



# LYCEUM GAMPAHA

# NEWSLETTER

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## UP COMING CALENDAR MONTH OF JULY & AUGUST - 2016

01 July	Paper Discussion - Gr. 12 (National) Inter House Basketball Tournament - Girls
04 July	Paper Discussion - Gr. 12 (National) Art & Craft Exhibition - Gr. 1 & 2
05 July	Finalising Marks & Reports Holiday for Gr. 12 (National) Students Inter House Basketball Tournament - Boys Art & Craft Exhibition - Gr. 3 to 5
07 July	School Closes for - Gr. 12 (National) Concert Rehearsal - Nursery & Pre Grade
08 July	Concert - Nursery & Pre Grade (Day - 1)
11 July	Concert - Nursery & Pre Grade (Day - 2)
12 July	Concert - Nursery & Pre Grade (Day - 3)
14-25 July	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Exam (please refer SHB -2)
26 July	Test Paper Correction - Gr. 1 - 11 & Holiday for Gr. 1 to 11 Students Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 1
27 July	Test Paper Correction - Gr. 1 - 11 & Holiday for Gr. 1 to 11 Students Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 2
28 July	Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 3
29 July	Paper Discussion - Gr. 1 - 11 Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 4
01 Aug.	Paper Discussion - Gr. 1 - 11 Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 5
02 Aug.	Finalising Marks & Reports Holiday for Gr. 1 - 11 Students Kite Festival (Gr. 1 - 5)
03 Aug.	School Closes for students
04 Aug.	Issue of Reports Parent - Teacher Day & Career Day
05 Aug.	Issue of Reports Parent - Teacher Day Gr. 12 (Cambridge) Graduation Ceremony

## TABLE TENNIS



**Mahith Jayasumana & Leenula Samaraweera** have been selected for the "Sri Lanka Table Colour Awarding" for the year 2015.

The Awarding Ceremony will be held on 28 August, 2016 at S. D. S. Jayasinghe Hall, Dehiwela.

## Message from our Founder

**Mr. Mohan Lal Grero**



"Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood."

-Helen Keller-

**A**bout a hundred years ago, a man looked at the morning newspaper and to his surprise and horror, read his name in the obituary column. The newspapers had reported the death of the wrong person by mistake. His first response was shock. Am I here or there? When he regained his composure, his second thought was to find out what people had said about him.

The obituary read, "Dynamite King Dies." And also "He was the merchant of death." This man was the inventor of dynamite and when he read the words "merchant of death," he asked himself a question, "Is this how I am going to be remembered?" He got in touch with his feelings and decided that this was not the way he wanted to be remembered. From that day on, he started working toward peace. His name was Alfred Nobel and he is remembered today by the great Nobel Prize.

Alfred Nobel 1833-1896 Since 1901, the Nobel Prize has been honouring men and women from all corners of the globe for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and for peace related work. The foundations for the prize were laid in 1895 when Alfred Nobel wrote his last will, leaving much of his wealth to the establishment of the Nobel Prize. Just as Alfred Nobel got in touch with his feelings and redefined his values, we should step back and do the same.

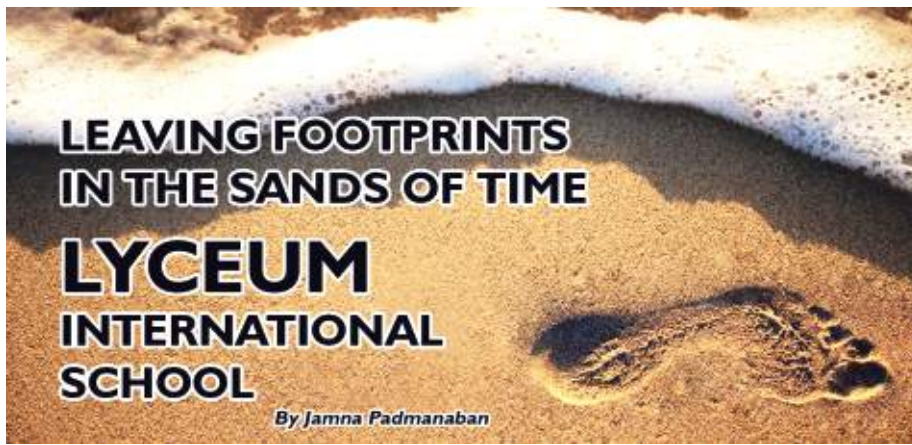
**What is your legacy ?; How would you like to be remembered ?; Will you be spoken well of ?; Will you be remembered with love and respect ?; Will you be missed ?**

Dear Parents,

We would appreciate if you could settle any overdues on school fees on or before 15 July 2016. Please note that your child will not be promoted to the next class and the Progress Reports too would not be issued if fees are not paid on the due dates. You are requested to produce the bank pay-in-slip to the Accounts Officer immediately after payment.

Thank you.

Coordinating Principal



"Education is an ornament in prosperity and a refuge in adversity".  
ARISTOTLE

Inspiring words, elevating words! Words which empowered our Founder, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero to absorb the essence of these enriching thoughts of the great Greek philosopher, and embark on a journey. An odyssey which has lasted 23 years, during which he has touched the lives of thousands of children and lifted them out of the abyss of illiteracy into the rejuvenating atmosphere of educational pursuits.

Lyceum International School was born in a very humble manner. In 1993, with great determination and faith, he founded the school with only 7 students and 4 teachers, operating from 2 rooms in Nugegoda. This seed, planted 23 years ago, has now grown into a massive tree, sending out branches to all the corners of our island. Today, the network of Lyceum schools spans the length and breadth of Sri Lanka, from Nugegoda to Nuwara Eliya; from Panadura to Wattala; from Ratnapura to Anuradhapura; from Kandana to Gampaha. 2 new branches are springing up at Kurunegala and Bandarawela as well.

'Know Thyself' is the motto of the school. Lyceum is a nonprofit organisation. The first and foremost priority of Lyceum is the appropriate and adequate education of the students. In order to achieve this important objective, the school has a well-qualified academic staff, who

execute their duties with sincerity and dedication. The management of the school ably guides the staff, by providing them with strong support and necessary facilities. Mrs. Kumari Grero, the Coordinating Principal, manages the Lyceum network with a sense of total commitment. She displays her capability in addressing the academic, administrative and disciplinary issues in a very amenable manner. She strongly believes that the key, to successful administration is loving kindness. The Principal Ms. Wenuri Hettiarachchi and the Director, Mr. Nikitha Grero, both past students, offer very able assistance to Mrs. Grero.

The present student population of the Lyceum Group of Schools is 17500 with an academic staff of 2500. Students hail from multi-ethnic and multi-religious backgrounds. Keeping this fact in mind, the schools recognise the vital importance of building up children's character around social and cultural values. Fulfilling this need, the schools conduct various religious and cultural programmes. This adds credence to the belief "Unity in diversity".

The system provides the necessary infrastructure required for an ideal international standard of the teaching / learning environment. Students are provided with education from Nursery to G.C.E. A/L for both National and Cambridge Boards. From Grade 8 onwards, students are guided to follow either the National or Cambridge streams and curriculum. 'A healthy mind in a healthy body'. At Lyceum, this adage is taken very seriously. Therefore, the

schools offer facilities for a vast gamut of sports and extra-curricular activities including athletics, gymnastics, badminton, basketball, netball, cricket, swimming, karate, band western & brass band eastern, kiddies activity time, choir, cubing, debating, drumming, guiding, little friends, orchestra, scouting, soccer, strength training, swimming, table tennis, tennis, rucker, chess, scrabble, dancing and music. Provision of scholarship to children who excel in the academic, sports and extra-curricular arenas, is a regular feature. Types of scholarships and duration depend on a scheduled criteria.

Lyceum students have given outstanding performances in the Cambridge O/L and A/L Examinations. A considerable number of students have achieved world best and island best places in both O/L and A/L Cambridge and top places in the National A/L Examination. Lyceum collects more than 40% of awards at the Cambridge award ceremony every year.

The Kandyan Dancing section conducts a series of presentations during school concerts. 'Maathra' – an outstanding programme, staged 8 times annually, since 2008, has proved to be extremely popular. Lyceum was able to win 5 State awards for innovative items at State Drama Festivals during recent years. The Lyceum Group of Schools has generated a massive number of employment opportunities. Past students are welcomed back as members of staff. Similarly, Lyceum students are also employed in varied capacities in foreign destinations. Years come and years go, but Lyceum goes from one pinnacle to another. Always remembering these words of the famous poet:

**"The highest education is that which does not merely give us information, but makes our life in harmony with all existence".**

*-RABINDRANATH TAGORE-  
Lyceum moves*

*forward into the future:*

**"Leaving footprint in the Sands of Time"**

“Lyceum Our Alma Mater” started with just 7 students and 4 teachers by our Founder, Mr. Grero. Lyceum has now spread its wings around the country having reached a student population of more than 17,500 in just 23 years since its inception.

It is impossible to grow at such pace in a competitive field yet our school has proven it possible. This shows the determination of our Founder whose sole intention was to educate children in the English medium rather than to make profits.

When I first stepped into this school I was excited; new school bag, new books, new faces but most importantly, they were kind faces. At the end of my first school day itself I knew this was my second home. I was nurtured and brought up like their own child by my teachers, who guided and protected me, in order to mould me into the person I am today.

The unique element of our school that distinguishes it from other international schools is that it inculcates the values of the true Sri Lankan Culture in each and every student that walks through its gates. From the primary grades, I remember how we were taught to practise the five human values which to this day, I remember - Truth, Love, Peace, Non-Violence and Right Conduct. With values like jewels embedded in each and every Lyceumer out there, we surely will make our Founder’s vision of producing citizens who will ‘reshape the future of their Motherland’ become a reality. It was my school that brought out the best in me, things I never knew I was capable of. As a student, I loved studying and

achieving good grades. There is one gold medal which will always be close to my heart, simply because it was something I had achieved out of my comfort zone. Although talented, I had the fear of public speaking. My teacher who saw the talent in me pushed me to participate in a Speech contest. I remember him saying "Gayathrie, you will win the contest, just go up there and speak" and so I did. Little did he know that he changed a young soul to project her thoughts out to the world and to be the teacher that I am today. I owe my Effective Speech teacher, for taking away from me the fear of public speaking.

My teachers inspired me to a great extent and their invaluable service to make the children of our school excel in anything they choose to do, is what made me choose to become a teacher. That which I received as a student from my school, I want to give back to my students. To take the next generation of students to a greater height. They will keep our Lyceum Flag flying high.

I truly owe everything I am today, with immense gratitude, to Mr. and Mrs. Grero, who have sacrificed their lives, to make all our lives better. As we sing with gusto, “We pledge to thee, our loyalty now till the end of days”.

As one team bound by unity, love and commitment, may Lyceum shine its light on the future citizens of the Motherland for many years to come.

-Gayathrie Maheswaran  
*Member of Lyceum Alumni*

### LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL EXPANDS TO "ETHUGALPURA"

Lyceum International School, Kurunegala will be declared open on 27th September 2016 at 7.30 a.m. at No 71, Udawalpola Road, Kurunegala, its first branch school in the North Western Province. The new school will be the ninth branch of the Lyceum Group of International Schools, which serves over 17,500 students throughout Sri Lanka.

The school will open the Lower Nursery, Upper Nursery, Pre Grade, Grade 1, and will expand up to Grade 12 in future years. In 1993, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero, the Founder of Lyceum International Schools, took a wise decision to extend his fullest support to uplift the Sri Lankan Education into international standards. He started Lyceum International School at Nugegoda with only seven students. It has grown up to a group of International Schools, which provides international level education for 17,500 students in just a period of twenty three years.

The new school will offer the same quality of education that Lyceum International Schools have been providing to students since 1993. Mr. Nikitha Grero, Director commented, that they will provide the children in the Kurunegala District a world class education along with Sri Lankan cultural values from early childhood through the Kurunegala branch including modern facilities, co-curricular activities and a dynamic and experienced academic staff.

### HOBBIES

Please encourage your child to engage in a hobby during their free time. ie. collecting stamps, coins, having a pet, etc.

### LYCEUM HOTLINE

Please note that parents of all Lyceum International School children could forward any complaints / suggestions / comments to our Hotline on **0773483066** (via text messages / WhatsApp only).





**F**ounder's Day was celebrated in Lyceum Gampaha on Tuesday, 14 June, 2016 at special assembly at the Aeolian Hall to commemorate the Founder's Day. The employees who completed their service for 5 years at Lyceum were awarded and given tokens of appreciation.

**Employees who completed 5 years**

Mr. Thilan Dhanushka, Ms. Janaki Ranasinghe, Ms. Nishika Fernando, Ms. Shamila Subhashini, Mr. Siripala Dahanayake, Ms. Kamanie Abeysinghe, Mr. Dimuth Janaka, Mr. Santhush Fernando, Ms. Thushari Shamalee, Ms. Shiromika Ruwanthi, Ms. Udeni Pushpakumari, Mr. Ahamed Ameen, Ms. Maya Halliday, Ms. Rajindini Wickramasinghe, Ms. Anusha Abeywickrama, Ms. Nilusha Rajapakshe, Ms. Regina Selwanayagam, Ms. Malkanthi Wijesekara, Mr. Nalin Jayantha, Mr. Ajith Kumarasinghe, Mr. Indika Sameera, Mr. Sirisoma Jayalath, Mr. K.K.Ranjith, Mr. Gihan Wijerathna, Ms. Nandani Chandrakanthi, Ms. V P Chandrakanthi, Ms. K.P.Premakanthi, Ms. Dhammika Priyadarshani, Ms. Nilmini Chandrika, Ms. Hemali Chandrakanthi.

**POSON CELEBRATIONS**



**"OSUPAN DANSELA"**

"Osupan Dansala" was organized by Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Guides & Little friends on 21 June, 2016 from 4.30 p.m. onwards at the school premises prior to the Poson Bhakthi Gee Programme.

A very big thank goes to teachers & parents who co-operated in this regard.



**POSON BHAKTHI GEE PROGRAMME**

Poson Bhakthi Gee Programme, *ආගමික සාහසික* was held on 21 June, 2016 in the Aeolian Hall with the participation of Ven. Monks, Mr. Sarath De Alwis - the veteran music director, parents, teachers & students.

A special thank goes to parents, teachers, prefects & other students for their assistance in making this event a success.

**RELIGION SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

**T**he students are supposed to submit the religion school attendance forms signed by the religion school teacher/TIC to the class teacher by the end of the June along with a SRB note.

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

**IF YOUR CHILD HAD  
POOR SELF-ESTEEM, IT  
IS BECAUSE YOU  
ADVISE  
THEM MORE THAN YOU  
ENCOURAGE  
THEM.**



## AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a parent who wants to assist your child, a school leaver, or a knowledge seeker? The Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, the teacher training arm of THE LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM, conducts the following programmes.

PROGRAMME	CLASS DAY	TIME
[1]. Diploma in Primary School Teaching	Monday & Friday	2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
	Saturday	9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
[2]. Diploma in English Language Teaching	Monday & Friday	2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
	Saturday	9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

Weekday programmes commence on 01 July, 2016

Curriculum consists of Theory, Practice & Application. Printed material is free.

[a]. Application & Registration fee: Rs. 1000/= [b]. Course fee: Rs. 36,000/=  
[c]. An easy payment structure is available.

Contact: The Coordinator, Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, Lyceum International School, Gampaha.  
Telephone No: 033-4674543 / 033-4928842 Fax. 033-2297666.

The awards ceremony of batches 21 G (DECDE), 26 G, 29 G, 37 G & 41 G will be held on Friday, 15 July, 2016 at 3.00 p.m. at the Aeolian Hall.

### ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION - 2016 (GRADES 1 - 5)

Art & Craft Exhibition 2016, which is organized to display the art & handwork talents of our Gr. 1 to 5 students.

- Gr. 1 & 2 :- 04 July, 2016 in their respective class rooms from 11.15 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
- Gr. 3 :- 05 July, 2016 in 4<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Hall from 12.00 noon - 1.00 p.m.
- Gr. 4 & 5 :- 05 July, 2016 in 6<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Hall from 12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.

All the parents of Grades 1 to 5 are invited for this exhibition.



### SPECIAL PROGRAMMES ON STUDY SKILLS

Special Programme on Study Skills was conducted by Ms. Nisheli Fernandopulle (clinical Psychologist) on 15 June, 2016 for Grade 10 upwards students.

### SPECIAL PROGRAMME ON ANGER MANAGEMENT

Special Programme on Anger Management was conducted by Mr. Nivendra Uduman (Counselling Psychologist) on 21 June, 2016. Students of Grade 9 upwards and Teachers took part in this programme.

### BIRTH CERTIFICATES

If the Sports Department requests the original birth certificate for sports activities, please submit a certified original from the AGA's office & do not give the original.

### LOOK SMART IN YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

If your child's uniform is shabby, please get him/her a new uniform. Please note that shabby uniforms bring disrepute to the school.

### 09TH NATIONAL JAMBOREE - JAFFNA 2016



Awarding of certificates of the "Skit Competition" which was held at the 09th National Jamboree - 2016 was held from 08 June, 2016 at the Scouts Headquarters, Colombo.

The following students took part in the above event

Sahan Rathnayake, Dilum Rathnayake, Sahan Sankalpa, Janith Ranaweera, Supun Tissaarachchi, Nadun Balasooriya, Trevor Vanderpoorten, Visal Samarakoon, Himath Senuja, Tehan Surendra, Teveen Surendra, Anusara Karunarathne, Hansaja Kathriarachchi, Nuwanga Jayawardena.

### FROM THE NURSE

Parents who send a guardian to pick up their sick child from the Sick Bay should send a note to the school nurse to hand over the child.





## GYMNAS T I C



### INTER HOUSE GYMNASTIC TOURNAMENT - 2016

This was held on 02 June, 2016 at Bellerophon Hall.

NAME (U. 07 - Boys)	HOUSE	PLACE
Nethan Shehara	Cetus	01st
Mihin Gulawita	Cetus	02nd
Sasiru Minujaya	Cygnus	03rd

NAME (U. 09 - Boys)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Minidu Gunawardane	Ursa	01st	02nd
Sanuda Ariyasinghe	Aquila	01st	01st
Aveen Kurukulasooriya	Aquila	03rd	-
Manupa Thennakoon	Cygnus	-	02nd

NAME (U. 11 - Boys)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Chirath Jayawickrama	Cetus	01st	03rd
Sadew Weerathunga	Aquila	01st	-
Anupa Tennakoon	Cygnus	03rd	01st
Tharusha Wijeratne	Ursa	-	02nd

NAME (U. 13 - Boys)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Raveen Alagiyawanna	Cygnus	01st	01st
Charuka Herath	Aquila	02nd	03rd
Isul Wickramage	Cetus	03rd	02nd

NAME (O. 13 - Boys)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Faiiq Kamaldeen	Cygnus	01st	01st
Senula Herath	Ursa	02nd	01st
Inusha Siriwardane	Ursa	03rd	-
Miron Vanderwall	Aquila	03rd	03rd

NAME (U. 07 - Girls)	HOUSE	PLACE
Ameesha Perera	Aquila	01st
Githmi Pathirana	Aquila	02nd
Vinuthi Ranathunga	Cygnus	03rd

NAME (U. 09 - Girls)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Umaiza Kamaldeen	Cygnus	01st	02nd
Jenuli Jayasekara	Ursa	02nd	01st
Bethumi Thanya	Aquila	03rd	03rd

NAME (U. 11 - Girls)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Raveeshi Alagiyawanna	Cetus	01st	01st
Vishme Ball Ralalage	Cygnus	02nd	02nd
Handunya Kathriarachchi	Ursa	03rd	-
Vidushi Nikeshala	Aquila	-	03rd

NAME (U. 13 - Girls)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Zafeera Kamaldeen	Cygnus	01st	01st
Chanuthi Jayathilake	Cetus	02nd	03rd
Dinali Vanderwall	Ursa	03rd	02nd

NAME (O. 13 - Girls)	HOUSE	FLOOR	VAULT
Shashini Hemathilake	Ursa	01st	01st
Praboda Perera	Cygnus	02nd	02nd
Imasha Gamage	Ursa	03rd	-
Anuki Silva	Cetus	-	03rd

## TABLE TENNIS



### CONGRATULATIONS !

The following students of Lyceum International School, Gampaha will be felicitated at the "Ranking Ceremony" of the Table Tennis Players from Gampaha District for their performances during 2014 & 2015.

- Nadil Gamage
- Leenula Methumsith
- Sanuth Jayasumana
- Dumindu Ranaveera
- Mahith Jayasumana
- Manthila Udawela

### SLSTTA INTER SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS

#### TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - 2016

This Tournament was held on 05 June, 2016 at St. Thomas College Gymnasium, Mount Lavinia.

**Sanuth Jayasumana, Mahith Jayasumana & Leenula Samaraweera** have achieved Level 'Three' stars performance (distinction) under 12 Boys Category in 'B' Division Group.

## CRICKET



### SLSCA SINGER TROPHY ALL ISLAND SCHOOL CRICKET TOURNAMENT - 2016 (U. 15)

#### LYCEUM - GAMPAHA Vs. THAKSHILA MAHA VIDYALAYA

This Match was played on 03 June, 2016 at Upali Gunarathne Grounds, Kirindiwela. Lyceum International School - Gampaha won the toss and elected field first.

**Thakshila Maha Vidyalaya - 147 for 4 wickets (28 overs).**

Saveena - 2 for 20, Ruchira - 1 for 21, Sanjula - 1 for 40.

**Lyceum Gampaha - 148 for 5 wickets (23 overs).**

Faahim - 38, Diluka - 26, Tisura - 25, Thisara - 16 (not out).

🏆 **Lyceum International School - Gampaha won the match by 5 wickets.**

## SWIMMING



### 43rd SRI LANKA SCHOOLS' AQUATIC SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP - 2016

This was held on 23 - 26 June, 2016 at Sugathadasa Swimming Pool, Colombo.

#### DILMI SAMPUNNA

- Secured 3rd place Under 15 girls age category in 200 m IM with the timing of 2:54:78.

#### NOHIM CHARNDRATHILAKE

- Achieved qualifying standard in 50 m backstroke Under 09 Boys and 200 m IM Under 09 Boys.