LYCEUM NEWSLETTE

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INTER LYCEUM ART COMPETITION & EXHIBITION 2015

The Annual Inter Lyceum Art Competition & Exhibition 2015 was held on the 13th of September 2015 at the J.D.A. Perera Art Gallery, Colombo 7.

The Lyceum Panadura students of various grades participated in this event and were able to win a number of places at the Exhibition.

The following students are the winners.

1st Place

Grade 6 category - Senadi Fernando

2nd Place

Grade 5 category - Thevindu S. Senerath - Yasiru Opanayake Grade 8 category

Grade 9 - 12 category - Sabeeha Shakir

Merit Certificates

Grade 7 category

Grade 8 Category

Grade 9 - 12 category

Grade 1 category - Sanuki Wanniarachchi Grade 2 category - Lesara Peiris

Pahansen Fernando Grade 3 category - Abhineeth Eranga Mendis

- Wageesha Nethmi Liyanage

- Pahanya Fernando

- Suhashi Chandrarajah Lakshani Jayasinghe

We extend our warmest congratulations and are proud of your achievement !!!

INTER HOUSE SWIMMING MEET 2015 / 2016

The Inter House Swimming Meet scheduled to be sheld on 15th October 2015 has been post-poned. News schedule will be informed later.



Message from our **Founder** Mr. Mohan Lal Grero

One day a lecturer was speaking to a group of students and used an

illustration those students will never forget. He brought a one-gallon bucket and set it on the table in front of the class. Then he produced about a dozen fist-sized rocks and carefully placed them, one at a time, in the bucket. When it was filled to the top and no more rocks would fit inside, he asked, "Is this bucket full?" Everyone in the class said, "Yes." Then he said, "Really?" He reached under the table and pulled out a bag of gravel. Then he dumped some gravel in and shook the bucket causing pieces of gravel to work themselves down into the space between the big rocks. Then he asked the group once more, "Is the bucket full?" By this time the class was on to him. "Probably not," one of them answered. "Good!" he replied. He reached under the table and brought out a bag of sand. He started dumping the sand in the bucket and it went into all of the spaces left between the rock and the gravel. Once more he asked the question, "Is this bucket full?" "No!" the class shouted. Once again he said, "Good." Then he grabbed a pitcher of water and began to pour it in until the bucket was filled to the brim. Then he looked at the class and asked, "What is the point of this illustration? The truth this illustration teaches us is: If you don't put the big rocks in first, you'll never get them in at all" he said. What are the 'big rocks' in your life? Time with your loved ones? Your faith? Your education? Your dreams? A worthy cause? Teaching or mentoring others? Remember to put these BIG ROCKS in first or you'll never get them in at all. So tonight, or in the morning, when you are reflecting on this short story, ask yourself this question: What are the 'big rocks' in my life? Then, start putting them in your jar of life before it's too late.

ISAC 2016

Lyceum Nugegoda will be hosting the Inter International Schools Athletic Championship 2016 in February 2016.⁽ Athletes from 24 International Schools will be taking part. If any parents would like to give us sponsorship, it will) be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mr. Daya Liyanage on Tel. No. 0112822387 and email: sponsors.isac@_ℓ lyceum.lk.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IMPORTANT NOTICES ARE IN EVERY NEWSLETTER. THEREFORE, IT IS COMPULSORY FOR

EVERY PARENT AND STUDENT TO READ THE NEWSLETTER.

SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

(GRADES 6 TO 12)

The School Prize Giving will be held at the Aeolian Hall on 27th November 2015 for Grades 6 to 12. Donations are welcome. The donations will be utilized for the prizes.

When you hand in your contribution to Ms. Ajantha, please obtain an acknowledgment receipt. The last day for accepting your donations will be 30th October 2015. Only cash payments will be accepted. We look forward to your support and cooperation. Please note that the donors names will be printed in the Prize Giving souvenir.

READING BOOKS

From Grade 1 upwards, please encourage your child to develop the habit of reading.

- 1. There are books with large letters and colourful pictures in bookshops where a small child's interest will be aroused.
- 2. Remember to read a bedtime story to your child everyday. This will also give you quality time with your child.
- 3. Build a mini library in your child's room with a small bookshelf with story books.
- 4. Please do not give your child a computer. This will kill their reading habit.

Reading will make your child knowledgeable, creative and make it very easy for him / her to learn any other subject.

HOMEWORK RECORD BOOK

It is recommended for students of Grades 4 to 7 to have a 40 page single ruled book to note down homework given.

DATE H/W	SUBJECT	DATE DUE	SIGNATURE
GIVEN			OF PARENT

PRIZE GIVING 2014 / 2015

Please refer the prize winners names list displayed on the notice board and check if the names are spelt correctly.

If there are corrections to be made, kindly inform Ms. Dilumini Guruge

- Chief Co-ordinator, on or before 23rd October 2015.

Details will be treated as finalized after the above date.

EXERCISE BOOKS

Please do not cover the exercise books.

GRADES 4 TO 8 SINHALA AND TAMIL READERS

The Sinhala and Tamil readers which were listed in the booklist, is for the students to read at home. Please encourage your child to read these books. This will give them an insight to the writings of famous authors in the past.

JEWELLERY

Silver chains / black cords / jewellery should not be worn to school. Students will be asked to remove them if noticed.



PREFECTS AND SPORTS CAPTAINS INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Prefects and Sports Captains Induction Ceremony for the academic year 2015 / 2016 was held on 21st September, 2015.

Prefects undertake numerous responsibilities and assist in the day to day and special occasions of the school. All students are required to co-operate with the prefects and sports captains.

Reshan Ferdinando - Head Prefect (Boy)

Tishan Wijetunga - Deputy Head Prefect (Boy)

Vayani Abeysinghe - Head Prefect (Girl)
Pinithi Dahanayake - Deputy Head Prefect (Girl)

Rakesha Bandara
Ruvindu Chandradasa
Chehan Navodaya
Tivindu Perera
Lashan Mendis
Vihan Fernando
Dinidu Jayaweera
Nandula Perera
Dulashna Ferdinando
Sandinu Welitharage

Naveen Direcksze Suneth Perera Jayath Karunarathne Gevindu Ginige Dhaneja Meegoda Sahan Ranasinghe Vihanga Rajalingam Nushaik Ramees T. Kaushika Dillon Amarasinghe

Manthi Hendavitharana Agrani Handunge Kulanika Gnanarathne Dinuki Amarasekara Dilini Madushanki Mayumi Premathilake Sachini De Silva Sara Atheer Sabeeha Shakeer Thisakya Ransarani Nethmi Peiris Peshila Rathnayake Sandunja Fernando Devindi Jayanetti Helani Perera Manumi Perera Pasadi Devapura Upara Cooray



Sports Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains, Deputy House Captains & Athletic Captains

Tivindu Perera
Pasadi Devapura
Nadil Thilakarathne
Buddhika Jayasekera
Aditha Iddamalgoda
Peshila Ratnayake
Suneth Perera
Chehan Nawodya Fernando
Amesha Ovitigawithanage

Kawshika Kasturiarachchi Vihanga Rajalingam Kivindu Mahawatta Dilini Madushanki Purinda Dhaneja Meegoda Shanika Mayantha Agrani Dinendri Handunge Devangi Wickramasinghe Sudara Ransini Perera Thisura Sooriyaarachchi Ruvindu Chandradasa Pinithi Dahanayake Manthi Hendavitharana Sandinu Welitharage Vayani Abeysinghe Dinidu Ishanka Jayaweera Reshan Ferdinando Kalpadith Weerasinghe Nushaik Rameez Ashinka De Silva Rakesha Bandara Naveen Direcksz Helani Perera Alquab Basheer Manumi Perera Lashan Mendis



SPECIAL PRIZES

Please note that Special Prizes are given only to Grade 12 students. (i.e. Grade 12 students from 2014 / 2015 for the 2014 / 2015 Prize Giving). If there is no student from Grade 12, the prize is awarded to a student in Grade 11. However, if there is no student eligible from Grade 11, then the prize is revoked. Any Grade 11 student who has won a special prize is not eligible for the same prize in Grade 12, as Special Prizes are one time awards.

FOOT INJURIES

If your child has a foot injury and cannot wear shoes, please note that only black sandals or slippers are allowed.

Dear Parents,

Please update your contact numbers and addresses with the registrar (if there are any changes) in writing. There have been many occasions where we were unable to reach you in an emergency.

NO TUITION, NO INTERNET, LESS T.V.

We kindly advise you not to send your child for tuition. From Grade 1 to Grade 8 after school assistance for English and Maths will be provided free of charge. After school classes for O/L and A/L will also be provided on request. During the final year, the classes will be free of charge, but a fee will be charged for the crash course.

Please do not provide Internet or allow your child to watch too much T.V. Give your child enough time and opportunity to play.

DOCUMENTS FROM SCHOOL

If you need any document from school regarding any matter, a minimum of one week's notice should be given. Please note that we will be unable to provide documents after 1 year of leaving school.

GRADE 10 NATIONAL EXAMINATION

Kindly note that the September 2015 Monthly test for **Grade 10 National** has been cancelled. However, the First Examination for 10 National will be held in November.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS

Please note that it is compulsory for all students of Grades 1 to 10 to attend religious schools.



Box Plan opens on 1st October 2015. Tickets are available in the office with Ms. Ajantha at Rs. 3000/- (Ground Floor) and Rs. 2000/- (Balcony) from 1st October 2015. Participants will get a discount of Rs. 500/- for one ticket only.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE

Please note that the term 'unexcused absence' does not mean that the child will be given a punishment but only that the child will have a mark deducted from the attendance marks in the Semester report. If a child is sick, for one day a month, an excused absence will be given. For additional number of days, only if a medical certificate is submitted that an excused absence will be given and the child will not lose marks.

PLEASE HELP TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION NEAR SCHOOL ENTRANCE / GATE

Traffic Rules at School gate.

- * Have the bag and bottle ready in hand.
- * Bid goodbyes with parents at home.
- * The child to sit on left side of the car (to get down fast).
- * Stop the car in the designated area and not in front of the gate, as this will further congest the traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET / SRB / SHB 1 / SHB 2

Dear Parents.

Please check if you have received the Parents Information Booklet (PIB), Student's Hand Book 1 (Grades 1 and all new students from Grade 2 to 12), Student's Record Book (Nursery & Pre Grade), Student's Record Book (Grades 1 to 12) and Student's Hand Book 2 during the orientation (held in September 2015). New admissions are requested to obtain their copies from the respective Class Teacher / Registrar.

ATTENDANCE / ABSENCE

Students should be absent only due to illness or family emergencies. The school should be informed in writing by the parent of the reason for such absence on the first day the student reports back to school after such absence. This



should be written in the Student's Record Book. If a child is sick and is absent for three consecutive days or more, a medical certificate should be submitted. There should be a written entry in the S.R.B. duly signed by parent / guardian, with the same signature provided as specimen on page 4 of the S.R.B.

A student who suffers from an infectious disease should keep away from school until the full contagious period is over and submit a medical certificate from an accepted medical practitioner. The medical certificate should be handed over to the school nurse (Nugegoda, Wattala, Panadura, Ratnapura and Gampaha Schools) / School Secretary (Kandana, Kohuwela, Nuwara Eliya and Anuradhapura Schools) before the student can be permitted to attend class sessions.

Contagious periods for infectious diseases are as follows:

Mumps : 14 days and until the swelling has

gone down.

Chicken pox : 14 days and until the skin is clear.

Sore eyes : 5 days, longer if eyes are still not

clear.

Viral Fever : Until no fever , cold or cough.

Measles : 10 days

CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS TO BE MORE ORGANISED IN THE NEW TERM

Check the following before your child leaves for school everyday.

- * Hair should be neatly combed. Hair below shoulder level of girls should be plaited. Up to Grade 8 2 plaits. Grade 9 to 12 one plait. Boys hair should be combed with a side part.
- * Collar should be straightened.
- * Belt of the girls' uniform should not sag and both ends must be secured.
- * Grey socks should be worn to cover 4 inches from the shoe level.
- * Black shoes should be clean and polished. Fancy shoes should not be worn. Black tennis shoes as recommended.
- * Girl's uniform length should cover the knee and boys trousers should be worn above the hip level (just below the waist). Boys in Grade 6 and above should wear a black belt with a very simple buckle.

OL/AL EXAMINATIONS

Please remember to have your National Identity Card / Passport (which should be valid until July 2016 for Cambridge exams & 31st December 2016 for National Exams) and exam fees ready for Cambridge / National Ordinary Level / Advanced Level exams. **Kindly note that Postal ID is valid for O/L only.**

PLEASE HELP THIVINDU!!!

In 2014, the Lyceum Nugegoda community collected approximately 5 million rupees to help our student Thivindu Udesinghe during his bone marrow transplant for Leukemia treatment. He is presently studying in the Grade 10 National Class.

He and his family are forever grateful for your kindness and generosity. His doctors have informed him that he needs periodical treatment for 3 years in India. The estimated cost per year is one million rupees.

We would therefore like to request that you extend your support to help save Thivindu's life by way of donations. Please contact Mrs. Prasangika Udesinghe on 0775540693 or deposit your donations to the following account:

Bank: BOC - Pelawatte, Account No.: 70314790, Account Name: R.A.C. Prasangika

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A TEACHER

Are you a parent who wants to assist your children, 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 Early Childhood Development Education	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[2]. Diploma in Primary School Teaching	Wednesday & Friday	2.30 pm to 5.30 pm
[3]. Diploma in English Language Teaching	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[4]. Diploma in Teaching Science	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm
[5]. Diploma in Teaching Mathematics	Saturday	8.30 am to 4.30 pm

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

[a]. Application & Registration fee: Rs. 1000/=

[c]. Science & Maths: Rs. 42,000/= .

[b]. Course fee: Rs. 36,000/=

An easy payment structure is available.

Contact : Registrar, Lyceum Academy for Teacher Education, Lyceum International School, Nugegoda.

Telephone No. : 2829744 - 45 / 2822387 / Fax. 4301120 / Ext. 125

ACTIVITIES DURING OCTOBER 2015

Maathra 8 - 2nd Rehearsal Sinhala Singing Comp. (Senior) - Semi Finals Inter House Sinhala Debating Comp. - Finals Inter House English Debating Comp. Semi Finals Maathra 8 - 3rd Rehearsal Maathra 8

Sinhala Best Speaker Contest (Junior)

14th Inter House Netball Tournament

16th Sinhala Singing Comp. (Senior) - Finals

17th Seminar - Nur., PG & Gr. 1

Semi Finals

18th Inter House Athletic Meet Field Events

MULTI-RELIGIOUS PROGRAMME SCHEDULE -





2015 / 2016





The multi-religious programmes for the students in grade1 to 12 are scheduled as follows:

Grades	Day	
9 to 12	Tuesday, the 27 th of October, 2015	
	(Vap Full Moon Poya Day)	
5 to 8	Wednesday, the 25th of November, 2015	
	(Il Full Moon Poya Day)	
1 to 4	Monday, the 22 nd of February, 2016	
	(Navam Full Moon Poya Day)	

Important:

The participation of all the students of each religion is **compulsory** and the marks will be added for each religion in the respective Semester Examination held during the academic year 2015 / 2016.

Date

13th

Event

^{*} Payment in monthly instalments.