

*Assalamualaikum/ Greetings,*

We would like to extend our best wishes and Happy New Year greetings to all parents, guardians and students. We also wish to welcome our new students and teaching staff that have joined the school this year.

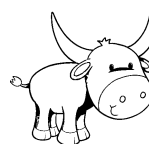
We hope that they will be able to fit in the school culture and environment to strive for excellence in their academics.

The school has come a long way in educating the children in Brunei with exceptional hardwork, perseverance and determination from students, parents as well as our dedicated teachers. We are looking forward to work with you again to realise our goals for the bright future of your children and our students.

Congratulations to all the Year 9 batch 2008 students who excelled in their state P.M.B. state examination. A job well done to teacher Kasturi Rajamani for 100% pass rate in English Language; and teachers Sandhya Chandran and Nirmala D. Rani for a high pass rate in both Geography and Science subejct respectively.

Year 9 PMB SUBJECT	TOTAL NO. STUDENTS	2008 GRADES										% Grade A	% Grade B	% Grade C	% PASS	TOTAL % PASS
		A1	A2	B3	B4	C5	C6	P7	P8	F						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9						
BAHASA MELAYU	141	1	14	17	21	29	33	7	3	16	10.6	27.0	44.0	7.1	88.7	
ENGLISH	141	22	59	29	10	8	13	0	0	0	57.4	27.7	14.9	0.0	100	
P. UGAMA ISLAM	84	2	3	3	8	10	26	10	11	11	6.0	13.1	42.9	25.0	86.9	
HISTORY	141	14	13	13	16	26	8	19	15	17	19.1	20.6	24.1	24.1	87.9	
GEOGRAPHY	141	20	7	9	32	28	13	18	10	4	19.1	29.1	29.1	19.9	97.2	
MATHEMATICS	141	15	6	15	24	19	2	19	20	21	14.9	27.7	14.9	27.7	85.1	
SCIENCE	141	5	23	12	10	26	32	21	9	3	19.9	15.6	41.1	21.3	97.9	
COMMERCE	74	8	9	10	9	5	18	5	2	8	23.0	25.7	31.1	9.5	89.2	
COMPUTER	141	1	3	8	7	26	29	15	18	34	2.8	10.6	39.0	23.4	75.9	

The G.C.E. 'O' levels examination 2008 are yet to be announced when the results are known, usually in mid-February 2009.



## Gong Xi Fa Cai Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year or Spring Festival signifies celebration and merriment for millions of Chinese people all over the world. Chinese New Year 2009 is the year of the Ox.

It's a time for cleaning house, repaying debts, enjoying feasts, remembering ancestors, and renewing family ties. Shooting off firecrackers on New Year's Eve is the Chinese way of sending out the old year and welcoming in the New Year. Red clothing is considered a bright, happy colour, sure to bring the wearer a sunny and bright future. Children and unmarried friends, as well as close relatives are given 'lai see', little red envelopes with crisp one dollar bills inserted, for good fortune.

The Management, staff and teachers of Seri Mulia Sarjana School wishes all Chinese parents and students a "Gong Xi Fa Cai" - a typical celebration greeting which means "wishing you luck and prosperity."

Famous people born in the Year of the Ox? They include President Barack Obama, actor George Clooney, boxer Oscar De La Hoya, Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai, and soccer star Wayne Rooney.

### Important People to Know

#### Staff

1	Radzuan Abdullah	Principal
2	Putri M. Simanjuntak	Deputy Principal
3	Koh Han Siong	Supervisor
4	Hj. Sulaiman Hj. Jamudin	Head for Discipline & Counselling Unit
5	Celia George	HOS English Language
6	Hjh Rokiah Hj Morni	HOS Bahasa Melayu
7	Mudasir Kalemuddin	HOS Mathematics & Science
8	Sandhya Chandran	HOS Geography & History
9	Rajesh V. R.	HOS Accounting & Commerce
10	Melany Santos	HOS Physical Education, Arts & Craft
11	Shaun Billones	HOS Computer Studies

#### Academic Assignment 2009

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

### Uniform and Bookshop

Our uniform and bookshop is located at the back of the school, near the canteen. After mid-January, 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: Geoffrey

### Office Hours

The school office hours are as follows-

Mondays – Thursdays, and Saturdays: 7.15 a.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Fridays: 8.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon

## School Hours

Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays

**Morning Session** Year 9, 10 and 11: 7.25 a.m. to 12.25 noon

**Afternoon Session** Year 7 & 8: 12.40 noon to 5.40 p.m.

## General School Assembly

Morning Session: Every Monday at 10.25 a.m.

Afternoon Session: Every Monday at 3.40 p.m.

The Brunei national anthem and school Alma mater will be sung at every general school assembly. Students are required to be familiar with the lyrics of both songs. Punctuality to the assembly is required as important information will be announced. Uniform and personal hygiene will be checked.

## Important Dates in Term 1

Jan		Event
Wed	21	Society Induction Day
Mon	26	Chinese New Year – public holiday
Feb		Event
Mon	2	Monthly Test Week #1 for all levels
Fri	20	ECA Classes commence
Mon	23	Brunei National Day
Sat	28	Bruneiana & Lunar New Year celebration
Mar		Event
Mon	9	Maulud Nabi SAW
Tues	10	Monthly Test Week #2 for all levels
Sun	15	Sports Fest 2009

## School Term Holidays

1 <sup>st</sup> Term:	20 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March	10 days
2 <sup>nd</sup> Term:	14 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	15 days
3 <sup>rd</sup> Term:	13 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> September	15 days
4 <sup>th</sup> Term:	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2010	

## Student Safety

It is the policy of the school that each student must be picked up by their own parents or legal guardians at dismissal times. Should the need arise that your child be picked up by another person; you **MUST** inform your child's class teacher with the following information.

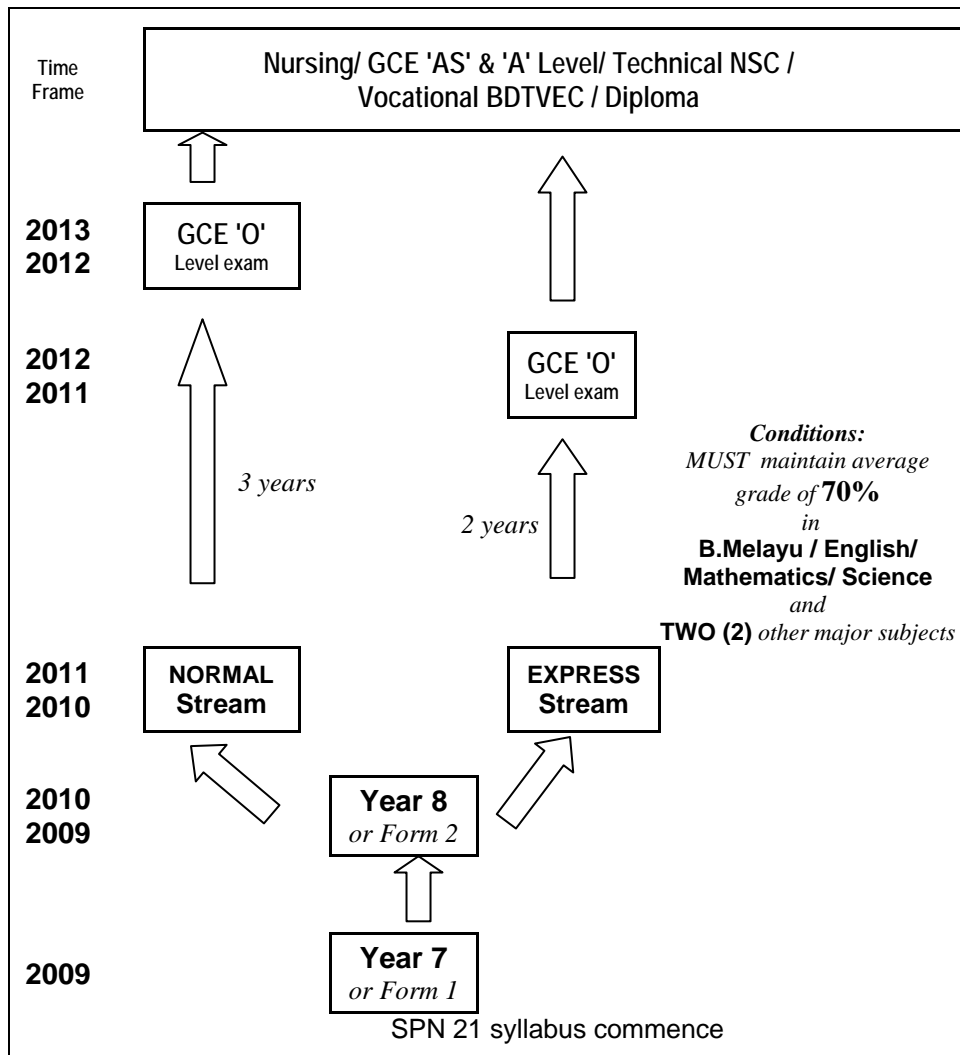
- Name of the person picking up your child,
- Relationship to the child
- Contact number of the person,
- I.C. number or car plate number.



## SPN 21 Format for Year 7 & Year 8 for 2009

Effective January 2009, all Year 7 and Year 8 students will use the new syllabus SPN21 (Sistem Pendidikan Negara Abad-21) (*National Education System 21<sup>st</sup> Century*) as endorsed by the Ministry of Education.

The current Year 8 students in 2009 will sit for the School Based Examination at the end of the year to ascertain whether they will join the Express or Normal stream as shown below for the academic year 2010.



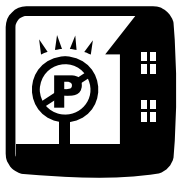
## School Fees

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. Students with any outstanding fees are not permitted to take any examination until the fees are settled.

## Students Pass

Please be reminded that all foreign students are required by LAW in Brunei Darussalam to hold a valid Student Pass to be able to study in this country. Please check your child's Student Pass and it is important that it is valid. Students without student passes are not permitted to attend school in Brunei Darussalam. Should you have any problems, please see our front office staff Sarimah or Hj. Laila for assistance.

## Traffic & Parking Woes



- ♣ **PARK** your car sensibly
- ♣ Ensure **SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW**
- ♣ **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 11.30 a.m. (MORNING)** **AND 1.20 to 4.40 p.m. (AFTERNOON)**

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

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

This subject is compulsory for all **expatriate students** studying in Year 7 and Year 8 who have little command of the Malay Language. It aimed at assisting students, especially children of expatriates with less than 5 years residence in Brunei to master the Malay language, enabling them to adapt, communicate and appreciate the Malay culture better.

A memo will be issued to selected students to attend the class under the guidance of teacher Abdul Aziz Hj Hamdan.

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.

## Attendance and Examination Procedure

All students are required to maintain a minimum of **85% attendance** in an academic year particularly students sitting for the public examinations at Year 9 P.M.B. Penilaian Menengah Bawah and Year 11 Cambridge G.C.E. 'O' Level in October/ November respectively. Kindly be advised, **poor attendance may result in retention at the same level for the following academic year**. Parents are advised to check the school calendar (as attached) before arranging any vacation.

## Conduct and Behaviour Reminders



1. Students are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from bringing **mobile phones** to school at all times 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.



2. On P.E. days, students are required to wear the prescribed school P.E. shirt and dark (black or dark blue) coloured sports 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.*



**NO MEMO –  
NO ACTIVITY!**

3. 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.

## May/ June G.C.E. 'O' Level 2009

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/2/2008(33) dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008:



- students who have sat for the Oct/Nov 2008 examination and wish to re-sit/ obtain better grades,
- current Year 11 students in 2009 who scored minimum of **FOUR (4) subject credits** equivalent to GCE 'O' level grade, **provided**, the application is **approved** by the Principal.

Prospective candidates are required to submit:

- completed registration forms,
- a photocopy of I/C or passport,
- a photocopy of the Year 10 final year 2008 examination progress report for eligibility purposes,
- required monies (Note: B\$60 registration fee + B\$35 per subject); cheques to be made payable to Seri Mulia Sarjana School Sdn. Bhd.

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

**Only limited seats are available.** Seats are on “First Come, First Served” basis. PRIORITY is given to Year 11 students from 2008.

We request your co-operation to submit the entry forms and monies directly to teacher **Koh Han Siong** no later than **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2009**.

Entry forms are available from teacher Koh Han Siong.

**Important information for students taking GCE ‘O’ levels for the FIRST time:**

1. the ‘O’ level exams spans from 8<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009. Candidates are advised that valuable lessons will be affected whilst attending to the exam. The syllabus will only be expected to be completed by August 2009.
2. The School only offers written “*alternative to practical*” for pure science subjects of Biology, Chemistry and Physics instead of the practical paper.
3. All candidates are **required** to register for **EIGHT(8)** subjects for Oct/ Nov 2009 ‘O’ level session regardless of the number of subject credits they get at the May/ June 2009 session .

Kindly note that Ministry of Education ***charges separately for May/ June 2009 and October/ November 2009 exam sessions***

## Mandarin Class



In keeping up with the new trend in education, we are introducing Mandarin classes. The classes will be taught by teacher Li Zhou. She has a bachelor's degree in English and Literature from the Institute of Guangxi University. Students will be taught daily conversational Mandarin and basic writing skills.

Mandarin classes are available at the following schedules as stated in the registration form for both beginners and advanced classes.

Classes will **commence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February** after the Chinese New Year holidays. There are no extra fees charged for the class.

Kindly fill in the slip below and submit to the front office **no later Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2009** 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

Our Ref: SMSS/S/A/7 (570)

*Student details*

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

CLASS (2009): \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

*Parents/ Guardian details*

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

*Contact Number*

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

Time (AM)	Level	Room	Requirement	Please tick (✓) ONE
Beginners A	Every Tuesday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m.	4	Able to speak Mandarin only. Also open for non-Mandarin speakers.	
	Every Wednesday 10.30 – 11.15 a.m.	1		
Advanced A	Every Wednesday 11.30 – 12.15 p.m.	13	Able to speak and write basic Mandarin	
	Every Saturday 11.30 – 12.15 p.m.	4		

Time (PM)	Level	Room	Requirement	Please tick (✓) ONE
Beginners B	Every Thursday 2.20 – 3.20 p.m.	6	Able to speak Mandarin only. Also open for non-Mandarin speakers.	
	Every Saturday 2.20 – 3.20 p.m.	6		
Advanced B	Every Thursday 3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	6	Able to speak and write basic Mandarin	
	Every Saturday 3.45 – 5.00 p.m.	6		

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

*For Office Use Only*

Date	Time	Signature