



# The Lyceumer

KURUNEGALA (LKU-12)  
AUGUST 2017



MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL  
MR. NIKITHA GRERO



One is always remembered for his or her good deeds and it is essential to understand that there is no better deed than providing services for humanitarian causes.

Humanity can be defined as the quality of being human; the peculiar nature of man, by which he is distinguished from other beings. Being human does not mean that an individual possesses humanity.

If you want to understand the quality of humanity in an individual, take note of what he does for people who give nothing back in return.

One of the most outstanding examples of extra-ordinary humanity in a human being has been portrayed beautifully by Mother Teresa. She cared for and helped others whenever and wherever possible. Helping others at times when they need that help the most and forgetting your selfish interests at times when others need your help, is the epitome of being a humanitarian.

Humanitarian activities should never be performed in order to achieve fame or to gain a status symbol.

So my dear children, strive to do something today so you can be a better human tomorrow.

*"Being Human is given, but keeping our humanity is a choice"*

## VERY IMPORTANT - REPORTS

If there are any corrections to be made in the student reports, please contact the IT Department via the relevant Subject Teacher or Class Teacher on or before 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 (absolute deadline).

## TIMETABLE

Please see to it that your child brings the books according to the timetable from Grade 1 upwards.

## EXERCISE BOOKS

Please note that from Grades 1-8, all students should carry only 80 page exercise books.

### *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.*

## WORDS OF WISDOM

FROM OUR FOUNDER  
MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO



Today I would like to share with you a letter written by Albert Einstein to his daughter Lieserl.

In the late 1980s, Lieserl, the daughter of the famous genius, donated 1,400 letters, written by Einstein, to the Hebrew University, with orders not to publish their contents until two decades after his death. This one is addressed to Lieserl Einstein. "When I proposed the theory of relativity, very few understood me, and what I will reveal now to transmit to mankind will also collide with the misunderstanding and prejudice in the world. I ask you to guard the letters as long as necessary, years, decades, until society is advanced enough to accept what I will explain below.

There is an extremely powerful force that, so far, science has not found a formal explanation to. It is a force that includes and governs all others, and is even behind any phenomenon operating in the universe and has not yet been identified by us. This universal force is LOVE.

When scientists looked for a unified theory of the universe, they forgot the most powerful unseen force. Love is light, which enlightens those who give and receive it. Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness. Love unfolds and reveals.

This force explains everything and gives meaning to life. This is the variable that we have ignored for too long, maybe because we are afraid of love because it is the only energy in the universe that man has not learned to drive at will. To give visibility to love, I made a simple substitution in my most famous equation.

If instead of  $E = mc^2$ , we accept that the energy to heal the world can be obtained through love multiplied by the speed of light squared, we arrive at the conclusion that love is the most powerful force there is, because it has no limits.

However, each individual carries within them a small but powerful generator of love whose energy is waiting to be released.

When we learn to give and receive this universal energy, dear Lieserl, we will have affirmed that love conquers all, is able to transcend everything and anything, because love is the quintessence of life. Your father Albert Einstein

*Dear children if there were love in the world, there would be no disharmony. We, as individuals, can make a difference if we chose to be kind and considerate of each other the way Mr. Albert Einstein has explained.*

# 24<sup>TH</sup> FOUNDER'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT LYCEUM NUGEGODA

Lyceum International Schools proudly celebrated its 24th birthday on the 13th of June 2017 at the Lyceum Nugegoda premises under the graceful patronage of the Founder, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero and the Coordinating Principal, Mrs. Kumari Grero. The Chief Guest was Ms. Kavitha Gunasekera – one of our past students.

The celebrations commenced with a grand salute by Lyceum's Little Friends, followed by the hoisting of the National Flag by the Head Boy and the hoisting of the School Flag by the Head Girl to the school song and the National anthem, sung by the school choir. Thereafter, the traditional lighting of the oil lamp, to the sounds of the traditional drums was concluded.

A mesmerising welcome dance was performed by the Kandyan Dancing students. Since the school's birthday coincides with that of the Founder and of Mr. Dimuthu Amarasiri, a birthday cake was cut in honour of this joyful celebration.

Inspiring speeches were delivered by Mr. Mohan Lal Grero and by Ms. Kavitha Gunasekera, a former Deputy Head Prefect at Lyceum Nugegoda and currently the Head of Learning and Development at WNS Global Services- a leading international BPO. In addition to her day job, Ms. Gunasekera also follows her passion for the Performing Arts and the atre through her weekend school where she coaches students for the Trinity College and LAMDA exams. She is also a member of two amateur the atre companies. She shared the heartwarming story of her journey to success, despite many struggles she had to face both financially and mentally. She encouraged students to develop will power and determination to succeed, as success will come to those who don't ever give up.

The celebrations concluded with the awarding of medals to some of Lyceum's staff members in appreciation of their long years of service and dedication. Within the school network, three hundred and eighteen staff members received medals of Appreciation, where four received medals for 20 years of service, twenty eight received medals for 15 years of service, eighty received medals for 10 years of service and two hundred and six received medals for 5 years of service.

The management thanked everyone who contributed in organising the 24th Founder's Day celebrations as well as everyone who came to celebrate this special day with us



## Maathra-10 Annual Cultural Dancing Festival of Lyceum International Schools 14th October 2017 at the BMICH.

We are proud to have the Royal Institute of Colombo (RIC)  
as the **PLATINUM SPONSOR** of Maathra-10.

*Lyceum highly recommends undergraduate education at Royal Institute of Colombo, which is the only institution in Sri Lanka with the 'Affiliate' status by the prestigious UK University – The University of London.*

The Royal Institute of Colombo (RIC) has been empowering students in their pursuit of learning for over 40 years.

Located in a sprawling metropolis, RIC functions as an accredited campus for the prestigious University of London International Programmes, offering Degrees in Law, Economics, Mathematics, Management, Accounting, Finance, International Development and International Relations.

We have been awarded the **"Affiliate" Status by the University of London**, and is the **only institute to have this title in the country.**

RIC, in partnership with Deakin University - Australia, also offers three degree pathways in Engineering, Science, and Environment.

We have produced over 1500 University of London graduates with 'Splendid Academic Achievements' and 'World's Best results, with an excellent 97% pass rate in the final year.

The RIC, as a leading-edge university, is a place without limits for its excellence in higher education.

Never play with the feelings of others,  
because you may win the game,  
but the risk is that you will surely  
lose the person for life time.

- Shakespeare -



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Please be informed that students in Grades 6 to 12 may select and participate in a maximum of two co-curricular activities, of which one should be a physical activity. If you have ticked more than two activities in the Extra Curricular Activities Form, only the first two choices will be considered.

**THESE FOLKS ARE  
DEFINITELY NOT  
AFRAID OF LIFE'S  
BIG QUESTIONS!**

*"Faith is the bird that feels the light and sings when the dawn is still dark. In effect the people who change our lives the most begin to sing to us while we are still in darkness. If we listen to their songs, we will see the dawning of a new part of ourselves."*

- Rabindranth Tagore -

*"We are like spokes on a wheel, all radiating out from the same centre. If you define us according to our position on the rim, we seem separate and distinct from one another. But if you define us according to our starpoint, our source - the centre of the wheel - We are a shared identity."*

- Marianne Williamson -

### MESSAGE FROM THE COORDINATING PRINCIPAL, MRS. KUMARI GRERO



*Dear parents,*

I would greatly appreciate it if you could read the few words I have penned for you.

- Please speak to your child daily and ask how his/her day was. Do not speak to your child while watching the TV or doing some other work. You have to give your full attention to your child for at least half an hour daily. This is called giving your child "quality time".
- Please read the newsletter and the valuable messages from Mr. Grero and myself in it.
- It is pointless if your child gets "World's Best" at OL and AL examinations if he/she does not have good values to become a great man or a woman one day.
- We love your child and we know you do too, but do not limit your love to the material things you give your child.
- From Grade 1 upwards, please encourage your child to develop the habit of reading.
- There are books with large letters and colourful pictures in bookshops where a small child's interest will be aroused.
- Remember to read a bedtime story to your child every day. This will also give you quality time with your child.
- Build a mini library in your child's room with a small bookshelf and story books.
- Please do not give your child a computer or similar electronic gadgets. This will kill their reading habit.
- Reading will make your child knowledgeable, creative and make it very easy for him/her to learn all their subjects.
- Have dinner with your children every evening however busy you are and listen to what they say about their day.
- If your child lacks vitamin 'N', this means that you rarely say 'no' to your child. When you feel that a certain thing is not for good for your child, please say 'no'. If not, your child will grow up to be someone who cannot bear it when he/she faces difficulties in life's long long journey and eventually become depressed and incapable of dealing with life's challenges in a positive way.

- Mrs. Kumari Grero -

# Important Notices

## FOREIGN EDUCATION

Foreign education is growing massively and an immense recognition is given for foreign graduates in Sri Lanka. As a result a growing number of our students are seeking overseas education, to fulfill their career aspirations. It is with great pleasure that in response to this demand, we recommend Aus Study Gateway (Pvt) Ltd affiliated with Planet education, a reputed education consultancy based in Melbourne and India.

They have earned their reputation locally and globally as a prime consultant in Global education for students seeking higher education placements in Australia.

**They possess excellent networks with the Universities delivering the best services to its students in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Tasmania.**

**We are certain that they can bring a higher level of value to the Students of Lyceum International. For further information, you may contact them on 071 404 88 88 or visit them at No. 1D, 4th floor, Majestic City, Galle Road, Colombo 4**



## PROVIDING A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT

When your child is born, he/she is born with billions of nerve cells and inter-connections between these nerve cells. However, these billions of inter-connections start to decay unless stimulated. Stimulation takes many forms; from reading a story to singing songs, showing scenery to even star gazing. Although you might not see the benefits in the short term, go on reading, singing and showing things to continue stimulating these interconnections between the nerve cells. Give your child the opportunity to experience things which will lead him/her to become an adult who can take up any challenge in life. Please do not send your child for tuition nor allow him/her to sit in front of the TV or play video games preventing him/her from gaining practical experience and true interaction.



## Maathra-10 Annual Cultural Dance Festival of Lyceum International Schools on 14th October 2017 at the BMICH.

**We are proud to have the Nawaloka College of Higher Studies  
as the GOLD SPONSOR of Maathra-10.**

Nawaloka College of Higher Studies (NCHS) is a venture of Nawaloka Holdings, established with the commitment to provide the best in higher education, to making it more accessible and affordable for Sri Lankan students.

At NCHS, the focus is on delivering excellence in education of the highest international standards, assuring the best learning experience. This is reflected in the prestigious degrees offered, well experienced academic faculty, the state-of-the-art learning facilities as well as the friendly, supportive study environment.

NCHS's exclusive partnership with the prestigious universities Swinburne Australia, Ulster UK, California State and Monterey Bay (CAL STATE), is a result of its commitment to excellence in education. The Swinburne and CAL STATE Pathway programmes offered at NCHS, provide Sri Lankan students with access to over 100 internationally recognized degree programmes from Swinburne, CAL STATE, Monterey Bay in the streams of Business, IT, Health Science and Engineering.



## STUDENT'S PHOTOGRAPH FOR SRB

*The photograph pasted on the SRB should be a recent one. It should be a colour photograph and the student should be in school uniform (without the cap). The photograph should not be more than 6 months old.*

## CLASS CHANGES NOT ACCOMMODATED

*Please note that it is the policy of Lyceum schools that requests by parents for class changes will not be accommodated.*

## HANDWRITING IS VERY IMPORTANT

*Please see to it that the English /Sinhala /Tamil handwriting of your child is improved before going to the next grade. If your child's handwriting is poor, please buy him/her a handwriting book and tell him/her to do a page of copy writing daily at home.*

## CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD

*Parents are liable to inform the Principal in writing if there is any change in the physical and legal custody of a child due to divorce / separation etc. The school must be informed along with copies of the legal documents as proof of physical/legal custody granted by a court order. Unless the school is duly informed with supporting evidence, the school will not be held responsible for any matters arising with regards to guardianship of children.*



## IMPORTANT

***There are important notices in every newsletter. Therefore, it is compulsory for every parent and student to read the newsletter and for the parent to acknowledge receipt with a signature in the SRB. From Grades 6 to 12, failure to acknowledge it will result in a black mark.***

## AWARENESS ON SAFE DRIVING WITH CHILDREN ON BOARD

1. The safest is to have the child in a size / weight appropriate car seat/booster in the rear of the car. (Preferably in the middle seat. \*)
2. The earlier you start, the less likely the child will reject it. Even if they do reject it, it is safer to have a child who is crying all the way, than you crying for the child.
3. If you think you can't afford a car seat, look for used options or directly import it\*\*.
4. If you really can't afford a car seat, keep your child in the back seat. [According to the U.K. regulations children, over 3 years should wear an adult seat belt and those less than 3 should either be on a children's car seat or held securely by an adult. Carrying the child in your lap on the front seat is not recommended at all.

\* All seats will support rear facing up to 10kg, some are designed for larger weights.

\*\* You can get good seats (infant to ~18 kg) on Amazon starting at 60\$, sea freight for about 30\$ and local clearing charges. You are unlikely to be charged duty for one seat for personal use.

## STUDENT CLEARANCE

Students are required to "clear" at the end of each semester. Report cards and leaving certificates will be withheld pending payment or completion of outstanding school obligations. (Meet the School Registrar for further details). Also, the school should be given a full term's notice in writing, in case of withdrawal of the student failing which, the appropriate term fee will be charged. The said notice must be delivered to the Principal on the first day of the child's last term at the school. Please note that awards, certificates / leaving certificates which are not collected, will be kept only for one year after a student has left school. Such documents will be destroyed after one year. In addition, leaving certificates will not be issued after one year of leaving school.

## PARENTS' INFORMATION BOOKLET

### SRB / SHB 1 / SHB 2

Please check whether you have received the Parents Information Booklet (PIB), Student's Hand Book 1(Grade 1 and all new students from Grades 2 to 12), Student's Record Book (Nursery & Pre-Grade), Student's Record Book (Grades 1 to 12), Student's Hand Book 2 (Grades 1 to 12) and Special book (Grades 1 to 5) during the orientation (to be held in August 2017). New admissions are requested to obtain their copies from the respective Class Teacher/Registrar.

happy holidays!

School reopens  
for Students on  
4th September 2017  
and for Teachers on  
28th August 2017

## DRESS CODE

Please see to it that your child abides by the school dress code.

### Boys

- \* Hair should be cut short and combed neatly.
- \* No beards / mustaches.
- \* Trousers should be worn with a black belt with a simple buckle (worn just below the waist / above the hip)
  - Grades 6 to 12.
- \* The second button of the shirt should be fastened.

### Girls

- \* The uniform top button should be fastened.
- \* Hair should be neatly combed.
- \* 2 plaits (Grades 1-8) if hair is longer than shoulder length (1 plait for Grades 9-12).
- \* The uniform should be long enough to cover the knees. Grey socks (ankle socks are not allowed) and clean black shoes are compulsory. The PT T-shirt buttons must be fastened up to the 2nd button

## SCHOOL FEES

Please pay your school fees one week before the term commences.

Dear parents,

**Please make sure that you have received/obtained the following on or before 4th August 2017.**

<b>Nursery</b>	- Booklist - Paying in Voucher - Academic Report
<b>Pre-Grade</b>	- Booklist - Paying in Voucher - Academic Report - Uniform sample (Students proceeding into Grade 1) - Certificate
<b>Grades 1 to 8</b>	- Booklist - Paying in Voucher - Academic Report
<b>Grades 6 to 8</b>	- Community Service Certificate - Academic Report
<b>Grades 9 to 11</b>	- Paying in Voucher - Academic Report
<b>Pre AL</b>	- Paying in Voucher

(Please note that Pre-AL students have to pay the entire term fee from June 2017 to August 2017).

## DENGUE / SICK BAY

Dear Parent,

Please note that all children who have been diagnosed with Dengue Viral Fever should report to the School Nurse on the first day of returning back to school.



*"By education, I mean an all-round drawing of the best in child and man in body, mind and spirit"*

- Mahatma Gandhi -

# Lyceum International School Kurunegala Holiday Programme - August 2017

ACTIVITY	DATES	TIME	VENUE
Athletic	9th, 15th 16th, 22nd, 29th, 30th of August 2017	7.30 am – 8.30 am	Adventure Park
Gymnastics	10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 24th, 25th, 31st of August 2017	8.00 am – 10.00 am	Adventure Park
Cricket	9th, 15th 16th, 22nd, 29th, 30th of August 2017	8.00 am – 10.00 am	Adventure Park
Chess	<b>Grade 1</b> 14th, 21st, 28th August 2017 8.00 am - 9.15 am	8.30 am – 10.00 am	LN B
	<b>Grade 2</b> 17th, 24th, 31st August 2017 - 10.30 am - 11.30 am		
	<b>Grade 3</b> 17th, 24th, 31st August 2017 - 10.30 am - 12.30 noon		
Karate	5th, 12th and 26th of August 2017	8.30 am – 10.00 am	Music Room

### Chess - Practice Tournament

A practice tournament for all chess students (Grade 1, 2 and 3) will be held on 23/08/2017 from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. in the school conference hall.

*Transport to the adventure park and back will be provided.*

## LYCEUM KURUNEGALA ENTERED THE DRIVE TO "SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT !"

*Lyceum Kurunegala recently introduced an environmentally - friendly bag to encourage our community to support the drive for a more eco - friendly and greener Sri Lanka.*

*This project was launched by the current batch of Lyceum Nugegoda Prefects, in order to raise funds for a family in Maligawatta in need of a new house.*

*Mrs. Narmadha Wijemanne, the Headmistress of Lyceum Kurunegala handed over the first eco bag to Aaron Seth Perera , a lower nursery student of Lyceum Kurunegala recently at the school premise.*



Working for the attainment of a  
**green**  
ENVIRONMENT

