

# Lyceum Newsletter

DECEMBER 2015



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Nugegoda



**School will close on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
for students and re-open for students  
on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
School will re-open for teachers  
on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
Parent Teacher Day will be held on  
10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015**



14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> &16 <sup>th</sup> December	* MUN Conference
4 <sup>th</sup> January	* School re-opens for teachers. * Staff Development Programme 2
5 <sup>th</sup> January	* School re-opens for students.
7 <sup>th</sup> January	* Senior Singing Competition - English : Semi finals.
8 <sup>th</sup> January	* Meeting with parents : Grade 11
9 <sup>th</sup> January	* Inter-Lyceum Athletic Meet.
11 <sup>th</sup> January	* O/L Subject Selection Meeting.
12 <sup>th</sup> January	* A/L Subject Selection Meeting.
13 <sup>th</sup> January	* Inter-House Debating Competition - English : Semi finals
14 <sup>th</sup> January	* Meeting with parents : Pre-Grade to Grade 1. * Concert rehearsal : Grade 3
16 <sup>th</sup> January	* Concert rehearsal : Grades 9-12
18 <sup>th</sup> January	* Inter-House Debating Competition : English - Finals
19 <sup>th</sup> January	* Concert (Day 1) : Grade 3
20 <sup>th</sup> January	* Concert (Day 2) : Grade 3 * Kavi Competition : Senior - Semi finals
21 <sup>st</sup> January	* Singing Competition : English - Senior - Finals
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	* Inter-House Scrabble Tournament.
25 <sup>th</sup> January	* Concert : Grades 9-12
26 <sup>th</sup> January	* Monthly Test : Grade 9 & 10 (National)
27 <sup>th</sup> January	* Monthly Test : Grades 1-10
28 <sup>th</sup> January	* Monthly Test : Grades 1-12 * Inter-House Chess Tournament.
29 <sup>th</sup> January	* Inter-House Scrabble Tournament.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO

You may not be familiar with the name Warren Buffet. But if you ask your parents, they will be able to tell you a little bit about him. He is the most successful investor in the world. His investment strategies are legendary and many people seek to learn after him.



Even more admirably, he pledged to give away 99% of his wealth (more than \$30 billion at the time of the pledge in 2006) to non-profit organizations, mostly to Bill Gate's Foundation.

Mr. Buffet often travels to universities to give speeches to educate and motivate students. Here is one of his speeches to teach us the value of our body, to invest in ourselves and in education for a great future.

"Imagine that a Genie offers you any car in the world. The catch is that it is the only car you will ever own. What would you do?

You would read the manual ten times, change the oil as often as required, and you would take fastidious care so that that car remained the car of your dreams forever.

Think about what this tells you about your body. You get only one mind and one body-the same ones you will have at 20, 40, 60, etc. Take care of them and maximize their potential. It will be too late to take care of your body and mind (and car) later on. You can maintain them, but it is hard or impossible to undo big mistakes or negligence later on. You do not want to end up with a wreck on your hands.

Your main asset in life is yourself. Treat yourself as a valuable asset. I often explain to students that I would be willing to pay today for a percentage of the future earnings of good students.

If you value yourself, and invest in yourself, you will be worth a great deal throughout your lifetime, both to yourself and to your community." - Warren Buffet.

Let us take his words to heart. Not just for our own sakes, but also for the greater good of humanity.



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## OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS – 2015

*Congratulations to all our teachers and students for achieving the following results at Cambridge O/L and A/L exams [June 2015]*

### 42 AWARDS FOR LYCEUM NUGEGODA AT THE CAMBRIDGE O/L AND A/L EXAMINATIONS 8 TOP IN COUNTRY AWARDS

Grade	Student's Name	Subject	Category	Teacher's Name
O Level	Lakindu Bandara	Environmental Management	Top in Country	Mr. Mahendra Siriwardhane
O Level	Lakindu Bandara	Literature in English	Top in Country	Ms. Mala Kumarasinghe
O Level	Sumini Siyambalapitiya	Sinhala	Top in Country	Mr. Ireash Ravindra
O Level	Lakindu Bandara	History (Modern World Affairs)	High Achievement	
A Level	Vidushani Dhanawansa	Chemistry	Top in Country	Ms. Dishna Samarasinghe
A Level	Vidushani Dhanawansa	Physics	Top in Country	Mr. Isuru Dayananda
A Level	Buddhi Ranasinghe	Computer Science	Top in Country	
A Level	Hasitha Dias	Computer Science	Top in Country	
A Level	Thumitha Higgoda	Mathematics	Top in Country	Mr. Dinusha Obadaarachchi
A Level	Thumitha Higgoda	Further Mathematics	High Achievement	Mr. Vijith Fernando & Mr. J. Wijeratne
	Lakindu Bandara	Best Across 8 Cambridge International O Levels		First Place
	Chamini Gamage	Best Across 8 Cambridge International O Levels		Third Place
	Sumini Siyambalapitiya	Best Across 9 Cambridge International O Levels		Second Place
	Uvin Liyanapathirane	Best Across 3 Cambridge International A Levels		First Place
	Chirath Hettiarachchi	Best Across 3 Cambridge International A Level		Second Place
	Hasitha Dias	Best Across 3 Cambridge International A Levels		Third Place
	Thumitha Higgoda	Best Across 4 Cambridge International A Levels		First Place
	Vidushani Dhanawansa	Best Across 4 Cambridge International A Levels		Second Place
	Sumini Siyambalapitiya	Nine and more A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		
	Chamini Gamage	Eight A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		
	Lakindu Bandara	Eight A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		
	Inuja Aluwihare	Seven A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		
	Maneth Kulatunge	Seven A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		
	Ruchith Singhabahu	Seven A* grades at Cambridge International O Level		



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## **OUTSTANDING CAMBRIDGE LEARNER AWARDS – 2015** *Congratulations to all our teachers and students for achieving the following results at Cambridge O/L and A/L exams [June 2015]*

Thumitha Higgoda	Four and more A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Buddhi Ranasinghe	Four and more A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Vidushani Dhanawansa	Four and more A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Sasika Rathnatilake	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Hasitha Dias	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Uvin Abeysinghe	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Tharitha Murage	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Uvin Liyanapathirane	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Amanda Hettiarachchi	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Rusiru Kehelgamuwa	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Shenara Peiris	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Thamalka Karunarathna	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Natalie Rodrigo	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Afraah Cassim	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Tharuvi Nanayakkara	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Jayden Ferreira	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Vihan Galhena	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level
Chirath Hettiarachchi	Three A* grades at Cambridge International A Level

### **National AL students (2013/2014) who gained entry to Sri Lankan State Universities**

Meshani Kudahetty	-	Business Management	Colombo University
Himash Witharana	-	Physical Science	Jayawardanapura University
Chaya Walpolage	-	Languages & Literature	Kelaniya University
Shannon Constantine	-	Languages & Literature	Colombo University

### **Teachers who coached them**

Mr. Asela Srinath Ranasinghe	-	Economics
Ms. Chithra Balachandra	-	Business Studies
Mr. Dimuthu Amarasiri	-	Chemistry
Mr. Madhura Loku Kaluge	-	Physics
Ms. Ranjani Jayawardena	-	English Literature
Ms. Ridma Thiranagama	-	French
Mr. Teran Subasinghe	-	Information Communication Technology



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## NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- \* Please minimize the sending of books/bags etc. to school after 7.45 a.m. In emergencies, please note that you can only hand over items between 9.00-10.00 a.m.
- \* All parents are requested to attend school functions dressed conservatively (ladies: preferably saree and gents: formal attire).
- \* All students should be in school by the first bell (i.e. 7.25 a.m.). This is compulsory.

**CAREER DAY 2015-2016 - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015**  
**- Parents Day 01 : 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**  
**at the Bellerophon Hall (B7)**

The Annual Career Day for the Academic Year 2015-2016 will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Parents are invited to accompany their children from Grades 8-12 to obtain information about their university education in Sri Lanka and abroad. A free information guide will be issued to all Grade 11 & 12 students. A book voucher worth Rs. 6,000/- will be awarded to 3 lucky winners of the raffle draw. Do not miss this rare chance to plan the higher education of your children.

**Principal**

## CORRECTION

### NOVEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER

Lyceum International School academic staff member Ms. Mala Wijayapala has been appointed as the Director Senior Guides and Prime Minister's Award, by the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015 at their annual general meeting.



This is to inform you that the Maathra 8 DVD is now available at the price of Rs. 500/-. Please pay first and reserve your copy on or before 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015. You will receive the DVD in January 2016.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please note that our students are not eligible to sit for the Grade 5 scholarship exam held by the government.

## NOTICE FOR NATIONAL A/L STUDENTS

National A/L students who wish to repeat the examination (2<sup>nd</sup> shy) will be allowed to re-join Grade 12 classes after the Examination. Students who wish to join are requested to inform the Registrar in writing. Conditions apply.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS IN MOTHER TONGUE

It is perfectly acceptable to send your child/children to religious schools where the lessons are conducted in the mother tongue.

Please note that the direct line to the Sickbay is 0777263366. This is to keep you informed that in case of an emergency, we will contact you on this number.



**Sports & extra curricular activities will not be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (last day of term).**

# IMPORTANT!

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



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## SCHOOL FEES

School fees should be paid a week before the term commences. A surcharge will be levied if school fees are not paid after the 1<sup>st</sup> month. Therefore, please pay your fees in time to avoid the surcharge. In case you have not received your paying in voucher or have misplaced it, please collect it from the Accounts Department. You will be able to pay fees online starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016. Please follow the instructions below when making a payment.

### Instructions for online payments:

1. Go to [www.lyceum.lk](http://www.lyceum.lk).
  2. Click on the “Login” menu option, to access the login screen.
  3. Enter your username and the password, select the branch and click on the “Go” button to go to the parents’ page of the Lyceum website.
  4. If you have not obtained the web access passwords, you may either
    - send an email to [it@lyceum.lk](mailto:it@lyceum.lk) via the email address you have given to the registrar or
    - visit the IT department (after school or on Parent-Teacher days) with the child’s SRB and obtain the password.
  5. After you access to the Parent’s page of the website, click on the “Know About Your Child” link.
  6. In the new window, click on the “Payment Due” button in front of your child’s name. (Click on the “Payment History” button to obtain a receipt after making the payment.)
  7. Enter your credit card details and follow the instructions.
- \* 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015 will be a special holiday for Lyceum Nugegoda and Lyceum Panadura due to the big match therefore the office will be closed.
- \* The school office will be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

Please note that children are prohibited from using or bringing phones to school events/functions/concerts etc., irrespective of whether they wear the uniform or casual clothes. They are not allowed to use parents’ phones either.

## MEAL PLAN FOR NURSERY TO GRADE 5

Please find the menus for healthy food for the Primary section given below.

### Menu for Term 1

- Monday : Boiled vegetables and a piece of fried/grilled fish and a yoghurt.
- Tuesday : Red rice with one vegetable curry and green leaves (mallum).
- Wednesday : Cheese and egg sandwiches OR fish sandwiches and a natural fruit drink (not fizzy drinks).
- Thursday : Boiled gram with lunumiris / fresh coconut and kola-kenda.
- Friday : Red rice with one vegetable curry and green leaves (mallum).

### Menu for Term 2

- Monday : Cheese and egg sandwiches OR fish sandwiches.
- Tuesday : Rice and curry OR Samaposha and a fresh fruit juice.
- Wednesday : Green gram OR kadala (chick peas) OR cowpea.
- Thursday : Sweet potato and fruits OR boiled vegetables with grilled fish and a yoghurt.
- Friday : Milk rice OR rice and curry.

### Menu for Term 3

- Monday : Rice and curry OR boiled vegetables with an omelette/any grilled meat of choice + water.
- Tuesday : Soft coconut roti with seeni sambol/lunumiris/jam OR cheese and egg/fish sandwich + water.
- Wednesday : Milk rice with lunumiris + fresh fruit juice OR boiled cereals with coconut (green gram, chick peas, cowpeas).
- Thursday : Boiled sweet potatoes / manioc with coconut OR cheese and boiled vegetable sandwich + water.
- Friday : Samaposha with a yoghurt OR boiled (green gram, chick peas, cowpeas) with coconut and fresh fruit juice.

**“Your presence at the Parent Teacher Day is greatly appreciated.”**

## RAINCOAT

Please send a raincoat in your child’s bag.



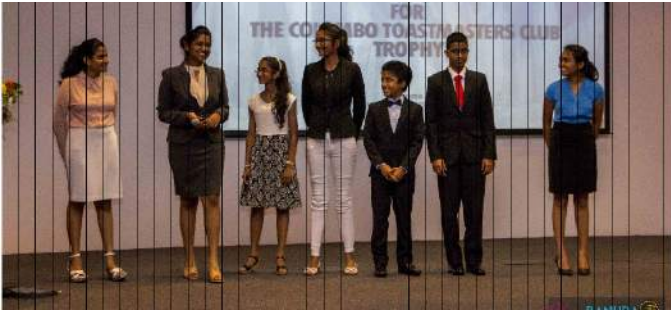
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## LYCEUM PRODUCES SRI LANKA'S CHAMPION JUNIOR SPEAKER ONCE AGAIN



The 2015 All Island Junior Best Speaker Contest saw Lyceum producing not only the Island's Champion Junior Speaker, but bagging the second runner up slot, as well as the fourth and seventh places.

The contest was presented by the Colombo Toastmasters Club and sponsored by Lyceum International School and E-Soft.

The Challenge Trophy and Rs. 100,000/- went to Pinithi Dahanayake, Rs. 50,000/- to the first runner up Deborah Dias, and Rs. 25,000/- to the second runner-up, Sachin Kaluarachchi. All participants received vouchers valued at Rs. 2500.

The five young winners held the audience spellbound with their innovative and challenging creations expressed in eloquent speech. Their dynamic speaking style, infectious enthusiasm, lively manner and unique content went on to add quality and spice to their performance.

The star of the evening, Pinithi Dahanayake of Lyceum Panadura, in an inspiring and powerful speech "I know I've been changed", moved the hearts of the audience both young and old.

The first runner up Deborah Dias of Bishop's College inspired the audience and opened their eyes expounding masks we all wear and made an earnest appeal for people to be what they really are. Young Sachin Kaluarachchi of Lyceum Nugegoda, the second runner - up, rocked the audience with laughter with his witty humor, when he skillfully brought to light how laughter and humour can certainly be the most potent and effective form of therapy.

In fourth place was Sanudi Battege of Lyceum Nugegoda, second time finalist and young and bright

little Agabo Pathiyagoda of Stafford International College came in fifth.

The sixth and seventh, the first and second reserve slots were secured by Dewni Wanigarachchi of Musaeus and the youngest competitor in the finals Arunali Amarasinghe of Lyceum Nugegoda spoke of doing one's best in whatever one does, in her speech "Go That Extra Mile."

Next year's competitors! You'd better look sharp, the competition is going to be tough.

The Chief Guest at the event Ms. Rochna S. Korhonen of the Embassy of the USA, in a lighter vein but in a humorous speech filled with personal anecdotes, spoke about what it takes to reach the pinnacle of success.

The Guest of Honour Mr. Vijith Fernando, the Deputy Principal of Lyceum, in an eloquent speech touched on the ingredients that go to make one a star speaker. He thanked Mr. Mohan Lal Grero and Mrs. Kumari Grero for sponsoring the event in consecutive years and providing the much needed platform for the young speakers of Sri Lanka to showcase their talents.

He also thanked the Colombo Toastmasters, E-Soft and this year's President CTM Aruna Fernando, the Contest chair and all other members for making this year's contest a roaring success.

The driving force and catalyst behind all this success is none other than Mr. Mohan Lal Grero, who introduced Effective Speaking into the school curriculum.

With such vibrant personalities as Mrs. Kumari Grero the Co-ordinating Principal, Mr. Nikitha Grero the Director and Ms. Wenuri Hettiarachchi the driving force at the helm of Lyceum and a very dedicated team of Speech Teachers, it is no wonder Lyceum keeps on producing Sri Lanka's Champion Speakers.

The contest this year drew a record number of entries from all parts of the Island - the highest since the competition began. A very encouraging aspect of this year's contest is that participants from more schools took part, which shows the rapidly growing interest of young students in public speaking.