

Panaga School Newsletter

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Message from the Principal



Dear All,
 Happy New Year! And welcome to the first Panaga Colour Newsletter for 2011. I am pleased to report that the children have made an excellent start to the year, with great learning going on across the year groups. Already in Term 2 we have enjoyed a fantastic new themed event – ‘Art Day’, which saw the children engaging in a wide range of creative activities. Class benches and canvases decorated in the styles of famous artists, together with wonderful murals on school walls, reflect a day enjoyed by all. Soon, the year groups will join again to take part in ‘Book Day’, with a different approach to this established school event. One month into the year and Panaga children have also made their mark in the sporting arena. A large number took part in the recent JIS Swimming Gala in Bandar.

The children were excellent ambassadors for Panaga in this inter-school competition and came away with a clutch of medals and great memories. A visitor to Panaga last week commented on how *friendly, calm* and *industrious* the school is, how the children clearly enjoy their learning. Interestingly, 2011 is the Chinese ‘Year of the Rabbit’. In Chinese culture, the rabbit symbolises these very qualities of friendship, peacefulness and hard-work! Other traits of the rabbit include: kindness, diplomacy, enthusiasm, a love of art and a careful, focused approach to achieving objectives. I am sure we would all agree that these too are characteristics of our children in their daily work and play. We can, then, look forward to a very successful 2011! Gong Xi Fa Cai! With kind regards, Richard White

Panaga Swims Gallantly at JIS



Our winners are grinners!

A whopping 31 children represented Panaga School at the Jerudong International School (JIS) Swimming Gala, held on Sunday 16th January, 2011.



For all children present, their spirit of participation was outstanding. Many records were broken and personal bests set.



Standout performances of the day included the under 11 girls relay team who swam in the under 13 competition and took out silver and the under 9 boys who swam in the under 11 relay, taking a bronze medal.



According to Panaga Head Swimming

Coach, Mr Paul Rigney, “Panaga School performed very well especially considering many children were swimming against kids from high schools.”



“Thanks to all the parents for attending, particularly Holly Wagner for marshalling the relays and the two (other) Pauls, Messrs Deelen and Creaton, for their attendance and support,” furthered Coach Paul, who himself continually gives his all to help Panaga School swimmers achieve their best.

By Damian Brady



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Quote for the month:

“There are three ways to learn art: Study life, people and nature. Study the great painters. Paint.”

- Irwin Greenberg

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How great our art



If the adage, “A picture tells a thousand words,” rings true then scenes from Panaga School’s Art Day, held on Wednesday 26th January, 2011, speak volumes of how successful and fun the day was.

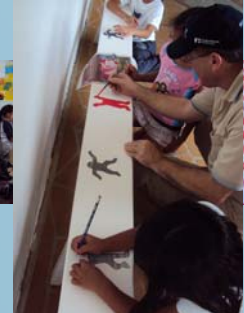
And hence, there is little need for a long tale of its progress. marvellous attributes other than to say the paintings and artwork of all the children from Nursery to P8 are outstanding, including the fabulous murals in front of the school and the newly-designed

benches, which are still a work in progress. Thank you to the many parents for helping the day become such an exciting event. Plus to the teachers, particularly the Art Team comprising of Miss Vanessa,

Miss Perminder, Miss Saskia and Miss Nikki, who spent hours planning the day’s activities. Many of which reflected the works of famous artists including: Van Gogh, Karel Appel, Mondriaan, Kandinsky, Ramsay

Ong, Klimt and more. Mr Philip, whose class studied the works of Jackson Pollock, said IP2P, “Made a splash with our paintings. However, it nearly sent me ‘dotty’ as we all got covered in paint.”

One could guess many parents across the school easily spotted such paint marks all over their children’s arms and legs when they got home. Was body art criticism set for home learning? Ok, enough said.
By Damian Brady



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NEWS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL, PARENT TEACHER PANEL AND SCHOOL BOARD



More than a just a drop of goodwill

On the Thursday 2nd December, 2010, the children on both school sites took part in fund raising 'Coin Drop'.

On the Teraja site the children covered most of the countries on the large world map, while the children on the Rampoyah site covered their undercover play area.

At a recent PTP meeting Deborah Johnson, the chair of the

committee, announced that the children had raised a significant amount of money. A staggering \$1361 was raised by our families. These monies are to be donated to people in need in Indonesia and Pakistan affected by the recent floodings.

Many thanks to all the students who participated, the staff who helped protect the coins during break, the local Baiduri bank



Dropping coins in the name of charity



Covering the play area

staff for counting the coins and of course to the PTP for organising the event.

**By Paul Moffett
Student Council Coordinator**

Pyjama Day - a fun way to help those in need

Last Thursday 20th January, 2011, the Teraja Student Council encouraged staff, children and parents to wear their pyjamas to school and bring in money to raise funds for the flood victims of Brazil and Queensland, Australia.

Showing their excellent spirit, many did. Check out these sensational twilight/early morning fashions! (See right.)

In all, a massive \$603.95 was raised. This money, donated by the Panaga School community, will be split equally between the two flood regions.

According to Miss Sam Egan, Teraja Student Council Coordinator, the day was not like any other.

"The day was a lot of fun, however, it was really difficult to wake up and not have to get dressed for work. I wish we could have Pyjama Day more often. I am really proud of the everyone's contributions," she said.

Both the people of Brazil and Queensland (plus many other parts of Australia) are still in the lengthy process of mopping up and rebuilding their lives after these devastating experiences. Donations such as ours will go a long way to support the many families in need.

In Panaga, let's hope the fine weather we have recently experienced continues, as recent flooding has caused damage and havoc to many people here too and right across Brunei.

By Damian Brady



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P3 peer into the future

For P3's Entry Point the children came to school dressed in grown up work clothes. This was for the IPC Topic: 'The Things People Do'.

We did... interviewing for jobs, were taught by teachers, caught burglars, watched artists, put out fires, saw a magic show and many other things.

Could a famous movie star have an accident while watching a magic show and then be treated by a vet?

The world of work seems fun!

By Mr Andy W



We treasured IP4S's assembly

Last Friday, 14th January 2011, IP4S performed their class assembly in Teraja Hall on the theme of *Treasure*.



The assembly started with an entertaining slide show which put across the idea that treasure is not just about gold, silver and jewels. In fact, treasure can be anything of value in terms of love, sentimentality, familiarity or age as well as items that have monetary value.



Next in the assembly was the reading of a poem about how we treasure our friends.



Finally, the children performed their own rap about treasure and pirates.



This was a great way to end the IPC unit.

By Mr Simon

A Friend is a Treasure

A friend is someone we turn to,
when our spirits need a lift.
A friend is someone we treasure,
for our friendship is a gift.
A friend is someone who fills our lives,
with beauty, joy and grace.
And make the world we live in,
a better and happier place.

Farewell Miss Amoy and best wishes

We were sad to farewell from the Teraja office, Ramziyah Noor (Miss Amoy) last Friday 21st January, 2011.

Miss Amoy, who joined Panaga in 2007, has been a key part of the efficient running of the school administration.

Always positive and helpful, she will be greatly missed by the children, staff and parents of Panaga School. We wish every happiness and success in her two new roles: as first mum (in early July!) and as a translator at the Government Survey Department in Bandar.

By Richard White
Principal

