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PARENT INFORMATION LETTER 338, 2ND FEBRUARY 2018

Dear Parents,

As we approach the halfway mark of the academic year, it is significant to highlight the importance of road safety in and around our school. We do remind all of our community about this on a regular basis.

I would like to highlight this point again as rarely a week goes by without an intervention or an incident that occurs in or around the school. I had a safety conversation with a driver this week who was reversing over a crossing in school; potentially, a serious incident could have occurred. It is important that each of us play a role in ensuring we all stay safe.

We have procedures in place that aim to keep us safe. These have been established in consultation with several parent groups and HSSE. While we have general safety procedures, some things to consider as parents:

1. **Do not rush if you are running late, please always drive sensibly.**
2. **When parking and picking up children, always take the safe option, not the most convenient for you.**
3. **Always reverse park where directed.**
4. **Only park in designated areas.**

Many thanks to all parents who support us on a daily basis to help keep our whole community safe.

- Tim Robinson

Panaga School Planting Project



Thank you to the many families who contributed to the Panaga School Planting Project last week. More than 300 plants have become welcome additions to the flora right across Panaga School. A new garden bed has been established around the Rampayoh sandpit and several walkways and fence lines have been beautified. Most plants purchased are of benefit to the silver leaf monkeys (20 of whom sat in the trees beside the P2 building last weekend) and hornbills.



If, at any time, families would like to contribute plants that are suitable for children's playgrounds, please contact either your class teacher or a member of the school leadership team.

- Cindy Bin Tahal

Wildlife Warriors' Wonderful Mural Project

The week of Monday 22nd January saw a second fundraising event organised by the Wildlife Warriors, aka M1S and Mendaram. This time, we decided to design an 8ft by 4ft mural of two rhinoceros hornbills, one of the endangered species of Borneo. This idea began during a Student Council meeting and was suggested by Lucy Richmond from P7D. We asked Miss Steph's dad to come up with a design which we then projected onto a very big piece of plywood. This was made into a huge 'colour by

numbers' project and cut into 288 10cm by 10cm pieces. The pieces were distributed equally over the four school sites: Mendaram, Rampayoh, Teraja and Melilas, and all 288 pieces were painted perfectly within two days by children aged from 2 years to 13 years.

We managed to complete the mural by Friday 26th January, in time for Hornbill Day. We raised a total of 1650 BND from the mural project and are one step closer to our target of 5000 BND.

We would like to thank everybody for their support and contributions. We would like to say a special thank you to Sarah Collicutt, Elise Philimon, Alessandro Loi and Anna Luiza Berredo for all of their hours spent assisting the children with painting and assembling the mural. Also, thanks to Simon Perry for transporting the mural and Karl Clarke for cutting the mural.

- The Wildlife Warriors



Spot the difference!



Panaga School Student Council's Visit to Hornbill School's Recycling Garden

On Tuesday 30th January, Mr Neil and Mr Andy accompanied six members of our Student Council on a visit to Hornbill School. As soon we arrived, we were welcomed very politely. We paired up with their Student Eco Team and they showed us around their school. Then, we took a closer look at their Recycling Garden, fish pond and small orchard. They reused baths, toilets, and containers and recycled them into plant holders. The Eco Team students were growing onions, peppers, chillies, flowers and even mint leaves. They are truly imaginative. We have brought back many creative ideas to make our own Panaga Recycling Garden. We will present our findings to P6 soon.



- Aishwarya (P7S Student Councillor)

Guest Speakers Visit P4

Miss Marie (a nurse) talked to the children in P4 about hidden sugar, especially in drinks. The children looked at various common drinks and calculated how many lumps of sugar were in them. We were horrified to see how much sugar was in Coke, orange juice, Milo and other popular drinks. Did you know Coke has the equivalent of 8 lumps of sugar in it?

Dr Padma, and her dental team, also visited P4 to talk about teeth, their functions and how we can look after them. The children were shown how to brush their teeth properly and how to floss between teeth and were further educated on the importance of a healthy diet. Every child was given a magic toothbrush and a sticker.

Thank you Miss Marie and Dr Padma for supporting the health of all in P4.

- The P4 Team



Panaga Football Tournament

The annual Panaga Football Tournament takes place on **Sunday 11th February**. Many parents have volunteered in coaching and refereeing capacities on the day. Many thanks for your support! A reminder to **all parents** who are helping out to **meet at the Padang at 7.30am** where **coaches** will meet their teams and **referees** will receive a briefing at the pavilion. **Students should also assemble at 7.30am**.

Good luck to all of our teams involved.

- Nathan Edwards and Andy Vele

Panaga School DE Supports Safer Internet Day

At Panaga School, teaching children to be safe online is just as important as every other area of school safety. It is a core learning focus in every Digital Education (DE) lesson. Next Tuesday 6th February marks a “global initiative to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people”: Safer Internet Day. All next week in DE, children will take part in activities specific to this theme to spread awareness of the importance of online safety.

[Click here for more information on Safer Internet Day and for some online safety tips for children at school and at home.](#)

For further online safety information, visit:

esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent/staying-safe/social-networking/is-there-an-age-limit-for-kids-on-social-media and fleetdown.kent.sch.uk/keeping-children-safe/.

- Damian Brady and Neil Lynch



Safer Internet Day 2018
Tuesday 6 February

Updated 2017-2018 Panaga School Calendar

Please be aware that some previously gazetted Public Holidays in Brunei have changed dates since the [2017-2018 Panaga School Calendar](#) was first published. The [updated, downloadable calendar](#) on the Panaga School website now reflects these changes. [Please click](#)

[here](#) to access the calendar as a Word document.

PANAGA SCHOOL ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018										
	PUPIL DAYS					CPD & TEACHER PREPARATION DAYS				
	PUBLIC HOLIDAY *Are subject to change					SCHOOL HOLIDAY				
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New 2018-2019 Panaga School Calendar

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All holiday dates can change at short notice, if we are directed to do so by the Ministry of Education.

School calendar formulated to accommodate national holidays and incidental day closures.

Please click [here](#) to access the new 2018-19 Panaga School Calendar. Also available for viewing below this year's updated calendar on the school website. A Word version is also available by clicking [here](#).

Again, please be aware that dates can change at short notice, as we are publishing our calendar well in advance of the BSP calendar for 2019.

This year, several Public Holiday dates have changed and this is likely to occur as well next year.

Residential Trips

Please note that Residential Trips are an integral part of our school curriculum. We encourage all children to attend them as they play an important part of their developmental process. Our Residential Trips programme enables children to be

prepared for many facets of life which we are unable to replicate in a classroom. Eventually, when they attend secondary school, children will be able to use skills acquired on our trips to participate in such programmes as the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme. All of these additional activities certainly add to a student's life experiences. If your child does not attend the Residential Trips, school policy is that students must remain at home that week as we do not have additional staff to provide classes for them.

- Tim Robinson

Oz - Panaga School's Musical Spectacular, Wednesday 7th March 2018

The venue for Oz is now the Grand Ballroom of Pusat Insani, Seria. After much research, the move to this venue will enable an art exhibition, ample holding rooms with live television feeds of the performance to students back stage, catering for guests on arrival, and at intermission, most importantly, a professional venue for our students to have an experience of professional performing arts.

We thank our parent community for their continued support as we work towards presenting this anticipated event to showcase our evolving Panaga School Performing Arts Department.

Parents, please keep abreast of all Oz The Musical information that is being sent to you via email.

- Cindy Bin Tahal and Sam Abernethy



SAVE THE DATE:

Saturday 3rd March 2018: FESTIVAL@49

2:30-5:30pm (FAMILY EVENT): FREE and Open to Everyone. Be there and help make it perfect by volunteering on a stall. Featuring: Carnival Activities - Live Music & Performances - Food Stalls - Arts & Crafts Stalls - Bouncy Castle - Face Painting.

Games will include favourites such as: 'Splat the Rat', 'Hook a Duck', 'Coconut Shy' and many others.

Contact: bruneibritsfestival@gmail.com to volunteer and for more information on this and other **FESTIVAL@49** events on Saturday 3rd March.

- The Brunei Brits Committee

Sports Training

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Sports Training
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