At the Class Parents’ Meeting on Thursday, we had a splendid turnout and many valuable and helpful contributions regarding roles in school. Two points were clarified as follows:

i) To encourage greater interaction and involvement through Class Parents in the work and activities of the PTA and the PTA Committee.

ii) To continue with the RM100 Class Fund request: This has been a tradition at Miri for many years: money will be asked for from each parent with a child in the class and will be used for special activities in the class such as making costumes/props for plays or for leaving presents for children leaving through the year and maybe end-of-year mementoes and class parties to name but a few. Your Class Parent will be collecting the funds after half term so I hope everyone will respond positively and readily to their request. Thank you, Phillip Brisley

FYI During the Half Term Break, there will be a great deal of action taking place in the school, trying to make the changes with least impact on the children and the safety of all people working and visiting the school. Some less troublesome works have been undertaken such as the crossing and paving for pedestrians near the Blue Building but Half Term will see the rearranging of the Administration Offices and more shade as well as remedial work on drainage covers being tackled.

Tuesday

15th October: HARI RAYA—A Public Holiday

Weekend

Curtin University Swimming Club will be holding their Gala at Tenby School Pool on Saturday 19th October — if you would like to spectate the organisers, led by Mr Martin our school assistant coach in our swimming CCAs, would welcome you: from 8:50 to 10:30 approx.

Upcoming Events

Primary Parents’ Evening the week after Half Term is an opportunity for you to meet with your child’s class teacher. Tuesday 22nd October from 3.30 - 5.30pm & Thursday 24th October from 5.30 - 7.30pm

The Primary Teachers (Nursery-Year 6) will be available for you to sign up for a 10 minute appointment Please note there will be no after school Co-Curricular Clubs on Tues 22nd or Thurs 24th for Primary Children.

Secondary School Parent Meetings: Tuesday 29th October in the Library 5:30-7:30pm

Your son/daughter will bring home a sheet for meeting requests at the start of the new Half Term

General Notices and Information

The e-purse kiosk is now installed and staff have received training on its operation. Its operation requires an electronic tagged ID card—such as the teachers are wearing. The data will be sourced from the school data management system, which now has the basic entries for each child entered. In addition we require a photo of each child on their card so the cafeteria and shop staff can check its being used by the correct child: we have photos of most children and will take a quick snapshot of those whom have no picture.

This will take some time to complete and we need to consider the best ways to have the cards available safely, especially for our younger pupils. We are also planning to extend the usage of these cards to the withdrawal and return of books to the Library when that system is fully operational too. We will also issue a ‘handy guide for parents’ to assist with the changeover. It should be remembered that students, staff, parents and visitors may still pay for purchases in cash or cheque as before.