



The Lyceumer

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PLEASE NOTE THAT IMPORTANT NOTICES ARE CARRIED IN EVERY NEWSLETTER. THEREFORE, IT IS COMPULSORY FOR EVERY PARENT AND STUDENT TO READ THE NEWSLETTER.

ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY 2019

- 01st Feb. Tamil Language Day
- Athletic Meet Heats
- 05th Feb. Inter-house Sinhala Debating (Semi-finals)
- 06th Feb. Drama Festival (Rehearsals)
- 07th Feb. Drama Festival
- 08th Feb. Athletic Meet (Rehearsals)
- Parents' Meeting (Gr. 4-12)
- 09th Feb. Inter-house Athletic Meet
- 11th Feb. Inter-house Chess Tournament - Day 1
- 12th Feb. Inter-house Sinhala Debating (Finals)
- 13th Feb. Parent-Teacher Day - 1 } School holidays
- 14th Feb. Parent-Teacher Day - 2 } for students
- 15th-17th Feb. ISAC Meet
- 20th Feb. Inter-house Chess Tournament - Day 2
- 21st Feb. English Singing Competition - Senior (Semi-finals)
- 22nd Feb. English Singing Competition - Junior (Semi-finals)
- 25th Feb. Grade 1 Concert (Rehearsals)
- 26th Feb. Grade 1 Concert
- 27th Feb. Sinhala Language Day (Rehearsals)
- 28th Feb. Sinhala Language Day

Our Vision

To produce global citizens who will reshape the future of their motherland.

Our 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,
DR. MOHAN LAL GRERO

“Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do.”

- **Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**

Your immediate environment affects you in more ways than one. Especially the people you spend time with daily play a big part in it, so instead of choosing average people who aren't ambitious or goal setters, it's much better to surround yourself with the ones who make things happen, thinking big and aiming higher than the rest. That will help you get motivated to do the same.

It's worth making friends with people who can inspire you. Find the most successful individuals in your surroundings, and be around them as much as possible.

If you haven't achieved any of your big goals in life up to this point, maybe some of these tips will help you to be strong and courageous.

Innovation is important for personal development. You simply cannot do the same old things you've always been doing and expect different results.

Motivation is powerful. It always comes from the inside and, in the end, you're the one who's responsible for how far you'll get. But there are also other factors, like people, environment, and material things that you can use to your advantage and make a lasting impression.

As children what would you do to make a lasting impression on your generation? Would you be the one to go the extra mile? Will you be the next Steve Jobs /Mark Zuckerberg /Amelia Earhart / Coco Chanel?

Be the creator of your own dreams.

BEST RESULTS

**G . C . E . A / L EXAMINATION 2018
CONGRATULATIONS !**



3A s

DISTRICT 2ND
Pesala Welangalle
(Maths Stream)



3A s

DISTRICT 5TH
Pamudu Wijekoon
(Maths Stream)



2A s & 1B

DISTRICT 227TH
Binura Ratnayake
(Commerce Stream)



1A, 1B & 1C

DISTRICT 291ST
Dulith Thenura
(Commerce Stream)



2A s & 1C

DISTRICT 339TH
Thinuka Uduwage
(Commerce Stream)

THANK YOU TEACHERS AND PARENTS, FOR YOUR DEDICATION

PRINCIPAL AND MANAGEMENT, LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL - RATNAPURA

SPECIAL EVENTS



14TH BIRTH DAY OF LYCEUM RATNAPURA

The 14th Anniversary of the establishment of Lyceum International School, Ratnapura (06/01/2005) was belatedly celebrated in a brief but grand ceremony on 7th January 2019, in Aeolian Hall.

Marking a first-time-ever difference with a cultural orientation, the Head Prefect and the Head Girl "cut" a serving of "Kiribath" to the joyous strains of "Happy Birthday Lyceum" sung by the enthusiastic audience.

Principal, Mr. Rajiv Ekanayake, in his Anniversary address, paid high tribute to the Founder, Dr. Mohal Lal Grero, CP/CAO, Dr. Kumari Grero, founding members of the academic staff, Former Principals and the then Director, Mr. Dhananjaya Abeywardena for their dedicated work to bring Lyceum Ratnapura to what it is today, within one and a half decades.

We owe a debt of gratitude to each and everyone who joined hands with our pioneers, to make this Lyceum dream come true.

VIVAT LYCEUM !



ANNUAL DANCING CONCERT OF GRADE 6-12

A capacity audience of parents and well-wishers were treated to a thrilling aesthetic experience, when "Bhawa Mudra - 2" by Grade 6-12 students took the stage on 6th January 2019, in Aeolian Hall. The event was appropriately termed "Concert Extraordinary" as it featured several original dance forms of traditional Sri Lankan, Persian and Indian origins.

This string of exclusively cultural dances, included the classical "Kohomba Hella" at one end and "Dhishti", an innovative fusion drawn from several styles, at the other.

All the dances were characterized by their vigour and grace choreographed by the teachers of the Aesthetic Department, to the music of the school orchestra. Commenting on the performances, Chief Guest, Emeritus Professor Lionel Bentharaage of the University of Visual & Performing Arts, Colombo, was highly appreciative of the skills of the young artists and the pains taken by Lyceum Schools as a whole, to preserve and promote our indigenous forms of dance among today's youth.

Our thanks go out to all who were associated with the organizing and presenting of this event which coincided with the 14th Anniversary of the establishment of Lyceum Ratnapura.



NEW RECRUITMENTS - LR



Mr. Dinusha De Mel
Manager - Operations



Mr. Yasiru Rathnasekara
Management Trainee



Mr. Tiwanka Edirisinghe
Management Trainee

GENERAL STUDIES

(Two questions will be asked from the following paragraph)

Sri Lankan Royal Dynasty (line of kings of Sri Lanka) is probably the longest Royal Dynasty in the world which survived from 543 BC up to 1815 AD (over 2350 years) until the capture of King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe, the last Kandyan monarch, by the invading British forces.

MEMOS TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



PARENT TEACHER DAY (NURSERY- GRADE 12)

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

Dear Parent,

You are cordially invited to the Parent-Teacher Day which will be held on 13th & 14th February 2019. The Parent-Teacher Day is compulsory for all parents. Therefore, if you cannot come due to an emergency, you are required to send an excuse letter and make an appointment with the Class Teacher for another date. We recommend parents of Grades 1 to 8 students, to give priority to visiting the English, Maths and Science teachers first.

Please note that we may need to restrict time allocations when there is a crowd. Therefore, it would be much appreciated if you could come ready, with your problems and suggestions noted down prior to the meeting.

Please use the following system when coming for the Parent Teacher Day.

	Surnames beginning with	Time to meet teachers
13 th Feb. 2019	{ A, B, C, D	7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.
	{ E, F, G, H	9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
	{ I, J, K, L	11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.
14 th Feb. 2019	{ M, N, O, P	7.45 a.m. - 9.45 a.m.
	{ Q, R, S	9.45 a.m. - 11.45 a.m.
	{ T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z	11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m.

Students (Grade 1 and above) should come in school uniform and gray socks and black shoes, if they wish to accompany the parents. They should not come in the P.T. kit and are not allowed to wear sandals/slippers with uniform, or fancy accessories etc.

**Thank you
Principal**

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The complete Royal Dynasty of Sri Lanka is documented in a number of historical documents with the primary document being the Mahawamsa (The Great Chronicle of Sri Lanka). The Mahawamsa was written by the Venerable Thero Mahanama in the 6th century AD.

1. Please drive past the main entrance without stopping your vehicle.
2. Drive towards the swimming pool entrance, as far as you can & stop.
3. There are officers, teachers & prefects along the pavement to accompany your children to the school building safely.
4. This new arrangement will ensure the safety of children specially the very small ones and also reduce your waiting time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PARKING VEHICLES

Parents are kindly requested not to park vehicles inside the school premises, on private roads near the school and especially in front of gates.

**Thank you
Principal**

CONFISCATED MOBILE DEVICES

Dear Students,

You are **not** allowed to bring mobile phones to school. Please check your bags, every morning to be sure that no one at home has put his/her phone into your bag, by mistake!

If you are found in possession of any such device, it will be immediately confiscated & sealed. The device will be returned to the parents after one month. Additionally, you will be given two days' suspension.

Principal

INTER-HOUSE NETBALL TOURNAMENT 2018/19

9th January, 2019 @ "Arena Nike" (School Grounds)

Final Results

Under 14 Age Group

Champions : Cygnus House
Runners-up : Aquila House
3rd Place : Cetus House
Best Shooter : Sandew Mahawatta (Cetus House)
Best Defender : Mithusha Maheshwaran (Cygnus House)
Best All round Player : Senudi Wijethunge (Cygnus House)

Under 16 Age Group

Champions : Aquila House
Runners-up : Cetus House
3rd Place : Cygnus House
Best Shooter : Sandami Sirimanna (Aquila House)
Best Defender : Ramudi Muniprema (Cetus House)
Best All round Player : Selini Kumarage (Aquila House)

Over 16 Age Group

Champions : Ursa House
Runners-up : Aquila House
3rd Place : Cygnus House
Best Shooter : Upeksha Rajapaksha (Aquila House)
Best Defender : Fathima Nawrin (Cygnus House)
Best All round Player : Havishka Maheshwaran (Ursa House)



C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !



CHILDREN'S PAGE

The following are the writings, selected from the entries received.
Please note that they are unedited.

Why Are Festivals Important?

We, as Sri Lankans, celebrate a large number of festivals every year. Sinhalese, Tamils, Muslims and Christians have festivals unique to their culture. Sinhala and Tamil new year, Deepavali festival, Ramazan festival and Christmass are some of the main celebrations. Festivals are not only celebrated by that culture or religion only, instead all the people, as a community enjoy this. The best example for this is the Sinhala and Tamil new year. All the people get together and have joy and pleasure.

The firecoorks going up on festivals is just like an art on the night sky. Relations, Neighbours etc get together on these days and have fun. On these days the traditional customs done are really beautiful. The different types of sweets made add new colour to the festival. Sharing and caring is the main importance of festivals. The oil lamps lighted, The lights put up on the street is a dracoing. Therefore, festivals are very important to everybody.

Nuha Nilper
9NA

Traffic Problem in Sri Lanka . . .

One of the major problems in the Urban areas of Sri Lanka is traffic. The main reason for this problem is the increasing number of vehicles. As a result of traffic the drivers get impatient and this can lead to accidents. Also the punctuality of students and workers decrease. Patients who are suffering from serious illnesses can't get to the hospital on time.

We must take actions to decrease the amount of traffic in Sri Lanka. This can be done by increasing the number of traffic monitoring systems. Let's make Sri Lanka a traffic free zone!

Nelushini Lyanage
9NB

Wildlife Conservation in Sri Lanka.

Why not save the majestic elephants, fear-less tigers and the proud lions?

Wildlife is nature itself without boundaries. We humans include ourselves in 'wildlife' if we didn't conserve Sri Lanka's inheritance for our future generations.

Wildlife conservation in Sri Lanka has been active for many years to protect and provide for many species of animals. Namely elephants, tigers, endangered species of birds and so on. As most of us Sri Lankans know, these animals are nurtured in places like Wilpattu, Udawalawe and Kumana.

Despite the wildlife conservationists, people kill these animals for teeth, tusks and skin. What would you do if you were shot and killed for teeth and skin? To stop these killings let us conserve wildlife in Sri Lanka.

Ivy Mangedara
9 Cam (20m)

-A Day In a Holiday Resort-

The morning sunlight glittered through the window onto the white-linen bed sheet, the intensity of the light broke my long comfortable sleep. Getting up I went adjacent to the mirror, the white waves were swimming through the infinite blueness of the sea and the timid sky and far off a few dozen ships were sailing. The serenity of this environment, set a bunch of emotions flushing through my mind.

Getting dressed and finishing my breakfast, I walked onto the beach. A few arm-chairs were stationed across the sand facing the ocean, I sat myself on the chair closest to me under the shade of a palm-tree. After turning the pages of my book, I started calmly reading amidst the calmity of the ocean.

The rest of the day till evening, I spent my time amongst the serenity of the environment.

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