



PARENT INFORMATION LETTER 330, 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents,

It was encouraging to see so many parents attend the 'Meet the Teacher' evenings recently across the school. As mentioned throughout, it is important for all parents to be a part of the learning process and to understand the changing face of modern education. Education today is of course significantly different to what we received when we attended school. All professions develop and evolve as the world changes. We are constantly evaluating our own performance to prepare children to be active participants in the 21st century.

We also ensure that we are audited on a regular basis. This is carried out by external consultants who visit the school and provide feedback on several areas of learning. We have visits planned in the next few weeks; consultants from Fieldwork Education will be here to work with us on various aspects of our school development.

We look forward to our whole community supporting the Car Free Day next Wednesday 20th September.

Yearbooks

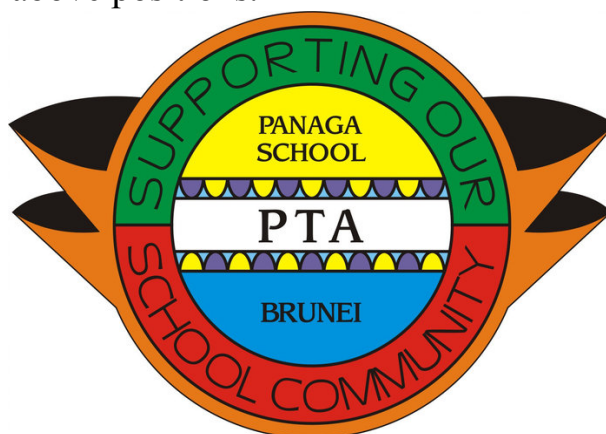
As previously advised, all Yearbooks ordered last school year but not paid for have now been offered for re-sale for \$14 each. Meaning, we still have a few books left if you'd like to buy a copy or an extra copy for a family member. If you have already

paid for a Yearbook but are still to collect it, your books have been kept aside for when you are ready to pick them up. Come to either school office today to purchase a Yearbook, while final stocks last.



PTA AGM

This will take place on Tuesday 19th September in the Teraja staff room at 6pm. All are welcome to attend! We are looking to elect parents to several new roles, including: Chair of the PTA and Parent Rep on the Panaga School Board. Please speak to a member of the school's Senior Leadership Team if you are interested in any of the above positions.



School Website: [panagaschool.com](http://www.panagaschool.com)
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To provide our families with greater access to relevant information, we have launched a new look website this academic year. This update is in response to last year's school survey where some parents expressed a desire for more information, but fewer emails.

Also, that some parents were unsure about the breadth of the curriculum our students experience.

Acting upon this, we have redesigned the website to include many new features. You can now find school policies, updated year group curriculum outlines, relevant educational information about different areas of the school and up-to-date information on events. An additional benefit is the speed at which we can add new features and information. We appreciate your feedback on further information you would like included. Please email Andy Winder with any suggestions:

andrewwinder@panagaschool.com (mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com).

Another exciting new feature is the Pupil Portal. The Pupil Portal is now live and updated each Monday. Both weekly targets and year group home learning are posted here. Each year group has their own page which includes a parent calendar, optional home learning tasks to engage both you and your children in school learning and website links to current class learning. For parents, the Pupil Portal means fewer emails. For the environment, it means less paper used across school. And for learning, everything you and your children need to know appears all in one place.



International School Assessment (ISA)

ISA is an external assessment programme, used in all Shell Schools, which compares us to other schools around the world. ISA is taken by students from P5 upwards. To help understand the process, we will be hosting a **'New to ISA' parent meeting on Tuesday 19th September at 5pm in the Teraja Hall**. (This information has already been added to the [parent calendar on the school website](https://www.panagaschool.com/calendar) (<https://www.panagaschool.com/calendar>)). Parents of children that have not been part of the ISA process are invited to attend. ISAs will take place the week beginning October 2nd.

ISA

International Schools' Assessment

(<https://www.acer.org/isa>)

Melilas

Many thanks to all who attended the Melilas parents evening last week. We have received positive feedback from parents about several areas of our new Middle Years programme. Thanks for your questions too which help us all with the process.

Thanks to all Melilas students as well who are equally involved in making this a success. It is positive to see them in their Melilas school uniform, thanks again to parents for supporting this.

Finally, thank you to the Melilas teaching team for starting the school year in such a positive manner. The concept of Middle Years is something we have worked considerably on over the last year. It is promising to see it has begun so well.

Please keep communicating your thoughts on Melilas with us.

Locked Bikes

We have just counted 19 unlocked student bikes at the front of the school, periodically bikes are taken from school, can you please ensure that children lock bikes before they enter school. Thanks for your support.



Social Media Use

Social media impacts many of our lives and may be a useful tool in supporting school communication. Can we please ask all parents to ensure that social media is used in a responsible manner. We are aware that Parent Reps use social media to communicate event information to class groups and that this may be a convenient way to pass on such messages. However, if you wish to discuss specific teaching and learning, please speak to class teachers or a member of SLT and avoid such discussions via social media. We are more than willing to speak with you in person. Many thanks for your support.

Digital Diary

The latest Digital Diary entry features a parents' guide to video games. Even if you never intend to play a game in your life, you should probably know about them – if only to understand what it is that drags other people in. [Click here for more information \(https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?](https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fsites.google.com%2Fpanagaschool.net%2Fdigitaldiary%2Fhome&data=01%7C01%7CTim.Robinson%40shell.com%7C9f2e6e9bb62c4486d47c08d4f97e42d4%7Cdb1e96a8a3da442a930b235cac24cd5c%7C0&sdata=RdJ7BdJ2%2BZtUIt4wDopC0AB1D57Y60McmqnoE%2FK%2Bjak%3D&reserved=0)

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End of the School Day

A reminder that Teraja finishes at 2.20pm (12.00pm on Fridays) and we anticipate that children vacate the site when they are dismissed from class. Several children have recently remained on the school site waiting for siblings from M1 and M2, we are unable to ensure the children are safe during this period. Many thanks for your support in keeping our school a safe one.

Car Free Day

On Wednesday 20th September 2017, M2 will be organising a Car Free Day for Panaga School! We encourage you to participate in our attempt to significantly reduce the number of cars travelling into both sites of our school. Not only will you help the environment, you will help to make accessing our school safer for everyone - the fewer the cars, the fewer the accidents! So, kindly leave your car at home on Wednesday 20th September. Walk or cycle to school and improve your fitness, car pool and practise your karaoke skills. Or if you have to drive, try parking away from school, perhaps at the Panaga Club, and enjoying a short walk into school! As the year progresses, there will be prizes for the classes that provide the most support for our community and environmental projects. Help your child's class to win! - Rashi and the M2 students

N.B. If you normally travel to school in a car, please ensure the that route you will walk or cycle on is a safe one. Please discuss with your children the new route they may take.

PE Kit

A reminder to students and parents of the correct kit for PE. Students should wear a sports T-shirt and shorts or tracksuit bottoms along with appropriate trainers. Students in Middle School should wear the Middle School PE shirt when it becomes available. All children should bring a hat and full water bottle to every lesson. Boys and girls should not wear jewellery, including rings and necklaces, however, small studded earrings are permitted. Unfortunately, students who wear kit that may be unsafe for use will not be allowed to actively participate.

Scenes from today's Brunei FA coaching session:





For **Upcoming Events**,
click on the link below:

Calendar Dates
(<https://www.panagaschool.com/calendar>)



[Click here for next fortnight's](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPaEdTS8ZmOqt5TctRsVVMpN4JMiDNjt17i3Sq16fRg/edit#gid=0)

(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPaEdTS8ZmOqt5TctRsVVMpN4JMiDNjt17i3Sq16fRg/edit#gid=0>)

Sports Training Schedule

(<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPaEdTS8ZmOqt5TctRsVVMpN4JMiDNjt17i3Sq16fRg/edit#gid=0>).

To sign your child up to an

After School Activity, click:

Here for P2-P3 ASAs ([https://www.google.com/url?](https://www.google.com/url?hl=en&q=https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKvsXjhlui1nrrhbUZMIVxpQqxCJRdaeZDZ9ZC2afqNx1LuA/viewform&source=gmail&ust=1)

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