



# The New Saiva Neri

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*Gajananam bhootaganadhisevitam  
kapitthya jamboo phalcharu bhakshanam  
umasutam shokvinashkarakam  
namami vighneshwar padpankajam*

## A note from the Editorial Team

Welcome to the final issue of **The New Saiva Neri** for 2018.

It's been a busy year for the Temple with a number of events taking place as part of the Temple's Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The **New Saiva Neri** was also launched this year and will continue to evolve as a method of communication to meet the changing needs of devotees.

The last quarter of the year was no different with a number of events such as Navarathri, Maha Homam and Kanda Sashti taking place at the Temple.

We thank you for your support in growing this newsletter and we look forward to serving you. Please get in touch with us if you would like to contribute or provide feedback by emailing [admin@melbournevinayagar.org.au](mailto:admin@melbournevinayagar.org.au). You can also stay in touch with via the [Temple Facebook page](#).

Happy New Year!

Yours in service of Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar,  
The Editorial Team

## PAST EVENTS

### Navarathri

This year's Navarathri festival took place from 10 to 19 October, featuring about 10 music and dance schools from Melbourne.





## Maha Ganapathy Homam

The Maha Ganapathy Homam took place on Sangadahara Sathurthi Day (28 October). Lord Ganesha's mantras were repeated 40,000 times by priests throughout the day and at one point, devotees could see Lord Ganesha on the Homam itself. Annathanam was then served to devotees after the final Homam.



## Deepavali

For Deepavali this year, the Temple was open all day and many people came to receive Pillayar's blessings.

## Kantha Sashthi

Kantha Sashthi took place from 8 November to 13 November this year. During this period, fruits and milk were served to all devotees who were fasting every evening. On 14 November (Paarani), Aru Suvai meal was served to all devotees who were fasting.







## Pillayar Kathai

Pillayar Kathai was read for the last 21 days, from 24 November to 13 December together with Ladcha Archanai, culminating in Vinayagar Shasti on 13 December 2018.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### New Year's Day celebrations

On New Year's Day, the Temple will be open from 7am to 9pm.

*Happy New Year 1 Jan 2019*

108 Sanghabhishegam  
to Sri Vakrathunda  
Vinayagar on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan  
2019 to welcome the  
New Year



*Happy New Year 2018  
from the  
Management Committee  
Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar  
Temple*

Participate in the  
Sanghabhishegam  
Cost \$30

### Program for the Day

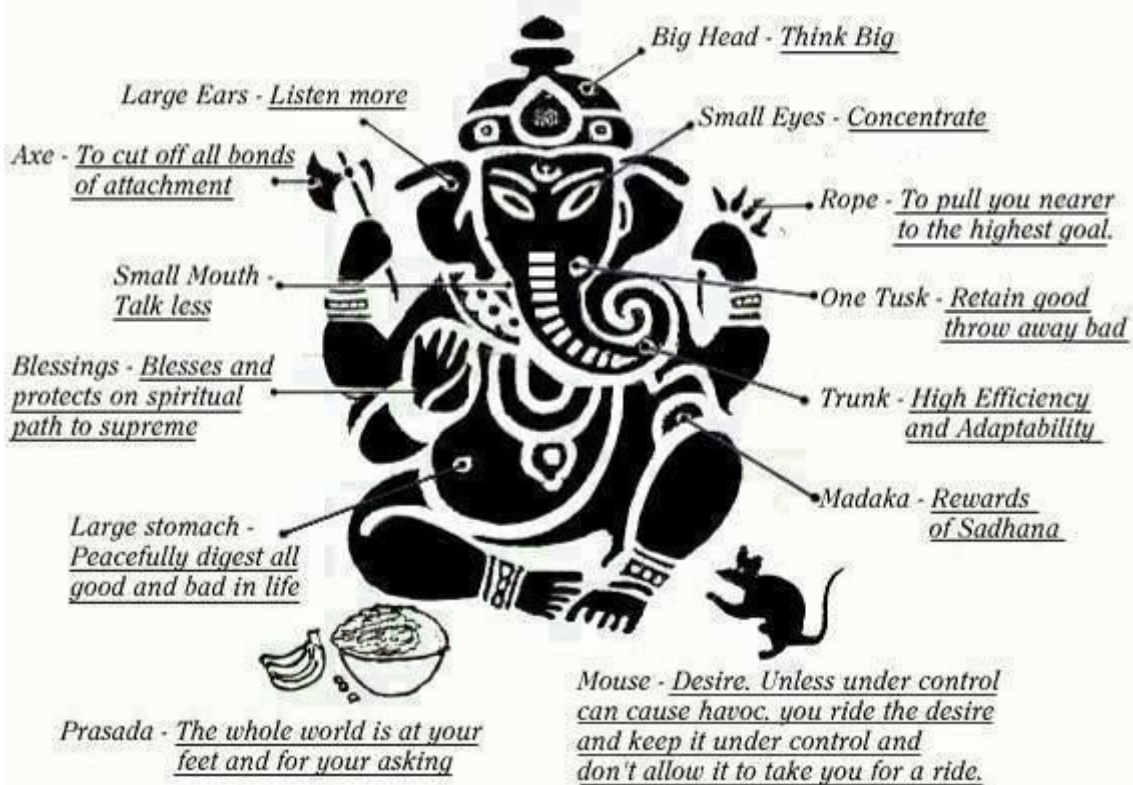
Sangalpam	09.00 A.M
Sanghabhishegam followed by	09.30 A.M
Vasanth Mandaba Pooja & Perambulation of Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar	
Annathanam (Free Food)	12.00 Noon

## NOTICES

- The Temple canteen is open on Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, for dinner between 6.30 pm and 9.00 pm. and for lunch on weekends between 11.30 am and 2.00 pm. The Brunch is on every 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday of the month. The revised brunch prices are: \$15 for adults and \$8 for children. For canteen opening hours, [please see the Temple website](#).
- Natheswaram classes are currently being held in the Temple. This is a unique opportunity for anyone in Melbourne to learn such an art form. No other institution is teaching this art form. The classes are conducted by Dr Srinivasan who holds a PhD in Natheswaram. For more information, please contact the Temple office on 03 9762 1835.
- Those interested in requiring the services of the resident Musicians Dr K Srinivasan (Natheswaram) and Mr AB Ramadoss (Thavil) can contact the Temple office on 03 9762 1835.
- For upcoming poojas, please refer to our Temple calendar. For the full list of Temple services, [please see the Temple website](#).



# Ganesha Symbolism



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