



26 June 2023

Principal's Letter to Parents Term 3, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to an exciting Term 3! I pray and trust that you and your family had spent quality time refreshing relationships. I also sincerely pray and believe that our girls had reflected on their learning in Semester 1 and are prepared to enrich themselves further in this new Semester.

To kick-start Semester 2 and celebrate our young, PL Heartbeat, an annual sporting event of customised games and activities, will take place on **Friday, 30 Jun from 12pm – 2pm**. There will be **no CCA training** after the event. Students will receive snacks and a 'surprise' to commemorate Youth Day at the end of the event.

We note recent reports of possible return of the haze with hotter and drier weather in the region. We will continue to monitor the situation and engage our girls when the need arises. We will also engage our girls on the first day of school regarding dress-down school attire due to the persisting hot weather.

1. Teaching and Learning Matters

- a. **Early dismissal due to GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination on Tuesday, 4 July.** The GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination 2023 will take place on Tuesday, 4 July 2023. This is the day after the Youth Day school holiday on Monday, 3 July 2023. Please be informed of the following:

All students except students taking the LC Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the usual scheduled lessons in school.Students are dismissed from school at 12.50 pm.No CCA training in the afternoon.
Sec 3 HMT, Sec 4 Exp, 4NA and Sec 5 students taking the LC Examination.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Attend the usual scheduled lessons in school until 12.50pm.Dismissed from class at 12.50 pm and have lunch in school.Report at <u>Parade Square</u> in full School Uniform, with their EZ-link cards/NRIC and the Entry proofs at the following time: Chinese 1160/03 Reporting Time: 2.00pm Malay 1148/03 Reporting Time: 4.00pm Tamil 1157/03 Reporting Time: 4.00pm Chinese B 1153/03 Reporting Time: 4.00pmDismissal time will be 10-20 mins after the end of their papers.

- a. Semester 2 Timetable. All students would have received their updated timetables for Semester 2 via email. You may wish to ask your daughter/ward to share her latest timetable with you.
- b. Assessment in Term 3. Similar to Semester 1, student assessments will spread across five weeks this term for Sec 1 to 3 students who will also experience Alternative Assessment practices besides written tests. The Preliminary Examinations for the Sec 4/5 students will commence this term. All students will receive their Assessment Schedules via email by the end of this week.
- c. Issuance of Results Slips in Week 2. All students will receive their Results Slips on Friday, 7 July in Week 2. We urge parents/guardians to continue to support and encourage our girls in their learning. 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. Let us encourage them to seek help and clarify their doubts and misconceptions with their teachers.

2. Support for Parents – “Untangled: Guiding Teenage Girls Through the Seven Transitions into Adulthood” by Dr Lisa Damour (2017)

This school holiday, I read “Untangled”, a New York Times Bestseller and “award-winning guide to the sometimes erratic and confusing behaviour of teenage girls...” (www.amazon.com). I was particularly encouraged by the message to “help [our] teens use their strong emotions to make more informed decisions.” The strong emotions are due to a very natural restructuring that happens in a teenage brain, specifically in the lower part of the limbic system which deals with our primal and more emotional behaviour. Later on, changes will continue in the upper and outer layer, known as the frontal cortex which helps us reflect and calm down. This second change is only complete when we are adults.

First of all, we can let our girls know that their strong emotions are all normal and importantly they must take a closer look at what these emotions really mean. The strong emotions should not be an excuse for poor decisions or impulsive behaviour. This way, she will learn to PAUSE before reacting. By helping her learn how to positively use her emotions, we will be easing her transition into mature young womanhood.

3. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 3 (UPDATED)

The following are highlights of our school’s key programmes in Term 3, 2023. Please note the **UPDATES** within.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Being a Servant Leader	26 Jun (Mon)	2023 Term 3 commences Principal’s Welcome Assembly Vice-Principal (Admin)’s Term 3 Safety Briefing
	26 – 28 Jun (Mon – Wed)	Applied Learning Modules for Sec 2 students on the NA and NT courses
	29 Jun (Thu)	Hari Raya Haji Holiday
	30 Jun (Fri)	<i>PL Heartbeat – Youth Day Celebration</i> <i>Early dismissal at 2pm.</i>
	3 Jul (Mon)	Youth Day School Holiday

Living Zealously in our Youth	4 Jul (Tue)	O-Level Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) and BMTL Listening Comprehension <i>Early dismissal at 12.50pm.</i>
	6 – 17 Jul (Thur – Mon)	O-Level MTL Oral Examinations
	7 Jul (Fri)	Night Study for graduating cohort commences. [NOTE: The Night Study programme will commence in Week 2 Term 3 and held once a week until the end of Term 3. The frequency will increase from Term 4.]
	11 – 17 Jul (Tue – Mon)	N-Level English Language (EL) Oral Examinations
	12 Jul (Wed)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 4/5)
	13 Jul (Thur)	Tea with Year Heads
	19 Jul (Wed)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 4/5)
	21 Jul (Fri)	Racial Harmony Day
	21 Jul – 11 Aug (Fri – Fri)	N-Level Preliminary Examinations
	25 Jul – 3 Aug (Tue – Thur)	O-Level EL Oral Examinations
	25 – 27 Jul (Tue – Thur)	N-Level MTL Oral Examinations
	27 Jul (Thur)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	28 Jul – 3 Aug (Fri – Thur)	O-Level HMTL Oral Examinations
	15, 22, 29 Jul (3 Saturdays)	Triple P Seminars for parents; details will be shared later.
Going Forth to Light the World	3 Aug (Thur)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	8 Aug (Tue)	National Day Celebrations & Prize-Giving Ceremony
	9 – 10 Aug (Wed – Thur)	National Day Holidays
	14 – 16 Aug (Mon – Wed)	O-Level Preliminary Science Practical Examinations
	17 – 30 Aug (Thur – Wed)	O-Level Preliminary Examinations
	23 Aug (Wed)	HOME-BASED LEARNING (SEC 1 – 3)
	28 – 30 Aug (Mon – Wed)	Sec 1 OALC Camp
	28 – 29 Aug (Mon – Tue)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 2 – 3)
	30 Aug (Wed)	Student Leaders-Principal Dialogue
	31 Aug (Thur)	Principal's Term 3 End-of-Term Assembly Teachers' Day Celebrations
Fixing our Eyes on our Purpose	1 Sep (Fri)	Teachers' Day School Holiday
	4 – 8 Sep (Mon – Fri)	1-Week School Holiday
	4 – 5 Sep (Mon – Tue)	N-Level Intensive Revision

Please continue to keep PL and our girls in your prayers. May we continue to Look Up, Lift Up! To God be the Glory!

Yours faithfully,
Ms Amy Ng
Principal