



1 Sep 2026

Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for Term 3, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the close of Term 3, we give thanks for a meaningful term of learning, growth and shared experiences at PL(Sec). We are grateful for the partnership of our parents, and for the many ways our PL-Lites have continued to learn, serve, grow and shine. As we look towards Term 4 and the End-of-Year Examinations, we encourage our girls to see assessment not simply as a measure of results, but as part of their learning journey. We hope they will take ownership of their learning, persevere through challenges and reflect on how they can continue to grow. As we prepare our students for the changes ahead, including the implementation of the new Singapore-Cambridge Secondary Education Certificate examination in 2027 followed by the unified Post-Secondary Admissions Exercise (PSE) in 2028, let us help our girls look beyond the next examination and develop the confidence, adaptability and resilience they will need for an ever-changing world.

Our 110th Anniversary has also given us an opportunity to pause and ask: **What kind of school do we hope PLMGS will be in the next 100 years?** In listening to our students and staff, one message has resonated strongly — while academic achievement matters, what will matter even more is nurturing young women who are confident in who they are, adaptable in the face of change, and willing to make a difference. These are qualities we hope will continue to define a PL-Lite with positive character values, long after she leaves our school.

As we celebrate Teachers' Day on 4 September, we give special thanks for the teachers, coaches and instructors who make this possible. Every lesson taught, every question patiently answered, every encouragement given and every opportunity created shapes the lives of our girls. Without them, our students would not learn in the same way, and our school would not be the community it is today. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and care.

As we enter the final term of our 110th year, let us continue to *Look Up, Lift Up* - looking to God with gratitude and hope, and lifting one another up with encouragement, care and purpose. May we finish this milestone year strongly, **as one PL family**, and look ahead together with confidence to the next 100 years.

Thank you, parents, for walking alongside us. We look forward to your continued partnership as we journey through the final term of this special year.

1. Thanksgiving: 2026 Mother Tongue Languages (MTL) Results (June Sitting)

Praise the Lord for the positive GCE O-Level 2026 Mother Tongue Results (2026 June Sitting), released on 20 August 2026. We are happy to share that the results attained by the cohort are comparable to those of previous years, with the CL team attaining the best outcomes in the last 3 years. To God be the Glory!

2. Teaching and Learning Matters

- a. Last Lap for our Graduating PL-Lites. Our S4E/5N PL-Lites have just completed their preliminary examinations, while our S4N girls will be preparing for their first GCE N-level written examinations after the September school holidays.
- Our S4N girls taking the GCE N-levels have reviewed their assessment papers and learning with their teachers in the past two weeks. We will continue to work with our S4N girls over the following 2 time-periods:
 - Phase 1 Intensive Lessons, 7-8 Sep. Details of time-tabled lessons have been issued to students and to parents via PG.
 - Regular Timetable lessons for S4N(Academic) from 18-24 Sep.
 - Phase 2 Intensive Lessons, 28-29 Sep. Details of the intensive sessions for the second-wave of subjects to be examined will be shared with students through the girls' email and to parents via PG.
 - We will distribute the HDP with all our graduating Sec 4/5 PL-Lites' Reports Books on Fri, 25 Sep, which coincides with our Baccalaureate Service and Graduation Ceremony. Our S4N girls will have their HDP Result Slips reflecting their performance in subjects taken at a More Demanding Level.
 - To support our graduating cohort, we will continue with our **Night Study Programme** in Term 4. Some of our graduating PL-Lites have requested a more conducive study environment in school. Night Study will be from 16 to 24 September, from 5pm to 7pm daily, unless fewer than 10 girls sign up for that day.
- b. Learning is key; NOT just Studying. Our Sec 1-3 and some of our Sec 4 PL-Lites received their Term 3 assessment papers over the past few weeks. How do we respond to these outcomes? Reassure them that we will appreciate their improvement efforts, and they should too. We will not be disappointed by the final marks or grades as long as their improvement efforts and attempts are evident.
- Sec 1-3 PL-Lites will receive their WA3 Results Slips in Term 3 week 10 (Wednesday)
 - Sec 4/5 PL-Lites will receive their Preliminary Examinations Results Slips in Term 4 week 2 (Friday).

The Sec 1 to 3 End-of-Year (EOY) Examination Schedule is already available on our school website (<https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/recent-news-and-announcements/2026-secondary-1-to-3-eoy-examination-timetable/>). PL-Lites have been informed of the topics to be tested by their subject teachers. We urge parents/guardians to continue to support and encourage our girls.

- c. Effective Revision Strategies for Major Assessments. With major assessments round the corner for all PL-Lites, I would like to present some effective revision strategies (an AI-summary by ChatGPT that referred to three key sources: *Institute of Education Sciences (IES)*, *U.S. Department of Education* — “Organizing Instruction and Study to Improve Student Learning”; *Education Endowment Foundation (EEF)* — “*Metacognition and Self-Regulated Learning*” (2nd ed., 2025); and *Singapore MOE's Parent Kit*). Overall, parents can refer to the “**5R**” revision framework:
- **RECALL:** Close the book and retrieve what you know; you can ask your daughter to teach you the concept she struggles more.
 - **REVISIT:** Space revision across the holidays rather than cramming; 2-3 subjects each day is useful.

- REHEARSE: Practise questions and past papers under realistic conditions. This means she cannot refer to the solutions or model answers!
 - REFLECT: Look carefully at mistakes and identify what needs more work. If your child says she knows that concept but could not apply it, have her practice another similar question.
 - REST: Take regular breaks, stay active and get enough sleep.
- d. Transition from Chromebook to iPad for 2027 Sec 1s. Our recent review of our National Digital Learning Programme (NDLP) efforts suggests a change in our Personal Learning Device (PLD) choice. From 2027, all incoming Secondary 1 students will be using the Apple iPad as their PLD, replacing the Chromebook that has served as our school's PLD since 2021.

When we first embarked on our digital learning journey, the Chromebook was chosen primarily for its cost-effectiveness. However, the cost of the two different devices is now more comparable. The previous cost difference was a few hundred dollars, whereas with the latest pricing, the estimated cost difference is about \$100-\$150. Beyond cost, the iPad offers enhanced learning capabilities, including fast digital writing that mimics paper, and ease of typing complex equations or mind maps. The school will also be able to leverage Apple Education support for both technical and professional development. During the transition period, Sec 2–4/5 students will continue to use their Chromebook PLDs to avoid hardware redundancy, with the goal that by 2030, all students will be using a single PLD OS — the Apple iPad.

The Chromebook remains the official school-managed PLD for current cohorts. School systems (e.g. DMA-managed classroom note dissemination and assessment arrangements) will continue to be organised through the Chromebook environment. Specifically, for school e-assessments that require a secure lock-down environment for current cohorts, students must bring their Chromebook. For now, current PL-Lites should not bring their personal iPads to school as the school cannot manage or take ownership of personal iPads. The Device Management Application (DMA) is tagged to each PLD issued to our PL-Lites, ensuring that the devices are appropriately configured and managed for learning. As the DMA cannot be tagged to a personal or unregistered device, using a personal iPad would not provide the same access to school systems and learning platforms.

3. PLMGS 110th Founder's Day

Our very special 110th Founder's Day Thanksgiving Service will take place on Friday, 9 October 2026. Sec 1 to 3 PL-Lites will report to school at 7.30am, their usual timing. They will be dismissed by 11 a.m. The Guest-of-Honour is Bishop of The Methodist Church in Singapore, Rev Philip Lim.

This will be followed by our 110th Founder's Day Thanksgiving Dinner in the evening, organised by the PL Alumni. It will be a wonderful opportunity for parents and daughters to bond and connect as we share the joy of God's abundant blessings over PLMGS in the last 110 years.

Important details of the 110th Founder's Day Dinner are as follows.

Date:	Friday, 9 October 2026
Time:	7pm to 10pm (Guests to be seated by 6.45pm. Registration from 6pm onwards.)
Venue:	Conrad Singapore Orchard 1 Cuscaden Road S249715

Cost: \$180 for adults; \$75 per student of PLMGS- below 16 years old (sitting in the children's buffet section of the ballroom)

Dress Code: Shirt & tie (gentlemen) / Cocktail dress or equivalent (ladies)

If you would like to purchase tickets for the 110th Founder's Day Thanksgiving Dinner, please sign up via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/plmgs110>

4. CCA Training during September, November and December Holidays

As mentioned in my earlier letters, there is no CCA training this September holidays. CCA will stand down from Tuesday 1 September for the end-of-year examinations. CCAs will resume on 16 October till 20 November November 2026. CCA will also resume on 21 Dec 2026 for some selected CCAs. Please see Annex for details of CCA training in October, November and December

5. Student Services during September Holidays

The school canteen, bookshop and printing services will be closed during the September school holidays.

The library will remain open as usual (except on 4 September 2026 which is Teachers' Day School Holiday) to allow girls to revise and address their learning gaps.

Opening hours for school library:

Monday – Thursday: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

6. Highlights of Key School Events in Term 4

The following are highlights of our school's key programmes in Term 4, 2026. Our Term 4 Theme "ONE PL Family Rejoicing Together" is supported by the monthly foci shown below.

Month Focus	Dates	Key Events
Rejoicing Always	7 - 11 Sep (Mon - Fri)	1-Week School Holiday
	7 - 8 Sep (Mon - Tue)	N-Level Intensive Revision and Consultation
	14 Sep (Mon)	2026 Term 4 commences Principal's Welcome Address
	14 - 24 Sep 5 - 13 Oct	GCE N-Level Written Examinations https://file.go.gov.sg/2026-n-level-exam-cal.pdf
	25 Sep (Fri)	2026 Baccalaureate Service & Graduation Ceremony for graduating students Sec 4/5 last formal day of reporting in school Sec 1-3 dismissed at 10.30 am
	28 Sep (Mon) onwards	Phase 2 Intensive Lessons for Sec 4N(T) Small Group Consultation and Revision for Sec 4/5
	25 Sep (Fri) - 7 Oct (Wed)	Sec 1 – 3 End-Of-Year Examinations

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Oct: Rejoicing for and with PL	30 Sep - 13 Oct	GCE O-Level Science Practical Examinations
	15 Oct (Wed)	GCE O-Level EL Listening Comprehension
	8, 12 Oct (Thur, Mon)	Marking Days
	7 Oct (Wed)	110 th Founder's Day Service Full dress rehearsal
	9 Oct (Fri)	110th Founder's Day Celebrations
	13 Oct (Tue)	Home-Based Learning (Sec 1 – 3)
	14 Oct (Wed)	2026 Sec 3 Subject Combination online resources for Sec 2 students and parents (available on website)
	16 Oct (Fri) - 10 Nov (Tue)	GCE O-Level Written Examinations https://file.go.gov.sg/2026-o-level-exam-cal.pdf
	20 - 23 Oct (Tue - Fri)	End-Of-Year WRAP UP Programme (Sec 1 – 3) <i>*Details will be provided on a later date.</i>
	23 Oct (Fri)	Term 4 Farewell Assembly End-Of-Year Prize Presentation Last Day of 2026 School Year
	26 - 30 Oct (Mon - Fri)	Sec 1 Bridging Lessons (selected students) Sec 2 Bridging Lessons (selected students) Sec 3 Head-Start Learning
	4 - 6 Nov (Wed – Fri)	PL Mega Camp for Student Leaders
	11 Nov (Wed)	Cambridge Dinner for Sec 4/5
	14 Nov (Sat)	PLMGS(Sec) e-Open House and Principal's Engagement Session with primary school students and parents
	17 or 18 Dec	Release of 2026 N-Level Results (tbc)
	18, 21 or 22 Dec	Release of 2027 Sec 1 Posting Results 2027 Sec 1 Registration Day (tbc)
	1 Jan 2026 (Fri)	New Year's Day
2027 Theme: Anchored to Look Up	4 Jan 2027 (Mon)	2027 School Year starts Term 1 Welcome Assembly

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, please email Mrs Shermeen Wong-Ng at shermeenwong@hotmail.com
Parents will be informed via PG closer the date of the event. Please register for the event via PG.	<i>Fathers@School.</i> is a father-centric group set up to encourage active and involved fathering in PL through purposeful activities and workshops designed to strengthen father-daughter relationships.

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>).

7. Suggestion for Parents this September Holidays

During this September break, our PL-Lites are encouraged to *rest*, *reflect* and *reconcile*. They are encouraged to be mindful of what they have learnt and what they are unsure of. Thereafter, our girls must take action to “make things right” and be confident of their learning and level of competence. Learning is not studying which could mean reading and memorisation for our girls. For a start, saying “study harder” is unlikely to help. Instead, journey with our PL-Lites to use the holidays to revise smarter, steadily and purposefully (see earlier information on “revision strategies”) to help your daughters become independent learners.

Wishing you and your family a well-deserved break, and may God’s protection and blessing be with you and your family always.

Yours faithfully,
Ms Amy Ng
Principal