



1 Sep 2022

# Principal's Letter to Parents

## *Thanksgiving for Term 3, 2022*

Dear Parents/Guardians

The recent further easing of SMMs is a significant milestone towards living with COVID-19. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we have emerged safer and stronger together. While many SMMs are no longer mandated, we appeal for everyone, staff, students and parents, to continue to exercise personal and social responsibility. As we continue our journey towards achieving COVID-19 resiliency, we must also remain vigilant as the situation can quickly change with the emergence of new variants.

Today we also celebrated Teachers' Day. Without the teachers, coaches, instructors, school admin team, our cleaners and canteen vendors, etc., the school would not have been able to adapt and rise up to the many challenges to date, to keep everyone safe and PL open for schooling and learning.

Once again, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all stakeholders – parents, teachers, staff and students – of this wonderful PL family. Let us continue to run this great race together in unity. To God be the Glory!

Let us look forward to take a break this coming September school holidays, as well as catch up on learning and work that has to be done. In this letter, please find some key information as we mark the end of Term 3 and prepare to move into Term 4.

### **1. Thanksgiving: 2022 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Results (June Sitting)**

Praise the Lord for the positive GCE O-Level 2022 Mother Tongue Results (2022 June Sitting), released on 18 August 2022. The positive improvement from previous years is also testament of PL-Lites' and teachers' efforts.

### **2. Teaching and Learning Matters**

- a. Updated Arrangements for 2022 National Year-End Examinations. We have briefed our PL-Lites taking the GCE N-Level Examinations, and will be sharing with those taking the GCE O-Level Examinations shortly. Candidates are required to adhere to the prevailing SMMs implemented by MOE (e.g. visual screening of candidates) before entering the exam venue. *The key update is there is no requirement for candidates to wear face masks when they are at exam centres. Candidates who wish to wear face masks inside exam venues may continue to do so.*

During the September school holidays, some Sec 4N PL-Lites will also return to school for consultations with their teachers on 5 and/or 6 September. This is to prepare our

girls for their first N-Level examinations at the start of Term 4. The school canteen will be closed and *our Sec 4N PL-Lites can purchase food from our vending machines or bring light snacks if they wish.*

To support our graduating cohort, we will re-introduce *Night Study in Term 4*. Some of our graduating PL-Lites have requested for a more conducive study environment in school. Night Study will be from 15 to 27 September, from 6pm to 8pm daily, unless less than 10 girls sign up for that day. More details will be shared in my next letter at the start of Term 4.

- b. Learning is key. Our PL-Lites (except those from 4.1 to 4.5 and 5.1 who just completed their prelim exams) just received their Results Slips. How do we respond to these outcomes? I trust our parents/guardians are not focusing on the marks and grades alone, but on the overall learning and learning experiences of our PL-Lites. During this September break, our PL-Lites are encouraged to *rest, reflect* and *reconcile*. They are encouraged to be mindful of what they have learnt and what they are unsure of. Thereafter, our girls must take action to “make things right” and be confident of their learning and level of competence.

The Sec 1 to 3 End-of-Year (EOY) Examination Schedule is already available on our school website. Our PL-Lites have also received the topics to be assessed at the examinations via email. We urge parents/guardians to continue to support and encourage our girls. For a start, let us reassure them that we see their efforts and their individual strengths, and that excellence is a journey and not a mark or grade.

### 3. PLMGS 106<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Day

Our 106<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Day Thanksgiving Service will take place on Friday, 14 October 2022. Sec 1 to 3 PL-Lites will report to school at their usual timing. The Guest-of-Honour is Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore Rev Dr Gordon Wong.

This will be followed our 106<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Day Thanksgiving Dinner in the evening, organised by the PL Alumni. It will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and daughters to bond and connect as we share the joy of God’s abundant blessings over PLMGS in the last 106 years. The details are as follow.

- Date:** Friday, 14 October 2022
- Time:** 7pm to 10pm  
(Guests to be seated by 6.45pm. Registration from 6pm onwards.)
- Venue:** Orchard Hotel
- Cost:** \$100 for adults; \$50 per student of PLMGS (sitting in the children’s buffet section of the ballroom)
- Dress Code:** Shirt & tie (gentlemen) / Cocktail dress or equivalent (ladies)

If you would like to purchase tickets for the 106<sup>th</sup> Founder’s Day Thanksgiving Dinner, please sign up via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/plmgs106> and submit your payment to the School General Office before

#### 4. Student Services during September Holidays

The school canteen, bookshop and printing services will be closed during the September school holidays.

The library will remain open as usual to allow girls to revise and address their learning gaps.

Opening hours for school library:

Monday – Thursday: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

#### 5. Travel Declaration & Monitoring of Health after September Holidays

To ensure PL(Sec) continues to be a healthy and safe environment for all, we will require parents/guardians to make a travel declaration for your child/ward only if she intends to travel for this September holidays.

To make a travel declaration via Parents' Gateway (PG), go to [SERVICE > DECLARE TRAVELS]. For travel during the September holidays, please declare your child/ward's travel plan(s), indicating both the country and city of travel, and any city of transit, by end of 1 Sep 2022 (Thursday). Only one parent is required to declare.

If your child/ward is not travelling during the holidays, no action is required on your side. When planning your travel, please refer to [ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart](https://ica.gov.sg/enter-transit-depart) for more information and updates on travel. If there is a change of travel plan(s) after declaration, please submit a new travel declaration for the updated travel destination via PG or inform the school for cancellation of travel plan(s).

#### 6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 4

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 4, 2022.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Have GRIT will Travel	<b>5-9 Sep (Mon-Fri)</b>	<b>1-Week School Holiday</b>
	5-6 Sep (Mon-Tue)	N-Level Intensive Revision and Consultation
	12 Sep (Mon)	2022 Term 4 commences Principal's Welcome Assembly
	12-22 Sep 3-13 Oct	GCE N-Level Written Examinations <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2022gcen(a)n(t)examtimetable.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2022gcen(a)n(t)examtimetable.pdf</a>
	12, 14-16 Sep (Mon, Wed-Fri)	EOY S3E Science Practical Examination
	13 Sep (Tue)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	23 Sep (Fri)	2022 Baccalaureate Service for graduating students Sec 4NA and 4NT last formal day of reporting in school
	26 Sep (Mon) onwards	Small Group Consultation and Revision for Sec 4N
	28 Sep (Wed)	Sec 4E/5N last formal day of reporting in school

	29 Sep (Thur) onwards	Small Group Consultation and Revision for Sec 4E/5N	
	29 Sep (Thur) – 10 Oct (Mon)	Sec 1 – 3 End-Of-Year Examinations <a href="https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/2022-end-of-year-eoy-examination-timetables-for-sec-1-3">https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/2022-end-of-year-eoy-examination-timetables-for-sec-1-3</a>	
In Everything Give Thanks	3-13 Oct	GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations	
	11-12 Oct (Tue-Wed)	Marking Days	
	13 Oct (Thur)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)	
	14 Oct (Fri)	106 <sup>th</sup> Founder's Day Celebrations	
	14 Oct (Fri) – 11 Nov (Fri)	GCE O-Level Written Examinations <a href="https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2022gceoexamtimetable.pdf">https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/2022gceoexamtimetable.pdf</a>	
	17 Oct (Mon)	2023 Sec 3 Subject Combination Briefing for Sec 2 students and parents (online info dissemination)	
	19 Oct (Wed)	Fathers@School – last meeting of the year	
	21 Oct (Fri)	Post-Examination Learning and Preparations	
	<b>24 Oct (Mon)</b>	<b>Deepavali Holidays</b>	
	25-27 Oct (Tue-Thur)	Sec 1 Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp (residential) Sec 2 Enrichment Activities Sec 3 Enrichment Activities <i>*Details will be provided on a later date.</i>	
	28 Oct (Fri)	Term 4 Farewell Assembly End-Of-Year Prize Presentation Last Day of 2022 Academic Year	
	29 Oct (Sat)	Talk for P6 Parents on “Understanding the Sec and Post-Sec Education Landscape” by Principal, PL(Sec)	
	31 Oct (Mon) – 11 Nov (Fri)	Sec 3 Online Learning	
	14 Nov (Mon)	Cambridge Dinner for Sec 4/5	
	16-18 Nov (Wed-Fri)	PL Mega Camp for Student Leaders	
	25 Nov (Fri)	Principal's Engagement Session with primary school students and parents	
	15 or 16 Dec	Release of 2022 N-Level Results (tbc)	
	20, 21 or 22 Dec	Release of 2023 Sec 1 Posting Results 2022 Sec 1 Registration Day (tbc)	
	2023 Theme: Pray, Learn, Trust and Obey	<b>1 Jan 2023 (Sun)</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>
		2 Jan 2023 (Mon)	School Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day
3 Jan 2023		2023 School Year starts Term 1 Welcome Assembly	

Every Mon morning, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Mon morning via Zoom, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join in, please email Ms Irene Angullia at <a href="mailto:irene_angullia@moe.edu.sg">irene_angullia@moe.edu.sg</a>
Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session via Zoom every third Wednesday of the month, 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. Monthly blasts will be sent out via Parents Gateway. Please 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/PAYALEBARMGS/>).

## **7. Suggestion for Parents this September School Holidays**

On behalf of PL Alumni, I would like to invite parents/guardians to be part of the Annual Step Challenge this September with your daughters/wards, as one PL family! For more details and to sign up, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/plwalkingtogether2022>. This is the Alumni's third year running this event. It is a wonderful opportunity to exercise and just have fun with your family!

Wishing you and your family a well-deserved break, and may God's protection and blessing be with you and your family always.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Amy Ng  
Principal