



23 March 2021

Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 2, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we step into a new cycle of yet another term, I write to share with you on how we will be seeking to partner you to help our girls grow further in their capacities and character.

1. Building Resilience in Our Daughters

Resilience is the ability to thrive despite challenges in life. We believe that resilience skills can be acquired and nurtured in all girls. With the constantly changing world around us, we must continue to build resilience skills in our girls as these skills will become one of the key protective factor in their lives. I would like to share the following resources to help parents learn how to build resilience in the girls:

- MOE has prepared a 'Resilience Information' pack for parents. It contains very useful information and tips that all parents can seek to practise in our parenting journey. Please refer to this [link](#) in our school webpage to download the resources.
- This Harvard Business Review Article 'Building Resilience' by Martin E.P. Seligman talks about using optimism as the key to building resilience in life <https://hbr.org/2011/04/building-resilience>
- This is another good resource for parents. It is specially tailored to parenting teenagers http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/resilience_teenagers.html

2. Distribution of TraceTogether Tokens on 23 March 2021

For parents who requested that their child/ward receive a TraceTogether token through our school, the tokens will be distributed on 23 March 2021 to them. Students are encouraged to be part of the nationwide contact tracing effort by having a Token or App with them in school.

3. National Digital Literacy Programme

As part of our National Digital Literacy Programme (NDLP), PLMGS(Sec) will be embarking on Blended Learning (BL) from Term 3, 2021. Sec 1 - Sec 3 PL-Lites will own a Personal Learning Device from Term 3, 2021 to support Blended Learning. Home-Based Learning (HBL) Days will be a regular feature for our school from Term 3, 2021. Detailed information about the device and funding will be shared later. Please access the following link for more information: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/national-digital-literacy-programme-ndlp>



4. 2021 Methodist Walk Update – Donation via Paynow

We invite you to continue to partner and support us as we seek to work towards our target during this last leg of the fund-raising ending on 31 March 2021.

We have a PayNow transfer option for donations that do not require Tax-Deductions. Below are the Account details of Bank account for Methodist Walk:

Account Name: **METHODIST SCHOOLS' FOUNDATION**
 Bank Name: **OCBC**
 Account No.: **501-792881-002**
 Paynow Code: **199703727C002**
 Reference No: (Please Indicate) **Donation to PLMGS(Sec)**

QR Code:



5. Highlights of Key School Events in 2021, Term 2

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 2, 2021:

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Empowered to Make a Difference	13 March 2021 (Sat)	Post-Secondary Educational Institutes Fair 2021: <i>Next Step Forward</i> (9 am to 2 pm)
	22 Mar 2021 (Mon)	2021 Term 2 commences World Water Day
	22 – 25 Mar 2021 (Mon-Thur)	4NA AEM @ Poly / 4NT EM @ ITE
	27 Mar 2021 (Sat)	Earth Hour commemoration 2021 MWS Seminar for parents: <i>Getting Teenagers Connected</i> (2-3.30pm)
	29 Mar 2021 (Mon)	Methodist Walk 2021 (Announcement of results & Celebration)
	31 Mar – 1 Apr 2021 (Wed, Thurs)	Sec 4 and 5 EL & MT Prep Oral exams
Unity in Diversity	2, 4 Apr 2021 (Fri, Sun)	Good Friday and Easter
	5-8 Apr 2021 (Mon-Thur)	4NT EM @ ITE
	7-8 Apr 2021 (Wed-Thur)	Sec 3 EL Oral exams
	10 Apr 2021 (Sat)	Parents' Online Workshop - Cyberwellness <i>"I Can't Live Without IT!" Understanding & Engaging Our Digital Natives</i> by TOUCH Cyberwellness (9.30 – 11 am)
	12 Apr 2021 (Mon)	International Friendship Day celebrations
	14 Apr 2021 (Wed)	2021 Prefects' Installation
	17 Apr 2021 (Sat)	Parents' Online Workshop - Mental Well Being by NHG (9.30 – 11 am)
	21 Apr 2021 (Wed)	Home-based Learning Day for Sec 1-3 only

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	23 Apr 2021 (Fri)	2022 Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing Slides for Parents and PL-Lites (Online)
	26 - 30 Apr 2021	HPV vaccination for Sec 1 and 2 girls
	16 - 27 Apr 2021	Annual Health Visit
The Gift of Leadership	28 Apr – 11 May 2021	Sec 4 and 5 Prep Exams
	30 Apr – 7 May 2021	Sec 1 – 3 Common Tests
	3 May 2021 (Mon)	Labour Day School Holiday
	8 May 2021 (Sat)	Parents' Online Workshop - <i>Understanding & Communication with your daughter</i> by Ms Kelda Chan (School Counsellor) (9 - 10 am)
	10 May 2021 (Mon)	Pastor's Fellowship & Breakfast with Praying Parents (PLMC)
	12 May 2021 (Wed)	Mother Tongue Intensive lessons for Sec 4/5 commences
	13 May 2021 (Thur)	Hari Raya Puasa
	14 and 15 May 2021 (Fri and Sat)	Virtual Symphony of Praise 2021
	21 May 2021 (Fri)	Sec 4 and 5 ECG Virtual Conference (1 - 4.30 pm)
	25 May 2021 (Tues)	Leadership Training for students
	26 May 2021 (Wed)	Vesak Day
	27 May 2021 (Thur)	Teacher-Meets-Parents – Online (8 am – 5 pm) Class Esther's Retreat
	28 May 2021 (Fri)	Official Last day of Term 2 Farewell Assembly Eat With Your Family Day - Early Day
	29 May 2021 (Sat)	PLMGS(Sec) Open House (TBC)
	31 May 2021 (Mon)	GCE O-Level MT exams P1 and P2
	31 May – 25 Jun 2021	June School Holidays (Protected Leave: 7-20 Jun 2021)
	1 – 4 Jun 2021 (Tue-Fri)	Sec 4 and 5 Intensive Lessons
	21 - 25 Jun 2021 (Mon – Fri)	Sec 4 and 5 Online Consultations
28 Jun 2021 (Mon)	School Reopens for Term 3	

Every Mon morning, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning via ZOOM , 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join in, do drop an email to Mrs Irene Angullia at irene_angullia@moe.edu.sg
Every 3 rd Wed of the month 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly sharing sessions via ZOOM every third Wednesday of the month, 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. Monthly email blasts will be sent out via Parents Gateway. Please do sign up for the sessions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Quek Li Gek', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Quek Li Gek
Principal, PLMGS(Secondary)

Traffic Advisory for the Safety of Our Girls

1. Alighting students along Lor Ah Soo in the morning:

We received feedback from residents that many parents stop their vehicles along Lor Ah Soo to let their daughters alight during the morning peak hour. This not only causes further delay to the already congested traffic, but also endangers the girls as they have to walk on the road towards the traffic light crossing.



2. Alighting students at the turning lane towards the HDB carpark next to Maplewood Park:

Other parents have allowed their daughters to alight at the turning lane while waiting to turn into the HDB carpark next to Maplewood Park. As a result, the girls were walking in the way of ongoing traffic. This endangers both the students as well as other road users.



We urge parents to let your daughters alight only at safe and proper locations such as the HDB carpark next to Maplewood Park or at the school drop-off area. We urge parents to observe traffic rules and work with the school to inculcate a practice of road safety in all students. Thank you.

3. School daily closing time:

Please be reminded that the school daily closing time is 6:30pm. For parents who come to the school to fetch your daughters, we would appreciate if you could arrive before 6:30pm. Thank you for your cooperation.