

# Lyceum Newsletter



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## Anuradhapura



### MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

Mr. Mohan Lal Grero

#### The unbeatable power of perseverance

Think of a world famous person who is very successful; someone from any field. The chances are that this person failed once, then twice and plenty more times before he actually hit the pot of gold, or in other words became world renowned.

For instance, what if the founder of Sony Corp, Akion Morita, gave up when his first product, a rice cooker, turned out to be unsuccessful? It didn't cook rice so much as it burned it! What if Bill Gates gave up after his failed attempts? What if Walt Disney had actually believed the editor who fired him from a newspaper company saying that he lacked imagination? And what if Albert Einstein believed his parents and teachers who thought he was mentally retarded, slow and anti social. The world would have lost so many great discoveries and inventions if these people had not persevered.

Has anyone ever told you "You must be either crazy or a genius"? That phrase may very well describe what a person who perseveres looks like. The person who perseveres usually goes against the current of what people think is possible or popular, they have odds stacked up against them, but they will push through and make their own waves in the sea of discovery.

Perseverance means keeping at it even when you've tried and tried and done all that you think you can. Perseverance is when you've reached your limit and you still keep going. Winston Churchill is a golden example of perseverance; he not only experienced failures during his school career, having failed sixth grade, but also lost several elections in his political career. It was only at the ripe old age of 62 that he was finally elected Prime Minister of Britain.

Who inspires you? Who is your hero that failed many times but never gave up? Think about that person next time you feel like giving up and draw encouragement. Remember, the most important thing is to keep on trying.



The prestigious three day ISAC meet organized by Lyceum Nugegoda, successfully concluded recently at the Mahinda Rajapaksa Stadium, Diyagama with Lyceum Nugegoda coming 2nd runners up after achieving 774 points.

I am sincerely grateful to everyone who came together to make this event a success, with a special thanks going out to all the Lyceum Nugegoda staff, comprising of around 400 academic staff, office staff, security staff, support staff and drivers, who formed 25 teams in order to organize and coordinate this mega event.

I am also sincerely grateful to Mr. Palitha Jayatileka - Director General of the Meet and the Director of Sports for all Lyceum International Schools from Lyceum Gampaha, as well as Ms. Dilumini Guruge - Secretary of the Meet from Lyceum Panadura, for their guidance and support.

I also wish to thank all the prefects, scouts, cheering squad, athletes and all other students who contributed their valuable time, hard work and commitment towards the ISAC 2017 as well as the parents who supported their children to participate.

Also, a very big thank you goes out to the incredible officials from the Army Head Quarters, Panagoda, Police Department and Bomb Disposal Squad, Mattegoda for providing excellent coverage of security and ensuring the safety of all those present at the three day meet

*Thank you to everyone and well done all!*

*Until we meet again at ISAC 2018.*

Mrs. Kumari Grero  
Chairperson - ISAC 2017



*Congratulations!*



The management and the staff of Lyceum International School Anuradhapura congratulate all the students who participated in International Schools Athletic Championship 2017 (ISAC) which was held in Mahinda Rajapaksha International Stadium in February 2017

Sandul Karunarathna  
Nethsari Welagedara  
Thathsara Indrapathma

Sanuka Adikari  
Siluni Wijesinghe



# Memos to Parents & Guardians



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### Dear Parents / Guardians,

Please note that parents can meet the Headmistress to discuss regarding your child only on Wednesday from 8:30 am 3:00 pm after getting an appointment via the SRB or calling the office before one day.

### Parent's Dress Code

Parents are kindly requested to follow the dress code below, when you visit the school and the school events.

**Gents : Long sleeve /Short sleeve shirt and trouser**

**Ladies : Attire in saree**



### Dear Parents / Guardians,(Lower Nursery- Pre-Grade)

Please send your child on or before 08:00 am to the school.

### TISSL AFFILIATED LYCEUM SCHOOLS

There are 25 International Schools affiliated with The International Schools of Sri Lanka (TISSL). 4 Lyceum Schools (Nugegoda, Panadura, Wattala and Ratnapura) are TISSL schools. Lyceum Gampaha, currently participates under Lyceum Ratnapura and all other schools (ie. Lyceum Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura, Kandana and Kurunegala) may take part under any of the 4 Lyceum Schools affiliated with TISSL.

### AN APPEAL TO PARENTS

Parents are kindly requested to check your child's timetable daily and send only the relevant books for the day to avoid children carrying unnecessary weight in their bags. Carrying weight in excess increases physical stress, which eventually leads to fatigue and serious back problems.

### Dear Parents / Guardians,

Please train your children to be clean and keep the surrounding environment clean and tidy as well.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

8 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Vesak Lanterns Display
26 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Singithi Salpila Grade 1
29 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2017	Monthly Test Grades 1 - 9
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Poson Bakthi Gee
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Parent Teacher Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	School Concert Rehearsal
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	School Concert
18 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Second Semester Examination
28 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Kite Fetsival
3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2017	Graduation Grades 1 - 5

## IMPORTANT!

Please note that there are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter.

### Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Student Record Book (SRB) should necessarily be carried by the students every day to school. Failure to do so makes it difficult to communicate effectively with the parents.

Hence for those students who come without SRB will be kept in the library as a detention for the 1st period. Same detention will be applied for the students who comes without subject books as well.

SRB will be checked at the security point.

### FROM A PAST LYCEUMER...

And always wherever we are, your name, to appraise



Once again it gives me immense pleasure to pen a few words about Lyceum and of my school days, reminiscing on those nostalgic memories of past. It feels much more “at home” walking on this soil than it ever would at home, perhaps because a considerable amount of my childhood and teens was spent here. Times where troubles were so little. The green walls would testify to the quality time I had within this institution. The education I acquired through Lyceum has helped me reach heights and take on challenges that I would only have dreamt of. This was because it meticulously taught us a range of life skills, social skills, discipline and empathy apart from academics.

Mr. and Mrs. Grero always lent their ears to our concerns with the affectionate demeanor that parents would to their children. Their humble and highly contagious smile at the front gate would help you go about the worst of days. Disputes were minimal as all the stakeholders were involved: The Student Body, Prefects' Guild, the Senior Management, the Academic and Support Staff, worked conscientiously to overcome difficulties. We held on to each other in times of tragedy and roared out L-Y-C-E-U-M with such enthusiasm and devotion at heart. Even when situations did escalate we would bite the bullet for the sake of our alma mater and the name we diligently built over the years.

I have been taught by many teachers, throughout my primary and secondary school, undergraduate and postgraduate levels. One thing I learnt through experience was that good teachers are hard to find and not everyone has what it takes to be a good one. Fortunately, many of the teachers I've come across at Lyceum since primary school had this rare trait. They were fueled by the passion to teach and were committed to bringing out the best in their students. Especially the A/L teachers, how they combined simple harmonic motion or photophosphorylation with life lessons and moral conduct, was absolutely genius. At the end of the day, students often bagged an 'A Star' simultaneously developing a brilliant civic consciousness. Your teachers deserve endless respect as they too are ready to mold you into fine ladies and gentlemen.

As Sri Lankans we inherit a complex and unique fabric of fine arts, music and customs that are renowned globally. Those of you planning on studying or living abroad, trust me on this, if you are incapable of exhibiting who you are and where you come from to the world, your education would be pointless. If you do, you will win true applause and respect from them. Having studied in the United Kingdom for nearly four years, I was able to experience this first hand. Today, I can never thank Lyceum enough, not only for the brilliant education but also the opportunity to learn our culture, values and most importantly to be a Sri Lankan.

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Lyceum is not really a single entity, but the combined efforts of many men and women who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice their time and energy to develop it to what it is today. You may very well exercise your freedom of speech to justify what you think is right or wrong, but exaggerating it on social media is not sensible as it would only add insult to injury. It is quite easy to jump onto bandwagons and go with the trend, but the real act of heroism lies in the ability to differentiate yourself, being unique and being true to your inner consciousness or "Knowing Thyself". Think of how you can give back to the institution through which you achieved and will achieve so much, the institution that taught you the very English, logical thinking and reasoning skills that you use to assess the legitimacy of school rules.

For all the reasons above I am eternally grateful to Lyceum and always proud to be a Lyceumer! I sincerely hope that many generations continue to grow and blossom in the shade of this massive tree!

And always wherever we are, Your name, to appraise!

- Jeewantha Wickremasinghe

## EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

March/April 2017

### The Kiddies Activity Time 2016/2017

The Kiddies Activity Time 2016/2017 of Lyceum International School Anuradhapura, was held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Indoor Stadium, Anuradhapura. Kids of Lower Nursery, Upper Nursery, Pre-Grade and their parents enjoyed this event with the presence of Mr. Keerthi Gamage, former health secretary of North Central Province as the chief guest.

-----We thank everyone for helping to make this event a success.-----





