

# Panaga School

HRF/4, BSP Company Sdn Bhd, Seria, KB 3534, Negara Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (+673) 3375728/3372139 Teraja/Melilas, 3372694 Mendaram/Rampayoh

Principal: Tim Robinson 3372355/ 8777271 email: [tim.robinson@shell.com](mailto:tim.robinson@shell.com)

Headteacher Mendaram/Rampayoh: Cindy Bin Tahal 8777028 email: [cindybintahal@panagaschool.com](mailto:cindybintahal@panagaschool.com)

Headteacher Teraja/Melilas: Andy Winder 3372404 email: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com)

Senior Admin Support: Jalinah Bte Ali 3375728 email: [jalinah.ali@shell.com](mailto:jalinah.ali@shell.com)

Admin Support Rampayoh/Mendaram: Zurimah Bte Jumat email: [z.jumat@shell.com](mailto:z.jumat@shell.com)

Admin Support Teraja/Melilas: Hasmah Bte Hj Salleh: [hasmah.salleh@shell.com](mailto:hasmah.salleh@shell.com)



## Parent Information Letter; Issue 329

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the start of a new academic year. To all families who have recently joined our community, we hope you settle into Panaga quickly and enjoy all the positive aspects of living in Brunei.

The start of a term is always busy, especially for new families. Many thanks to all of you who are supporting our new families while they settle down in Panaga.

**Please note that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September is a Public Holiday and the school will be closed.**

**This is the last Parent Information Letter that will be emailed to you. Future Parent Information Letters will appear on the school website: [panagaschool.com](http://panagaschool.com).**

**In response to parent feedback, the Parent Information Letter will now be produced fortnightly.**

### New teachers

We are pleased to announce that all of our new teachers and their families arrived in Panaga before the start of term and are settling into their professional and personal lives. We have 11 new teachers this year. More details on our new teachers will be in the next school magazine. Many thanks to our HR team for their support in this process.

### School website: [panagaschool.com](http://panagaschool.com)

To provide our families with greater access to relevant information, we are launching 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 now add features and information. We would therefore appreciate feedback on the information you would like included. Please email Andy Winder: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com), with your suggestions.

Another exciting new feature is the Pupil Portal. The Pupil Portal will go live on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Both weekly targets and year group home learning will be posted here. Each year group will have their own page, updated weekly. It will include 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 will mean fewer emails. For the environment, it will mean less paper used across school. And for learning, everything you and your children need to know will appear all in one place. More information on the Pupil Portal will be presented at the "Meet the Teacher" events across school (see dates and times below).

# Panaga School

HRF/4, BSP Company Sdn Bhd, Seria, KB 3534, Negara Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (+673) 3375728/3372139 Teraja/Melilas, 3372694 Mendaram/Rampayoh

Principal: Tim Robinson 3372355/ 8777271 email: [tim.robinson@shell.com](mailto:tim.robinson@shell.com)

Headteacher Mendaram/Rampayoh: Cindy Bin Tahal 8777028 email: [cindybintahal@panagaschool.com](mailto:cindybintahal@panagaschool.com)

Headteacher Teraja/Melilas: Andy Winder 3372404 email: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com)

Senior Admin Support: Jalinah Bte Ali 3375728 email: [jalinah.ali@shell.com](mailto:jalinah.ali@shell.com)

Admin Support Rampayoh/Mendaram: Zurimah Bte Jumat email: [z.jumat@shell.com](mailto:z.jumat@shell.com)

Admin Support Teraja/Melilas: Hasmah Bte Hj Salleh: [hasmah.salleh@shell.com](mailto:hasmah.salleh@shell.com)



## Seesaw

A successful trial of the iPad app [Seesaw](#), an electronic student portfolio system, last school year in Primary 3 has resulted in this program being rolled out for Primary 2 to Primary 5 classes this academic year. Miss Rosie and her children used Seesaw to record their learning and share it with parents. Using a social media style interface, parents can view photos and videos their children have recorded. Using individual logins, each child's portfolio is secured just to their family. Building on Tapestry, Seesaw moves the responsibility of sharing learning more to the child. It encourages them to immediately share recent learning they have enjoyed and are proud of. It also provides parents with access to the daily practical learning that occurs in a classroom that cannot be captured on paper. Term 1 will be a time for learning for P2-P5 teachers and children as they begin to add to their portfolios. Seesaw will go live to parents after the December holidays.

## Travelling to school

Especially at the start of each school year, it is important we remind students and parents about their trip to school and any potential hazards that may be present along the way. Please ensure all children are familiar with the route to school and where to cross at road junctions. Please remind children that not all cars stop when lights are red. Please remind children who cross at Jalan Tengah particularly of this. Please familiarise yourselves with the operating procedures in the car park. These are displayed at the entrance of the school. If in doubt, please ask a member of staff. And, if any member of the teaching staff intervenes, please accept their intervention. We will intervene if your parking or driving is putting a child at risk. As ever, please support us in keeping our roads and car parks a safe place for our whole community. Please remember to take the safe option, not the quick one, when driving and parking.



## Sun safety

It is important our students are prepared each day to deal with exposure from the sun. A few points to remember:

- Students need to have a hat at school for play and lessons outside.
- Sunscreen should be applied each morning. You may also wish to give your child a small pocket sized bottle of sunscreen that they can bring to school. These can be purchased in local supermarkets.
- Check that your child is dressed appropriately. Cool, loose-fitting clothing that covers sensitive areas such as shoulders will ensure they are comfortable and reduces the risk of sunburn.

## “Meet the Teacher”

Please see the times and dates below. The first part of the evening will be presented by the school's Senior Leadership Team (SLT) with several new pieces of information relating to reporting, assessment, the school website's Pupil Portal, Twitter and several other areas. The second part of the evening will take place in classrooms with year groups.

Campus	Date	Venue	Time
Teraja	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Teraja Hall/year group classrooms	4.30-6.00 pm
Melilas (M1/M2)	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Melilas Language Room	6.00-7.00 pm
Rampayoh	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Rampayoh Hall/ year group classrooms	4.30-6.00 pm
Mendaram	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Ramapyoh Hall/ Year group classrooms	4.30-6.00 pm



YOU AND I  
WILL  
GO HOME SAFELY



A world united in learning



# Panaga School

HRF/4, BSP Company Sdn Bhd, Seria, KB 3534, Negara Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (+673) 3375728/3372139 Teraja/Melilas, 3372694 Mendaram/Rampayoh

Principal: Tim Robinson 3372355/ 8777271 email: [tim.robinson@shell.com](mailto:tim.robinson@shell.com)

Headteacher Mendaram/Rampayoh: Cindy Bin Tahal 8777028 email: [cindybintahal@panagaschool.com](mailto:cindybintahal@panagaschool.com)

Headteacher Teraja/Melilas: Andy Winder 3372404 email: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com)

Senior Admin Support: Jalinah Bte Ali 3375728 email: [jalinah.ali@shell.com](mailto:jalinah.ali@shell.com)

Admin Support Rampayoh/Mendaram: Zurimah Bte Jumat email: [z.jumat@shell.com](mailto:z.jumat@shell.com)

Admin Support Teraja/Melilas: Hasmah Bte Hj Salleh: [hasmah.salleh@shell.com](mailto:hasmah.salleh@shell.com)



## 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.

## Sports Training

The schedule for sports training for the **next 2 weeks:**

Date	Sport	Year Group	Where	Time
Tuesday 5/9/17	Boys Tag Rugby	P5-M2	Meet at Teraja field.	2.30-3.30pm
Friday 8/9/17	Running Club	P4-M2 (P4 & P5 must be accompanied by a parent)	Meet at the Teraja entranceway.	6.25–7.00am
Monday 11/9/17	Boys Tag Rugby	P5-M2	Meet at Teraja field.	2.30-3.30pm
Monday 11/9/17	Girls Netball	P5-M2	Meet at Teraja Hall	2.30-3.30pm
Tuesday 12/9/17	Boys Tag Rugby	P5-M2	Meet at Teraja field.	2.30-3.30pm
Friday 15/9/17	Running Club	P4-M2 (P4 & P5 must be accompanied by a parent)	Meet at the Teraja entranceway.	6.25–7.00am

## 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.

## Car Free Day

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.**



# Panaga School

HRF/4, BSP Company Sdn Bhd, Seria, KB 3534, Negara Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (+673) 3375728/3372139 Teraja/Melilas, 3372694 Mendaram/Rampayoh

Principal: Tim Robinson 3372355/ 8777271 email: [tim.robinson@shell.com](mailto:tim.robinson@shell.com)

Headteacher Mendaram/Rampayoh: Cindy Bin Tahal 8777028 email: [cindybintahal@panagaschool.com](mailto:cindybintahal@panagaschool.com)

Headteacher Teraja/Melilas: Andy Winder 3372404 email: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com)

Senior Admin Support: Jalinah Bte Ali 3375728 email: [jalinah.ali@shell.com](mailto:jalinah.ali@shell.com)

Admin Support Rampayoh/Mendaram: Zurimah Bte Jumat email: [z.jumat@shell.com](mailto:z.jumat@shell.com)

Admin Support Teraja/Melilas: Hasmah Bte Hj Salleh: [hasmah.salleh@shell.com](mailto:hasmah.salleh@shell.com)



## End of the School Day

A reminder that Teraja finishes at 2.20pm 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.

## Calendar dates

### **September**

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Public Holiday - Hari Raya Aidil Adha - **school closed**
- 7<sup>th</sup> - "Meet the Teacher" (Teraja)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - "Meet the Teacher" (Melilas)
- 13<sup>th</sup> - "Meet the Teacher" (Rampayoh)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - "Meet the Teacher" (Mendaram)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent Teacher Association (PTA) AGM
- 21<sup>st</sup> - After School Activities commence



**YOU AND I  
WILL  
GO HOME SAFELY**



*A world united in learning*



# Panaga School

HRF/4, BSP Company Sdn Bhd, Seria, KB 3534, Negara Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (+673) 3375728/3372139 Teraja/Melilas, 3372694 Mendaram/Rampayoh

Principal: Tim Robinson 3372355/ 8777271 email: [tim.robinson@shell.com](mailto:tim.robinson@shell.com)

Headteacher Mendaram/Rampayoh: Cindy Bin Tahal 8777028 email: [cindybintahal@panagaschool.com](mailto:cindybintahal@panagaschool.com)

Headteacher Teraja/Melilas: Andy Winder 3372404 email: [andrewwinder@panagaschool.com](mailto:andrewwinder@panagaschool.com)

Senior Admin Support: Jalinah Bte Ali 3375728 email: [jalinah.ali@shell.com](mailto:jalinah.ali@shell.com)

Admin Support Rampayoh/Mendaram: Zurimah Bte Jumat email: [z.jumat@shell.com](mailto:z.jumat@shell.com)

Admin Support Teraja/Melilas: Hasmah Bte Hj Salleh: [hasmah.salleh@shell.com](mailto:hasmah.salleh@shell.com)



**YOU AND I  
WILL  
GO HOME SAFELY**



*A world united in learning*

