



# จดหมายข่าว Newsletter

โรงเรียนภาษาไทยนครเมลเบิร์น

The Thai Language School of Melbourne Incorporated



## Number 8, Term 4/2010

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### School Calendar Term4/2010

10 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Term 4 commences
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct.	Parents assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov.	Rehearsal for Graduation Day Last day of Term 4 Parents meeting Student Report
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	Graduation Day
12 <sup>nd</sup> Dec.	The Curriculum Day (Teachers' meeting)

\* This term there are no public holidays

### School News

#### • Grant 2011

**The school got a grant from VMC to help develop a forum at the school website and to help to hire the school in 2011.**

#### • Short course offered in the city

**The school will open a short course in the city for Adults in the evening during the weekday. This course is provided for people who can't attend the school on Sundays and for our students who want to learn more during the weekday. Contact administrator to get more detail.**

**•The school also offers Thai performances for any occasion. Please contact administrator.**

## Letter from the Principal

This term is busy with many activities of the school. First of all, the AGM is on the first day of the school term. I would like to thank everyone for the nominees of every executive position that include former committee members who are very kind to continue to offer their help for the school next year and also the new people to be nominated to help the school.

The second activity is the Graduation Day that will be held on Sunday 28th November from 12:00-3:30 pm. This day is important for the school because we will finish the year of 2010. Therefore, all students who have completed courses for the whole year will get a competency certificate. Meanwhile, students who started a course after Term 1 or who did a short course this term will get a participation certificate.

More importantly on this day we will show respect to the King as it is his birthday on the 5th December. In Thailand we call this day "Fathers Day" as well.

The school hopes that all activities on this day will be supported by all families, parents and students, both children and adults. We will practice some performances and it may take some time during part of normal classes. We will have a rehearsal for one hour on Sunday 22nd November from 3:30-4:30 pm.

I hope everybody will support this event by joining and practicing Thai culture in the performance. Tickets for this event will be on sale in early November for \$5 for adults or \$10 per family. We will also do fund raising for Thai food fairs and some Thai restaurants in Springvale will help by donating delicious Thai food, as they do for the school every year.

I invite you to ask your family and friends to join us on this day. This is the Thai community event where we can show our strong spirit for our country and king.

This year I would like to thank people who have contributed in any way to the school. If you or your family feels that you belong to this community school, then it means that we are successful.

Also a big thank you to Khun Tan, editor of MELB magazine, who gave us one permanent page to publish articles, messages and advertisements. This has given the school another option to extend our message through the Thai community.

Last but not the least, I hope everybody will enjoy this summer holiday and we hope to see you again next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011.

Sopha Cole

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## Announcements

1. **The AGM** is postponed until late October 2010.
2. The school would like to thank these people who donated to the school as follows:
  - Khun Sompit Watkins donated some dictionaries to the school.
  - Geoff Drennan, a private student donated a box of note books for the school to do fundraising.
  - Our staff member, Khun Orawan Daoloy donated some Thai materials to the school.
3. **The Graduation Day and Father's Day** will be held in the Drama Room on Sunday 28th November from 12:00-3:00 pm. The Rehearsal will be on Sunday 21st November from 3:30-4:30 pm in the Drama Room.
4. **The Examination** for all childrens classes of Semester 2 (Terms 3/4) will be on week 5, Sunday 14th November.
5. **For the parents**
  - **The Parents' Assembly**, Week 2 of Term 4, Sunday 17th October at 1:15-1:30 pm. All parents will attend a meeting about the Graduation Day at room 31.
  - **The Parents' Meeting**, Week 8 of Term 4, Sunday 5th December at 3:30-4:30 pm to get their child's report and have a meeting with teachers.
6. Sunday 5th December is the last week of Term 4.
7. **The Curriculum Day** will be held on Sunday 12th December.

## PICTURES FROM THE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



The school had a meeting with Thai Welfare Association and the committee of Buddharangsee Thai Community Language School in Sydney. This time we had a chance to meet Mr Albert Vella, President of Community School Association of NSW.

•The Committee Members, Sub-Committee and staff had a day trip at Phillip Island on the school holiday.



## School Activities

- ✿ On 25th September a small group of staff, teachers and committee members had a day trip to Phillip Island.
- ✿ From 28th September to 4th October the Principal, Dr Sopha Cole, and the Secretary of the Feasibility Project for Thai VCE, Sansanee Chanarnupap went to Sydney and Brisbane to promote this project and also did survey research to collect data about Thai families and students. The trip was successful to get help and cooperation from the Thai community in Sydney, including Dr Songsri Foran and the school committee of Buddharangsee Thai Community Language School, Khun Sineenat Khantaracha and Khun Thiraya Meemetkun from Thai Welfare Association in Sydney, Khun Artorn Ninlapong from Dhammachai Foundation Learning Center and Khun Jitanong Thinnarat from Thai Education Centre, and lastly, Khun Nukul Skennerton from Wat Thai Buddraram, Brisbane in Queensland.
- ✿ This semester the school has sent four teachers to attend the Short Course LOTE Methodology Phase I at Monash University and Phase II at RMIT for 10 weeks and there are about 8 teachers who will attend the PD seminar program at ESAV.

**Pasathai chabub la kam**  
(ภาษาไทยฉบับละคร)

**"น้ำพึ่งเรือ เสือพึ่งป่า"** Nam  
Peung Rua – Sua Peung Paa” means;

The boat relies on the water just as the tiger relies on the jungle.

This Thai phrase means everybody and everything in the world depends on each other or maybe helps each other. Nobody can survive by themselves. The phrase makes people aware that we should help each other and also we need help from others.



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