



The New Saiva Neri

The Newsletter of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam
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A note from the Editorial Team

Welcome to the first edition of the *New Saiva Neri*, the newsletter of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam.

The *New Saiva Neri* is an updated version of the Saiva Neri - the quarterly newsletter we used to have in the past. The old Saiva Neri was a key way of informing members about the past and future events of the Temple, and hard copies of the newsletter were previously distributed to all by post.

In keeping up with the times, *the New Saiva Neri will only be distributed by email*. It is also mobile friendly which means that *you can download this newsletter from your email and save it on your mobile for easy reference*. We aim to provide regular updates to members through the *New Saiva Neri* and we look forward to your support in growing this newsletter. Your feedback is always welcome. We wish all of you a Happy Tamil New Year. Putthandu Valththukkal!

Yours in service of Lord Ganesha,
The Editorial Team

PAST EVENTS

Kriti: The Musical Wonder – 25th Anniversary Celebrations

Melbourne YUVA, the youth wing of the Melbourne Vinayagar Hindu Sangam, organised a musical concert on 4 March 2018 in celebration of the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple's 25th anniversary. The concert was a sold-out event and raised a net amount of \$25,000, which will go towards the Temple Building Fund. The Guest of Honour for the event was Knox Mayor Cr John Mortimer. More than 10 of Melbourne's premier dance and music schools came together to perform at this event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tamil New Year – Saturday, 14 April 2018**

- ❖ On New Year's day, there will be a 108 Sangabhishegam. Those who wish to join, please contact the Temple office.
- ❖ The New Year evening pooja will be sponsored by Melbourne YUVA, the Temple's youth wing. If any youth are interested in taking part in the pooja, please contact the Temple office on 03 9762 1835.



Program for the Day

Sangalpam	09.30 AM
Sanghabhishegam	11.00 AM
Vasantha Mandaba Pooja	12.00 PM
Mahotsava Panthal Kal Pooja	12.30 PM
Annathanam	01.00 PM

In the Evening:

Daily Pooja	07.30 PM
Vasantha Mandaba Pooja and Thiruvilla	08.30 PM

- **Annual Mahotsavam Festival – Friday, 20 April 2018 to Sunday, 29 April 2018**

Highlights:

- ❖ The Inauguration celebration of the Mahotsavam is on 19 April from 4.30 PM with Grama Shanthi and Vasthu Shanthi.
- ❖ The first day of the Mahotsavam is on 20 April from 7am onwards. Kodiyetram (flag hoisting) will be around 10 AM.
- ❖ Lord Ganesha will perambulate around the Temple every morning and evening for 10 days.
- ❖ Annathanam will take place for lunch and dinner during the 10-day festival.
- ❖ The 9th day (28 April) is the Chariot (Ther) festival and the Chariot will go around the suburb this year as well.
- ❖ On the 10th day (29 April) for the Theertham festival, Lord Ganesha takes a Holy Bath and in the evening, the Mahotsavam will come to an end with Kodiyirakkam (lowering of the flag).



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Annual Mahotsavam 2018

19/04/2018 Thursday 4.30 pm onwards Inauguration celebration Grama Shanthi, Vasthu Shanthi etc		22/04/2018 Sunday - 3rd Day	23/04/2018 Monday - 4th Day	24/04/2018 Tuesday - 5th Day
<p>20/04/2018 Friday - 1st Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Kodiyetram</p> <p>7:00 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>8:00 Daily Pooja</p> <p>8:15 Kodib Peda Pooja (Pooja for the picture in the flag)</p> <p>8:45 Paani Theedanam (Thavil Pooja)</p> <p>9:00 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Kodiyetram (flag hoisting)</p> <p>10:45 Perambulation</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>21/04/2018 Saturday - 2nd Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Bala Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation- Bala Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation- Bala Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>22/04/2018 Sunday - 3rd Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Sithi Puthi Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation-Sithi Puthi Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation-Sithi Puthi Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>23/04/2018 Monday - 4th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Veera Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation in Veera Ganapathy posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation in Veera Ganapathy posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>24/04/2018 Tuesday - 5th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Luxmi Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation- Luxmi Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation- Luxmi Ganapathy Posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>
<p>25/04/2018 Wednesday - 6th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Nadana Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>Perambulation in Nadana Ganapathy posture</p> <p>11:00 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>11:45 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>12:00</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>Perambulation in Nadana Ganapathy posture</p> <p>8:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>26/04/2018 Thursday - 7th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Maha Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation in Maha Ganapathy posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation in Maha Ganapathy posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>27/04/2018 Friday - 8th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Raja Ganapathy</p> <p>8:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>9:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>10:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>11:00 Perambulation in Raja Ganapathy posture</p> <p>11:45 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>12:00 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation in Raja Ganapathy posture</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>28/04/2018 Saturday - 9th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Thaer (Chariot)</p> <p>7:00 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>8:00 Daily Pooja</p> <p>8:30 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>9:00 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>9:30 Perambulation in Thaer</p> <p>10:00 Swami will get onto the Thaer</p> <p>10:30 Thaer Veethi ulaa varuthal</p> <p>12:00 Thaer returns</p> <p>PM</p> <p>1:00 Patchai Saathini Swami</p> <p>Vasantha Mandapam varuthal</p> <p>1:15 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>Panchamuga Vinayagar Abhishegam</p> <p>5:30 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>6:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>7:00 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>7:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>8:00 Perambulation</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>	<p>29/04/2018 Sunday - 10th Day</p> <p>AM</p> <p>Theertham (Holy bath)</p> <p>7:00 Sangalpam and Abhishegam</p> <p>8:00 Daily Pooja</p> <p>8:30 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>9:00 Socorolsavam (Sunnam idinthhal)</p> <p>9:30 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>10:00 Perambulation</p> <p>11:00 Theertham</p> <p>11:30 Swami Returns after Theertham</p> <p>12:00 Yaga Kumba Abhishegam</p> <p>12:30 Prasatham (prasad)</p> <p>1:15 Maheswara Pooja (lunch).</p> <p>PM</p> <p>4:00 Sangalpam and Abhishegam (Ambal and Kodimara Pillayar)</p> <p>4:30 Daily Pooja</p> <p>5:00 Vasantha Mandapa Pooja</p> <p>5:30 Swami leaves Vasantha Mandapam</p> <p>5:45 Shamba Pooja (Flag Pole Pooja)</p> <p>6:30 Kodiyakkam</p> <p>7:30 Perambulation</p> <p>8:00 Sandeswara Pooja</p> <p>9:00 Maheswara Pooja (Dinner)</p>
<p>01/05/2018 Tuesday - Vairavar Pongal 5:30pm 3/5/2018 Thursday Sankadhara Sathurthi 6:30 pm 04/05/2018 Friday - Murugan Thirukalyanam 6.00pm</p> <p>If donating milk for Abhishegam, please give milk in NON plastic cartons only (preferably long life) for better storage and recycling of waste</p>				

NOTICES

- The Temple now has their own musicians Dr K Srinivasan (Natheswaram) and Mr AB Ramadoss (Thavil). If you would like them to perform for any occasion, please contact the Temple office on 03 9762 1835.
- The Temple canteen is now open on Sunday evenings as well from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The Brunch is on every 3rd Sunday of the month. For canteen opening hours, [please see the Temple website](#).
- 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



A night before the day of Matsya Vedh (Piercing Fish eye) competition, Krishna and Arjuna are conversing.....

Krishna says, "Arjuna, take care, put your step forward and concentrate on the eye of the fish".

Arjuna says, "If I have to do everything, then what will you do?"

Krishna in a very soft tone tells him, "What you can't do, I will do".

Arjuna asks, "And what is it that I can't do?"

Krishna answers, "I will keep the water steady..."

Remember God is your silent invisible partner!!