



23 May 2018

Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for Term 2, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your support this Semester. We will be ending the term this week on a high note of thanksgiving and joy. Let us continue to watch over the development of our girls and see them grow up to be better able to help themselves; and to care for others.

1. Productive Use of Time in the upcoming school holidays

We want to thank parents who will be supporting the girls by providing encouragement at the home front to strengthen their hearts. We will be encouraging the girls to use the June holidays to continue to keep in touch with what they have learnt and deepen their understanding of the lessons taught. We seek your support and collaboration in reminding your child to complete the June homework assignments and to explore the websites listed in **Annex A**.

2. Girls' Online Presence

Running a girls' school has given me the front-row seats into a developing girl teen's psyche. As adults journeying with our girls, I want to highlight a risk factor that we need to be aware of. This is not a prevalent problem in our school, but it is beginning to be a cause for concern. The research into this terms it as the "Mean Girl behaviour". Sometimes, this behaviour exists in girls who appear to exhibit good character in person, but resort to very nasty language and mean behaviour, especially on social media and online platforms. Most of them are emboldened by technology and may not even think twice of intentionally causing hurt to others behind the screens.

I am sharing two readings on this:

<https://girlsleadership.org/blog/what-motivates-mean-girl-behavior/>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-cope-with-mean-girls-460678>

Let us continue to teach our girls to honour each other with their words and show empathy to all in all that they do. It has to start with honourable and loving relationships both in school and at home.



3. New Security Turnstile System at PLMGS(Sec) Bus Stop Gate

The school has installed a double-entry/exit full-height security turnstile system at the gate behind the bus stop that is situated just in front of the school. The system will be integrated with access control using registered EZ-Link cards, so as to provide a secure and convenient way for staff and students to enter and exit the school. The system will be programmed to enable: (a) entry in the morning before School Assembly; and (b) exit after dismissal from 1.30 pm to 6.30 pm on regular school days. The girls will be able to use the gate to access the bus stop after school hours. This is especially useful during rainy days.

4. Travel Declaration & Monitoring of Health after June holidays

If you are travelling during the June holidays, please remind your daughters/wards to submit an indication of the country of travel on PLMGS(Sec) School Portal ('Ask n Learn') for the records. Do remind her to continue to monitor her health and seek medical advice if she is unwell upon returning to school after the June holidays

5. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 3

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 3 2018:

Date	Key Events
25 Jun 2018 (Mon)	School reopens for Term 3 Welcome Assembly
25-29 Jun 2018	Sec 2 NA/NT Elective Module Sec 3NT Elective Module
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tuesdays - 26 Jun 2018, 3, 10, 24, 31 Jul 2018Fridays - 29 Jun 2018, 6, 13, 20, 27 Jul 2018, 3 Aug 2018	Night Study Programme (11 sessions)
29 Jun 2018 (Fri)	SAF Rededication day
2 Jul 2018 (Mon)	Youth Day Holiday
3 – 6 Jul 2018	PLMGS Leadership Week GCE O-Level MT Oral Exams GCE N-Level EL Oral Exams
6 Jul 2018 (Fri)	Installation of CCA Leaders
9 – 13 Jul 2018	Student Leaders and Mother-Tongue Cultural Immersion Trip@ Penang Schools
20 Jul 2018 (Fri)	PLMGS Racial Harmony Day 2018 Commemoration
21 Jul 2018 (Sat)	National Schools Literature Festival
21 Jul 2018 (Sat)	PSSG Family Day
30 Jul – 3 Aug 2018	School Annual Health Visit
1 – 3 Aug 2018	GCE N-Level MT Oral Exams

Date	Key Events
2 – 7 , 13 – 17 Aug 2018	School N-Level Prelim Exams
8 Aug 2018 (Wed)	PLMGS National Day Celebrations & Prize-giving Ceremony
9 – 10 Aug 2018	National Day National Day School Holiday
13 – 28 Aug 2018	School O-Level Prelim Exams GCE O-Level EL Oral Exams
16 Aug 2018 (Thur)	PL E-Learning Day 2 (Sec 1-3 Students stay at home to complete e-learning tasks)
22 Aug 2018 (Wed)	Hari Raya Haji
24 Aug 2018 (Fri)	Methodist Schools Staff Get-Together 2018
27 – 30 Aug 2018	PL Health Week
30 Aug 2018 (Thurs)	Last day of Term 3 Farewell Assembly Teacher's Day Celebration ACES Day
31 Aug 2018 (Fri)	Teacher's Day School Holiday

Every Mon morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Monday morning, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room for a time of prayer and fellowship
Every 3 rd Wed of the month 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session every third Wednesday of the month, 7.30 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. at the SFE room

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 Youtube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYt7DqDzahirCcpQI7hcxo9g>) and our Facebook page for the happenings in and around the school (<https://www.facebook.com/PLMGSAumni/>).

Thank you for your support and for partnering us to care for your daughters. Have a restful June break!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Quek

Principal, PLMGS (Sec)

Productive Use of Time doing the upcoming school holidays

Here are some websites that your daughter can use to reinforce learning and to close her learning gaps during the holidays:

1. MATH ACE Learn Portal

Log on to the Ace-Learn Portal at **<https://www.ace-learning.com/login>**

User ID: [First 5 Characters of Name + Last 4 digits and letter of NRIC/Student Pass No. (all in CAPS)]

Go to Content Hub → Courses (Holiday Homework as assigned by Math teachers)

2. Student Learning Space (SLS)

As part of Ministry of Education's (MOE) commitment to nurture future-ready learners, an online learning platform known as the *Singapore Student Learning Space (SLS)* has been developed by MOE in collaboration with students and teachers. It provides all students across schools with quality curriculum-aligned resources and teaching and learning tools. Students can also use the SLS to learn at their own pace and be responsible for their learning.

SLS can be accessed from **<https://learning.moe.edu.sg>**

The English Department has assigned E-Oral task for the Sec 2 (Express /Normal Academic) and Sec 3 (Normal Academic) students in the SLS platform. We hope to help the students find joy in learning and use technology to empower them to learn better.

3. MySkillsFuture Student 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 games and tools, explore the Singapore Education Landscape and learn more about the World of Work through videos and over 1000 job role information.

Login to **www.myskillsfuture.sg/content/student/en/secondary/assessment.html**

Discover more about career interests, skills, work values and learning styles. These tools are meant to facilitate self-awareness and exploration. Do speak to parents, teachers and ECG Counsellor if you need further advice.

4. Zaobao douhao [早报逗号]

PL-Lites can access '早报逗号' platform and continue with their reading of the past issues and attempt the practices as posted on the platform. This will help our girls to cultivate a love for reading Chinese, expand knowledge and broaden world view.

早报逗号 can be accessed from <https://ZBSchools.sg>