



The New Saiva Neri

The Newsletter of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam
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**Agajaanana Padmaarkam
Gajaananam Aharnisham
Anekadantham Bhaktaanaam
Ekadantam Upaasmahey**

*I worship day and night that elephant faced Lord Ganesha
who is like sun to the lotus face of Mother Parvati.
Giver of many boons, the single tusked Ganesh,
I salute Thee to give me a boon.*

A note from the Editorial Team

Welcome to the first issue of **The New Saiva Neri** for 2019.

The first quarter of the year has been a busy time for the Temple, with the departure of our beloved Chief Priest, Gowrieswara Gurukkal retiring after almost 13 years. We share some pictures of his farewell.

In this issue, we share details of the upcoming Tamil New Year and the annual Mahotsavam. In addition to the **New Saiva Neri** issues that will now be quartley, devotees can get instant updates through the [Facebook page](#) and [website](#).

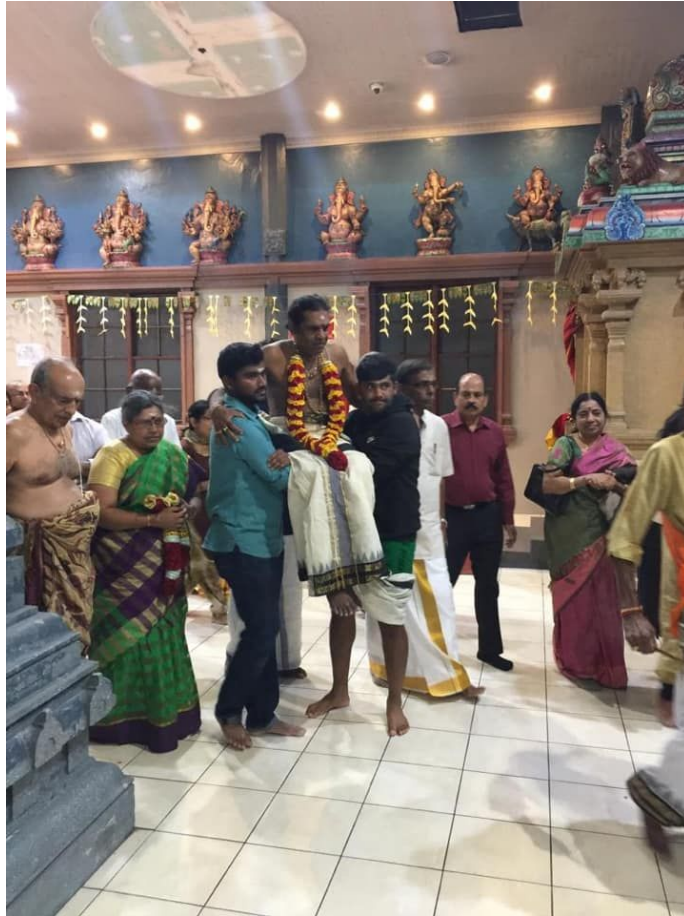
We thank you for your support in growing this newsletter and we look forward to serving you. Please get in touch with us if you would like to contribute or provide feedback by emailing admin@melbournevinayagar.org.au.

Yours in service of Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar,
The Editorial Team

PAST EVENTS

Gowrieswara Gurukkal's Farewell

Our Chief priest Gowrieswara Gurukkal retired this year on 31 January 2019 and a farewell was held on 2 February to celebrate his 13 years of service to our Temple.



Maha Ganapathy Homam

On Sangadahara Sathurthi Day (24 March 2019), a Maha Ganapathy Homam was held and Lord Ganesha's mantras were repeated 5,000 times by priests every hour.



Knox Festival's Global Kitchen Show & Bharath Natyam performance

The Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam recently participated in the Knox Festival's Global Kitchen Show in early March, serving up delicious food and lassi for Knox residents.

Led by MVHS Secretary and Canteen lead Balaa Kandiah, he and his team were introduced by Lillie, the initiator and coordinator for the event.

The team started making and distributing fresh Mango Lassi. They then started preparing chutney, potato masala and sambar to show guests how these dishes were made.

A variety of dosas and oottapams were made on the spot and served all who attended.

The full demonstration is available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIKk5A_UCI8



On behalf of the Temple, the Natyalayaa School of Bharathanatyam, under the guidance of Ushanthini Pathmanathan, presented a piece on Lord Vinayagar and Lord Vishnu at the Knox Festival.

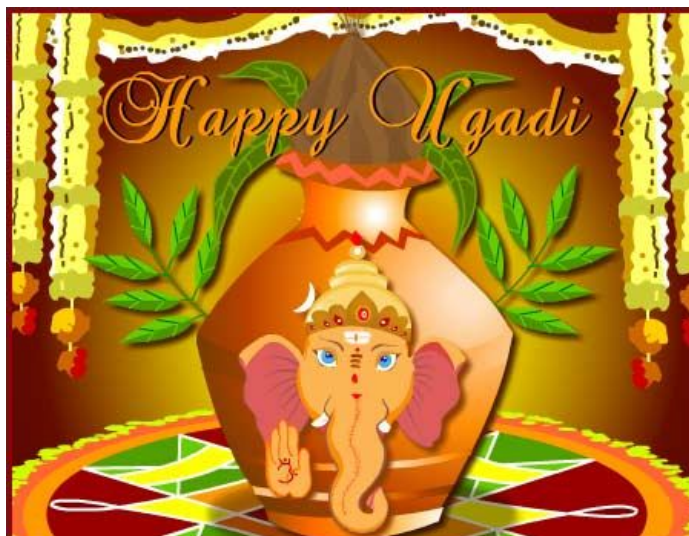


School tours

MVHS has been conducting schools tours for primary and secondary schools from the local area in the last few months to share the history of the Temple and its place in contributing to a multicultural Victoria. Students and teachers were also given a taste of our delicious canteen food and drinks during the visits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Yugadi Celebrations



On Yugadi day (6 April 2019), the Temple will have extended opening times. It will be open from 7.00 am to 2.00 pm and then again from 4.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

The Canteen will be open from 11.30 am to 2.00 pm for lunch and from 4.30 pm to 9.00 pm for dinner.

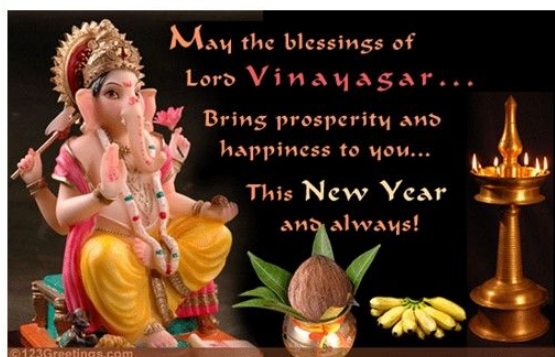
Tamil New Year

On 14 April 2019, Annathanam will be provided to all devotees in the morning. The Youth Committee will be selling a variety of snacks and drinks. The Temple canteen will be open from 4.30 pm to 9.00 pm on the day.

Those wishing to make cash donation for Annathanam are requested to contact the Temple office on 9762 1835 or on 0421 210 620.

Happy Tamil New Year 14th April 2019

108 Sanghabhishegam
to Sri Vakrathunda
Vinayagar on 14th
April 2019 to
welcome the **Vikari**
Varusham



TAMIZH
PUTHANDU
VAZHUTHUKAL

Management
Committee
Sri Vakrathunda
Vinayagar Temple

The Temple will
be open from
7.00 AM to
9.00 PM

Sponsor a Sangu
Cost \$30

Program for the Day


Daily Pooja	07.30 AM
Sangalpam	08.30 AM
Sanghabhishegam	10.00 AM
Vasanth Mandaba Pooja	11.00 AM
Mahotsava Panthal Kal Pooja	11.30 PM
Annathanam	12.00 PM

In the Evening:

Daily Pooja	07.30 PM
Vasanth Mandaba Pooja and Thiruvilla	08.30 PM

Annual Mahotsavam Festival

This year's Annual Mahotsavam will take place from 19 to 28 April 2019. The English version of the program is attached here. Tamil versions are available in the Temple office. Annathanam will be served on all 10 days of the festival.

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Annual Mahotsavam 2019				
18/04/2019 Thursday 5.30 pm onwards Inauguration celebration Grama Shanthi, Vasthu Shanthi etc				
19/04/2019 Friday - 1st Day	20/04/2019 Saturday - 2nd Day	21/04/2019 Sunday - 3rd Day	22/04/2019 Monday - 4th Day	23/04/2019 Tuesday - 5th Day
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30/04/2019 Tuesday - Vairavar Pongal 5.30pm

03/05/2019 Friday - Murugan Thirukalyanam 6.00pm

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](#).

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Here is a story of a devotee's connection to Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar:

The first place back in 1995 that my brother brought me to in Melbourne, soon after my migration was the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple. I had just left my job back in my home country, uprooted my entire family and arrived in Australia. I had no job, and had four mouths to feed. I prayed to Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar that my decision to leave a well-paying job back home and come here with nothing in hand will be rewarded. My prayers were almost instantly answered. I was called for two interviews the next day, chose a job from one of them, and I have never looked back. I attribute all of my success to HIS grace.