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### MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER MR. MOHAN LAL GRERO



*“Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood.”*

- Helen Keller-

About a hundred years ago, a man looked at the morning newspaper and to his surprise and horror, read his name in the obituary column. The newspapers had reported the death of the wrong person by mistake. His first response was shock. Am I here or there? When he regained his composure, his second thought was to find out what people had said about him.

The obituary read, “Dynamite King Dies.” And also “He was the merchant of death.” This man was the inventor of dynamite and when he read the words “merchant of death,” he asked himself a question, “Is this how I am going to be remembered?” He got in touch with his feelings and decided that this was not the way he wanted to be remembered. From that day on, he started working toward peace. His name was Alfred Nobel and he is remembered today by the great Nobel Prize.

#### **Alfred Nobel 1833-1896**

Since 1901, the Nobel Prize has been honouring men and women from all corners of the globe for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, medicine, literature, and for peace related work. The foundations for the prize were laid in 1895 when Alfred Nobel wrote his last will, leaving much of his wealth to the establishment of the Nobel Prize. Just as Alfred Nobel got in touch with his feelings and redefined his values, we should step back and do the same.

What is your legacy ?

How would you like to be remembered ?

Will you be spoken well of ?

Will you be remembered with love and respect ?

Will you be missed ?

#### **ACTIVITIES IN JULY 2016**

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| 01 <sup>st</sup> July | Paper discussion - Grade 12N<br>Kavi Competition (Semi Finals)                                 |
| 04 <sup>th</sup> July | Paper discussion - Grade 12N<br>Art & Craft Exhibition - Nursery to Grade 8                    |
| 05 <sup>th</sup> July | Finalising marks & reports (Holiday for Gr 12N)  |
| 07 <sup>th</sup> July | School closes for Grade 12N  |
| 08 <sup>th</sup> July | Kavi Competition (Finals)  |
| 09 <sup>th</sup> July | Prefects' Get-together   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> July | Kite Festival  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 9N & 10N   |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 9N, 10N & 11N  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 7, 8, 9, 10N & 11  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 1-9, 10N & 11<br>Concert - Nursery                           |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 1-9, 10N & 11  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 1-9, 10N & 11  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> July | Second Semester Examination - Gr. 1-9, 10N & 11  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> July | Test paper correction -Gr. 1 to 11<br>(holiday for Gr. 1 - 11 students)<br>Concert - Pre Grade |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> July | Test paper correction -Gr. 1 to 11<br>(holiday for Gr. 1 - 11 students)                        |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> July | Paper Discussion - Gr. 1 to 11<br>Inter House Basketball Tournament                            |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July | Paper Discussion - Gr. 1 to 11<br>Graduation Ceremony - Gr. 1 & 2                              |

#### **APPLICATION FOR THE PREFECTS' GUILD 2016/17**

Applications are currently called for the Prefects' Guild-2016/17, and students of present Grades 7, 8 and Pre A/L are eligible to apply. Applications close on 01/07/2016 and the interviews & the aptitude test will soon follow. Interested students are advised to meet Ms. Tharanga Nawarathna, TIC-Prefects, for more information.

#### **JUNIOR LEADERS**

Applications are currently being called from students of present Grade 6, for the selection of junior leaders for the coming year, i.e., 2016/17. Applications close on 24/06/2016, and the interviews & the aptitude tests will soon follow. Students are informed to meet Ms. Tharanga Nawarathna, TIC-Prefects, for more information.

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## WINNERS OF ANNUAL WESAK LANTERN COMPETITION

16th May 2016

<u>Grade 1 - 3 Category</u>	<u>Grade 4 &amp; 5 Category</u>	<u>Grade 6- 8 Category</u>	<u>Grade 9 upwards Category</u>
<p><b>1st Place : Grade 3 A</b> Nisith Welivitiya Kavidith Bandara Dunusha Pieris Binudi Abeyratne Imaara Ismath Pamudi Anuththara</p> <p><b>2nd Place : Grade 3 A</b> Helith Gamage Riveen Nanvidu Mahmood Multhazim Ravikumar Rohith Lakna Wijegunaratne Sandhya Sudharshan Maheshika Rajapakse</p> <p><b>3rd Place : Grade 3 B</b> Kenath Nehemiah Nadula Meddavitage Umar Shakeel Erica Nithyaraja Asma Marzook Anjalika Vidyalankara</p>	<p><b>1st Place : Grade 5 D</b> Anjalika Madushani Kihansa Dematagoda Viraj Nugekotuwa Iranjaya Abeywardena Sanuga Maddumage Nafees Nilam</p> <p><b>2nd Place : Grade 5 C</b> Taanawee Pathirannahe Sadeesa Wijethunga Rosella Ramanayake Thimath Tennakoon Methul Liyanawanniarachchi Movin Rathana</p> <p><b>3rd Place : Grade 4 A</b> Isali Geenadi Onitha Bandara Methmal Jayarathne Sithum Peramuna Thakshila Darshani Sharifah Nazeem</p>	<p><b>1st Place : Grade 7 C</b> Lomitha Liyanage Suhaib Suraiz Gayan Madhushanka Rumeth Dissanayake Umair Asmi</p> <p><b>2nd Place : Grade 6 A</b> Chanupa Wipulasooriya Lakvin Karunarathne Anuja Yovin Dineth Rajapakse Sasmitha Vishwadinu Budvin Senevirathne</p> <p><b>3rd Place : Grade 8 A</b> Hasindi Veraniyage Thoorya Wijayagunaratna Yomini Pelakatiyage Shelona Stephen Nihla Roshan Aaysha Inthikab Rishma Rifai</p>	<p><b>1st Place : Grade 9 Nat (B)</b> Chameera Batugedara Sanuri Divyanjalee Keshini Naotunna Dewmi Aththanayake Rashmi Divyanjalee Arani Suraweera Virasha Wassani</p> <p><b>2nd Place : Grade 9 Cam</b> Ovandi Abeywardena Lihini Senevirathne Sasandi De Silva Yashodhara Pieris Dinuli Fernando Vethumi Gunawardena</p> <p><b>3rd Place : Grade 9 Cam</b> Giyasha Gunawardena Buddhini Jayasooriya Kaumadhi Athapaththu Pasangi Liyanawanniarachchi Chamadhi Athapattuarachchi Asmah Faheem</p>



### IFTHAR - 2016

The "Ifthar 2016", of LR was celebrated in Aeolian Hall, on 17th June 2016 with the participation of a large gathering of Muslim devotees and non-Muslim staff members of LR. Religious sermons were made in Sinhala & Arabic by the officiating mavulavi on the significance of the month of Ramazan & the value of harmonious community living. We thank Mr. & Mrs. Grero & Mr. Nikitha Grero for encouraging & helping us with contributions, and the parents for their generous contributions. We also thank all those who cooperated to make it a very successful event.



### SINGITHI SALPILA - 2016

Wednesday, 15th June 2016 saw the hustle and bustle of a miniature "Pola" organized in Aeolian Hall with the tiny little traders and vendors of Grade 1 of Lyceum Ratnapura. Clad in cloth & jacket/shalwars/Saron & Banian, imitating the sellers at a "Pola", the kids were selling vegetables, fruits, sweets etc. to an enthusiastic crowd struggling to buy things. The objective of this academic exercise was to introduce the concept of money. We thank the parents for their participation and the teachers for organizing this event successfully. The proceeds of the "Pola" will be used for charity.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## POSON “DANSALAS” & “BHAKTHI GEE”

Two “Dansalas” were set up on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 funded by the Academic & Administrative Staffs of LR, to refresh the parents who were waiting anxiously to listen to their children singing Poson Bhakthi Gee. We thank the students, prefects & the support staff for extending their unreserved cooperation in operating the “dansala” on both days, and of course, the parents who visited them for refreshments at our invitation.

Following the refreshments, Aeolian Hall was thronged with parents on both days (3<sup>rd</sup> June : Nursery & Pre Grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> June : Grade 1-12) anxious to witness their children singing “Poson Bhakthi Gee”. The Aesthetics Dept. of LR deserves our sincere thanks for their untiring efforts to make the programmes so appealing in spite of the tight academic schedule in the school. We also thank the parents, teachers and students and all other staffs for their cooperation on this occasion.



## 23RD FOUNDER'S DAY

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Founder's Day of Lyceum International Schools, was celebrated on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in the Aeolian Hall of Lyceum Ratnapura. One salient aspect of the programme was the awarding of certificates and Silver and Gold Medals to 21 employees of Lyceum Ratnapura, comprising academic and non-academic staff members, in appreciation of their loyal service to the school.

In his address, the Principal, Mr. Rajiv Ekanayake paid a glowing tribute to the Founder Mr. Mohan Lal Grero for his determination in achieving his high goal, a school network consisting of over 17500 students, and the inspiration we can draw from his success story. Warden, Mr. K.T. Silva read out the Founder's Day Message from Mr. Mohan Lal Grero. A cultural dance item from the Kandyan Dancing Unit added further solemnity and grandeur to the ceremony.

### Awardees of Certificates & Medals

#### 10 Years' Service

- 1 Ms. Nepali Liyanage
- 2 Ms. R.R. Suganthie
- 3 Ms. Sushila Vitharana
- 4 Ms. Ayesha Kadawathaarachchi
- 5 Ms. Asantha Kumari Bandara
- 6 Ms. Anoma Ranasinghe
- 7 Ms. Manjula Kumari Bandara
- 8 Ms. F. Fasna Irshad
- 9 Ms. Shyamanie Fernando
- 10 Mr. Kapila Ranasinghe

#### 5 Years' Service

- 1 Mr. P.L S. Samson
- 2 Ms. Nirasha Rajapaksha
- 3 Ms. Prabha Senanayake
- 4 Mr. Sujeewa Sirithilak
- 5 Mr. U.D. Purasena
- 6 Ms. Thamalika Wadanambi
- 7 Mr. Malshan Kularathne
- 8 Ms. Sandamale Amarathunga
- 9 Mr. Janith Saman Kumara
- 10 Mr. Samantha Ariyaratne
- 11 Mr. Dinesh Nayanajith Kumara



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## DAY CAMP - GRADE 7



It was a day full of activity, learning and fun, for the students of Grade 7 (numbering around 70), as they went through various steps in the Scouting Day Camp, held on 12/06/2016 in Lyceum Premises, Ratnapura. A day different from a normal students' day of academic work, this programme had, as its objective, the reorganizing of scouting in the school. The Camp commenced at 7.00 am and ended at 7.30 pm, culminating in the anxiously-awaited camp fire, with the support of Gr 7 teachers and several other staff members. Organized by the Sports Department of Lyceum Ratnapura, the Camp was conducted by Mr. Dinesh Nirosan, the School Scout Coach and a few District Scouts as resource persons.



## DONATIONS IN AID OF FLOOD AND LAND-SLIDE VICTIMS.

Our most sincere thanks are due to our philanthropic parents for their generous contributions in various ways, to help the victims of recent natural disasters. The donations were handed over to the needy victims in Aranayaka, mainly focusing on schools. *Thank you very much dear parents, and may you be blessed with an abundance of merits.*



## The Film “හත්පණ”

The film “හත්පණ” a school text, was screened in the Aeolian Hall to a full audience of students from Grade 3-8 on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016. It proved to be fine entertainment for all the children alike. This is a cinema version of the well-known story “හත්පණ” written by the late Sinhala scholar, Mr. Munidasa Kumaratunga, many decades ago.

# SPORTS NEWS

## RESULTS RATNAPURA SCHOOLS ZONAL ATHLETIC MEET 2016

*1<sup>st</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 @ Sivali Grounds, Ratnapura*

### Under 11 Boys

Dewmina Gnanaranga - Long Jump (Qualified level)

### Under 13 Boys

Don Ganindu - 200m (Qualified level)

### Under 15 Boys

Navindu Senevirathna - High Jump (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Nidula Denuwan - Long Jump (4<sup>th</sup> Place)

### Under 17 Boys

Sanji Poobalakumar - 400m (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

- 400m Hurdles (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Asitha Athukorala - Long Jump (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

- Triple Jump (4<sup>th</sup> Place)

Dilesh Chamodya - 100m (5<sup>th</sup> Place)

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Usman Iqbal

Asitha Athukorala

Sanji Poobalakumar

} - 100x4 Relay (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

Sujeewan Loganathan - Discus Throw (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

- Shot Put (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

Navod Jayasundara - Shot Put (4<sup>th</sup> Place)

### Under 19 Boys

Rajitha Chandrasekara - 100m (3<sup>rd</sup> Place)

### Under 20 Boys

Amrin Zeiyadu - Discus Throw (1<sup>st</sup> Place)

- Shot Put (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)

### Under 13 Girls

Navodi Sandalika - 100m (Qualified level)

- Long Jump (Qualified level)

Anjalika Madhushani - High Jump (Qualified level)

## RESULTS

### SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCIAL SPORTS MEET 2016

#### BASKETBALL (UNDER 19 BOYS ) TOURNAMENT

*@ St. Joseph's Girls' School, Kegalle  
on 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2016*

#### LYCEUM RATNAPURA - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE

*	Mohammad Dulla Khan	(10 X)
*	Kasun Soysa	(10 N A)
*	Hasidu Wickramasinghe	(10 X)
*	Heesara Wickramaarachchi	(8 B)
*	Vidura Hewadunna	(8 B)
*	Mindula Weerasinghe	(8 A)
*	Arkam Musthaq	(8 A)
*	Avishka Rathnayaka	(10 X)
*	Usman Iqbal	(11 N Co A)
*	Amila Eliyapura	(11 Sc A)
*	Geemitha Jayathilaka	(11 Sc A)
*	Rimas Imran	(8 A)
*	Chethana Gunawardana	(8 B)



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

### LYCEUM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL EXPANDS TO "ETHUGALPURA"

Lyceum International School, Kurunegala will be declared open on 27th September 2016 at 7.30 a.m. at No 71, Udawalpola Road, Kurunegala, its first branch school in the North Western Province. The new school will be the ninth branch of the Lyceum Group of International Schools, which serves over 17,500 students throughout Sri Lanka. The school will open the Lower Nursery, Upper Nursery, Pre Grade and Grade 1 to begin with, and will expand up to Grade 12 in future years.

In 1993, Mr. Mohan Lal Grero, the Founder of Lyceum International Schools, took a wise decision to extend his fullest support to uplift the Sri Lankan Education into international standards. He started Lyceum International School at Nugegoda with only seven students. It has grown up to a group of International Schools, which provides international level education to 17,500 students in just a period of twenty three years. The new school will offer the same quality of education that Lyceum International Schools have been providing to students since 1993.

Mr. Nikitha Grero, Director-Lyceum Schools, commented that they would provide the children in Kurunegala District with a world class education along with Sri Lankan cultural values from early childhood through Kurunegala Branch, including modern facilities, co-curricular activities and a dynamic and experienced academic staff.

# MEMOS TO

## PARENTS AND GUARDIANS



### “KOLA KENDA” / “KURAKKAN KENDA” IN THE HOME SCIENCE ROOM

“Kola Kenda” or “Kurakkan Kenda” will be available in the Home Science Room, free of charge from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 on first come, first served basis. This is a short term project initiated by Mr. Nikitha Grero, Director of Lyceum Schools, with the objective of improving students’ health and popularizing indigenous food among the students. Depending on the outcome, the project will be further expanded.

### STUDENTS’ NOTEBOOKS

*Dear Parent,*

You are kindly reminded and requested to check your children’s writing books daily, to make sure that they pay sufficient attention and take interest in their work at school and home. This is gentle persuasion on the part of the parents, but it goes a long way in producing excellent results.

### CAMBRIDGE EXAMS AT LR EXAM CENTRE

Cambridge Exams, (O/L & A/L) ended successfully on 10th June 2016 at LR Exam Centre. The school management thanks the students, parents and teachers for helping to keep the school premises calm and quiet during the exam hours ; and the Exam Supervisor, British Council Officers and Invigilators for conducting the exam smoothly.

### RESIGNATION

Ms. Subhani Jayasinghe, Officer-Academic Administration of LR, resigned from her post with effect from 1st June 2016. We thank her for working for Lyceum Ratnapura & wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

### UNIT TESTS TO REPLACE MONTHLY TESTS

Please note that from June 2016, there will be NO MONTHLY TESTS for Pre A/L, Gr. 11 and 12; instead, the students of Pre A/L, Gr. 11 & 12 will have UNIT TESTS, at the end of each unit taught.

### TEXT BOOKS FROM THE LR BOOKSHOP

Please note that parents can purchase text books from LR Bookshop for Pre - Grade to Grade three, before 31<sup>st</sup> June 2016.

### HOWARD GARDENER’S THEORY FURTHER INTEGRATED INTO THE CURRICULUM

As proposed by the educational psychologist, Howard Gardner, in his Theory of Multiple Intelligences, arrangements have been made to provide our students with opportunities to develop their talents, in public speech, creative writing and drama.

The students are encouraged to join any of the following societies / activities :

#### **1. Young Writers’ Column in the Newsletter.**

Students from Grade 1-12 can write about anything of value in English (Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence) to this column with the guidance of teachers and if approved, they will be published in the Young Writers’ Column in Newsletter.

#### **2. Announcers’ Society.**

The students keen on developing their public speaking ability (Verbal-Linguistic Intelligence) can join this society and engage in regular practice under the supervision of the relevant teachers. Announcers for school events, will be selected in future from those who receive training and practice in this activity.

#### **3. Sinhala Drama Society**

This will be a novel addition to the existing list of co-curricular activities. The objective of this society, is further developing students’ dramatic skills (Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence) play-writing and appreciation of fine arts in general

*Children, please wait for more information regarding all the three above, from your teachers in due course.*

### ATTENDING RELIGION SCHOOL

*Dear children*

We strongly encourage you, our students of all religions, to attend your respective Dhamma School/ Sunday Catechism /Ahadiya School /Araneri Padasalei, without fail. This is for many reasons;

- 1) Religious instructions & knowledge help you to develop moral values and your sense of RIGHT & WRONG.
- 2) It makes you better aware of your cultural background and cultural roots.
- 3) It trains you in harmonious community living
- 4) You can earn marks for the semester exam.

Therefore, it is your duty, to give it priority over other concerns.

Principal - LR

### MEETING THE PRINCIPAL

Please note that the open day for parents to meet the Principal is **Monday (not Wednesday)** from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. (Please check the availability before you come)

# NO

Mobile phones  
Facebook  
Parties & gatherings

