



12 Jan 2018

Principal's Letter to Parents

Term 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A very happy new year to all. I hope that your family has worked out your daily schedules for the new school year. The girls are settling down into new school routines. It may take a little while, but we will all get there.

1. Thanksgiving

We are very thankful that our 2017 O-level and N-level girls have been blessed with good results once again. We thank our parents for their unwavering support and the teachers who journeyed alongside the girls. Do refer to the school website for a breakdown of the O-level and N-level exams 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) 2017 O-Level results URL: <http://goo.gl/giKQDr>
 PL(Sec) 2017 N-Level results URL: <https://goo.gl/P1h95m>

2. 2018 Year and Monthly Themes

Our 2018 Year Theme 'In Favour with God and Man' is inspired by our School Philosophy, taken from Luke 2:52. Our assembly programmes are anchored on the following monthly themes. They seek to inspire our girls to learn to grow in all areas and challenge the girls to be a special source of blessing to others.

Month	Monthly Themes
Jan	Growing in favour with God and Man
Feb	Growing and becoming a blessing to others
Mar	Growing and becoming an outstanding woman
Apr	Growing and becoming a person of love
May/Jun	Growing and becoming an Inspiring Leader
Jul	Being a Youth in favour with God and Man
Aug	Being a Nation in favour with God and Man
Sep	Being a school in favour with God and Man
Oct	Let Our Flame Burn Brighter

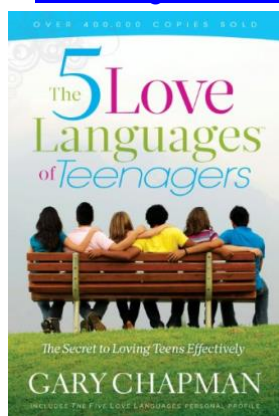


3. Looking forward to a new year of growth for our girls

(a) Loading up on Protective Factors

At the Principal-Meet-Parents (PMP) 2018 sessions, I explained that protective factors can help promote good mental and emotional well-being. Protective factors help our girls find support and coping strategies, especially under distressing or stressful situations. Parents may want to learn more about protective and risk factors from the following HPB publication - *Colours of the Mind*:

<http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/qql/slot/u173/Programme/Useful%20Resources/Mental-Wellbeing-Guide-for-Stakeholders.pdf>



(b) Relating to our girls using Love Languages

As we recognize that everyone is created differently, we also realise that each individual has his/her own preferred love languages. In the adolescent years, giving well-deserved recognition and affirmation are important strategies in growing our children into confident adults. We seek to relate to our girls using their love languages. Each girl has been profiled for their primary and secondary love languages when they were in Secondary One. The current Secondary One girls will be taking the 'Love Language for Teens' quiz on 15 Jan 2018 (<http://www.5lovelanguages.com/profile/teens/>). Parents can ask the

Form Teachers to email them their daughter's love languages. You can also read up on how you can relate to your children using love languages from this book: *Chapman, G. D. (2000). The five love languages of teenagers. Chicago: Northfield Pub.*

4. Weekly Consultation/Remedial sessions

The school will be organizing weekly Consultation/Remedial sessions for girls who need extra help in their work. The sessions are conducted on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Girls who are not identified for remedial sessions, can book their teachers' time for small group consultations in the afternoons.

Timing	Day	Odd week	Even week
Starting time: 1435 h (S1-3) or 1510 h (S4/5)	Wed	Humanities	English
Starting time: 1445 h	Thur	Science	Mathematics

5. 2018 June Holidays Protected Time for Family

Some parents have been asking us about the protected leave for the June holidays in 2018 as they are now planning to book air tickets for their family holidays. Staff and girls will have their protected leave from school in the middle 2 weeks of the one month June school break, i.e. 4-15 June 2018. Not all girls will have CCA or other activities on the first and last week of the June Holidays. The girls will be informed on their schedules at a later date.

6. PSSG activities

(a) CNY Goodies sale 2018

Our PSSG is organizing the annual sale of CNY goodies. Do support them generously. The prices are pegged below market prices of similar products. The funds raised through this sale will go towards the support of PSSG activities in 2018 and funding needy students' programmes. Do refer to the following URL for more details <http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg/articles/announcements/pssg-chinese-new-year-cookies-sale>.

(b) A Special Day with Dad

This special event will be organized for daddies to bond with their daughters.

Date:	7 Apr 2018 (Sat)
Time:	2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Venue:	The Fullerton Hotel
Cost:	\$120 per pair of Father & Daughter (PSSG members) \$130 per pair of Father & Daughter (non-PSSG members)

It will be a special time of celebrating family and expressing commitment to each other. Daddies and daughters who have gone for similar events have reflected that the memories stay with them and motivate the girls to be women of fine character. Places for the event are filling up fast. Do log in online at <https://tinyurl.com/PL-SpecialDayWithDad> to register your interest as soon as possible, as places are limited.

7. Traffic Safety Reminders

Your daughters' safety is of utmost importance to us in PLMGS. For parents/grandparents who drive to school, please do take note of some of the key reminders attached in **Annex A**.

8. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 1

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 1 2018:

Date	Key Events
15 Jan 2018 (Mon)	School Celebration Day - <i>PL Celebrates!</i> Note: Students will be dismissed at 1.00 pm.
17 Jan 2018 (Wed)	Fathers@School first Meeting of the year
19 Jan 2018 (Fri)	Sec 1 CCA online submission - Phase 1
22 - 26 Jan 2018	Kyung Hee Girls' School from Seoul Visits PL(Sec)
29 Jan 2018 (Mon)	Installation of Student Leaders at assembly
5 Feb 2018 (Mon)	Oath-Taking Ceremony for Student Athletes & Partners' Interaction Brunch
7 - 13 Feb 2018	Sec 4/5 Common Tests
15 Feb 2018 (Thur)	Total Defence Day (PL Home) and CNY celebrations Note: Students will be dismissed at 10.30 am
16-17 Feb 2018	Chinese New Year Days 1 and 2
19 Feb 2018 (Mon)	School Holiday (CNY)
22 Feb 2018 (Thur)	E-Learning Day 1
28 Feb 2018 (Wed)	Sec 3 NRIC Registration

Date	Key Events
2 Mar 2018 (Fri)	PL(Sec) CNY Outreach Lunch to the Community / Sec4/5 FIS
3 Mar 2018 (Sat)	Parents' Learning Fest
8 Mar 2018 (Thur)	International Women's Day 2018 Farewell Assembly
9 Mar 2018 (Fri)	Official Last day of Term 1 - Sports Fiesta @ Bishan Stadium
19 Mar 2018 (Mon)	School Reopens for Term 2

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 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.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs Quek

Principal, PLMGS (Sec)

PLMGS (Sec) Traffic Safety Reminders

We thank you for working with the school in ensuring the safety of our students. We seek your cooperation to observe the following traffic safety reminders:

1. Operating Hours of School Gates & Pick-Up Point

The PLMGS (Secondary) main gate is opened from 6:30am to 6:30pm on a typical school day. You may alight students from both Primary and Secondary School at the Secondary School Pick-Up point.



2. Alighting Points Outside the School

To ease traffic into the school, we encourage you to alight your daughters, both from Secondary and Primary School, at one of the three alighting points:

- Carpark @ HDB Bk 138 (beside Maplewood Park)
- Carpark @ HDB Bk 134/135 (beside the School)
- Back gate of Primary School @ Jalan Lokam



3. Pedestrian Gate and Road Crossing

- a) Girls coming to school by public transport are to enter and leave school via Gate 2 (See below) behind the bus-stop. Do not walk through the gate near the main entrance as there may be heavy vehicular traffic.
- b) Gate 2 opening hours are:
 - 6.30 am to 7.30 am
 - 1.25 pm to 3.30 pm
 - 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm (Only during heavy rain)



- c) Do remind the girls to use pedestrian crossing whenever it is available.

4. Drivers to Observe Traffic Rules

- a) The Speed Limit is **15 km/h** within the school compound. Please stay alert for pedestrians who may be walking around your vehicle.
- b) Do apply for the **PLMGS(Sec) Car Decal** to gain admission into the school.
- c) When **driving out** of the front school gate, please turn into the **leftmost lane**. Do not drive directly into the right lane. A double white line is put there by LTA to prevent drivers from doing so. Besides endangering other motorists, it is a traffic offence to drive across the double white line.
- d) Please be reminded that it is a traffic offence to alight passengers along the road with zig-zag line outside the school. Do alight the girls **within** the carparks around and opposite the school instead.
- e) The Traffic Police has advised that enforcement actions will be taken against motorists who violate traffic rules. Extra demerit points will be given for traffic offences in school zone.

