



26 May 2014

RE: OPERATION WALLACEA TRIP

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to you with an update for the forthcoming Operation Wallacea Trip which departs on Tuesday 24 June at 01:35am (evening of Monday 23 June). Firstly, I regret to inform you that I am no longer able to join the trip because I have to return to the UK for personal family reasons during the dates that this trip is scheduled. However, in my place another BISS teacher will attend. Mr. Kris Van Der Mynsbrugge is very happy to be joining the group; he is well travelled in Indonesia, a keen Geographer and also a qualified and experienced diver. It is unfortunate that I will not be joining the trip, however I will still be coordinating the trip before departure so if you have any queries please contact me at any time.

Please be aware of the external flights which are booked and summarised below. Internal flights are being confirmed next week and I will update you with that as soon as possible.

Airline/Flight Number	Depart	Arrive
D7331	Shanghai (PVG) Terminal 2 Tue 24 Jun, 01:35	Kuala Lumpur (KUL) LCC Terminal Tue 24 Jun, 06:55
QZ203	Kuala Lumpur (KUL) LCC Terminal Tue 24 Jun, 09:50	Jakarta (CGK) Terminal 3 Tue 24 Jun, 10:50
AK 381	Jakarta (CGK) Terminal 3 Thu 10 Jul, 08:35	Kuala Lumpur (KUL) LCC Terminal Thu 10 Jul, 11:35
D7330	Kuala Lumpur (KUL) LCC Terminal Thu 10 Jul 19:25	Shanghai (PVG) Terminal 2 Fri 11 Jul, 00:35

The diving course for four of the five students is under way, organised by Harry Masefield. If you have any specific questions about the diving before the trip please contact him directly at harry.masefield@opwall.com. He will be in direct contact with the students doing the diving course to confirm the dates of the last part of the theory and practical sessions and with further details.



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These sessions are scheduled for the weekend of 7 and 8 June. This will be confirmed by Harry shortly.

I would like to meet with students and parents next week to go over some more information and for everyone to meet Mr. Kris Van Der Mynsbrugge. I propose to meet on Tuesday 3 June at 4:00pm in the Secondary Dining Hall. Please confirm your attendance at this meeting by emailing me at d-grocott@bisspuxi.com

Please access OpWal's specific trip website which has all the useful information, videos and documents. The 1 hour video about the trip and sites is very useful and goes through all of the main common questions you may have as well as detailed information about each site the group will visit.

The link is: <http://opwall.com/training/indonesia-training-b-bb/>
Password: indonesia7

A packing list, taken from the OpWal site information page is attached for your consideration so that any specific equipment can be bought in good time.

Regarding immunisations you must consult your GP, travel clinic or doctor for personal advice. To allow sufficient time for all the necessary immunisations it is recommended that you consult your Doctor or travel clinic as soon as possible.

OpWal suggests that participants are up-to-date with the following inoculations:

- Tetanus
- Typhoid
- Cholera
- Hepatitis A
- Diphtheria
- Polio

Rabies is not necessary for this expedition as the group will not be working with bats.

Japanese B Encephalitis: Although we work in an area where Japanese B Encephalitis exists, our presence in high risk zones is very limited. We also work in the dry season thus reducing the risk further, so do not demand that volunteers are vaccinated against this.



Malaria is present in Indonesia so most healthcare professionals will recommend you take prophylactics. Consult your doctor as to their recommendations. Most malarial prophylactics require you start taking them before travel. No drug offers complete protection from contracting malaria. The only sure way of preventing diseases transmitted through insect bites (particularly mosquitoes and ticks) is to prevent being bitten. Use precautions including insect repellent; cover exposed skin, use of mosquito nets etc. Please bear in mind that if you are taking the prophylaxis Lariam, you are not allowed to dive.

Yellow Fever Certificate

While there is no Yellow Fever present in Indonesia currently, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required to enter the country for those travelling from countries with a risk of Yellow Fever transmission, please check with your doctor for clarification.

Should you require any further information or if you have any concerns, please do contact me and I will be happy to help.

With kind regards,

Daniel Grocott

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