982 Batch



Tribute to the Martyr Fr Stan Swamy

Fr Stan Swamy, S.J. was a committed and compassionate Jesuit who worked tirelessly for the rights of the tribal people of Jharkhand state. I met Fr. Stan for the first time in 1972 when I went to attend a camp in the district of Chaibasa in Jharkhand organized by him to help the tribal youth to be aware of their rights. All his life, he worked in Jharkhand. At 84 and unsteady on his feet because of Parkinson's disease, he was

implicated in the Bhima-Koregaon case in Maharashtra and jailed without any trial. Proper medical assistance was denied to him until the COVID-19 symptoms were very severe.

His death on July 5th symbolizes the unjust system prevailing in our country for challenging the oppressors and violators of human rights. He championed the noble ideals of compassion, justice and peace and sacrificed his life for the oppressed people of Jharkhand.

May his life and martyrdom inspire many more people to take up the cause of the poor and the oppressed.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.



THE IGNATIAN YEAR IN OUR LIVES



“He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labour.” Gandhiji was echoing these words of St Ignatius when he said: *“Be the change you want to see in the world.”* These seminal words encapsulate the precept that must be the lodestar to everyone who sets out to make this world a better place to live in. They, however, did not come from the dashing aspirant to knighthood that Inigo once was, but from the reformed Inigo whose deep spirituality was ignited by a French cannonball that shattered his right knee.

As all of you know, the highlights of the Ignatian Year are the cannonball moment in Inigo’s life and the canonization of St Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus, the first of which happened in May 1521 and the second, on 12 March 1662, and of course, his Feast day, 31 July.

Let us, in this blessed year, remember the core values of Ignatian Spirituality which are Authenticity, Integrity, Courage, Love, Forgiveness, Healing, Service, and Justice. What is more important than merely remembering these values is implementing them in our lives. Let us take care not to hurt anyone and thereby lose our own integrity too. Let us reach out to the destitute and try to make their lives less burdensome and more colourful. Let us muster courage for our crusade against injustice. Let us stand firm for the right and the truthful. Let us teach ourselves to be forgiving, to be a source of solace to the distressed, and be of service to the whole of mankind.

“For it is not knowing much, but realising and relishing things interiorly, that contents and satisfies the soul.”

Roshni Francis



YOGA

The Purifier



Model: Jagan Manoj, LKG B

To practise yoga is to illuminate the darkest corners of the body. Unlike other exercises that come and go or are constantly changing, yoga poses have stood the test of time and remained among the most-recommended. It is hailed for its ability to firm up the body, soothe the nerves, and tone down anxiety.

The idea of establishing a special day to celebrate the art of yoga was proposed by our Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi. He wanted to bring this rich heritage to the limelight. According to him, Yoga Day should be celebrated on the longest day of the year i.e., on June 21. The practice of yoga is gaining worldwide attention and appreciation, especially in the COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The theme for the International Yoga Day 2021 has been decided by the UN to be *Yoga for wellbeing*. This theme takes into account how the yoga practice can promote the holistic health of every individual. Yoga is not just about exercise; it is a way to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world, and nature. It offers great relief to our stressful lives. It enables the unity of mind, body and soul.

The yoga also calms the brain and increases concentration power. It builds the energy to work and helps to stay active. As the *Bhagavad Gita* says, "A person is said to have achieved yoga, the union with the Self, when the perfectly disciplined mind gets freedom from all desires, and becomes absorbed in the Self alone."

Yoga is the medicine for nearly every problem. It is not just a one-day practice; it is a lifelong commitment.

Manuel Manoj, VIII C





World Population Day

The World Population Day is observed on July 11 every year with the objective of raising awareness of global population issues. It was established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme. It was inspired by the public interest in Five Billion Day (11 July 1987) which was the approximate date on which the world population reached five billion. The main aim of the World Population Day is to increase people's awareness of various issues such as gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights. Every year, on the World population day, various events and activities like seminars, educational information sessions, and essay competitions are organized, mostly in schools and colleges, to draw the attention of people to the issues of the growing population.

World Population Day 2020 focused on the health, economic and social challenges that people across the world faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its main theme was *How to safeguard the health and rights of women and girls amid the COVID-19 pandemic*. It was the 31st World Population Day. This year too, it has a similar theme: *Health needs and vulnerabilities of women and girls during the pandemic*. Many countries are expressing growing concern over changing fertility rates. Historically, exaggerated alarm over fertility rates led to abrogation of human rights. The UNFPA aims to prevent this. It advises against reactionary policy responses which can be extremely harmful as they can violate rights, health, and choices. The agency emphasises that women must be empowered educationally, economically, and politically. Even though we are in the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, let us hope that our health care system will not be compromised and the population will not be adversely affected.

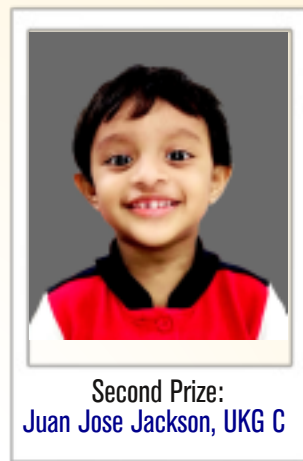
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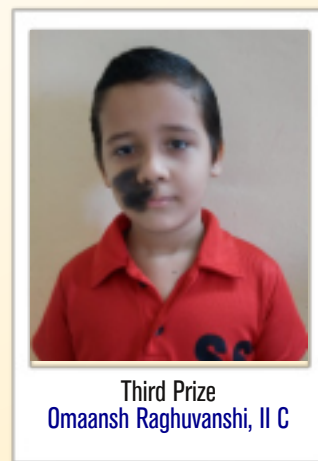
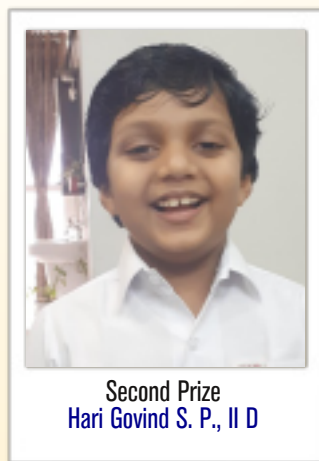
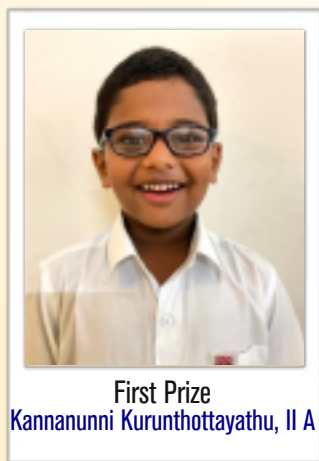
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY COMPETITIONS

PRIZE WINNERS

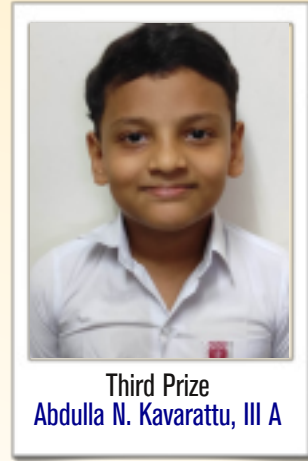
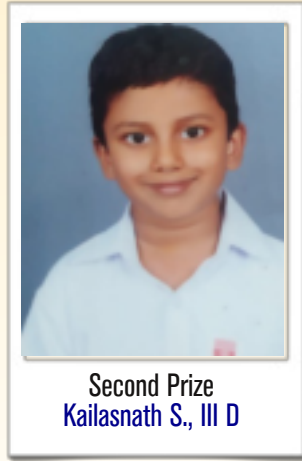
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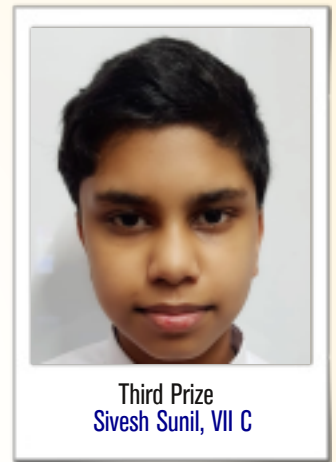
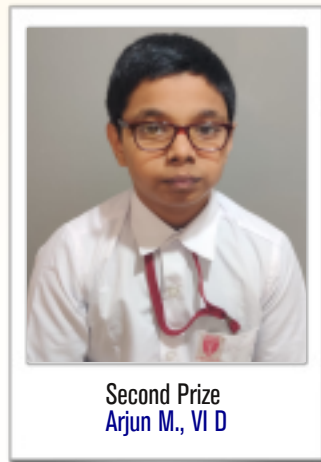
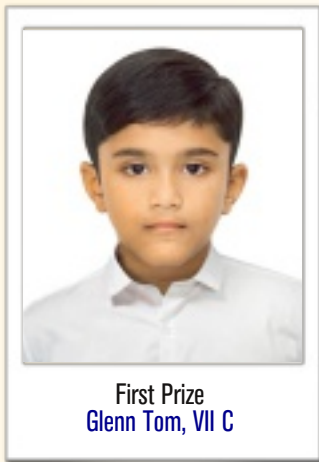
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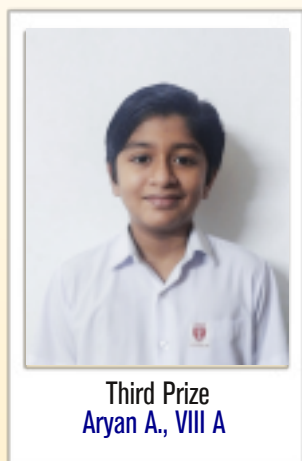
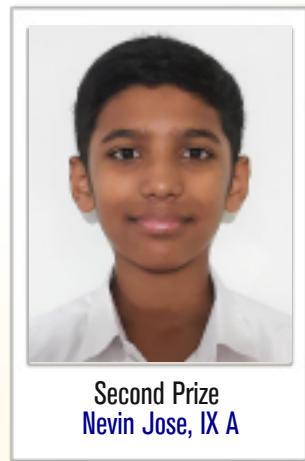
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POSTER MAKING: STDs V TO VII

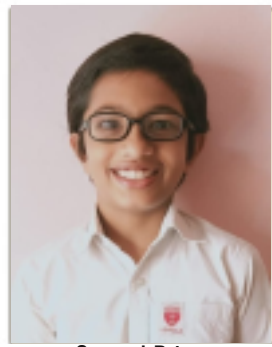


PLANT A SAPLING CHALLENGE: STDs VIII TO XII



NATIONAL READING DAY COMPETITIONS: BOOK REVIEW

SENIORS



Second Prize
Vinayak Krishna, VIII B
Also, 2nd in View My Library



Third Prize
Devadath B. Nampoothiri, VIII A

JUNIORS



First Prize
Alan Jomin, V D



Third Prize
Rihan Shajeer, V C



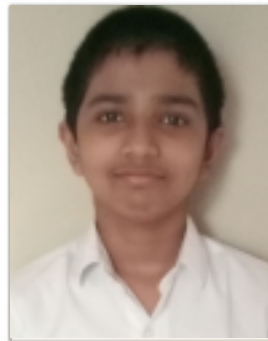
Third Prize
Aaditya Krishna P. G., V A

VIEW MY LIBRARY

SENIORS



First Prize
Kesav M. Surendran, IX C



Third Prize
Aaditya B. Sekhar, IX C

JUNIORS



First Prize
Jonathan Edwards N., VI D
Also, 2nd in Book Review



Second Prize
Ram Gopi, VII B



Third Prize
Rishik S. Krishna, VII A

YOGA DAY DEMOS

BY THE FLEDGELING YOGIS
OF THE KG CLASSES





INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOYOLA STUDENTS

Loyola School was at the forefront in implementing the unique Students Safety Personal Accident Insurance Policy in 2016 as per the recommendations of the PTA.

It ensures cashless insurance coverage for personal accidents happening to Loyola students. The insurance premium is fully borne by the school. Many students have already benefited from this scheme.

The details of the scheme are given below:

1. This insurance policy offers coverage of Loyola students' hospitalisation expenses due to accident, subject to a maximum of Rs.1, 00,000. Hospitalisation for 24 hours is required to avail oneself of this benefit.
2. Outpatient benefit upto Rs. 5000 can be availed for minor injuries that do not require hospitalisation. The reimbursement claim may be made later by producing valid hospital bills.
3. Provisions for permanent or partial disabilities.
4. Claims for death due to accident.

How to claim?

In case of any eventuality, give the following details at the insurance desk of the hospital concerned:

1. Student's name, class, and division
2. Policy Details:

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Ltd.

Policy No. OG-22-1601-9902-00000001

Product: GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT

Period of Insurance: From 10:04:00 09-JUL-21 To 08-JUL-22 Midnight

For any assistance, please contact Mr S. Rakesh Kumar at
Mobile No. **94968 12233**

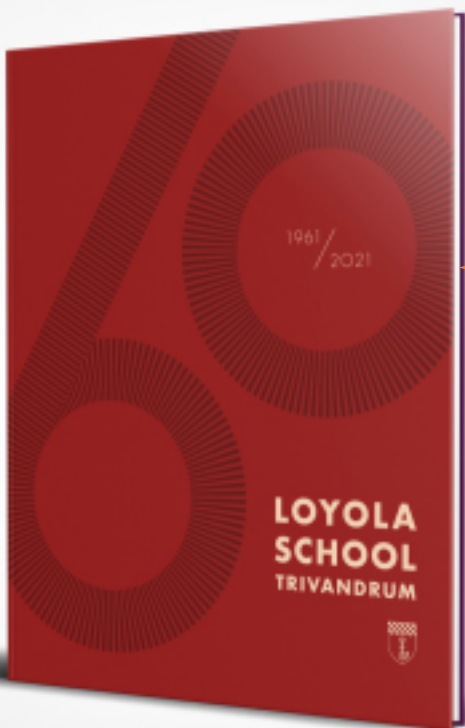
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LEST YOU MISS THE CHANCE...



Shortly after the launch of the *Diamond Jubilee Souvenir* on 21 June 2021, we conducted a *Demand & Interest* survey and its results indicate great interest in buying the Coffee Table Book (CTB) edition of the souvenir and the special Diamond Jubilee Apparels.

As the first move, we are opening up the online sale of the CTB to students. Please click anywhere on the picture of the CTB to book your copy immediately:



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The CTB will be a limited edition, with the following specifications:

Size:	21cm x 28cm
Inner Pages:	260
Paper used:	130 gsm Lykam Art Paper with Silky Coating, imported from Germany.
Cover& Finish:	4 Colour Printing, Matte Lamination and Spot UV
Binding:	Hardcover with Stitch-Binding
Extra:	Dust Jacket and Paper Box

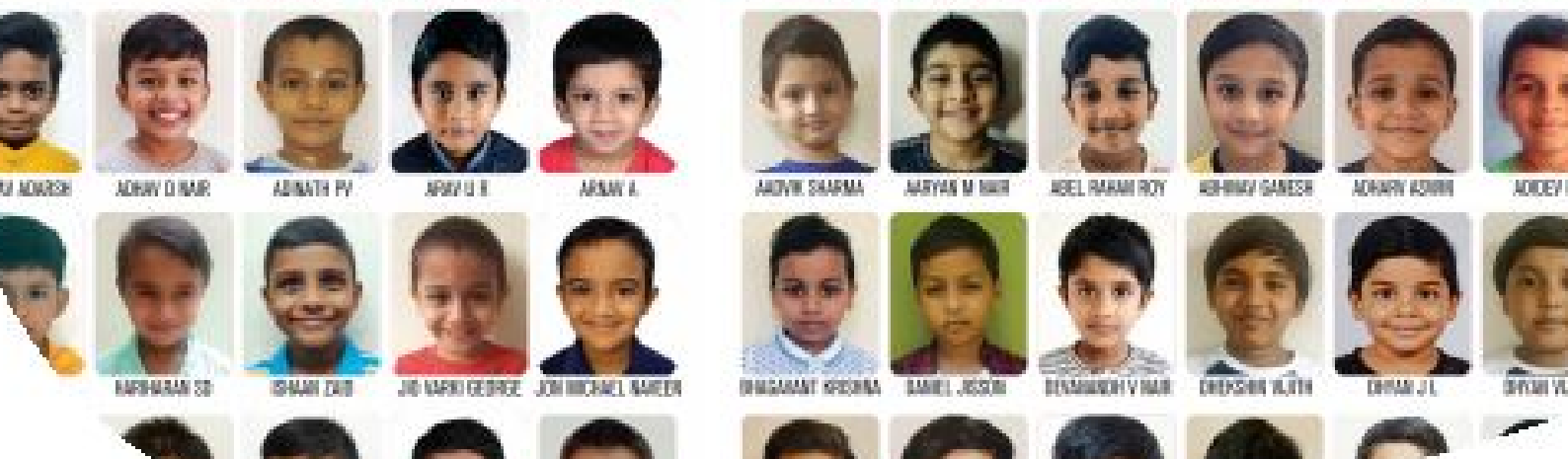
The CTB is a collector's delight, full of the history of

the school over the past 60 years. It took the team almost a year to research and curate the book. There is so much to read and assimilate and to be proud of.

Get to know the school, the alumni, and the staff of yesteryears. The book also has the Rolls of Honour over the past years and a tribute to those who are no more with us. The book has selected articles from past issues of the school magazine, articles by the alumni, present students, former and present teachers, rare photographs and many other inclusions all specially selected and curated to take you down memory lane and to bring in the pride and emotions associated with Loyola.

One of the highlights of the CTB is the last double-page spread with the individual photographs and names of the future torch bearers of the school, all the little boys who have been admitted to Std. I this year and will be with us for the next decade and more, a fraction of which is given below:

INITIATED INTO LOYOLA FRATERNITY DESTINED TO CONTINUE THE LEGACY



A portion of the sale proceeds of the CTB will go to supporting needy students of Loyola and other schools.

Do spend a few moments to order the CTB and sit back and enjoy every moment of reading. We hope to have the CTB delivered at your address latest by the middle of August. Should you have any issues with the delivery, please mail to care.loba@gmail.com. Please ignore the endorsement on your receipt that information on this will be available on the LOBA website.

The sale of the CTB will end on 15 July 2021.

Book your orders immediately.

Wg Cdr Nalini Ranjan Kanthy (Retd)

(On behalf of the Souvenir Editorial Board)

