



15 Jan 2019

Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A very happy new year to all. I hope that your family has worked out your daily schedules for the new school year. The girls are settling down into new school routines. It may take a little while, but we will all get there.

1. Thanksgiving

We are very thankful that our 2018 O-level and 2018 N-level girls have been blessed with good results once again. We thank our parents for their unwavering support and the teachers who journeyed alongside the girls. Do refer to the school website for a breakdown of the O-level and N-level exams achievements. We continue to pray that our graduated girls will choose their post-secondary pathways wisely and move on confidently to pursue their aspirations.

PL(Sec) 2018 O-Level results

URL: <https://bit.ly/2Hctutv>

PL(Sec) 2018 N-Level results

URL: <https://bit.ly/2Aoav9t>

2. 2019 Year and Monthly Themes

Our 2019 Year Theme 'Look Up, Lift Up' is taken from our school motto, inspired by

*"I lift up my eyes to the mountains
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth."*

Psalm 121:1-2

Our assembly programmes are anchored on the following monthly themes. They seek to inspire our girls to learn to grow into a person of honour who seek always to honour each other above self.



Month	Monthly Themes
Jan	Look Up, Lift Up
Feb	Honour Each Other (Be Caring, Be Gracious)
Mar	Honour Women of Fine Character
Apr	Honour our Word (Be Trustworthy)
May/Jun	Honour our Leaders
Jul	Honour our Youths
Aug	Honour Singapore (Be a Gracious Society)
Sep	Honour Effort (Be Innovative, Be Outward Focused)
Oct	Honour Achievement (Be the Best We Can Be, Be Forward Looking)

3. POSB Smart Buddy (NEW)

As informed at our Principal-Meet-Parents sessions, the school is partnering POSB to launch the *POSB Smart Buddy*. With this programme, your daughter will be able to use cashless payment on PL(Sec). You will be able to pre-set your daughter's daily allowance, and monitor her expenses and savings conveniently with the mobile app. Your daughter will be able to make payments at the school bookshop, canteen and selected merchants outside of school with the Smart Buddy watch. You may also choose to automatically transfer your child's savings into her ePOSBkids Account every month.

Please refer to <https://www.posb.com.sg/personal/deposits/bank-with-ease/posb-smart-buddy> for more details. To register your daughter, please complete the online application form at <http://www.posb.com.sg/plmgss>.

The school will be phasing out the current EZ-link payment system from Term 2, 2019.

4. 2019 Methodist Walk Donation Cards

This year's Methodist Walk 2019 Theme is 'Get Up and Walk'. This biennial fundraising walk has been supporting 16 Methodist schools in Singapore for 18 years, and is organized by the Methodist Schools' Foundation.

Please take note of the following:

- Each Sec 1-4/5 PL-Lite will be receiving a Walkathon Card.
- 100% of proceeds raised by PL-Lites will be used by our school to support different activities and to continue to make our school more conducive for work and learning.
- Both cash and cheques will be accepted. Donations above \$100 shall be eligible for tax exemption. All cheques must be made out to "*Methodist Schools' Foundation*"
- The collection period will be held from 21 Jan 2019 – 18 Feb 2019**
- Any student who lost a Methodist Walk Card must immediately complete the 'Report on Loss of Methodist Walk Card' form (obtainable from the General Office). This form must be submitted to the Form Teacher together with the donations collected pertaining to the lost Card.

This year's donation drive will culminate in a 2019 Methodist Walk event. Sec 1 PL-Lites and teachers will be going for the event:

Date: 30 March 2019
Time: 7.15 am to 10.30 am
Venue: Anglo-Chinese School (Independent)
Guest-of-Honour: Minister Ong Ye Kung, Minister of Education

We seek your support to donate generously so that we can continue to meet our girls' needs in school.

5. 2019 PLMGS Chinese New Year (CNY) Goodies Sale

The PL(Sec) PSSG is embarking on our annual CNY cookies sale. The prices are pegged below market prices of similar products. The funds raised through this sale will go towards the support of PSSG activities in 2019 and funding needy students' programmes. You can place your orders by submitting the hard copy order form, together with cheque payment (<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/pssg-cny-cookies-sale>) through your daughter's form teachers or to the general office. The closing date for orders is on 18 Jan 2019. Collection of orders from PL(Sec) will be held on 23 Jan 2019.

Do support the PSSG generously. We strongly encourage corporate orders to be placed with us.

6. Traffic Safety Reminders

Your daughters' safety is of utmost importance to us in PLMGS. For parents/grandparents who drive to school, please do take note of some of the key reminders attached in **Annex A**.

7. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 1

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 1 2019:

Date	Key Events
14 January 2019 (Mon)	Release of 2018 GCE O-Level results (Please refer to http://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/programme/useful-resources for the Joint Admissions Exercise (JAE) 2019 booklet)
15 Jan 2019 (Tues)	School Celebration Day - <i>PL Celebrates!</i> Note: Students will be dismissed at 12.30 pm.
16 Jan 2019 (Wed)	Fathers@School first Meeting of the year
21 - 23 Jan 2019	Kyung Hee Girls' School from Seoul Visits PL(Sec)
21 Jan, 30 Jan and 1 Feb 2019	Sec 3 OBS Medical Checkup
4 Feb 2019 (Mon)	Chinese New Year Celebrations Note: Students will be dismissed at 10.30 a.m.
5-6 Feb 2019 (Tue-Wed)	School Holiday (CNY)
11 Feb 2019 (Mon)	Oath-Taking Ceremony for Student Athletes Partners' Interaction Lunch
11-15 Feb 2019	Sec 4/5 Common Tests
14 Feb 2019 (Thur)	Friendship Day
15 Feb 2019 (Fri)	Total Defence Day Commemoration CNY Dinner for International Students and Buddies
19 Feb 2019 (Tue)	Sec 4 Faithful-in-Service CNY Luncheon for our partner Charities
21 Feb 2019 (Thur)	E-Learning Day 1
25 Feb 2019 (Mon)	Installation of Student Leaders
27 Feb 2019 (Wed)	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
8 Mar 2019 (Thur)	International Women's Day 2019

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12 - 14 Mar 2019 (Tue - Thur)	Overseas Faithful-in-Service (OFIS) Project to Brunei
14 Mar 2019 (Thur)	Farewell Assembly Classroom Cleanup
15 – 20 Mar 2019 (Fri – Wed)	PLMGS Twinning Trip with Frensham School, NSW Australia (https://www.frensham.nsw.edu.au/)
15 Mar 2019 (Fri)	Official Last day of Term 1 - Sports Day @ Bishan Stadium
18 - 22 Mar 2019 (Mon - Fri)	School Holidays
25 Mar 2019 (Mon)	School Reopens for Term 2

Every Mon morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship
Every 3 rd Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session every third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room.

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. Do also follow us on our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Quek

Principal, PLMGS (Sec)

PLMGS (Sec) Traffic Safety Reminders

We thank you for working with the school in ensuring the safety of our students. We seek your cooperation to observe the following traffic safety reminders:

1. Operating Hours of School Gates & Pick-Up Point

The PLMGS (Secondary) main gate is opened from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on a typical school day. You may alight students from both Primary and Secondary School at the Secondary School Pick-Up point.



2. Alighting Points Outside the School

To ease traffic into the school, we encourage you to alight your daughters, both from Secondary and Primary School, at one of the three alighting points:

- Carpark @ HDB Bk 138 (beside Maplewood Park)
- Carpark @ HDB Bk 134/135 (beside the School)
- Back gate of Primary School @ Jalan Lokam



3. Pedestrian Gates and Road Crossing

In the mornings, girls coming to school by public transport are to enter the school via the turnstile gates behind the bus-stop near the parade square. They are not allowed to walk through the school's main entrance as there may be heavy vehicular traffic.

The turnstile gate system is integrated with secured access control using registered EZ-Link cards. The gates are programmed to enable entry in the morning before School Assembly, and exit after School Dismissal from 1.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. on regular school days.

Do remind the girls to use pedestrian crossing attentively at all times.



4. Drivers must Observe Traffic Rules

- The Speed Limit within the school compound is **15 km/h**. Please stay alert for pedestrians who may be walking around your vehicle.
- Do apply for the **PLMGS(Sec) Car Decal** to gain admission into the school.
- When **driving out** of the school's front gate, please turn into the **leftmost lane first**. Do not drive directly into the right lane. A double white line has been put there by LTA to prevent drivers from doing so. Besides endangering other motorists, it is a traffic offence to drive across the double white line.
- Please do not alight passengers along the road as that is dangerous. Do alight the girls **within** the carparks around and opposite the school instead.
- The Traffic Police has advised that enforcement actions will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules. Extra demerit points will be given for traffic offences in school zone.

