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Panaga School Newsletter

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Message from
the Head of the
International
Stream

Although there are many weeks left in the school year there aren't many months, so this is my last Newsletter message of the 2008/2009 academic year.

I would like to wish Primary 8 the very best of luck on the next stage of their learning journey. They will still face many new challenges but they go well equipped to meet those challenges and realise their true potential.

I would like to take this opportunity, personally, to thank all the parents who have contributed to the school this year, especially those that have given up their time supporting the children in a variety of ways throughout the school. Parent partnerships and parental support is an important factor in the pursuit of excellence for Panaga School. Your views, opinions and ideas on aspects of school life are an extremely valuable tool for us to use in the process of school improvement, shaping the future development of the school. This is the rationale behind the recent Parent Questionnaire. We are committed to providing the best possible education now and in the future for all children at Panaga School.

I hope the children have enjoyed the school year as much as I have, I can't quite believe we have only one half term left to go....time flies when you are having fun!

Regards,

Craig Heaton

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Red Hot Car Boot Sale - A Success

On Saturday, 23rd May, 2009, in blistering heat, several students, staff and parents were involved in a car boot sale at the main Panaga School car park.

The Teraja and Rampayoh Student Councillors were the main organisers of the day and managed to raise \$289 and \$150 respectively. The Rampayoh Councillors' money will be donated to the Penan tribe and Teraja's money will be spent on school equipment.



Miss Linda Brittingham and Miss Karen Donaldson had a stall as well to further the excellent money raised in last week's P5 Cake sale for the Tabitha House Building Project in Cambodia. (See article on page 2.)

P8 were also in attendance on the day and raised a whopping \$410 to go towards their graduation.

According to Miss Helen, the heat had plenty to do with their success. "They had a monopoly on the beverages.

They sold a total of 104 ice cups!" she said.



The sale, which ran from 8am to 12pm, was a great excuse for many families to clean out their wardrobes and for some who are leaving soon, including Mr Hotze and Miss Mieke, to lighten their suitcases.

Panaga School Principal, Mr Richard, summed up the day's success: "I look forward to holding the sale again next year. It is good for community spirit," he said.



Many thanks on behalf of all parties concerned for your stalls, attendance and purchases. Perhaps we will see many more second hand items and the reappearance of a few bought on Saturday, next year.

What else have P8 been up to?

In order for the P8's to be able to afford their Graduation dinner they have to earn some money!

P8 carried out their first Car Wash last week raising \$147! That should cover the starter then!



Come on Branson, get soaping...



This is a big car!



Car number 10, that's \$50. Phew, my parents can eat!

P8 will hold their second car wash on Friday 12th June.

Find them in the covered carport outside the P8 classroom. The hoses might have a better chance of reaching!

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." - Sydney J Harris



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Primary One IPC Unit: Shopping

As the Entry Point for our IPC unit, "Shopping", the Primary One children and a lot of keen volunteers made an early morning visit to the Tamu Market in Seria. We looked around the stalls and decided whether to spend our two dollars on fruit, vegetables, flowers or a bag.



Many thanks also to the parents who came on our visit to Soon Lee supermarket. We had a lot of fun looking round the departments before choosing what to buy.



For our Exit Point, we invited our parents in to our Class Shop. They brought a lot of small change with them and bought the things we have been making in class. We raised 402.55 BND which will be given to a local charity. We have had a lot of fun learning all about shopping! **Miss Liza**



P5 Cake Sale

The P5 classes held a cake sale on Friday 8th May. The sale was in aid of The Tabitha House Building Project who are a non-profit organization working in Cambodia.

Two of our families, the Donaldsons and the Brittinghams are heading to Cambodia in October 2009 to help the organisation to construct 4 houses and a water well for some Khmer people. The Khmer families that have been chosen represent the poorest in their communities as well as being role models for their courage and faith in their own ability to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. During the Pol Pot era, Khmer people were made to feel that they were of no value. By helping them to rebuild their lives, overseas volunteers are helping them to believe in their own value.

The \$360 raised by the cake sale represents the walls, nails, nuts and bolts needed for 2 of the houses.

A REALLY BIG THANK YOU to all those parents that provided cakes and all of those children that bought cakes at break times. **Miss Alison**



Photos courtesy of the Tabitha Foundation

LITTLE TREASURES

DPN/1A had their Entry Point for the topic "Treasure" in the second week of this term.



*Left:
Tycho Wetzels*



*Right:
All Aboard!*

All the children came dressed as pirates and they had to go on a treasure hunt looking for pirate puzzle pieces. It was lots of fun! **Miss Atsje**



*Left:
Roos van Duin
en Merlijn
Aarts*



*Right:
Quinten
Jansen*