

# Panaga School

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## Parent Information Letter; Issue 307

Friday 21st January 2017

Dear Parents,

Feedback from all stakeholders is an essential part of our strategic planning. We take note of responses from parents to investigate and explore how we can provide a better level of service. Over the last few years, we have had feedback linked to assessments/reporting and Mother Tongue programmes.

We have addressed both of these and now have an established Mother Tongue programme in school that offers several languages. We will shortly be commencing Mandarin Mother Tongue classes. We are also developing our reporting and assessment programmes.

To collect opinions, we provide annually a questionnaire for parents and students. Can we please request that you complete this questionnaire in the next few weeks.

Many thanks for your support.

To open the questionnaire, please click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Panagaparents2017>

The password is: **SchoolQ**

### Inter-School Cross Country

Over 100 students competed at yesterday morning's Inter-School Cross Country meet, held on the Padang. Students ran between 2.5km and 3.5km in testing conditions, in an effort to win gold, silver or bronze. Every student that competed showed tremendous character and resilience and it was pleasing to see that no student gave up – all children completed the course.

There were 24 medals up for grabs and Panaga School managed to win 13 of these. Special mentions go to Mylene from P7, Uthman and Oihana from P6 and Sanzhar from P5, who all picked up gold medals. Harton from P8 fell just outside one of the age groups, however, ran impressively to win his race.

Thank you to all staff and parents that supported the event yesterday.

### Sports Training

The schedule for sports training **next week** is:

Sport	Year Group	Where	Time
Boys Football trials	P5-P7	Teraja field	Monday 2.30-3.15pm
Girls Football trials	P5-P7	Teraja field	Tuesday 2.30-3.15pm

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## **Panaga School PTA Carnival, Saturday 4th February**

More than 200 tickets have already been sold for the PTA Carnival, taking place on Saturday 4th February, from 3pm until 6pm, at Teraja. The afternoon is shaping up to be a sensational event with live entertainment centre stage, games, food, a silent auction, face painting, street performers and a toddlers area.

### **ENTERTAINMENT:**

Panaga School Choir, Casual Ceilidh Band, Durian Durian Band, Hip Hop dancing, Cheerleaders, Panaga's Got Talent Finalists and a long list of street theatre performers busking.

### **GAMES:**

Monster Lucky Dip, Bottle Ring Toss, Beat the Goalie, Lollie Tower, Golf, Fishing Game and Splat a Rat. Face Painting and a Silent Auction will also take place.

### **TICKETS SALES:**

**Monday 23/1/17** - Rampayoh: 7.20am - 7.50am & 1.45pm - 2.15pm

**Tuesday 24/1/17** - Panaga Club: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

**Wednesday 25/1/17** - Rampayoh: 7.20am - 7.50am & 1.45pm - 2.15pm; Mendaram: 11.15am - 11.45am, Teraja 7.15am - 7.45am & 2pm - 2.30pm

**Thursday 26/1/17** - Rampayoh: 7.20am - 7.50am; Mendaram: 11.15am - 11.45am, Teraja 2pm - 2.30pm  
Panaga Club 3.30pm - 5pm

***Tickets are \$5 per person (over 3 years of age) and include a bottle of water and food item (hot chips, burger or hot dog). This is an early bird rate. From Thursday 26/1/17, tickets will be \$10.***

### **SCHOOL CARNIVAL JOB ROSTER:**

Roll up, roll up, we need your assistance! This week, a Google Doc will be emailed to all families (the same system that we use for our Parent Teacher Consultations). This is one continuous document, showing all of the job rosters required for our School Carnival. Please take a moment to open this document and sign up for whatever you can offer to assist with the running of this event.

### **WIN A CLASS PIZZA PARTY - DONATE TO THE SILENT AUCTION:**

Thank you for the many donations that are coming in from students towards the Silent Auction. The PTA Carnival Organising Committee will look at all of the donations from classes on Tuesday 24/1/17 to determine which class will be awarded a pizza party on Thursday 26/1/17. The organising committee, when making this judgment call, will take into consideration both class student numbers and the value of donations. Donations represent one class only (these cannot be divided between siblings).

**School Carnival funds aim to purchase: play equipment, a rock climbing wall, a green house, garden seating, a reading shed, landscaping, and shade structures for the benefit of all Panaga students.**

**Thank you for your support.**

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## Cent Challenge

On Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February, the Student Council are hosting a Cent Challenge. In a Cent Challenge, groups compete to win a fundraising competition. Each group has a bucket for collecting coins or dollar bills. This will be a house competition on Teraja (P4-P8). Each house can earn points or have points taken off them depending on the type of coin/note.

1 cent coins earn 1 point, \$1 = +100 points, \$5 = +500 points, \$10 = +1000 points, \$20 = +2000 points. Whereas silver coins strategically dropped into rival house pots can subtract points from that team: 5 cents = -5 points, 10 cents = -10 points, 20 cents = -15 points, 50 cents = -20 points.

The Student Council would like to donate money raised towards playground equipment and activities. Students and staff are encouraged to wear their house colours on either of the two days to show their support. The house with the most points will win the prize of doubling their house points for that week!

## New cycle paths

You will have noticed that some new cycle paths have recently opened around the school. The one closest to Teraja (F5) however is currently closed as we are still discussing traffic flow patterns in the school environment. Both Panaga parents and HSE are involved in these discussions. We will have this crossing fully operational once we have resolved all current issues.

**Can we please remind all cycle users that the crossings we encourage you to use are the ones by the Jungle House, in front of the Teraja campus and the newly-opened crossing in F6, Simpang 405. Crossing the main road at the roundabout by Rampayoh and Mendaram is not favourable from a HSE perspective.**

## Drop off zone - Teraja

A reminder to all parents: the area by the P8 classroom **is not** a drop off zone, at any time.

The two Teraja drop off zones are:

1. The main entrance to the school and
2. The area between P6 and the Learning Centre/Library.

Please only drop off children in these areas. Those who continue to drop off children in non-designated areas are setting negative standards that others may follow. Please support the school by making a safe choice and not just taking the quick option.



## Pick up times - Friday

Can we please request that parents collect students promptly each Friday? School is closed between 12pm and 2pm in accordance to Brunei law. We would greatly appreciate it if we could all vacate school on time. Many thanks for your support.

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## International Day

International Day this year will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March and we would once again like to make it a vibrant and exciting opportunity for the children to learn about the many cultures and nationalities we have represented in the school. We will keep you posted on how you can be involved.

## Science Fair

Back by popular demand, the PTA Science Fair will be held again this year! Save Saturday 15th April as the date! Expressions of interest and details will be available at the PTA stall during the upcoming Panaga School Carnival.

## Calendar dates

### January

**26:** Parent Information Session (7.30am) – Reporting Children's Progress (Tapestry, Reports, ISAs)

**27-31:** School closed for Chinese New Year

**26:** ASAs cancelled

### February

**4:** Panaga School PTA Carnival

**21:** P8/9 Parents Meeting

**23:** School closed for Brunei National Day

**26:** Panaga School Football Tournament

### March

**9:** International Day

**17:** Term 2 ends

### April

**3:** Term 3 commences

**15:** PTA Science Fair



## Parent Information Session – Student Reporting

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Rampayoh Hall

In line with the National Curriculum of England, changes have been made to this year's student reports for P2 to P8. In addition, we are using new technology in Pre Nursery and Nursery with a program called Tapestry. Tapestry enables greater links between home and school and will result in modifications to reporting from this academic year for Pre Nursery and Nursery. P1 student reports will remain unchanged this academic year.

This Parent Information Session is designed to inform parents of changes to student reporting, as well as provide information about ISAs. ISAs assessment takes place in October each year for students in P5 to P8. This assessment, "International Schools Assessment" is the assessment of choice for Shell Schools globally, providing a comparable of student and school performance from numerous international schools, providing teaching and learning in English instruction.

Time	Topic
<b>8:00am – 8:25am</b>	<b>Pre Nursery and Nursery</b> Parents will be presented with an information session about Tapestry, an online learning journal that shares photos, videos and teacher observations with families through a secure, online forum. Tapestry is an interactive program.
<b>8:30am – 8:55am</b>	<b>P2 to P8 Student Reporting Changes</b> This year, in line with the National Curriculum of England, student reports will change. During this session, parents will hear about changes to the National Curriculum that are currently impacting student reporting. The planned transition of student reports will be presented.
<b>9:00am – 9:30am</b>	<b>International Schools Assessment (ISAs)</b> In October P5 to P8 students participated in ISAs tests. This session will provide parents with an overview of the schools results. It will also inform parents of how to interpret their child's ISA report which they will receive with their school report in February.

Please see a member of the school leadership team if you wish to discuss any of this information further.



# Safie of the week

## 20/01/17



## Safie of the Week:

This week Abigail Mennie from P2E was cycling safely to Panaga Club with her mum. She was wearing her helmet correctly and had her hands firmly on the handlebars. Well done for staying safe!



Please send in a *Safie* photo of someone practising a safe act either at school or in the community. This could be wearing a helmet, seatbelt, crossing the road safely or parking in designated places. Please make sure that the person is aware of you photographing this positive act as it will be featured in our weekly newsletter. Please note the new email address for photo submission:

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