



4 January 2022

Principal's Letter to Parents Term 1, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

A very happy new year to all. I hope the year has started well for you, as it has for me. The PL family, including our parents, has been most supportive and encouraging since I joined the school in mid-December 2021. Thank you for welcoming me to the PL family!

Today marks the beginning of the new academic year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to the parents/guardians of our Secondary 1 cohort and all the new pupils who have just joined PLMGSS. I would also like to welcome all pupils back to school.

Together with my colleagues, we look forward to partnering you to nurture "women of fine character with a passion for life and learning".

1. Thanksgiving

We are very thankful that our 2021 N-Level PL-Lites have been blessed with excellent results 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 achievements. We continue to pray that our graduated girls will choose their post-secondary pathways wisely and move on confidently to pursue their aspirations.

PL(Sec) 2021 N-Level results

URL: <https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/accolades/national-examinations/gce-n-level-2021>

2. 2022 Year and Monthly Theme

Our 2022 Year Theme 'Enriched to Face Life's Greatest Call' is taken from our School Song, and inspired by

*"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9*

Our assembly programmes are anchored on the following monthly themes. They seek to inspire our girls to build positive psychological resilience in their pursuit of a purposeful life, making a difference for themselves and others.

Month	Theme for the month
January	Enriched To Face Life's Greatest Call
February	A Threefold Cord cannot be easily broken (Ecc 4:12)
March	Be the Change

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April	Sow a Habit; Reap a Character
May/June	Dare to Lead
July	A Good Name is Better than the Riches in the World
August	Home is where the Heart is
September	Have GRIT will Travel
October	In Everything Give Thanks

3. 2022 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the following URL for 2022 School Terms and Holidays:
<https://www.moe.gov.sg/education/school-terms-and-important-dates>

4. Highlights of Key School Events

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 1, 2022.

Monthly Themes	Dates	Key Events
Enriched To Face Life's Greatest Call	4 – 6 Jan	Sec 1 iDiscover Camp
	6 Jan, Thu	Principal-Meets-Parents (Sec 1 – 2)
	7 Jan, Fri	Principal-Meets-Parents (Sec 3 – 5)
	12 Jan, Wed	CCA Fair
	19 Jan, Wed	Fathers@School First Meeting for 2022 (Topic: Transitioning into Secondary school life)
	26 Jan, Wed	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 5) ¹
	27 Jan, Thur	Mother-Tongue Fortnight Activities
	31 Jan, Mon	2022 Chinese New Year Celebrations (Note: school dismissal at 10.30am)
A Threefold Cord cannot be easily broken (Ecc 4:12)	1 – 2 Feb	Chinese New Year Holidays
	4 Feb, Fri	Chinese New Year Carnival
	8 – 15 Feb	Health Check for all levels
	9 Feb, Wed	Sec 4/5 FIS CNY Blessing the Community 2022
	10 Feb, Thur	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 5)
	11 Feb, Fri	Friendship Day
	14 Feb, Mon	Total Defence Day
	16 Feb, Wed	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 5)
	17 Feb, Thur	Sec 3 NRIC Registration
	17 – 23 Feb	Sec 4/5 Common Tests
	21 Feb, Mon	Installation of Monitors, House Leaders and Peer Lites
	28 Feb, Mon	Launch of Women's Hall of Fame exhibition
	28 Feb, Mon	Oath-taking Ceremony of CCA Leaders
Be the Change	3 Mar, Thur	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 5)
	7 – 11 Mar	Mother-Tongue Showcase Week
	11 Mar, Fri	Term 1 Farewell Assembly Sports Day@PL
	12 Mar, Sat	Combined Schools' Post-Sec Educational Institutes Fair
	14 – 18 Mar	End of Term 1 – School Holidays (Please note that some CCAs may still function on 14/18 Mar in order to prepare the girls for National Competitions.)

¹ HBL Day is integral of MOE's initiative to nurture self-directed and independent learners as well as develop passionate and intrinsically-motivated learners through a Blended Learning approach. See <https://www.moe.gov.sg/-/media/files/parent-kit/experiencing-blended-learning.pdf> for details. Remaining HBL Day dates for the rest of the year are reflected in the Student Handbook.

Every Mon morning, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.	<i>PrayingParents@PL</i> meets every Mon morning via Zoom, 8 a.m. – 9 a.m. for a time of prayer and fellowship. If you are interested to join in, please email Ms Irene Angullia at irene_angullia@moe.edu.sg
Evert 3 rd Wed of the month 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.	<i>Fathers@School</i> holds its monthly breakfast bonding session via Zoom every third Wednesday of the month, 8 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. Monthly blasts will be sent out via Parents Gateway. Please sign up for the sessions.

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/>).

5. Supporting Your Daughter During Transitions

The Sec 1 and Sec 3 years are transitional years that our PL-Lites need to adapt to new schooling experiences, make new friends and explore new leadership opportunities. We want to inculcate within them the ability to thrive despite challenges.

We have curated the following series of useful resources for parents on our school webpage.

- Build a caring home environment to nurture the social and emotional skills of your child using these **S.A.F.E** (**S**upport | **A**ffirm | **F**amiliarise | **E**mpathise) tips:
 - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 1
 - Support your daughter for a smooth transition into Sec 3
- Set realistic expectations with your daughter
- Encourage your daughter to be Thankful
- Build your daughter's confidence through Praise

Please do refer to these resources to help you relate to your daughters effectively.

<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/useful-links/for-parents>

We pray and trust our parents/guardians will provide the best guidance and care for our PL-Lites, your daughters/wards. Take time to understand your daughter/ward and what goes on in her school life. Reinforce their good behaviours and set clear boundaries and expectations. My colleagues and I look forward to forging an even closer partnership with you as we work together to shape our PL-Lites' character and help them succeed in life. We must 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. See you (virtually) on 6 and/or 7 Jan 2022 for our Principal-Meet-Parents Session for lower secondary and upper secondary girls respectively!

Yours sincerely,



Ms Amy Ng
Principal