



8 March 2024

Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for Term 1, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Term 1 went by too quickly. We are thankful for your support and partnership in making the schooling experience in PL(Sec) an enriching one for your daughters.

Highlights in Term 1 include the Sec 1 iDiscover Orientation Programme followed by their Outdoor Adventure Learning Camp, Sec 2 Learning Journeys (to URA, LTA, HDB, NP etc.), Sec 3 MOE-OBS Challenge, Sec 4/5 Faithful-In-Service CNY Carnival for elderly from various homes, and the start of our Overseas Learning Trips. At this very moment, a number of our Sec 4 PL-Lites are in Indonesia with their teachers. All Glory to God for his provision and protection! Thank you, parents, for your partnership. We must, importantly, thank our teachers and staff for their efforts and commitment as we carry out the school plans to nurture Confident PL-Lites, Passionate Learners, Active Citizens and Inspiring Leaders.

In Term 2, we can look forward to the return of the Musical Montage in April, our Combined PL Combined Sports Day@Marina Barage and the re-start of our Twinning Programme with Kyung Hee Girls' High School (South Korea) in May. I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight the change in date of our mid-year Meet-The-Parents, which will now take place on the day after the GCE O-Level MTL examination, on 28 May; our upper secondary girls will be more prepared to be engaged in the conversation with their parents and teachers with this change.

As I give thanks to the Lord for his blessings, I also continue to pray for our girls to see schooling beyond academics, tests and examinations. In the ST Article "Definition of success in Singapore education system must change: Chan Chun Sing" (<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/parenting-education/definition-of-success-in-singapore-education-system-must-change-chan-chun-sing>), my main takeaway was Minister's statement "He said: "The skills to learn, learn fast, unlearn, and relearn, become more important than getting a particular grade at a particular point in life."" How can we help our girls value learning over marks? How can we help our girls nurture a growth mindset, to see every mistake or failure as an opportunity to learn. We pray and must continue to remind them of this important purpose of schooling – learning.

In the rest of this letter, please find some other key information as we mark the end of Term 1 and prepare to move into Term 2.

1. Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the excellence achieved by our 2023 N- and O-Level PL-Lites, who have been blessed with excellent outcomes once again. We thank our parents/guardians for their unwavering

support and the teachers who journeyed alongside the girls. Do refer to the school website for a breakdown of the N-Level and O-Level achievements. We continue to pray that our graduated girls will move on confidently to pursue their aspirations and make a positive difference with “a passion for life and learning”.

PL(Sec) 2023 N-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-n-level-2023/>

PL(Sec) 2023 O-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-o-level-2023/>

2. Teaching and Learning Matters

a. 2024 GCE O- and N-Level Examinations Time-Tables

The 2024 GCE O- and N-Level Examinations Time-Tables can be downloaded from the following websites:

2024 GCE N-Level (NA/NT) Exam Time-Table	https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/gce-n-level-exam-timetable-for-publication.pdf
2024 GCE O-Level Exam Time-Table	https://www.seab.gov.sg/docs/default-source/examination-timetable/gce-o-level-exam-timetable-as-at-8-mar-2024-for-publication.pdf

b. Joy of Learning

As mentioned earlier, national examinations are just one of the many learning experiences and outcomes of schooling. We have made significant changes to the education system in the past few years to nurture joy of learning in our students. This includes reducing school-based assessments and mid-year examinations, which free up more time for students to explore and develop their interest and further nurture 21st Century Competencies. In view of the assessment shifts, Results Slips will also be distributed later than usual. Term 1 Results Slips will be issued in Term 2 Week 2, and parents are encouraged to discuss learning and improvement strategies with your daughters. Encourage them for their efforts. I hope our girls will see each assessment as an opportunity for them to demonstrate what they have learnt (or not) and not be fearful of the outcome.

3. Student Services during 2024 March school holidays

Please note the opening hours for the school’s General Office during the March School Holidays.

- Monday – Tuesday, 13 and 14 Mar (non-protected leave): 7.30am to 6.00pm
- Wednesday – Friday, 15 to 17 Mar (protected leave): 7.30am to 5.30pm

The Canteen will be closed during the March school holidays. Students who are returning to school for CCA practices and lessons may purchase drinks and food during their breaks from the vending machines which will be re-stocked daily. Students can bring and consume their own snacks during their breaks.

The School Bookshop will be closed during the March school holidays.

The PL Book-tique will remain open as usual to allow girls to revise and address their learning gaps. Opening hours for the PL Book-tique (School Library) are:

- Monday – Thursday: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
- Friday: 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

4. CCA Holiday Training Schedule

Please see attached for the March school holiday CCA training schedule.

5. Highlights of Key School Events

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 2, 2024.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Be Pure in Thoughts, Speech and Actions	18 Mar, Mon	Term 2 starts
	18 – 22 Mar	Applied Learning Modules @ Poly or ITE for relevant Sec 4 students
	20 Mar, Wed	S2 BLOOM Programme starts
	21 Mar, Thur	S1 BLOOM Programme starts
	21 Mar, Thur	S4 Science Practical Session (PM)
	22 Mar, Fri	World Water Day
	22 Mar, Fri	2023 S4/5 Cohort Homecoming
	23 Mar, Sat	Parent Workshop 1: Nurturing Digital Natives the Positive Parenting Way
	25 Mar, Mon	YH Assembly (Dean's List - Character Award)
	25 Mar, Mon	Lunchtime Concert
	27 Mar, Wed	Start of S4/5 EL Oral Examinations
	29 Mar, Fri	Good Friday
Be Strong in Overcoming Adversities	3 Apr, Wed	Home-Based Learning (Sec 2 – 5) On-site Issuance of Personal Learning Device (Sec 1)
	5 Apr, Fri	International Friendship Day
	10 Apr, Wed	Hari Raya Puasa
	12 Apr, Fri	Girls' Brigade 85 th Enrolment Service & Parade
	12 Apr, Fri	Musical Montage (Dress Rehearsal)
	17 Apr, Wed	Sec 3 EL Oral and Sec 4/5 MTL Oral Exams start GCE O-Level NFS Practical
	18 Apr, Thur	Home-Based Learning (S1 – 5)
	19 Apr, Fri	Musical Montage 2024
	19 Apr, Fri	S4/5 last day for CCA (non-NSG and SYF)
	22 Apr, Mon	Earth Day
	29 Apr, Mon	Lunchtime Concert
LuBe Brave to Step Out in Faith	1 May, Wed	Labour Day
	3 May, Fri	S2 Meet-The-Parents Session
	9 May, Thur	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 5)
	10 May, Fri	Lunchtime Concert
	11 May, Sat	DSA Info Session for P6 pupils & parents
	11 May, Sat	Parents-School-Support Group (PSSG) Family Event
	13 May, Mon	House Practice
	16 – 24 May	S4/5 MTL Intensive Programme starts
17 – 24 May	Mid-Year Pit Stop Programme Highlights include:	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined PL Sports Day with PL Pri (P5 & 6) @ Marina Barage* • Natural Vegetation Learning Journey for Sec 1 • Sustainability Trail Learning Journey for Sec 2 • Principal Dialogue Sessions for Sec 1 – 3 • Leadership Challenge Modules for Sec 1 – 3 • ECG Conference for Sec 3
	24 May, Fri	End-of-Term Assembly Combined Students Leaders' Dedication Service Official Last Day of Term 2
	27 May, Mon	GCE O-Level MTL Examinations and GCE O-Level MTL (B) Examinations
	28 May, Tue	Meet-The-Parents Session (online)
	27 May – 21 Jun	June School Holidays (Protected Leave: 1 – 15 Jun 2024)
	29 – 31 May	S4/5 Intensive Lessons/Consultations
	17 Jun, Mon	Hari Raya Haji
	18 – 20 Jun	S4/5 Online Consultations (for students to register)
	24 Jun, Mon	Start of Term 3

Every Mon morning, 7.30am at SFE Room or 8am via Zoom	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning either in school (SFE Room) or via Zoom, for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join in, please email Ms Josephine Oh at josephine.oh@yahoo.com.sg
Once a term	<i>Fathers@School</i> will be holding its first event: Breakfast with Dads on 23 April 2024 (7.15am to 8.15am). More details will be shared with the parents via Parents Gateway in Term 2 Week 1.

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>).

6. Tips for parents – Emotional Regulation

As part of our partnership with the National Healthcare Group (NHG), the organisation has curated some Tips for Parents on socio-emotional development such as emotional regulation, that will help them become the Confident PL-Lite, Passionate Learner etc. that we aspire for them to be. On 'Emotional Regulation: How We Feel Affect How We Think', please find below some bite-sized resources which I hope you will find useful.

No.	Title	Message Body	Link
1	Don't Assume, Read This!	We all make assumptions. Assumptions can lead to negative experiences and may hurt relationships. How can you guide your child to clarify their assumptions?	https://app.7taps.com/4rPAfEW4UEq
2	Challenge Accepted!	It is important for your child to embrace challenges from a young age. Keen to know how you can help your child embrace challenges? Click the link to find out one simple method.	https://view.genial.ly/6242685f6017ef00117cc80a

3	I want my child to be more confident around others	Does your child feel nervous around others? Is your child struggling to express his views in front of others? Click the link to learn how mindful breathing can help your child.	https://youtu.be/7G2Jij6kk2U
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This holiday, take time to rest, recharge and spend time with your loved ones, our blessed PL-Lites; understand your daughter and what goes on in her school life. Reinforce her good behaviours and set clear boundaries and expectations. Let us also remind our PL-Lites that they must take responsibility for their learning and growth too.

Thank you in advance for your continuous support and for partnering us to care for your daughter/ward.

Yours faithfully
Ms Amy Ng
Principal