

# Lyceum Newsletter

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## FROM OUR FOUNDER 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.



## Thank You

**Success is not achieved by one person but by a team  
that comes together as one.**

**ISAC - 2017**

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.

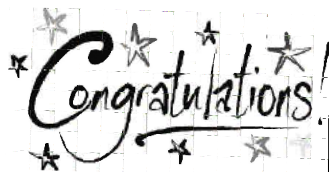
*Thank you to everyone and well done all!  
Until we meet again at ISAC 2018.*

**Mrs. Kumari Grero**  
Chairperson - ISAC 2017

## 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.

# Hearty



### INTER INTERNATIONAL SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by  
Lyceum International School - Wattala

The Inter-International Schools Scrabble Championship was concluded recently with Lyceum Wattala, Nugegoda and Panadura emerging First, Second and Third respectively.

36 teams from 10 schools, numbering a total of 180 players participated. Each school had the possibility of nominating two teams of 5 players each (a & b) in this three-category, four game competition.

Lyceum Nugegoda emerged Champions in the under 16 Intermediate category and Lyceum Wattala won the Junior and Senior sections.

The school with the highest game / player wins and best margin points in the four games became the overall champion. Accordingly, the final results of the top three schools were:-

| Game/Player wins | Margin |     |      |
|------------------|--------|-----|------|
| Lyceum Wattala   | 19     | 170 | 7353 |
| Lyceum Nugegoda  | 13     | 119 | 5708 |
| Lyceum Panadura  | 9      | 87  | 2593 |

### 26<sup>th</sup> TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

Organised by  
the Table Tennis Association of Maldives (TTAM)

Dewmeth Weerasena (4E)  
**Champion (Under 09 Boys Singles Event)**  
**Champion (Under 12 Boys Singles Event)**

Dewmith Weerasena (9 Sc A)  
**Champion (Under 18 Boys Singles Event)**  
**Runner Up (First Division Men's Singles Event)**  
**Semi-Finalist (Open Doubles)**

### JANA KAVI (SENIOR) COMPETITION 2017

#### Grade 6

|                                 |                   |    |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|----|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Mahen Tharush   | 6G |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Shenali Tissera | 6C |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Senuka Hansana  | 6J |
|                                 | Senithi Mudalige  | 6J |

#### Grade 7

|                                 |                      |    |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Sayuni Kariyawasam | 7E |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Evni Sapugoda      | 7B |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Risandi Jayatilake | 7G |

#### Grade 8

|                                 |                          |    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Saviru Premasara       | 8E |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Lochana Hettiarachchi  | 8I |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Aishcharya Gunawardana | 8E |

#### Grade 9

|                                 |                         |        |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Gumasha Kaluarachchi  | 9 Sc.D |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Yehan Bandara         | 9 Sc.E |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Guneesha Kaluarachchi | 9 Sc.D |

#### Grade 10

|                                 |                           |          |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Kavindu Elpitiya        | 10 Com.B |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Nuvin Godakandaarachchi | 10 Com.A |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Niven Lenora            | 10 Com.A |

#### Grade 11

|                                 |                       |         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Venumi Perera       | 11Com.A |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Nisumi Grero        | 10 Sc.A |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up</b> | : Chaniru Seneviratne | 11 Sc.A |

#### Grade 12

|                                 |                      |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------|
| <b>Winner</b>                   | : Chamathni Liyanage | 12 Sc.D |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Runner up</b> | : Ranuli Ranasinghe  | 12 Sc.B |

### KANDYAN DANCING CONCERT- Maathra 10

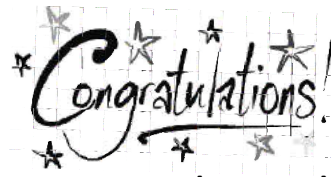


#### 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Selections

Please note that the 'Maathra 10' 1<sup>st</sup> round of selections will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 from 3.20 p.m. to 5.40 p.m. at the Kandyan Dancing Hall.



# Hearty



## TAMIL SINGING COMPETITION 2017

### Grade 1

|                           |                        |    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Jasswanth Gobinath   | 1B |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Thashvin Vijayakumar | 1B |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Kavishcca Maheswaran | 1A |

### Grade 2

|                           |                        |    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Thanvi Ambihaibalan  | 2A |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Kaneesha Sivakumar   | 2B |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Subiksha Sathiendran | 2A |

### Grade 3

|                           |                       |    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Ajanthiya Devendran | 3G |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Gehansa Saroshi     | 3I |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Thakshya Yasodaran  | 3E |

### Grade 4

|                           |                      |    |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Prajna Hariharan   | 4G |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Nabeel Irshad      | 4B |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Shubickshaa Arunan | 4F |

### Grade 5

|                           |                          |    |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Senadi Gamage          | 5J |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Swarshitha Ravishankar | 5G |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Shaniya Rizwi          | 5D |

### Grade 6

|                           |                         |    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Swashtika Gobinath    | 6D |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Karunnyan Ponkovan    | 6D |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Tharunnissha Dhayalan | 6I |

### Grade 7 & 8

|                           |                        |    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Subiksha Skandarajah | 8H |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Kobithra Maheswaran  | 8C |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Akshaya Senthilkumar | 7A |

### Grade 10

|                           |                             |          |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Winner                    | : Abirami Thanabalasundaram | 10. Sc.D |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Umeshaa Sivakumar         | 10 Com.A |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Aishvini Senthilkumar     | 10 Com.A |

### Grade 11 & 12

|                           |                        |          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Winner                    | : Arushna Senthilkumar | 12 Com.C |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Chris Sudharshan     | 11 Sc. B |

### **Cassandra Seneviratne**

(4D) was awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Junior Category - English Medium, Diabetes Day Essay Competition at the All Island School Competition. The Awards Ceremony 2016, was organised by the Sri Lanka Diabetes Federation and Sri Lanka College of Endocrinologists, which was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2017 at the BMICH.



## SINHALA (SENIOR) SINGING COMPETITION 2017

### Grade 6

|                           |                     |    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Mahen Tharush     | 6G |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Risith Attanayake | 6G |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Dileesha De Mel   | 6H |

### Grade 7

|                           |                        |    |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Risandi Jayatilake   | 7G |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Sayuni Kariyawasam   | 7E |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Dinil Wickramasinghe | 7A |

### Grade 8

|                           |                         |    |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| Winner                    | : Saviru Premasara      | 8E |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Methmika Kumaranayake | 8G |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Thevindu Thambawita   | 8D |

### Grade 9

|                           |                        |         |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Winner                    | : Adish Ediriweera     | 9 Com.C |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Amandi Mahavithanage | 9 Com.C |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Nethshan Siriwardena | 9 Nat.B |

### Grade 10

|                           |                     |          |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| Winner                    | : Kavindu Elpitiya  | 10 Com.B |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Hasanya Ratnayake | 10 Sc.B  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Thinara Pathirana | 10 Com.A |

### Grade 11

|                           |                        |          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| Winner                    | : Chaniru Senevirathne | 11 Sc.A  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Runner up | : Ian Ranasinghe       | 11 Com.A |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner up | : Nisumi Grero         | 11 Sc.A  |

## ENGLISH BEST SPEAKER CONTEST 2017

### Grade 1

|                       |                        |    |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | : Emith Wickramasinghe | IJ |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | : Sayuri Perera        | IJ |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | : Ramath Kodagoda      | IJ |

### Grade 2

|                       |                         |    |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | : Dahamsa Malwana       | 2F |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | : Lithuni Adikari       | 2A |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | : Dulnith Hettiarachchi | 2I |
|                       | : Thuhas Tilakaratne    | 2G |

### Grade 3

|                       |                       |    |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | : Dulansa Rathnayaka  | 3G |
|                       | : Dihansa Kodagoda    | 3G |
|                       | : Dulara Samaranayake | 3G |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | : Buddhija Atapattu   | 3F |

### Grade 4

|                       |                           |    |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | : Chenitha Goonetilleke   | 4F |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | : Khizra Shiraz           | 4J |
|                       | : Dulansa Kuruppuarachchi | 4A |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | : Dinudi Fernando         | 4D |

### Grade 5

|                       |                     |    |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> place | : Sh.lom Fernando   | 5E |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> place | : Sanud Hettigedara | 5F |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | : Riyana Cassim     | 5E |



## CENTENARY AND WORLD THINKING DAY BODHI POOJA



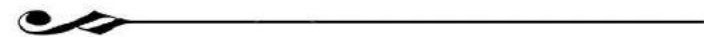
The media unit of the Sri Lanka Girl Guides' Association (SLGGA) and the Little Friends of Lyceum International School organised a Bodhi Pooja in connection with the centenary activities of the SLGGA. It was held at the Sri Dhammarama Temple, Nugegoda on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2017.

More than 250 Little Friends, Girl Guides, Senior Girl Guides, Guide Leaders and parents took part in it.



## HAPPY ISLAND MAGAZINE

The Thursday edition of The Island news paper includes the 'Happy Island' children's magazine. This contain SCRABBLE articles and many interesting and informative children's articles, as well as an editorial from our Founder. Parents are requested to try and purchase this newspaper on a Thursday.



## FIRE FIGHTER CHALLENGE

The Senior Guides of Lyceum International School Nugegoda, successfully completed the **Fire Fighter Challenge**, in collaboration with the Dehiwala Fire Brigade, which was held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017 in the school premises.

The Protocol Officers and the Security Officers also joined us in this important event to gain knowledge and experience on how to deal with such situations, if one arises.



From left side; Mr. Chamika de Costa (Head of Protocol), Ms. Gangani Gunawardena (Senior Guide Lieutenant), Shenaz Hajireen, Mr. R.P.S. Pushpa Kumara (Officer-Fire Brigade), Mr. K.B.R.D.Gunawardena (Officer- Fire Brigade), Nethmi Perera, Shemali Wijedasa, Dhananjani Giritharan, Asika Habeeb, Akashya Perera, Anjali Ranaweera, Binuri Fernando and Lahiruni Poddalgoda also participated in this event.

We encourage all Grade 11 girls in our school to participate in future challenges in order to gain valuable experiences in dealing with life's real situations.

## LYCEUM NUGEGODA LITTLE FRIENDS AT RUPAVAHINI



Lyceum International School Little Friends were invited to the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Cooperation for their 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February 2017 at their premises. They participated in the celebration and visited the studios, during this excursion.

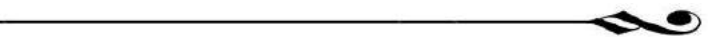


## IMPORTANT NOTICE RE: TERM FEES

We regret to inform you that we will be withholding the Progress Reports of your child if you have not settled your child's outstanding term fees. You will also not gain access to your child's Progress Report in the Lyceum website.

In such cases, you may pay your child's outstanding fees and produce the deposit slip to the Accounts Department to obtain your child's Progress Report.

**NOTE : Students who have not paid their first term fees will have their studentship cancelled with immediate effect.**



## ANNUAL SOUVENIR ALBUM 2016/2017 (GRADE 10 AND 12)

The class photograph for the students of Grades 10 and 12 will be taken on the following days (starting from 7.40 a.m.) near the cricket nets. Please see to it that your child is dressed smartly in their school uniform and does not come in the PT kit.

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March | All Grade 10s   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March | 12 Sci A /12 Sci B/12 Sci C/12 Sci D                              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April  | 12 Com A/ 12 Com B/ 12 Com C/12 National Com A/12National Science |

### 'කල ගෝල' (Grades 3 -10)



The stage drama 'Kaala Gola' will be performed for the students of Grades 3-10 on the 30<sup>th</sup> March at the Aeolian Hall. Tickets will be priced at Rs 250/- per head and can be purchased from Mr. Dilshan at the main school office. The sessions are as follows.

Grades 3-6 : 8.30 a.m.

Grades 7-10 : 11.30 a.m.

Attire : School uniform/PT kit

As it is a school holiday for students, all students who remain in school after the show or arrive too early will be kept in the Bell Hall until the end of the school day.

Please note that, at the time of purchasing tickets, if tickets for a particular session have been sold out, students will be issued tickets for the next available session.

"Always the wrong person gives  
you the right lesson in life"

- Shakespeare -

### Dates for your Diary *March/April 2017*

| Date  | Name of the Event (Detailed letters will be issued for certain events)<br><b>Grades 7 to 12 students who wish to take part in any of the events, should come and collect the detailed notice from the Reception outside the school office. For Nursery to Grade 6, a notice will be sent to each student via the SRB.</b> |
|-------|---|
| 30/03 | Annual souvenir album 2016/17 - Grade 10<br>Stage Drama - Kaala Gola (Grades 3-10)  |
| 31/03 | Annual souvenir album 2016/17 - Grade 12 Science  |
| 03/04 | Annual souvenir album 2016/17- Grade 12 Commerce (Cam./Na.)   |
|       | Table manners programme -Grade 12 - Sc. (Cam./Na.)  |
|       | Table manners programme - Grade 12 - Com. (Cam./Na.)  |
|       | Test paper corrections (holiday for Grades 11 and 12 students)  |
| 04/04 | Paper discussion - Grade 1 to 10  |
|       | Junior Chef competition - Semi finals   |
|       | Avurudu celebration - Grade 1   |
| 05/04 | Paper discussion - Grade 1 to 12  |
|       | Avurudu celebrations - Nursery  |
| 06/04 | Paper discussion - Grade 1 to 12  |
|       | Avurudu celebrations - Grade 3 to 5   |
|       | Finalising marks and reports (Gr. 1 to 12) - Holiday for Gr.1 to 12 students)   |
|       | Junior Chef competition - Finals  |
| 07/04 | Avurudu celebration - Pre Grade   |
|       | School closes for Grade 12 Cambridge students   |
|       | Issue of reports  |
| 10/04 | Holiday - Bak Poya Day  |
| 13/04 | Holiday - Day Prior to Sinhala and Tamil New Year   |
| 14/04 | Holiday - Sinhala and Tamil New Year  |
|       | Good Friday   |

### 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.



## TABLE MANNERS PROGRAMME - GRADE 12

The above mentioned programme will be carried out as per the following schedule.

Time : 11.00 a.m.

31<sup>st</sup> March : 12 Sci A /12 Sci B/12 Sci C/12 Sci D

3<sup>rd</sup> April : 12 Com A/ 12 Com B/ 12 Com C/12 National Com A/12National Science

Venue : Aeolian Hall

### Dear Parents / Guardians,

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

### 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.

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*