



PARENT INFORMATION LETTER 349, 31ST AUGUST 2018

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year and what a smooth start we have had!

It has been impressive to see our 480 students immediately engage in learning, as they form new friendships, with the movement of people that has taken place across the recent break.

This week, 71 new students have joined Panaga School. It is always heart-warming to hear the positive responses new joiners offer about their settling-in experiences, supported by others who have helped them connect and get to know the way things here work.

School staff including our cleaners, janitors, administration officers, learning support assistants and teachers have done a tremendous job setting up learning environments that are both safe and appealing, providing strong foundations for learning. Thank you to our wonderful team.

In addition, a lot of facilities work has been accomplished during the break with new guttering and painting at Teraja, ACM removal at Rampayoh and a doorway to the Nursery playground at Pre-Nursery. Our school civil foreman and PPA maintenance teams are thanked for this progress. With the establishment of the Integrated Facilities

Management (IFM) department that the school is now a part of, as school principal, I am a member of a leadership team that consists of PPA maintenance leadership also. This connection is proving positive, with alignment on many levels that provides an optimism that progress in the way of routine maintenance is improving constantly.

Thank you is also extended to our parent community for having children 'school-ready' and for working with relevant staff to assist your child's transition to their new class.

- **Cindy Bin Tahal**

School Bell Times 2018/2019

Mendaram: Pre-Nursery	
Monday to Friday	7:40am – 11:30am
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Monday to Thursday	7:40am – 12:00pm
Friday	7:40am – 11.45am
Rampayoh: P1	
Monday to Tuesday	7:40am – 2:05pm Breaks: 9:00am – 9:30am : 11:30am – 12:20pm
Wednesday to Friday	7:40am – 11:45am Break : 9:00am – 9:30am
Rampayoh: P2 and P3	
Monday to Thursday	7:40am – 2:05pm Breaks: 9:00am – 9:30am : 11:30am – 12:20pm
Friday	7:40am – 11:45am Break : 9:00am – 9:30am
Teraja: P4 to P7	

Monday to Thursday	7:30am – 2:20pm Breaks: 9:25am – 9:55am : 11:45am – 12:35pm
Friday	7:30am – 12:00pm Break : 9:25am – 9:55am
Melilas: M1 and M2	
Monday to Thursday	7:20am – 2:20pm Breaks: 9:25am – 9:55am : 11:45am – 12:35pm
Friday	7:20am – 12:00pm Break : 9:25am – 9:55am

Staffing

New teachers joining the Panaga School team include:

Miss Louise – P1 Year Group Leader (in country)

Miss Miriam – NTC Teacher (in country)

Miss Sue – M2 Tutor (in country)

Mr Paul – Maths and Science (in country)

Miss Kate – Additional Needs Team Rampayoh (arrives 3.9.18)

Miss Mia – Additional Needs Team Teraja (arrives 3.9.18)

Mr Daniel – P5 teacher (arrives 5.9.18)

All teachers' visas were produced before the school year began, with 4 of 7 new joiners arriving on 26th August. Of the 3 teachers that are still to join us, it was through their negotiated start date that they will arrive in the country soon.

The BSP HR team, including Recruitment, Immigration, Logistics and Expat Services are offered tremendous thanks for their commitment to have teachers with visas on time for the new school year. Additional elements included in teachers' visa processing, along

with short recruitment timelines, left these departments with challenges to meet target dates. In addition, teams including Housing and Policy have provided an outstanding service in onboarding of new staff.

Personally, I was witness to the round-the-clock commitment so many members of these teams offered, working with varying time zones and government offices. On behalf of our school community, I cannot thank BSP HR more for their efforts, as they have gone above and beyond to produce this year's outcomes with teachers' visa and onboarding processes.

To acknowledge the work of this team, this week a few children, parents and staff made a surprise visit to BSP Head Office to offer members of BSP HR a small token of thanks in the way of a note and small cake.

- Cindy Bin Tahal





Meet the Teacher

Please take the time to attend our Meet the Teacher events, beginning next week. At these events, you can spend some time meeting your child's direct (class or Tutor) teacher. Information about the school year ahead will be presented and parents will have an opportunity to ask any questions.

The event will begin with a 15 minute session in the respective school hall. This is where teachers from each site will be introduced, with site-specific, beginning-of-year information communicated that relates to all families. From the hall, parents will be led to various classrooms for year group and class information. Dates and times are on the school calendar (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQoyOTNmYTc4OS03MWQzLTQzNzUtMGE5MC0wOGRkYjYzMWUxMmMNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vbmV3cy1hbmQtZXZlbnRzDQotLS0) and below:

Teraja – Tuesday 4th September at 4.30pm

Rampayoh – Wednesday 5th September at 4.30pm

Melilas – Thursday 6th September at 4.30pm

Mendaram – Thursday 13th September at 4.30pm

NTC Meet the Teacher and NTC AGM - Monday 17th September at 7pm at Teraja NTC room.

To assist adult conversations and to ensure enough seating is available, we ask that children do not attend the Meet the Teacher events.

- **Cindy Bin Tahal**

Parent Representatives (Parent Reps)

Parent Reps are valued members of our school community who in the first instance assist teachers with communication to the rest of the class. If you would like more information about this role, please consult our school website ([panagaschool.com/policies](https://www.panagaschool.com/policies) (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQoyOTNmYTc4OS03MWQzLTQzNzUtMGE5MC0wOGRkYjYzMWUxMmMNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vbmV3cy1hbmQtZXZlbnRzDQotLS0))

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Cmh0dHA6Ly93d3cucGFuYWdhc2Nob29sLmNvbS9wb2xpY2llcw0KLS0t)) for the
Parent Representative Guidelines.

These roles will be promoted at the Meet the Teacher events. If you are interested, please speak with your child's class teacher. We will have our first Parent Rep meeting on Friday 14th September at 8.15am in the Rampayoh Meeting Room (immediately beside the Rampayoh front foyer). Parent Rep meetings often take place with school leaders 2 to 3 times a year to offer relevant school planning and operational information, while gaining feedback and consultation.

PTA AGM: 20th September

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) provides outstanding support to teaching and learning at Panaga School.

Through events, fundraising and collections, the PTA has made possible new umbrellas, seating, tyre playgrounds, timber Lego tables, tee pees, plastic tables, stackable chairs and an array of sound equipment, to name a few.

In addition, they have provided a forum for varying levels of consultation about school operations and conducted many community events.

If you would like to be part of this influential group of parents and teachers, please come along to the **PTA AGM on Thursday 20th September at 7.30pm in the Teraja Staffroom.**

- Cindy Bin Tahal



Welcome Back!





There were smiles all round and hardly a tear in sight (from the students anyway) as Panaga School's new academic year began on Wednesday 29th August.

After a well-deserved break, all children settled in to their new classes eagerly and easily; including last year's P3s who began this year in the "big school" (Teraja) and last year's P7s in the "even bigger school" (Melilas).

Plus, we welcome many new families and teachers to the Panaga School community.

It was fantastic to witness so many smiles on the children's faces as many have long awaited being reacquainted with their friends, making new ones and continuing their learning.

There are many wonderful events occurring this year - an exciting schedule of school residentials, concerts, theme days, Challenge Days, ASAs and sports competitions - to name a few.

You will find all you need to know and more in this, the '**NOW WEEKLY**' **Parent Information Letter**.

If you hear of parents not receiving this newsletter, please ask them to **sign up via the subscription box** on school website: [panagaschool.com](https://www.panagaschool.com) (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQozYTRmN2JlZS04YTA2LTQ0YzQtZDIjYS05ZDQyMGU3MzNiZTMNCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vDQotLS0).

Welcome back! It's going to be another great school year!

- **Damian Brady**

Living in Panaga

Panaga School will host the next “Living in Panaga” session. This session will be presented by a team of BSP employees and Outpost advisors, with the purpose to inform newcomers in Brunei about living in Panaga camp. The session is open to all and if you have never attended one of these session, please come along. The session will provide information about medical services, security and Bruneian culture.

For more information, or to RSVP, please email: outpostbrunei@shell.com (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQo1YzlmNjNIZC05YmI5LTRkYTYtZmZhOS00NmFhOWIyMDI3MmYNCm1haWx0bZpvdXRwb3N0YnJ1bmVpQHNoZWxsLmNvbQ0KLS0t)



LIVING IN PANAGA SESSION

Are you new in Panaga?

Date: Sep 18th

Time: 2:30-4:30pm

Where: Panaga School

A team consisting of BSP employees and Outpost advisors created “Living In Panaga” sessions, with a purpose to inform newcomers in Brunei about living in the Panaga camp. The session is facilitated by BSP representatives from the Medical, Security and Safety departments who give presentations and answer questions from the participants.

This workshop will help you settle in the camp and get a full understanding of

the services that are available to you.

During the session you:

- can ask questions to BSP Security and HR personnel, as well as Panaga Health Centre Specialists.
- have an opportunity to hear about new developments in the areas of PHC, Security and the camp directly from BSP staff.
- will receive feedback from previous sessions.

Also, a representative from BSP-HR Services will give a presentation about the Bruneian culture.

Newcomers will receive an e-mail invitation from BSP-HR. If you would like to join the session please, contact us at outpostbrunei@shell.com.



Information from Outpost



School Website & Pupil Portal

Please check the school website (panagaschool.com) (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQpkMWRINTIzNy0zMDZhLTQ4N2UtYjUyNi1mODY2YmJhZGNmM2ENCnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20NCi0tLQ)) every Monday afternoon.

As of Monday 3rd September, weekly updates will take place on the Pupil Portal (panagaschool.com/pupil-portal) (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQpkMWRINTIzNy0zMDZhLTQ4N2UtYjUyNi1mODY2YmJhZGNmM2ENCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vcHVwaWwtaG9ydGFsDQotLS0)), offering parents learning target information, and for students up to P5, home learning options. For P6 and above, the program Edmodo (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQpkMWRINTIzNy0zMDZhLTQ4N2UtYjUyNi1mODY2YmJhZGNmM2ENCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmVkbW9kby5jb20vDQotLS0) is used for home learning, with the Pupil Portal (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQpkMWRINTIzNy0zMDZhLTQ4N2UtYjUyNi1mODY2YmJhZGNmM2ENCmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vcHVwaWwtaG9ydGFsDQotLS0)

offering any relevant parent notices. You will also find a live school calendar and a range of policies and other information that is available as a reference throughout the school year.

Your feedback about our website in recent parent surveys has been taken into consideration, with the school calendar now easier to access from the home page and this school newsletter being emailed now weekly.

- Cindy Bin Tahal

Seesaw

Last academic year, Seesaw was introduced to all P2 - P5 classes.

On Friday 7th September, the journals from 2017-2018 will be permanently deleted. Please download any photographs or videos you wish to keep before this date. A new journal will be set up for children beginning a P2 - P5 class this academic year.

Information about your child's new Seesaw account will be provided at the Meet the Teacher Evenings next week.

- Rosie Hancock



Performing Arts Clubs 2018-2019



Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. Once again, we have a variety of exciting Performing Arts opportunities for students across Music, Drama and Dance. Below is a list of clubs that your child can sign up for to participate in performance events across the year.

If your child is interested in one of the clubs, please sign them up by clicking here.

(https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQo3ZmU4OTBiZS1mYjgzLTRkNzAtNDdiZi1iNWUwODc5YTM5MWMNCmh0dHBzOi8vZG9jcy5nb29nbGUuY29tL2ZvcmlzL2QvZS8xRkFJcFFMU2RmOVByWlJtOFpiWC1MTHFsZHZzZFZwZzlabEhzdjlucHZzZjBuNzJqUVZxVGdvZy92aWV3Zm9ybT91c3A9c2ZfbGluaw0KLS0t)

If your child is interested in a club that runs during Thursday ASA time, please elect that ASA as one of their preferences before the (soon to be advised) closing date.

- Sam Abernethy, Sarah Hutson and Melissa Sim

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday ASA
After School	2:05-3:05 Dance Club P2-P3			
	2:30-4:00 Dance Club P4-P6	2:30-3:30 Choir Miss Sarah	M2 Rock Band TBC	2:30-3:30 ASA Orchestra P4-M2
	4:00-5:30 Dance Club P7-M2	2:30-4:00 Vocal Club M1-M2		2:30-3:30 ASA Drama Club P4-P6 <i>(Term 1 and 2)</i>
	2:30-3:30 Ukulele Club P4-M2 <i>(Term 2 Start)</i>			2:30-3:30 ASA Drama Club P7-M2

2018/2019 Residentials

As per online school calendar, residential dates are scheduled for Term 2 of 2019. P6 and P7 dates are confirmed, with P5, M1 and M2 subject to change. As soon as these later dates are confirmed, this will be reflected in the school calendar, with parents kept informed.

- Cindy Bin Tahal

School Car Parks

The safe car park behaviours experienced this week have set a positive tone for the rest of the school year. While driving in our school car parks, we are reminded to park in designated areas, to use seat belts, not to use mobile phones and maintain designated speeds. Your assistance with these lifesaving rules keeps everybody safe and allows us

as a school staff to maintain our focus on teaching and learning. The back gate to the Rampayoh staff car park is currently closed, reducing parking spaces in this area. This situation is being followed up to again enable Rampayoh staff car park access.

Student Uniforms/Clothing/Footwear

Parental support is requested to ensure all students wear appropriate clothing to school.

Shorts should be long enough to protect the upper leg from injury in practical lessons and tops should cover the shoulders. When participating in PE lessons, and for students from P6 and above working in Art, Design and Technology lessons, closed in shoes are required; PE trainers are suitable.

All shoes worn by students require a back strap. Every child requires a hat at school every day.

This request supports Panaga School's sun safety and HSSE policies, whilst also considering the values of our host country.

- Cindy Bin Tahal

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 closed in shoes such as trainers. They should bring a hat and full water bottle for 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.

- Nathan Edwards



SPORTS TRAINING SCHEDULE

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Upcoming Holidays

Panaga School will be closed on:

Tuesday 11th September - First Day of Hijrah 1440

Monday 24th September - Brunei Teachers' Day




Please [click here](https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQo2OTEwMTNiNS0xOTE5LTRiODUtOTQ5YS1hMTIzMjAzNTc0YTQN Cmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vY2FsZW5kYXINCi0tLQ) (https://www.panagaschool.com/so/a9ML_fqKf/click?w=LS0tDQo2OTEwMTNiNS0xOTE5LTRiODUtOTQ5YS1hMTIzMjAzNTc0YTQN Cmh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnBhbmFnYXNjaG9vbC5jb20vY2FsZW5kYXINCi0tLQ) to keep up to date with all of the learning highlights, parent meetings and events coming up at Panaga School.

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