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Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 4, 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we begin this final term of the school year, I find myself reflecting on the journey we have all taken together so far. Each term has brought its own challenges, discoveries, and milestones, and it is heartening to see how much our girls have grown — not only in knowledge, but also in character, resilience, and friendships.

Our Baccalaureate Service cum Graduation Ceremony for the Sec 4/5s will take place in two weeks, and the last school reporting day for all Sec 1 to 3 girls will be in six weeks. This last stretch of the year is often a mixture of anticipation and reflection. For our PL-Lites, the focus now turns to preparing for their examinations. This can be a season of both determination and stress, and your partnership as parents is invaluable. I encourage you to walk alongside your daughters in their learning - celebrate their progress, guide them through their challenges, and remind them that effort and perseverance are just as important as results. A listening ear, a word of encouragement, or simply creating space for them to rest and recharge can make all the difference.

With the focus on learning and not performance alone, how can you better support your child in her learning and preparations? The article "5 research-backed studying techniques" (https://go.gov.sg/research-backedtechniques) share some common ineffective studying techniques such as reading & rereading a text, highlighting or underlining important concepts, reviewing notes etc. Instead, some research-backed techniques include spaced practices (instead of long periods of time), paraphrasing & reflecting, interleaving practice that encourages practices across topics.

At the same time, this term also invites us to look back with gratitude. Think of the first day your daughter walked into school this year - and then picture them now: more confident, more capable, and more curious than before. The growth may not always be obvious day by day, but when we pause to reflect, the transformation is unmistakable.

As we head toward the close of the school year, let us take time, as families and as a school community, to reminisce together about the lessons learnt, the laughter shared, and the challenges overcome. These are the moments that shape not only their education, but their lives.

Let us finish strong, with hope and with joy. May every student know that they are supported, valued, and believed in. Together, let's remind them: the end of the school year is not just about examinations - it is about celebrating how far they have come, and how much more they can become.

Please see my letter dated 4 Sep 2025 for *Highlights of Key School Events in Term 4*. A summary of the early dismissal and non-school days in Term 4 can be found in <u>Annex</u>.

1. Learning in this Final Lap for our Graduating Sec 4/5 and Sec 1 to 3 Girls

- a. Revision and Home Support. Our girls will be spending more time on personal learning and revision in this last lap. Some teachers may have also contacted you on your daughter's learning and progress. For a start, ask your daughter to share her revision schedule or plan, and ask how she would like you to support her. Over meals and breaks, talk to her about life beyond the examinations and purpose, be present and listen.
- b. For our Graduating Cohort. Besides the **Night Study Programme** from 17 to 25 Sep, the graduating girls' **Study Break** will also commence from Monday, 29 Sep (except our Sec 4N girls who will have their Phase 2 Intensive Lessons from 29-30 Sep and 1 Oct) and they need not report to school. The girls are strongly encouraged to make appointments with their subject teachers for individual or small-group consultations from 29 Sep. Teachers may also contact individual students or small groups of students who may require more customised support.

Last, the **JC DSA** and **Polytechnic/ITE EAE outcomes** were gradually released up until Monday, 9 Sep. The school is in the midst of collating the outcomes with the girls' help. Beyond this, parents can play a pivotal role in helping our girls make decisions about their post-secondary education pathways and their choice of future courses and careers. Before we can do so, we need to have up-to-date information. Here are some useful resources:

i. Post-Secondary Education – MOE Web Resource

This webpage helps your child/ward navigate the post-secondary education landscape. It provides information on the different post-secondary educational institutions and allows her to find pathway options that meet her strengths and interests. Please refer to this URL: https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/

ii. Up-to-date information about JAE application, posting process, course types and details can be accessed here: https://www.moe.gov.sg/post-secondary/admissions/jae. For a compilation of information on post-secondary courses at ITE, Polytechnics and Junior Colleges, please refer to this URL: SchoolFinder / CourseFinder: https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/ / https://www.moe.gov.sg/schoolfinder/ /

iii. MySkillsFuture Portal

MySkillsFuture is a one-stop education and career guidance (ECG) portal that supports students in making education and career decisions across each education stage; and empowers them for life-long learning. Students can discover more about themselves through various tools, explore the Singapore Education Landscape and learn more about the World of Work through videos and over 1000 job role information. The URL is http://go.gov.sg/mysfsec.

iv. Post-Secondary Scholarships

For girls who aspire to take on scholarships after their secondary education, there is a full listing of the available scholarships. We will be engaging girls who have shown good potential to qualify for the scholarships in conversations. The scholarship details can be found here: https://www.moe.gov.sg/financial-matters/awards-scholarships/.

2. Baccalaureate Service cum Graduation Day for Graduating Sec 4/5 Cohort

Our Baccalaureate Service cum Graduation Day for our graduating girls will be held on Friday, 26 Sep. We thank God for this key milestone in the lives of our graduating students

as the school wishes them well in their endeavours beyond the national examinations. Parents of our graduating girls have been invited to attend the Graduation Ceremony after the Service.

Sec 1 to 3 students will be dismissed from school at 10.30am on Friday, 26 Sep.

We would like to thank PL Alumni, PL Parent-School Support Group (PSSG) and Paya Lebar Methodist Church (PLMC) for their tremendous support for this event.

3. 109th Founder's Day on 10 Oct 2025

PLMGS will celebrate our 109th Founder's Day on Friday, 10 Oct. Sec 1 to 3 students will attend the Founder's Day Service in the morning, and will be dismissed by 11.00 am. Students are to report to school at 7.30 am in full uniform with school tie.

4. End-of-Year WRAP Up (Post- Examination) Programme for Sec 1 to 3 Girls

Dates of the End-of-Year WRAP Up (Post-Examination) Programme were shared in my last letter, from 21 to 24 Oct. As part of the post-examination programme, **We** take time to **Recharge, Reflect, Affirm & Play (WRAP).** Highlights include the student-led showcase of their year-long student-initiated learning – Pursuing Life Skills in Every Experience (PuLSE) and the End-Of-Year Prize Presentation held on Friday, 24 Oct to celebrate student learning and successes, encourage our girls for their effort as well as inspire their peers as well. Further details will be shared shortly.

5. Important End-of-Year Plans, Dates and Activities

The school vacation is officially from **22 Nov 2025 to 1 Jan 2026**. If you are planning for a family holiday, we appreciate that you plan it during the school holiday period. The last school day for secondary school, including PLMGS(Sec) is Friday, 24 Oct because the school will be used as a venue for the GCE O-Level written examinations. However, please note that:

- a. From Monday, 27 Oct, Sec 3 and selected lower secondary PL-Lites will have bridging lessons, preparing them for 2026.
- b. CCAs will continue after 16 Oct 2025 in anticipation of the early competitions in 2026 and in preparation for the PLMGS Open House on Saturday, 22 Nov 2025. Some CCAs will resume from 15 December 2025. Details were shared with the last Principal's Letter to Parents.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and guardians for your strong support as we commence the final school term of the year. I look forward to your continued partnership to end the school year positively and safely for all our girls and their families.

Yours faithfully, Ms Amy Ng Principal

Annex
Summary of Early Dismissal and No-School Days in Term 4 (for Sec 1 to 3)

Date	Dismissal Time	Event
26 Sep (Fri)	10.30am	Baccalaureate Service cum Graduation
		Ceremony for Graduating Cohort
26 Sep (Fri) – 8	At the end of relevant	Sec 1 to 3 End-Of-Year Examinations
Oct (Wed)	paper of the day	
8 Oct (Wed)	At the end of relevant	GCE O-Level EL Listening Comprehension starts
	paper of the day	at 2pm
9 Oct (Thu)	No school	Marking Day 1
10 Oct (Fri)	11.00am	109 th Founder's Day
13 Oct (Mon)	No school	Marking Day 2
14 Oct (Tue)	No school	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 to 3)
16 Oct (Thur)	12.15pm	GCE O-Level EL Paper 1 starts at 1.30pm
21 – 24 Oct	From 1.00pm	End-Of-Year WRAP UP (Post-Examination)
(Tue – Fri)		Programme
		Details will be sent to parents/guardians in
		October.