

# Lyceum Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. MOHANLAL GRERO

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March \* Meeting with Parents - Grade 6
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March \* Inter House Debating Competition - Sinhala - Semi Finals
- 4<sup>th</sup> March \* Best Speaker Contest - English - Junior - Finals - Grades 1-5
- 5<sup>th</sup> March \* Inter House Soccer Tournament
- 6<sup>th</sup> March \* Inter House Soccer Tournament
- 9<sup>th</sup> March \* Best Speaker Contest - English - Senior - Finals - Grades 6-12
- 10<sup>th</sup> March \* Inter House Debating Competition - Sinhala - Finals
- 16<sup>th</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10N  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 9N
- 17<sup>th</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12 Cambridge  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 9 & 11N
- 18<sup>th</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12 (Holiday for LN students who are following other subjects)  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 7, 8, 9 & 11N
- 21<sup>st</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 1 to 9 & 11N
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 1 - 9 & 11
- 24<sup>th</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 1 - 9
- 28<sup>th</sup> March \* Second Examination - Grade 10 & 12  
\* First Semester Examination - Grade 1 - 9 & 11  
\* KAT (postponed from 18.03.2016)
- 29<sup>th</sup> March \* Test paper correction (holiday for Grade 1-12 students)
- 30<sup>th</sup> March \* Test paper correction (holiday for Grade 1-12 students)
- 31<sup>st</sup> March \* Paper discussion - Grade 1-12  
\* Junior Chef Competition - Semi Finals

Sunil was a friendly old man of few words. He had developed a limp over the years. One day he spotted a hand bill advertising for a volunteer to water the community garden. He quietly signed up.

One day he had just finished his watering when three gang members approached him. He ignored their attempt to intimidate him by saying, "would you like a drink from the hose?" They pushed him on to the ground, stole his retirement watch and wallet and fled.

The caretaker ran up to him and helped him up, "Sunil, are you hurt?". He only sighed: "just some rowdy kids. I hope they'll straighten out someday" He then picked up the hose and started watering again.

The caretaker was concerned: "Sunil, what are you doing?" "I must finish watering. It's been very dry lately," came the soft reply.

The gangsters returned. Sunil offered them a drink again and this time they took his hose and just drenched him head to toe in cold water. Satisfied of his humiliation they ran down the street laughing. Sunil watched them only for a moment and returned to his watering.

Months later, tilling a patch of garden, Sunil was taken aback by someone approaching him. Moving back he stumbled and fell. Turning, to face the stranger he saw that it was the leader of the gang. Sunil braced himself for another attack.

But the gangster spoke softly: "I'm not gonna hurt you". He offered his hand and helped Sunil up. He offered a crumpled bag to Sunil. "This is the stuff we stole from you. Even the money is there".

Sunil was speechless.

The man continued: "No matter how many times we picked on you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You showed love instead. I couldn't sleep after we stole your things, so I brought it back. Thanks for showing me the way"

Many years later when Sunil died there was another hand bill: "Person needed to care for Sunil's garden." The hand bill went unnoticed until one day the reformed gangster said to the caretaker: "This is my job if you'll have me".





# Memos to Parents & Guardians



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## SALUTES

our very own

Mr. Geeth Ramesh

Assistant Leader Trainer

for his appointment as

Assistant District Commissioner – Training

Sri Lanka Scout Association,  
Colombo District Branch



If your child's handwriting is weak please by him/her copy writing book and get them to write a paper a day.



The 5S methodology is the name of a workplace organization method that uses a list of 5 Japanese words: Seiri, Seiton, Seiso, Seiketsu and Shitsuke. Transliterated into English they all start with the letters S.

### 5S Explanation



The 5S system helps improve efficiency and effectiveness and builds understanding amongst students and employees on how they should work together.

Lyceum International School implemented the 5S system on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2002 and has been winning awards of excellence ever since. In 2005 after competing with more than a 100 organizations, Nugegoda won the prestigious Taiké Akimoto 5S gold award for the best application of the Japanese 5S method in the trade and service sector. Lyceum International School Wattala and Panadura also won gold awards for National Productivity that same year.

### SPLENDOUR OF MUSIC CONCERT

A DVD of the 'Splendour of Music' Western Band and Orchestra Concert 2015 (Rs. 500/-) now available from Lyceum Media Unit.

**BE PROUD OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
Please see that all students are dressed smartly in uniform. Please send your child in a new/nearly new uniform, polished shoes and neatly combed hair. Please do not give your old uniforms to anybody or put them in the garbage bin. You can hand over old uniforms to the school sickroom. As informed to the students, if they fail to adhere to the dress code parents will be called and students will be sent home.

### GRADE 10 & 12 STUDENTS

Please note that the Grade 10 and 12 students sitting for the Cambridge / National OL / AL Exam should be dressed in proper school uniform at the exam hall. They may not be allowed to enter the exam hall if they are not neatly groomed.

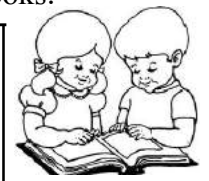
### GRADE 1 TO 12

Please read the Student's Hand Book 1 (SHB 1) and be familiar with the school rules and regulations. Violation of any rule will result in corrective action.

Please encourage your child to read books.

### DIALOG 'SURAKSHA'

With reference to article published in January 2016 Newsletter - "Contact your after school Dialog Suraksha";



please follow the rules and regulations given below.

1. Request letter should be submitted to the Principal to obtain permission.
2. Device should be kept switched off at all time during school hours (office phones available for emergencies during school time). It can be activated only after school to contact parents in emergencies. The school strictly advises the minimum use of the device.
3. If any student violates the above stated rules the device will be immediately confiscated and the student will be issued one day suspension.

\* **As stated in the school rules the use of any other form of mobile phone or electronic device is still restricted.**



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Dear Parent,

Please note that for mini competitions held in the future such as Best Speaker Contest, Kavi Competitions etc., the judges will be internal and or from surrounding close by schools or other special people residing close by. Sometimes parents request for certain judges from distant places, please note that this is difficult to arrange and will not be entertained in the future.

These competitions are held for your child's benefit to show case his/her talents and not just to win. So please advise your child that it's not about winning or losing, it's about how you play the game. This is also an important part of your child's education.

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## Strategies for parents to create a pleasant, friendly, and stimulating environment at home

- \* Put the house in order together.
- \* Proper time management.
- \* Both parents working together (discussing, cooperating).
- \* Create an environment suitable for the child.
- \* Be firm and polite.
- \* Stick to a few really important rules.
- \* Continue the tasks daily (do not change the routine).
- \* Help the child by reminding him/her about the task.
- \* Be consistent.
- \* Be positive and think positive.
- \* When talking to the child, eye contact is important.
- \* Discuss with the child and explain.
- \* Give immediate praise, and reward your child for achievements.

## To help your child potential growth and development

- Have I met with my child's needs?*
- What are his physical needs?*
- What are his psychological needs?*
- How and what can I do to improve his intellectual needs.*
- Have I listened to him patiently?
- Have I been positive to what he said?
- How often do I start a conversation with him?
- Was I able to understand his feelings?
- Do I have patience with my child?
- Do I challenge his feelings or go with his feelings?
- Have I spent time playing with him?
- How do I start a conversation with my child?
- Do I handle myself in the right manner when responding to my child?

from your **Student Counsellor**





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## The allegory of the Frog... Lesson of Life

Once upon a time there was a race ...



by frogs

The goal was to reach the top of a high tower.



Many people gathered to see and support them.



The race began.



In reality, the people probably didn't believe that it was possible that the frogs could reach the top of the tower, and all the phrases that one could hear were of this kind :

***"What pain!!!  
They'll never make it!"***



The frogs began to resign, except for one who kept on climbing



The people continued :

***".. What pain!!! They'll never make it!..."***



And the frogs admitted defeat, except for the frog who continued to insist.



At the end, all the frogs quit, except the one who went alone and with an enormous effort, reached the top of the tower.

The others wanted to know how he did it.



One of the people approached him to ask him how he had done it - to finish the race.



And discovered that he...

**was deaf!**

... Never listen to people who have the bad habit of being negative... because they steal the best aspirations of your heart!

Always remind yourself of the power of the words that we hear or read. That's why, you always have to think positive.

**POSITIVE!**

Conclusion:

Always be deaf to someone who tells you that you can't and won't achieve your goals or make your dreams come true



**"Ho gana pokuna" - The Singing Pond**

Dear Parents, It would be beneficial to your child, (Grade 5 and upwards) if you could take him/her to watch this show. It is currently being screened at popular cinemas around Colombo such as Savoy and Liberty. It could also be a chance for you to spend some quality time with your child.