



# SERI MULIA SARJANA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER Secondary Section

**PATRIOTISM  
VALUES  
EXCELLENCE**

"With dedicated teamwork,  
we take the initiative to  
provide world class education;  
demanding personal responsibility,  
respect and honour for all."



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*Assalamualaikum/ Greetings,*

## Gong Xi Fa Cai!

*Wishing our Chinese Parents, Students,  
Teachers and Staff, a healthy and  
prosperous New Year!*



We say "hello" once again to another year and we are excited for what 2012 will bring us. To all new parents, students, teachers and staff, **WELCOME** to Seri Mulia Sarjana School. This year we are celebrating our 20 years of dedicated service in providing quality education for all. It will surely be a special year for the whole school community. Here's looking ahead for a fruitful year!

### Important People to Know

#### Staff

#### Academic Assignment 2012

- |    |                      |  |
|----|----------------------|--|
| 1  | Radzuan Abdullah     | Principal                              |
| 2  | Putri M. Simanjuntak | Deputy Principal                       |
| 3  | Rajesh VR            | Supervisor                             |
| 4  | Sabumon K. Antony    | Head for Discipline & Counselling Unit |
| 5  | Asfarina ZA Mohammad | Career Guidance & Scholarships Unit    |
| 6  | Toni T. Banzuela     | HOS English Language                   |
| 7  | Roselina Sahbuddin   | HOS Bahasa Melayu, MIB & Jawi          |
|    | Hjh Rokiah Hj Morni  | Asst. Bahasa Melayu, MIB & Jawi        |
| 8  | Lai Ai Iou           | HOS Mathematics                        |
| 9  | K. Sowmiya           | HOS Science                            |
| 10 | Sandhya Chandran     | HOS Humanities, Business & Technology  |
| 11 | Melany Santos        | HOS Sports & Creative Skills           |

Do approach our respective head of subjects for any academic concerns. We trust that they will be able to advise you accordingly.

### FREE DAY #1: Lunar New Year Event



## Gong Xi Fa Cai Society Induction Day



We are celebrating Chinese New Year to welcome the Year of the Dragon on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. To celebrate this special day, all students and staffs of Seri Mulia Sarjana School are welcome to celebrate the joyous occasion **attired** in "red" colour scheme. Kindly dress appropriately to celebrate the occasion. Revealing clothes are strictly prohibited.

Societies were formed to allow students to apply, in real life, the principles, truths and values learned in the classroom. It helps to develop personality and leadership qualities by means of concrete individual and group activities by bringing out and enhancing the innate talents and aptitudes.

The societies are run by students and an appointed faculty advisor. Society registration fees apply. Induction of elected office bearers will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012**.



All students **must belong to** and **be active** in at least **ONE** society. The \$2 registration fees are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**. The list of officers, current activities, achievements and updated notices are posted on the bulletin boards. Students are advised to check the bulletin boards regularly.

#### TERM DATES

##### Term 1

3rd January to 15th March  
*Term 1 Holidays*  
16 - 25 March (10 days)

##### Term 2

26th March to 9th June  
*Term 2 Holidays*  
10 - 18 June (9 days)

##### Term 3

19th June to 11th August  
*Term 3 Holidays*  
12 - 26 August (15 days)

##### Term 4

27th August to 29th  
November  
*Term 4 Holidays*  
30 Nov - 31 Dec (31 days)

#### School Hours

Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays  
**Morning Session** 7.20 a.m. to 12.20 nn  
Year 9A-D,  
Year 10A-D,  
10Express and  
Year 11  
**Afternoon Session** 12.30 to 5.30 p.m.  
Year 7A-F, 8A-F and  
9Express

#### Office Hours

Mondays – Thursdays, and Saturdays:  
7.15 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.  
Fridays: 8.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

#### Bookshop

The opening times are as follows: Monday,  
Wednesday and Saturday:  
7.15 a.m. – 8.30 a.m.; 11.30 a.m. – 1.00  
p.m.; and 3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

*Staff-in-charge: Kenneth Bui*

## Important Dates in Term 1

Feb		Event
Sat	4	FREE DAY#1: Society Induction Day & Chinese New Year
Tues	7	Mandarin classes commence
Sat	11	Maulud Nabi SAW celebrations
Thur	23	PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Brunei National Day
Mar		Event
Fri	2	Friday class commence for Year 10 Express & Year 11
Fri	16	1 <sup>st</sup> Term HOLIDAY: 16 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2012
Sat	31	1 <sup>st</sup> PTM Parent-Teacher meeting; no formal lessons.

## YEAR 7 & YEAR 8 SPN21 ASSESSMENTS & REPORTS

The SPN21's Student Progress Assessment have two components:

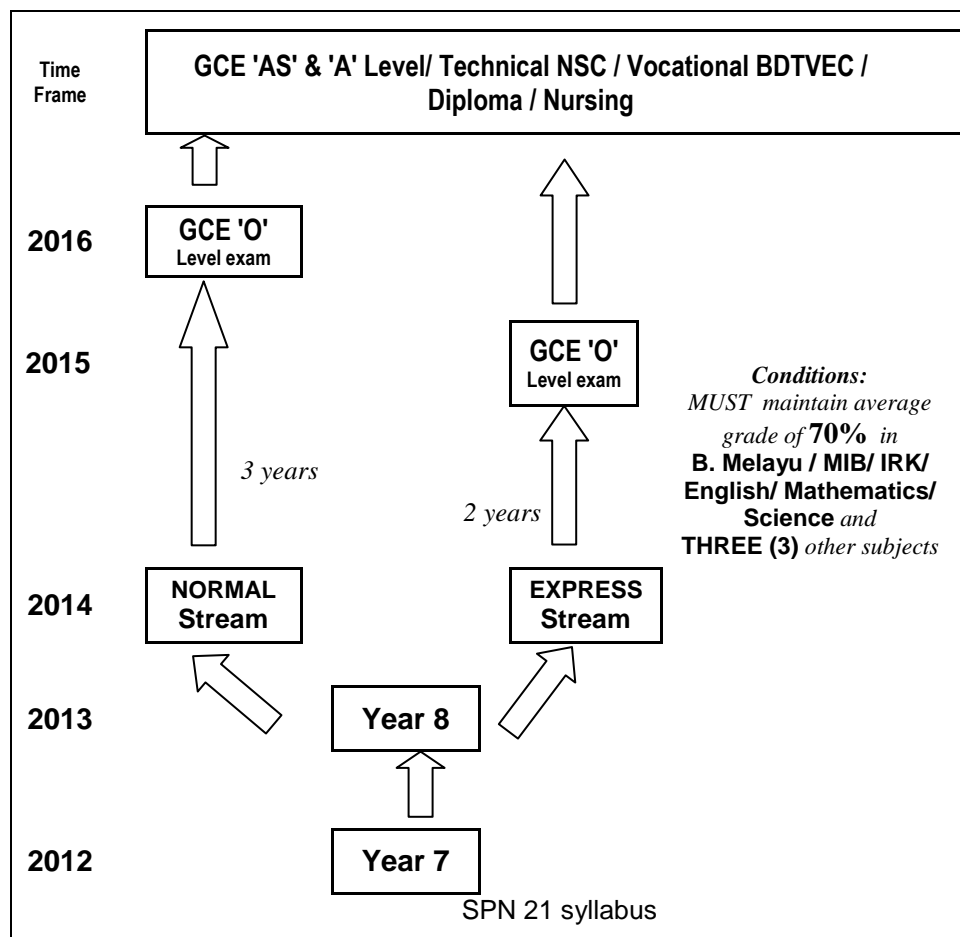
- The School Progress Examination (SPE)
- The School Based Assessment for Learning (SBAfL)

Yr	Term	BCATs Brunei Common Assessment Tasks	Social Standardisation	Weighting	
7	1	BCAT 1	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	Grade A to E Graded & reported (but not counted for SPA result)
	2	BCAT 2	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	
	3	BCAT 3	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	
	4	BCAT 4	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	
8	1	BCAT 5	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	Grade A to E <b>30% SBAfL</b>
	2	BCAT 6	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	
	3	BCAT 7	1	SMSS & Cluster Schools	
	4	SPE Student Progress Assessment	1	Examination set by MOE Department of Examination	
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

1. BCATs encourage students to participate in discussions and show skills they have learned, where they are in the learning process, where they need to be by the end of the year and how they think they can reach their destinations.
2. All assessment, including the SPE, is for the purpose of enhancing student learning. The A to E BCAT grades, *and the mark* awarded will be recorded in the Student Progress Report File.
3. BCAT reports will be issued for the core subjects of Bahasa Melayu, English Language, Mathematics, Science, MIB (Malay Islamic Monarchy) and Islamic Religious Knowledge (IRK). At PTM parent-teacher meetings, student responses to BCATs will be discussed.
4. Students are required to purchase a BCAT Portfolio folder from SMSS bookstore to keep all BCAT assessments. Although not counted as part of SPA, student's results in BCATs for the first two terms of Year 7 will be still be graded and reported to parents.

Year 7 and Year 8 students will **no longer have scheduled mid-year and end-of-year examinations** in their academic calendar. However, they will still be expected to write for term tests.

Please be advised, students with **less than 85% attendance** and **insufficient BCAT evidence** will be **RETAINED** at the same level.



## Traffic Woes: PLEASE Observe RESPONSIBLE PARKING

Kindly observe **No Parking Zones**. Please do not park along the main road as this will disrupt the traffic flow instead kindly Scouts Center or Warisan Complex parking area. Let us always remember to **keep safety as our first priority**.



- ♣ **PARK** your car sensibly. Do not block entry or exit points!
- ♣ **ADHERE TO INSTRUCTIONS** from Traffic Police
- ♣ **EDUCATE** your drivers
- ♣ Mind your **MANNERS** – others have a busy schedule too!

The **Basketball Court area** is used for physical education lessons daily from **8.00 to 11.15 a.m.** and **1.30 to 4.45 p.m.**

The Management and individual students shall not be held responsible for any untoward damages incurred to any parked vehicles within this time frame at the Basketball Court.

## May/ June G.C.E. 'O' Level 2012

We are pleased to announce the registration for the above examination is now open. Students need to satisfy the following criteria as set by Ministry of Education Ref: BE/G/1/2012 (1) dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012:



- (i) students who have sat for the Oct/Nov 2011 examination and wish to re-sit/ obtain better grades,
- (ii) current Year 10 Express and Year 11 students in 2012 who scored minimum of **FOUR (4) subject credits** equivalent to GCE 'O' level grade, ***provided***, the application is **approved** by the Principal.

Candidates who ***do not meet the minimum eligibility requirement, submitted incomplete forms/ monies or have outstanding school fees will not be entertained nor processed*** for exam registration with Ministry of Education.

We request your kind co-operation to submit the entry forms and monies directly to teacher Rajesh VR **no later than Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. Entry forms are available directly from teacher Rajesh.

**Only limited seats are available.** Seats are on "First Come, First Served" basis. **PRIORITY is given to Year 11 students from 2011.** Kindly note that Ministry of Education ***charges*** separately for May/ June 2012 and October/ November 2012 exam sessions.

### Students Pass

ALL foreign students are required by LAW in Brunei Darussalam to hold a valid Student Pass to be able to study in this country. Students without student passes are not permitted to attend school in Brunei Darussalam. Should you have any problems, please see our front office staff for assistance.

#### Who should apply?

Locals	Foreigners
1. stateless	1. expatriate children (parents - green IC)
2. .... bin/ binti 'Abdullah' (father unknown)	2. children of parents holding purple IC
3. Brunei citizens born abroad	3. children of parents holding foreign diplomatic passport
4. To be determined (parents - purple IC)	4. Adopted children of expatriate parents
5. Adopted children whose parents are Brunei citizens (yellow IC)	5. Step children of expatriate parents
6. Step children of Brunei citizens	

**IMPORTANT Note: The Student Pass is valid for ONE year ONLY as long as the Father's/ Sponsor's employment pass is valid.**

#### Who are exempted from SAB application?

1. Citizens of His Majesty DYMM Paduka Seri Baginda Sultan dan Yang Di Pertuan Negara Brunei Darussalam (**Sijil Kerakyatan/ Mutlak Undang-Undang**)
2. Permanent Residents - MUST have valid **ENTRY PERMIT**
3. Residents possessing **RESIDENT PERMIT**

The Unit Pengakuan Belajar/ Certification of Study Unit will issue a **formal letter of exemption** to respective students under the categories above who are no longer required to process a Student Pass.

### School Fees

All school fees must be paid in the **first week of each calendar month**. Failure to do so will incur a payment reminder notice. All fees must be settled to allow your child to take school examination.

### School Diary

Kindly ensure your child has a copy of the Student Diary, available from the bookshop at **\$4.50 per copy**. The diary contains useful information about the school rules & regulations. It also serves an important communication tool between parents and teachers.

### Friday & Holiday Classes for Year 11 and Year 10 Express

No	Day	Dates	Schedule
1	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Week 1
2	Friday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 2
3	Friday	30 <sup>th</sup> March	Week 1
4	Friday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 2
5	Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 1
6	Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	Week 2
7	Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 1
8	Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 2
9	Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 1
10	Friday	25 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 2
11	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> June	Week 1
12	Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Week 2
13	Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Week 1
14	Friday	6 <sup>th</sup> July	Week 2
15	Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Week 1
16	Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Week 2
17	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> October	Week 1
18	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Week 2
19	Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Week 1
20	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Week 2

The Friday class is **compulsory** to all students of Year 10 Express and Year 11 to assist them in preparation for the GCE 'O' level examination.

Students are allowed to be attired in their P.E. uniform (long dark track pants + SMSS P.E. shirt + sports shoes).

***Attendance is recorded.***



♣ 27<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> September: Year 11 Qualifying Exam

♣ Aug – September: Oct/Nov GCE 'O' Level B. Melayu & English orals

♣ 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: Oct/Nov GCE 'O' Level written paper

*Schedule for Week 1 and Week 2 lessons will be issued at a later date before the commencement of the classes.*

### Bahasa Melayu Remedial/ Bahasa Melayu As 2<sup>nd</sup> Language

This subject is compulsory for all **expatriate students** who have little command of the Malay Language. It aimed at assisting expatriate students to master the Malay language, enabling them to adapt, communicate and appreciate the Malay culture better.

Kindly be advised that students who wish to *pursue their tertiary education inclusive of 'A' levels/ colleges and Universiti Brunei Darussalam are required to sit for Bahasa Melayu subject at the GCE 'O' levels exam in Year 11.*

## TRAVEL DURING SCHOOL DAYS

Parents are advised to refrain bringing the children out of the country during school days as they will miss their classes. It will be difficult for them to catch up with the lessons and/ or miss some tests.

Kindly plan your travel around the term holiday dates. If it is urgent that you should travel, kindly obtain permission from the Principal or the Deputy Principal.



## Conduct and Behaviour Reminders

- Students are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from bringing **mobile phones** to school, in line with the nationwide mobile phone ban circular from Ministry of Education ref: KPE/M7/ 42/ 2007 dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2007 and ref: KP/ DS/ 1A dated 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007.

**Confiscated phones** will only be returned to the parents at the **end of the school term**. In the event of an emergency, the phone at the front office is available for use.



- On P.E. days, students are required to wear the prescribed school SMSS P.E. shirt and sports track pants. Kindly bring extra P.E. shirts and small towel for hygienic purposes.

*Students wearing improper P.E. attire, tight fitting or 'baby t-shirts' will not be allowed to participate in activities.*



- Parents/ guardians are **reminded not to send their children to school for any activities without proper memo or notification from the school.**

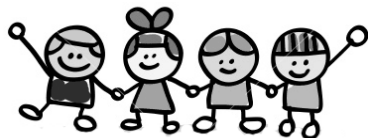
The School wishes to remind parents that the **School Management shall not be held responsible for any untoward incident** to the students.



**NO MEMO – NO ACTIVITY!**

## THANK YOU

for choosing Seri Mulia Sarjana School as your child's second home!



**Mandarin**  
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In keeping up with the new trend in education, we are introducing Mandarin classes for advanced level for students who wish to pursue the subject at IGCSE Level.

Classes will **commence on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. There are no extra fees charged for the class.

Kindly fill in the slip below and submit directly to teacher Li Zhao **no later than Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012** for registration purposes. Seats are limited and on "First come, First Served" basis.



## MANDARIN CLASS REGISTRATION FORM

Spg. 340 Kg. Mata-Mata, Jln. Gadong BE 1718, Brunei Darussalam

### Student details

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS (2012): \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents/ Guardian details

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Number

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ / Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Time (AM)	Level	Room	Requirement	Please tick (✓) ONE
Advanced	Every Tuesday 11.30am – 12.15 nn	Rm 3B IS	Able to speak Mandarin.	
	Every Saturday 11.30am – 12.15 nn	Rm 5A IS		

*TBA – to be advised*

Time (PM)	Level	Room	Requirement	Please tick (✓) ONE
Advanced (IGCSE)	Every Tuesday 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.	14	Must be able to speak and write basic Mandarin.	
	Every Wednesday 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.	14		

**\*\*IGCSE: Students may opt to sit for the International General Certificate of Secondary Education offered by University of Cambridge International Examination Board**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

### For Office Use Only

Date:	Time:	Signature: