



## Bambarakanda Waterfall

Our series famous waterfalls in the world focus on Bambarakanda Waterfall which is the highest waterfall in Sri Lanka situated in the Haldamulla torate of the Badulla district. The Bambarakanda waterfall is 241 meters high. This water cascades down the rock and through the rocks increasing its beauty. Water comes to fall from Horton Plains and flows to the Anala wewa making it look like a butterfly.

Travelling to this place is not as easy unlike going to see other waterfalls. This waterfall is situated away from the main road. There are two ways of reaching the Bambarakanda waterfall. One way is to travel to Kalupahana which is situated on the Balangoda-Haputale Road, turn to Udaweriyia travel a further five kilometres to reach the Bambarakanda waterfall. The other route is from Horton Plains or Ohiya. The Bambarakanda waterfall is 15 kilometres from Ohiya.

## May you have a happy and peaceful New Year!

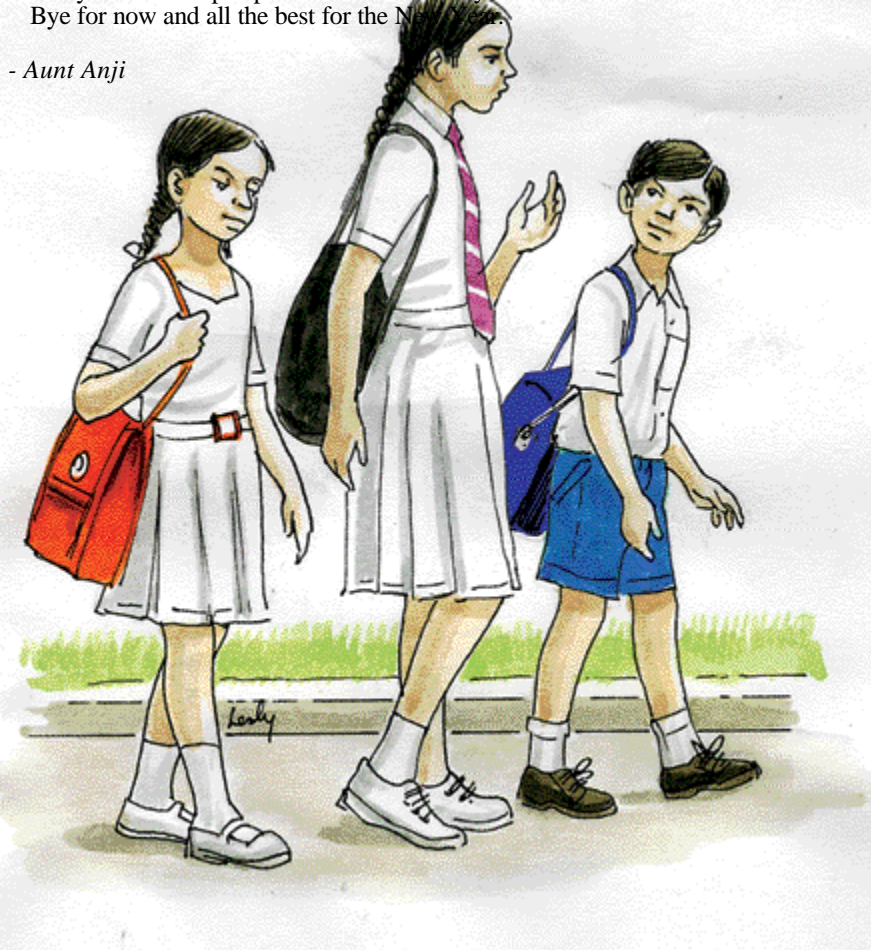
Dear Children,

Today is a very important day for all of us because it is the first day of the New Year. I am sure you all must be very busy wishing your parents and friends a very happy New Year. Are you ready to face the new year 2009? How do you feel going back to school next week? Do you have a few days left to play, watch your favourite cartoons or sleep a little longer in the morning. Most of you may be in a higher grade probably under a new class teacher with new friends as well. Don't forget to do your home work. Otherwise your class teacher will not like it at all.

Children must try and study hard so that they can easily achieve their goals in the new year. Please don't postpone your studies and homework. Finish all your work for that day and do not postpone it for another day. That is the secret behind success.

Bye for now and all the best for the New Year!

- Aunt Anji



**“I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody - Bill Cosby”**

Please send your drawings, essays, poems and news about school events to Daily News Children, No.35, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.



The annual concert of the Samaratunga montessori which is maintained by Arawwala East Welfare Committee under the supervision of the chief incumbent the Pannipitiya Ranmaleniya temple Ven. Piyasiri thera was held recently. The group of students entertaining the audience.



A Christmas presentation and annual concert of children of the Sisters of the C Pre-School, Kelaniya was held at the Pre-School premises recently (27th). Here, children singing a Christmas song.

Picture by Edward Weerasinghe, Kelaniya Group Correspondent

## New Year greetings

May the year be complete,  
With all the things  
That mean the most to you.  
Filled with good cheer and peace  
Warmed by love and friendship.  
May the dawning New Year  
Be a dream come true,  
For what better gifts are there  
To wish everyone  
A Happy New Year!

- NILLASI LIYANAGE

## My Self

My name is Venura Santhush.  
I am eight years old.  
My school is Ramasinghe Vidyalaya.  
I am in Grade 4.  
My Favourite food is chocolates.  
My favourite drink is milk.  
My favourite subject is Environment.  
My hobby is collecting stamps.  
I write articles, poems and paintings to the paper.  
My class teacher is Madam Janaki.  
I live in Kelaniya.

VENURA SANTHUSH HETTIARACHCHI  
Grade 4A, Rajasinghe Vidyalaya,



## Our school life

Our school life is most important because it is a long period in our lifetime. We are studying very short time. We meet both friends and teachers and we learn in 18 years. We do our primary and secondary education in school. We will be selected for the A/Ls only after considering our O/L results. Our school lifetime is very interesting. We must do our studies well and obey our teachers.

Then we will be able to leave school as educated and good citizens to live in society. We have not only to study the curriculum subjects and other activities, we also learn good habits and get used to working on time.

We try to learn very well, because we have to sit for the Government examinations. Our parents and teachers try to help us develop our future.

HASINTHA MADUMALI  
Grade 12  
Sailan International School  
Negombo

## My best friend

My best friend is Samith Biduranga. He is nine-years-old. He goes to Dharmaloka Central College. His favourite subject is Maths. His hobby is reading story books.

He is a good friend.  
VENURA SANTHUSH HETTIARACHCHI  
Grade 4A  
Ramasingha Vidyalaya

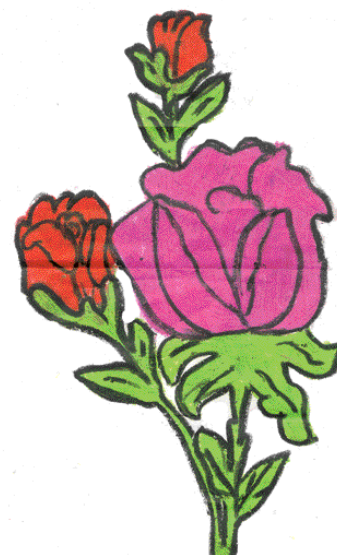
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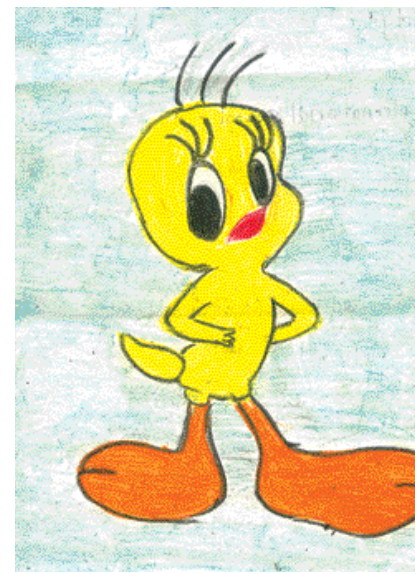
Scarecrow  
Dinura Samarajeewa  
Grade 2C  
Lyceum International School  
Nugegoda



Going to School  
Kavindri Abeysena  
Grade 4A  
Bishop's College



Flowers  
B. Mathumitha  
Grade 5  
Kingston College International  
Wellawatte



A Tweety  
Nashma Samudeen  
Grade 4C  
Sailan International School

# One more heave!

UNCLE SACHI and AUNT RUWI

Ruwi wasted no time in lowering the bucket down the well. Her gut told her that she delayed even for a second and Maggie might change her mind for so she was the scars her tragedy had left in



Part 18

Pramodaka before scampering over to his side and clutching the rope.

It wasn't as easy as they both anticipated. Soon they were very red in the face, puffing and panting.

"Just a few more and we will get her out of there..." Ruwi gasped between deep gulps of air as she pulled frantically, thankful that it is

elves rope for it did not cut into your hands like the normal coir.

Pramodaka grunted in reply, his teeth set as he gave a mighty tug.

"That's it... One more heave will do, I can clutch the rim then," they heard Maggie's voice edging closer.

"Come on, dear. We can do it. Let's give it our best shot," Ruwi whispered as they both braced themselves to give the rope one final heave.

Pramodaka nodded in reply while Ruwi smile at him encouragingly. Suddenly out of nowhere and without any warning she froze. A cold sense of dread clawed at her. "Wait!" she cried but it was too late. Everything happened too quickly for her to piece the vision together. Pramodaka slipped and

lost his grip. Maggie's screech was terrifying as she found herself descending back down into the well.

"No!" Before he knew what he was doing Pramodaka dived into the well and made a desperate attempt to clutch at Maggie. His hands closed over her arm but he was almost over the edge of the well. One inch further and he could have joined the old woman in the well.

"Hold on..." gasped feeling a stab of pain slice through his arm. Looking down he saw a trickle of blood ooze out of his wrist as a sharp piece of rock, gutting out of the wall of the well, cut into his skin. Fighting the feeling of nausea threatening to overcome him, he tried to focus on the situation at hand. If he let go



St. Anthony's International College had their Annual Award Ceremony Concert on December 7. The chief guest was Member, University of Kelaniya, Professor Rohan Rajapakse and the Guest of Honour was Zonal Director of Education, Matara W. R. Weerakoon.



Children of the pre-school at Mulgampola, Kandy, maintained by the Kandy Municipal Council demonstrating a dance item 'Lavender Blue' at their year end variety entertainment, recently. Lucky Kumarage was the teachers-in-charge.

Picture by Upananda Jayasundera, Kandy Sports Special Cor.



Students of Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo primary section presenting a dance item their annual concert Singithi Rangum 2008 held at the school hall recently. Director of Education (National Schools) Sri Lal Nonis was the chief guest.

Picture by Amarasena Ahangama, Colombo East Special Correspondent