



# Newsletter

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The Thai Language School of Melbourne Incorporated



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## School Calendar Term 1/2012

05 February	Term 1 commences Enrolment for Term 1 School Assembly
18 March	Thai Food and Culture Festival (Federation Square)
25 March	Last week of Term 1
02 April	Teachers' meeting

## School Courses

### Special Courses\*

- Basic English
- Thai food cooking
- Thai fruit & vegetable craft
- Thai dance
- Thai music (Khim)

(\* ) All courses will be arranged with private tutors at the school or at home if there are not enough students to make a class at the school.

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## Letter from the Principal

Welcome to our new school at Westall Secondary College for Term 1. I hope all parents and students had a great time during the school holiday.

This term we will start at our new home, Westall Secondary College. All of us are not familiar with the facilities of this school. Therefore, the Committee will arrange an assembly to introduce this school to all of you. The assembly will be at room A 19 at 1:30 pm. After that there is a parents meeting with the Principal in the same room.

As we announced to all members, this year the school has slightly increased the fees due to the higher rental cost than the former school at Coomoora. I hope our members will understand for this policy. However, the Committee is open to get any feedback from you. If you would like to discuss anything further please contact Des Janes, The President or myself, the Principal.

The activity of this term is to learn real Thai culture at Federation Square on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. On this week we will have no class at the school but we will have an excursion to take all adult students there to do some activities. The teachers will assign tasks for you to do at this festival. Also, we would like to encourage parents to take your child to attend as they will learn about Thai culture there. Teachers will discuss with you and assign the task that you and your child can do together. The school will have a booth to be our central point where everybody can meet. This booth will promote our school. We will hope to see any adult students, parents and child students visit our booth and if you would like to volunteer to help promote our booth it will be appreciated very much.

On behalf of the Committee we hope all members will enjoy our new school and enjoy to learn Thai and Thai culture with us. Our goal is to build up this small Thai-Australia community to have a strong spirit.

Sopha Cole

Principal

If any members, adult students or child students would like to have private tuition during the weekday or school holiday please contact the Principal. We provide the teachers to teach you at home.

## Important Announcements

•The parents meeting will be after the assembly in the same room.

•CD and DVD from Graduation Day will be available soon at administration office. Please give a donation for each item.

•No class at the school on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March because all classes will have excursion to join 'Thai Food and Culture Festival' or Thai New Year at Federation Square. Teachers of each class will arrange to meet their students and provide assignments.

• DVD Basic Conversation is available for \$10 purchase at Admin Office

•Term 2 will open on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

## Pasathai chabub la kam:

เลือกนักมักได้แร่ – Leuk nak mak dai rae

Too fussy to choose will get gravel.

This proverb means if you are very fussy to get something, finally you will get something not as good as you expected.

For example, if a man or woman is looking for their partner but always complains that the person who she/he is getting to know has something wrong or is not good enough. Finally, if they settle for any person and then they found that their partner is not as good as they had expected or maybe not as suitable as someone they had known before.

## Pictures from Graduation Day



**Face book:** Now the school has our own Facebook page and we encourage all members to join our Facebook group as you will see our activities, news and announcements there as well. Please go to our website and sign in.

## School Activities Term 4/2011

### ◆School Assembly

The school will have an assembly to introduce the new school premises and facilities to all members at 1:30pm in Room A19.

◆Parents Meeting – all parents will attend the parents meeting at Room A19 to be informed about the school rules, your children's curriculum and school activities for this term.

◆Thai Food and Culture 'Songkran Festival' – The school will have an excursion to join this event on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

All adult students and parents are asked to attend as it is part of our curriculum to learn Thai culture.

◆Teachers' meeting – On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April there is a teachers' meeting or Curriculum Day. Special topic of lecturer and workshop is 'Training and Assessment'

## School Activities during school holiday (January)

1. Teacher's meeting on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January
2. Committee of the school had a meeting on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> January concerning the arrangements with Westall SC
3. The President, Des Janes had a meeting on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January with the Principal of Westall SC about the school canteen. The school council of Westall will consider this for us so that we hope our canteen can operate again at this new school.
4. The Principal made a trip to Perth, WA under a grant from the Thai Royal Embassy to meet with the President of the Thai-Australian Association of WA, Khun Saowaluk Srisukkhao. This meeting was part of the VCE project and our school will cooperate with the Thai community in WA .