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Parent Information Letter; Issue 315

Friday 17th March 2017

Dear Parents,

Another busy term draws to a close. We have had several major events this term: International Day, the Panaga Football Tournament and the PTA School Carnival, to name just three. The middle term is always extremely busy because of the blackout periods across the year. It is the one term where we have to plan many of our larger events. Many thanks to all members of our community who have supported these memorable occasions.

This final week has been extremely busy with performances that were a fitting climax to the end of term. On Tuesday, P7, and on Wednesday, P8 students dazzled us with their acting skills in two very different plays; both executed to an extremely high standard. Congratulations to all of the students, staff and parents who supported these productions.

Finally, we bid farewell to Malcolm Falkner, who has not only worked here as an Additional Needs teacher for the last 2 years, but as the Teacher Representative on the School Board. Malcolm has spent 8 years in total in Brunei, previously teaching with the government schools, through CfBT. We also send our best wishes to Jo Anderton who left Panaga in the middle of this term. Jo has been in Panaga for over 4 years and has worked across both sites. Many thanks to Jo for all her input into the growth of Panaga School over the last 4 years.

We wish Jo and Malcolm every success in the future.

We congratulate Rachel Marsden on her appointment as Teacher Representative on the School Board, replacing Malcolm Falkner.

Final departures

If you are leaving Panaga next term, please inform the administration office as soon as possible to support us with planning for next academic year. Many thanks to all of the parents who have kept us up to date with their plans already.

Digital Diary

This week's <u>Digital Diary</u> focuses on 'Made with Code', a super fun entry point to coding. Through coding, children can make music, animations, create avatars, and customise pictures. To extend learning, 'Made with Code' also offers additional resources with tutorials students can try out using <u>Scratch</u> or Mozilla's Webmaker tools like <u>Thimble</u> and <u>Popcorn Maker</u>. It is a true gem of a site that includes great videos featuring mentors and makers.

Sports training

The schedule for sports training for week 1 of next term is:

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Sport	Year Group	Where	Time
T-Ball training	P5-P8	Meet at Teraja Hall	Monday & Tuesday 2.30pm-3.15pm
Running Club	P4-P8 (P4 & P5 students must be accompanied by an adult)	Meet at Teraja entranceway	Friday 6.25am-7am











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BJSL Swimming

For the BJSL Swimming meet at ISB last week, we have just received news that Panaga School finished 2nd overall. Well done to all students that participated in the event.

2017-2018 Pre-Nursery and Nursery enrolments

We are now taking Pre-Nursery and Nursery enrolments for the 2017-2018 academic year. We appreciate your assistance to spread the word of this information to members of the Panaga community who have children in this age group. Enrolments are currently open to IBAS, Contractor and TC staff's children. Contractor and TC enrolments for the new academic year will initially be placed on a waiting list and be informed as soon as possible about availability. Please email the school office to register your child's enrolment for the new academic year: <u>Z.Jumat@shell.com</u> or <u>Hasmah.Salleh@shell.com</u>.

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 wear 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 from local supermarkets.
- Check your child is dressed appropriately. Cool, loose-fitting clothing that covers sensitive areas such as the shoulders will ensure they remain comfortable and reduce the risk of sunburn.

Student Council news

The Student Council will be selling popcorn on Teraja at break time today to raise money for more balls and skipping ropes for play times! A big thank you to all of the Student Councillors this academic year. Their ASA finishes this week. Please keep up the good work and continue to be role models to other students.

PTA Science Fair - volunteers needed, urgently!

The PTA Science Fair on Saturday 15th April still needs volunteers. Please contact Rachel Marsden: <u>rachelmarsden@panagaschool.net</u> or Tom Savels: <u>tsavels@gmail.com</u> for details on how to be involved.

P6 Kota Kinabalu trip

A new approach we are proposing for school residentials is for all students take part in a level of 'service' (where this is practical). This involves immersing themselves within a community by engaging in and supporting local projects. P6 will be engaging in community service on their upcoming trip to KK.

The P6 team are so impressed and proud of the children in the year group as, through hard work and selflessness, they have managed to raise over \$1500 for our community project at Tombung Kindergarten in Kota Kinabalu! Thank you to all those who have supported the children in this venture, it is very much appreciated.















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Teraja Maintenace

During the school holidays some major maintenance work will be taking place on the Teraja school cycle shed. The work is planned to commence on Saturday (18th).

The contractors who are executing the project may well restrict access to the site from the rear of school during this period.

Calendar dates March 17: Term 2 ends April 3: Term 3 commences 15: PTA Science Fair











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Safie of the week 17/03/17



Safie of the Week:

Have a happy holiday and buckle up wherever you are—car, bus or plane! Thanks to Finn and Aylan from P1J and Annabel P3R

for reminding us to stay safe. Well done!



Please send in a *Safie* photo of someone practising a safe act either at school or in the community. Please make sure that the person is aware of you photographing this positive act as it will be featured in our weekly newsletter.

rachelmarsden@panagaschool.net

All Safies will be published however it may be in later weeks. Please email Rachel with any gueries.







PANAGA CLUB BEACH CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

To Commemorate Brunei's 33rd National Day Art of Living Section and Yoga Section from Panaga Indoor Sports as well as Panaga Indian section from the Social Club will jointly organize a Beach Cleaning Campaign.

We would like to extend this Beach Cleaning Campaign to the existing sections in the club. Location: Panaga Club Date: Saturday 18th March 2017 Time: 07:30-10:00



Those who are interested please contact:

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If you are in a group or representing any community group, please let us know how many people are coming ahead of time.

Note:

- 1. Individuals wish to join can walk-In to participate "Beach Cleaning Campaign"
- 2. Those sections & groups willing to join may contact, us to inform to number of people expected.
- We shall have a pre meeting with the respective sections before kicking off the Beach Cleaning Campaign! Date to be announced