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Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 3, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to a new term, a new cycle of learning and growth. A highlight of Semester 1 for me was visiting our twinning school, Kyunghee Girls' High School in Seoul with our PL-Lites and teachers in end-May. This was not only a significant trip to refresh our school-twinning ties, it was one where I was most encouraged by the learning and growth of our girls. "I now know I can do it without my parents", "I am more appreciative of what I have back in Singapore", "I am more confident of taking care of myself"; these are just some of the girls' informal sharing with me. Aren't these the valuable outcomes of schooling and learning, rather than subject marks and grades?

I am also heartened by how some of our PL-Lites prepared short presentations for their teachers and parents at the Meet-The-Parents (MTP) Session on Tuesday, 28 May. The girls were eager to share their learning and articulate how the adults in their lives could help them grow further. We hope in time, all PL-Lites will take this positive ownership of their personal learning. I hope and pray parents will work with the school to achieve this. For instance, work with us to have our girls share their struggles and strengths in learning regularly, especially since assessment (for learning) take place every day and not forgetting that Weighted Assessments span across four to five weeks, up to Term 2 Week 9, to give our girls time to consolidate. The Holistic Development Profile (HDP or result slips) will only be distributed in Term 3 Week 2 to give our teachers time to mark and refine intervention strategies, and only show marks and brief comments. The teachers had a draft version of each child's HDP when they met our parents at the MTP on 28 May to support the parent-child-teacher conversations, but the short time together was most valuable when the child took ownership of her learning and was present. We must continue to convince our girls to take charge because ultimately, our common goal is for all our PL-Lites to become "women of fine character with a passion for life and learning". So let us begin Term 3 with our June Monthly Theme "Be Brave to Step Out in Faith" - be brave to embrace change and innovation as we remain faithful in God's provision, protection and blessings over PL as we continue to *Look Up, Lift Up* in

Psalm 121:1-2

*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.*

Please see my last Term 2 Thanksgiving Letter to Parents for **Highlights of Key Events in Term 3**: https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/files/2024_Term_2_Thanksgiving_Principal_s_Letter_to_Parents.pdf. We look forward to celebrate our young at Youth Day through *PL Heartbeat*, an annual sporting event of customised games and activities that will take place on **Friday, 28 Jun from 11.40am – 1.35pm**. There will be **no CCA training** after the event. There will be staggered dismissal for all students.

PL-Lites were informed on the last day of Term 2 that they can continue to be in their dress-down school attire due to the persisting hot weather, when Term 3 begins. We will continue to monitor the situation and engage our girls when the need arises.

1. Early dismissal due to GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension Examination on Wednesday, 3 July

The GCE O-Level MTL Listening Comprehension (LC) Examination 2024 will take place on Wednesday, 4 July. 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 school programme/activity 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 12.40pm. Dismissed from class at 12.40 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: CL 1160/03 Reporting Time: 1.20pm MLB 1151/03 Reporting Time: 1.20pm TLB 1152/03 Reporting Time: 1.20pm ML 1148/03 Reporting Time: 3.20pm Tamil 1157/03 Reporting Time: 3.20pm CLB 1153/03 Reporting Time: 3.20pm Dismissal time will be 10-20 mins after the end of their papers.

2. Start of Semester 2 Matters

- 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. Issuance of Results Slips in Week 2. All students will receive their Results Slips on Friday, 5 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.

3. 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. Subject teachers will share details with their respective Teaching Groups while an overview including topics to be assessed will be available in each classroom.

The Preliminary Examinations for the Sec 4/5 students will commence this term. All students will receive their Assessment Schedules via email by Week 3.

It takes a village to raise a child. You may wish to join our Parents-School Support Group (PSSG) for prayers and upcoming events. Here are some details.

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 back after our successful event in April. Look out for more details soon!

Please check the school website (<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg>) for regular updates on the school programmes and other administrative matters. You can also follow us on our Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PAYALEBARMGS>) or Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/myplstory>) for the happenings in and around the school.

Thank you in advance for your continuous support and for partnership, and may we all be refreshed for the opportunities as well as challenges of Semester 2 with renewed strength and hope!

Yours faithfully,
Ms Amy Ng
Principal