



The Lyceumer



ANURADHAPURA

May 2018

Welcome

back to school

2017 - 2018



23 TISSL Heads of Schools left to Australia on 7th April 2018 to participate in an 8 day comprehensive tour. As part of the tour they visited and met many prominent schools, universities, educational technology and support organisations and Australian Government representatives around Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane and Gold Coast. This tour was organized in order to provide our TISSL School Heads with a hands on experience of international developments, which can significantly strengthen our school systems in Sri Lanka. Four Lyceum Heads participated in the tour.

This year TISSL Partnered with Konnect Konsultants Pte. Ltd., who coordinated with Australian Institutes and organized this 8 day programme. Konnect Konsultants Pte. Ltd., is a strategic marketing solutions provider for education institutions and key stake holders within the international education industry.

Mrs. Kumari Grero Chairperson - TISSL Coordinating Principal - Lyceum International School
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WORDS OF WISDOM

FROM OUR FOUNDER,
MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO



Born on June 24, 1987, in Rosario, Argentina, soccer player Lionel Messi moved to Spain at the age of 13, after the FC Barcelona club agreed to pay for hormone-deficiency treatments. Recognizably smaller than most of the kids in his age group, Messi was eventually diagnosed by doctors as suffering from a hormone deficiency that restricted his growth. Messi became a star in his new country, leading his club to championships. In 2012, he set a record for most goals in a calendar year, and in 2016, he was named Europe's Ballon d'Or winner for the fifth time.

Although he is famously quiet and private off the field, Messi has found ways to help out others in need. In 2007, he formed the Leo Messi Foundation to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youths. In early 2010, UNICEF named him a goodwill ambassador, with a focus on fighting for children's rights across the globe.

My dear children, life is not always going to be a bed of roses. You will face many challenges from time to time. How you overcome them will determine how successful you will be in life. So never ever give up. Keep persevering. You will be surprised by the inner strength you can call upon over and over again, and one day you will realize that achieving the impossible isn't that hard anymore!

Spend your time, in the right way. Listen to your heart and observe the things surrounding you. Have true values. Cherish every minute of your life.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is an important meal of the day. Please ensure that your child has breakfast everyday. Students are allowed to bring their breakfast to school and have it during the register marking period, but they will not be allowed to go out of class to purchase food from the canteen at that time.

Vision

To produce global citizens who will reshape the future of their motherland.

Mission

To enhance the potential of every young soul that passes through our halls, empowering them to be the best they can be.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25 th May 2018	Singithi Salpila
30 th May 2018	Bodhu Gee Saraniya
4 th June 2018	Monthly Test (Grades 9 & 10)
5 th , 6 th June	Monthly Test (Grades 1 -10)
12 th June 2 018	Parent Teacher Day
14 th June 2018	Founder’s Day
20 th June 2018	English Day Rehearsal (Grades 1 -10)
22 nd June 2018	English Day (Grades 1 -10)
5 th July 2018	Concert Rehearsal (Nursery to Grades 10)
8 th July 2018	Concert (Nursery to Grades 10)
17 th , 18 th July 2018	Second Semester Examination (Grades 9 & 10)
19 th July	Second Semester Examination (Grades 6 - 10)
20 th –25 th July	Second Semester Examination (Grades 1 -

JEWELLERY AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

Jewellery (chains / rings, etc.,) are not allowed to be worn to school. Students wearing these will be asked to remove it immediately. Girls can wear ear studs.

YOUR PHONE CAN WAIT - NOT YOUR CHILDREN

Your child is happy to see you after school, but are you happy to see your child? We have observed many children trying to speak to their parents, but the parent is on the phone. Please don't do this - your phone can wait!

NOTICE FROM THE PRINCIPAL RE: HANDKERCHIEF

Please note that all students are required to keep a white handkerchief with them (in their pocket) at all times.

HOBBIES ARE GREAT FOR CHILDREN

Hobbies benefit children in many ways. It gives a child an opportunity to express and discover themselves and build self-esteem. For example, a child interested in rock collecting, learns about Geology and Science. There are many hobbies that children can follow such as reading, writing (creative, poetry, etc.), singing, dancing, learning to play a musical instrument (e.g. piano, guitar, violin, flute, etc.), painting (e.g. nature, objects, free-style, etc.), starting a collection (e.g. stamps, coins, sea shells, rocks, stones, feathers, model cars, trains, planes, etc.), riding and racing to name a few.

Other hobbies can also bring children close to nature such as watching wildlife (e.g. birds, butterflies, whales, etc.), nature photography (e.g. landscape, wildlife, macro nature, underwater, etc.), gardening, travelling, snorkeling, diving, canoeing, white water rafting, etc.

Therefore see what your child's interest is and help them choose a hobby that they would love and learn from.

LIGHTENING THE RELIGION THROUGH LANTERNS

Vesak is the festival which is celebrated to commemorate the birth, enlightenment and the 'Parinibbana' of Lord Buddha. This year too on 29th April 2018 Lyceum International School Anuradhapura adorned in decorations of attractive vesak lanterns, lights and flags displaying the message of vesak, loving kindness, compassion and equanimity. The dedication of the staff members and the junior leaders of the school gave a spectacular view to the school through this meritorious deed.



MESSAGE TO PARENTS FROM OUR STUDENT COUNSELLOR

You are the first and the most important teacher in your child's life. They learn by following you, watching you and listening to you, therefore as a parent, it is your responsibility to raise a happy and an intelligent child. Your character and discipline will help your child to lead a successful life as an adult.

Awareness of school rules and discipline is important. Rules are implemented in schools for a reason; to guide students from a young age to become successful adults and lead a disciplined and well-balanced life. As such we would like to bring to your attention if a student does not follow the school rules and conducts themselves in an unruly manner in school, and strict disciplinary action will need to be taken.



Message from Principal to Parents, Teachers and Students.**Teachers Change Lives**

It is not an exaggeration to say that a great teacher can change a student's life. There are an endless amount of great teacher stories that attest to the benefits of a strong relationship between an educator and pupil.

As some of the most influential role models for developing students, teachers are responsible for more than just academic enrichment. If you want to be a great educator, you must connect with your pupils and reach them on multiple levels, because the best teachers are committed to their students' well-being both inside and outside the classroom. By forging strong relationships, educators are able to affect virtually every aspect of their students' lives, teaching them the important life lessons that will help them succeed beyond term papers and standardized tests.

While you will spend your entire career learning the different ways you can change your students' lives, here are three aspects that are directly affected by great teachers:

1. Education

A great teacher makes learning fun, as stimulating, engaging lessons are pivotal to a student's academic success. Some students who are more prone to misbehavior, truancy or disengagement are more dependent on an engaging teacher. Making your classroom an exciting environment for learning will hold the students' fascination, and students learn best when they are both challenged and interested. It's part of motivating students, which may not be easy, but which will benefit students immeasurably in the long run.

CHANGING THE VENUE OF LYCEUM SADAHAM DHAMMA SCHOOL

Sadaham damma school of Lyceum International School Anuradhapura was shifted to Sri Sarananda Maha Pirivena from 12th May 2018 with the purpose of giving the students a solid religious foundation for life, while moulding them to develop wholesome thoughts and personalities in order to withstand the immoral ripples. The shades of 'Atamasthana' stimulate a great influence on the development of religious discipline and culture, providing students with a prestigious gauge to uplift Buddhist values in their lives.

2. Inspiration

Have you ever had a teacher who inspired you to work harder or pursue a particular goal? Were you inspired to become an educator by one of your own great teachers?

Inspiring students is integral to ensuring their success and encouraging them to fulfil their potential. Students who are inspired by their teachers can accomplish amazing things, and that motivation almost always stays with them. Inspiration can also take many forms, from helping a pupil through the academic year and their short-term goals, to guiding them towards their future career. Years after graduation, many working professionals will still cite a particular teacher as the one who fostered their love of what they currently do and attribute their accomplishments to that educator.

3. Guidance

Teachers can also be a trusted source of advice for students weighing important life decisions. Educators can help their pupils pursue higher education, explore career opportunities and compete in events they might otherwise have not thought themselves able to. Students often look to their teachers as mentors with experience and knowledge, and as an educator, you will almost definitely be asked for advice at some point during your career.

Did you know that one in four students drops out of school or that every nine seconds, another student drops out? Dropping out is a decision that students won't likely come to you about, but an adept teacher can notice the indications that a student is struggling and intervene before it's too late. Aside from educating them on the hard facts about dropping out, teachers can also help, assess the problem and figure out an alternative. In such situations, teachers undoubtedly have the ability to change the lives of students.

Chandana Basnayake
Principal

**SHB 1 UPDATES**

Please see that your child reads the Student's Hand Book 1 (SHB 1) on a regular basis so as to remember the school rules. If you have misplaced it please purchase a new one from the school library at Rs. 500/-. Please refer to SHB 2 page 104 where updates to SHB 1 is mentioned.

- Page 31 - Other absences (in addition to the existing paragraph) -Students who go to other schools for private practices will have to participate in school practices at least 3 times a month in order to be eligible to obtain marks for that activity as well as be considered for the school team.
*The same applies to Prefects, where they will need to participate in school practices at least 3 times a month in order to be eligible to obtain marks for that activity.
- Page 51 - Alcohol, Cigarettes and/or Related Substances (in addition to the existing paragraph) - Encouraging and/or being in the presence of others who smoke is not allowed
- Page 69 - Expulsion (in addition to the existing paragraph) - A student may also be transferred to another Lyceum branch school on a permanent basis or for a certain period of time as decided by the disciplinary committee.
- Page 69 - Suspension (in addition to the existing paragraph) - There will be instances where a suspension might be carried out as 5 days of detention. This will be equal to one day of suspension, which will be mentioned in the student's discipline file.

All updates mentioned above will be implemented the month after the month that the newsletter containing the updates was issued. For example, the above updates are mentioned in the May 2018 Newsletter and therefore will be implemented from June 2018. All updates in SHB 1 will appear in SHB 2 which is given annually.

PARENT-TEACHER DAY ON 12th JUNE 2018

Dear Parents,

Please note that the Parent-Teacher day is compulsory for all parents. Parents who are unable to attend the meeting due to unavoidable circumstances must forward an excuse letter to the class teacher stating the reason and ensure to schedule an alternative meeting on another day.

Students (Grade 1 and above) may accompany parents to the meeting; however, they must be attired in the school uniform (not the P.T. Kit) with grey socks and black shoes. Teachers will allocate only five minutes with each parent, therefore please ensure to note down any concerns or issues before hand and strictly adhere to the day and time allocated in the schedule below in order to avoid congestion. If more time is required with a teacher, parents should arrange an alternative appointment on another day via the SRB.

Surnames beginning with	Times to meet the teachers
A, B, C, D,E, F	8:00 a.m. - 9.30 a.m.
G, H ,I, J, K,L	9.30 a.m.- 11.00 a.m.
M, N, O, P,Q, R	11.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
S , T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	12.30 p.m. - 02.00 p.m.

SINHALA AND HINDU NEW YEAR FESTIVAL

Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival was celebrated at Lyceum International School Anuradhapura on 6th April 2018 in the school grounds. The Chief guest Mrs. Sujatha Aththanayake, the well known artist graced the celebration. The pleasing savour of traditional dishes of festive sweetmeats gave the commencement to the event.

In order to carry on the cultural values to the future generation, the students were provided with the opportunity to perform all the traditions and the rituals of both Sinhala and Hindu cultures. A vast scheme of traditional games including tug of war, kana mutti were played by both students and parents. The school premises was filled and lightened with much joy, fun and laughter bringing prosperity for the new year.

**“PARAPOSITHAYO” STAGE DRAMA**

Detouring from the norms of the daily schedule the Lyceumers of Anuradhapura were presented with "Paraposhithayo", a stage drama by renowned actors Mr Anura Mapitigama & Mr Anura Srinath educating the students on prevention of dengue. Students from Nursery to grade 10 were fascinated by the jovial performance.

