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Principal's Letter to Parents

Thanksgiving for 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated the uncertainties brought about by the haze. We had to cancel some CCAs this week, but with the improvement in air quality over the past few days, we will resume the previously communicated CCA Schedule (please refer to my Letter to Parents dated 1 Sep 2026 and the attached "Annex – 2026 CCA Training Schedule (Oct to Dec Holidays)"). Should the haze return, your child's CCA teacher-in-charge will send a Parents Gateway (PG) notification with the latest updates. The haze situation is expected to stabilise and visibly improve by late October or early November 2026.

As we draw the 2026 academic year to a close, we give thanks for God's faithfulness to PLMGS over 110 remarkable years. Our anniversary theme, **"ONE Perfect 10 in Christ"**, anchored in 1 Corinthians 12:12, reminds us that while each of us is uniquely gifted, every one of us matters and has a part to play in building a stronger, kinder, and more united ONE PL Family.

Our Founder's Day celebrations, PL110 Musical, PL110 Carnival, and many other events have brought our school community together in meaningful and memorable ways. Beyond these celebrations, we hope to see our anniversary spirit reflected in our everyday actions – including those who feel left out, respecting our differences, and lifting one another up.

In this special milestone year, we also invited stakeholders to share their hopes and aspirations for our girls and our school as we look forward to the next 110 years. These are reflected in our vision of PL-Lites as **passionate and adaptable lifelong learners, compassionate and faith-grounded persons of character, and courageous servant leaders who turn values into action**. Together, we want to nurture girls who are confident, resilient, and ready to make a difference.

Looking ahead to 2027, our Performing Arts CCAs will work towards the Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentations, developing their artistry, discipline, and teamwork. 2027 will also mark the inaugural year of the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) Examination. As we prepare our girls for this new assessment landscape, we remain committed to nurturing not only academic growth, but also the adaptability, resilience, and confidence they will need for the future.

Parents, your partnership matters. Ask your daughter what she has learnt and how she hopes to improve, rather than focusing solely on results. Affirm her effort and courage, give her opportunities to take responsibility at home, and help her see setbacks as opportunities to grow. Together, we can build her confidence and resilience – reminding her that her worth extends far beyond examination results..

During the year-end holidays, we encourage you to let your daughter rest, recharge, and take up our **Holiday Confidence Challenge**: try something new, take ownership of a responsibility, or make a difference to someone around her.

Thank you for being part of our PL story. As we give thanks for how far God has brought us, may we look ahead with faith and courage — united in nurturing every PL-Lite to become a beacon to her community.

To God be the Glory!

Yours faithfully,
Ms Ng Amy
Principal

As the academic year draws to a close, please take note of the following. More importantly, do take time to celebrate your daughter's learning and growth this year.

1. Sec 1 & 2 Bridging & Remedial Programme & Sec 3 Head Start Programme (26 – 30 Oct)

The *Sec 1 & 2 Bridging and Remedial Programme* aims to help our girls address learning gaps and strengthen their foundation for the next academic year. Selected Sec 1 and 2 students will be notified by their subject teachers via email if they are required to attend. Lessons will be conducted online via the Student Learning Space (SLS), or through physical notes and guided worksheets. Students may learn at their own pace and are expected to complete their assigned SLS lessons and submit any required work by the first week of the new academic year. Parents are kindly requested to check with their daughters whether they have been identified for the programme.

The *Sec 3 Head Start Programme* will take place from Monday, 26 October to Friday, 30 October 2026 (Term 4, Week 7), to prepare our girls for the revised SEC Examination timeline and give them an early start on selected Secondary 4 topics. Lessons will be conducted through a blended learning approach, with some held face-to-face in school and others made available online.

For subjects with face-to-face lessons, students are expected to report to school from 7.30 am to 1.00 pm. The girls have been given their Head Start lesson schedules and are required to attend their scheduled lessons, engage actively in both online and in-person learning, and review the materials provided. Their participation and responsible completion of the programme will help them build confidence and establish a stronger foundation for Secondary 4 in 2027.

2. Year-End Holidays Essential Services

a. Bookshop Purchases

The 2027 Booklist is available on the school website (https://www.plmgss.moe.edu.sg/recent-news-and-announcements/plmgs-sec--booklist-for-2027/). Please download the relevant booklist from the links provided.

Walk-In Purchases

Walk-in purchase dates and timings for our School Bookshop are as follow:

DATE	DESCRIPTION
11 Nov - 8 Dec	Self-Collection for Online, Walk-In Purchase for Sec 2 - 5

18 - 11 Dec	Self-Collection for Online for Sec 1 Only
18 - 30 Dec	Walk-in Purchase for ALL levels

Weekdays 9.00am – 3pm; Saturdays 9am – 12pm; Sundays – closed

Please follow the dates and timings for your child's level closely to avoid long waiting times. Online ordering will be available on the vendor's website (https://www.pacificbookstores.com/) from 11 Nov 2026. Home delivery is available from $15.80 (depending on the number of items ordered), or you may opt for free self-collection at the School Bookshop on the specific dates provided when your order is ready.

b. School Uniform Purchases

In view of the ongoing warm weather and to ensure the comfort and well-being of our students, the school will continue with our dress-down policy into 2027. From Monday to Friday, students may wear dress-down attire, including a school-based t-shirt with skorts or pinafore. Full school uniform with the school tie will still be required on special occasions such as Founder's Day, Graduation Day, Class Photo-taking, and other formal events.

We would also like to remind parents to review your daughter's current uniform needs. Some students have outgrown their uniforms – particularly their skorts – and have been adjusting them during the school day due to discomfort. To ensure both comfort and a neat appearance, we encourage you to purchase any necessary new uniforms before the start of the new school year.

Walk-in purchases for 2026 Sec 2 to 5 girls are available at the supplier's outlet until 15 Dec 2026, after which the supplier will focus on serving incoming Sec 1 girls.

School Uniform Supplier Shirley Season Wear

Address: 7030 Ang Mo Kio Ave 5 #04-55 Northstar@AMK Singapore 569880

Tel: 6280 4917

Opening hours:

January to November
Mondays to Saturdays: 12:00pm to 6:00pm
(Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)

December
Mondays to Sundays: 12:00pm to 6:00pm
(Open Daily)

Online purchases are available at https://shirleyuni.com/. Home delivery is available at a cost of $9.

c. School Canteen Opening Hours

The school canteen will continue to operate during the O-Level examination period, up to 10 Nov. Stalls 1 and 2 – offering drinks, snacks, bread, and sandwiches – will be open from 7.30 am to 1.00 pm from 26 to 30 Oct to support students sitting the O-Level examinations, as well as those

returning to school for CCAs, remedial, and bridging programmes. Vending machines are also available for drinks and snacks.

d. Library Opening Hours

During the year-end school holidays, the School Library will be opened Mondays to Thursdays, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm and Fridays 8.00 am to 4.30 pm. Please note that the library will be closed during the lunch break from 12.00 noon to 1.00 pm.

Due to our librarian's annual leave and training, the library will be closed from 27 Nov to 16 Dec and 24 Dec.

e. General Office Opening Hours

During the year-end school holidays, the General Office will operate as follows:

- 26 Oct – 20 Nov & 14 Dec – 31 Dec: 7.30 am – 6.00 pm
    - Except 17 Nov: The General Office will be closed as all staff will be attending our Annual Staff Retreat. The school remains open with security guards on duty, and you may still reach us at 6281 6606.
- 23 Nov – 11 Dec: 8.00 am – 5.30 pm
    - Except 23 Nov: The General Office will close at 12.00 noon as office colleagues will be participating in an external learning journey. The school remains open with security guards on duty for the rest of the day, and you may still reach us at 6281 6606.

3. 2027 School Terms and Holidays

Please refer to the MOE website for 2027 School Terms and Holidays.
https://www.moe.gov.sg/news/press-releases/20260714-school-terms-and-holidays-for-2027

Our school's protected holiday periods for staff and students in 2027 are:

- March holidays: 13 – 21 Mar (*Girls involved in the 2027 National School Games and Singapore Youth Festival Arts Presentation may be required to attend additional practices during this period.)*
- June holidays: 29 May – 27 Jun
- Sept holidays: 4 – 12 Sep
- Nov/Dec holidays: 20 Nov onwards (tentative)

4. Highlights of Key School Events in Nov/Dec 2026 and Jan 2027

We look forward to the following key programmes and events. In particular, we would like to highlight the **PL(Sec) E-Open House on Saturday, 14 Nov, from 9.00 am to 10.30 am** – do spread the word to families who may be considering PLMGS for their daughters.

Dates	Key Events
4 – 6 Nov (Wed – Fri)	Mega Camp – PL Student Leadership Development Camp for Relevant Student Leaders
11 Nov (Wed)	Cambridge Dinner (for Sec 4 and 5)
14 Nov (Sat)	PL(Sec) e-Open House

24 – 26 Nov (Tue – Thurs)	(Tentative) Release of 2026 PSLE Results
17 or 18 Dec (Thurs or Fri)	(Tentative) Release of GCE N-Level Results
18 – 22 Dec (Fri – Tues)	(Tentative) Release of 2026 Sec 1 Posting Results
Next working day after the release of posting results	Sec 1 2027 Registration (online only) (More details will be released closer to this date. All purchases of school's supplies, briefing session etc. will be conducted online.)
24 – 25 Dec (Thurs – Fri)	**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day**
29 and 30 Dec (Tues and Wed)	2027 Sec 1 iDiscover Camp preparations
1 Jan 2027 (Fri)	**New Year's Day**
4 Jan 2027 (Mon)	2027 New Academic Year begins Principal's Welcome Assembly
4 – 6 Jan 2027 (Mon – Wed)	Start Right Programme for Sec 1 – 5 • 4 – 6 Jan: Sec 1 Orientation and iDiscover Camp (non-residential)
8 Jan 2027 (Fri)	2027 CCA Fair Sec 1 Meet-The-Parents Session / Camp Finale Night (6.00 pm – 8.30 pm)
8 – 11 Jan 2027 (Fri – Mon)	Exchange Programme and Visit by Kyung Hee Girls' High School (South Korea)
11 – 15 Jan 2027 (Mon – Fri)	(Tentative) Release of GCE O-Level Results
22 Jan 2027 (Fri)	Sec 3 and 4/5 Meet-The-Parents Session

For regular updates on school programmes and administrative matters, please visit our school website at http://plmgss.moe.edu.sg. You are also welcome to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest happenings in and around the school:
- https://www.facebook.com/PAYALEBARMGS/
- https://www.instagram.com/myplstory

5. Advice for Parents on Holistic Well-Being and Safety

Cyber Wellness and Mental Well-Being. The holidays are a good time to help your daughter navigate cyberspace safely and develop healthy habits around the use of computing devices. Parents may refer to the MindSG webpage (https://www.healthhub.sg/programmes/186/MindSG/Caring-For-Ourselves/Learning-About-Cyber-Wellness-Youths) for self-care tools and cyber wellness resources to support conversations with your daughter.

Crime Prevention, Vaping, and Drug Abuse. We also encourage parents to speak with your daughter about the importance of making responsible choices, staying vigilant against crime, and

understanding the harmful effects and consequences of vaping and drug abuse. Parents play a vital role in helping their children recognise risky situations, resist negative peer influences, and make informed decisions to keep themselves and others safe.

Relevant advisories on these topics will be shared directly with parents by MOE HQ through Parents Gateway. We encourage you to read through these advisories together with your daughter and reinforce the key messages during the holidays.