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**Letter from the Principal**

Welcome back to all adult and children students to school for Term 2. I would like to apologise that the school could not produce the newsletter for Term 1. However, I would like to inform you that from now, the school will have a permanent newsletter once per term. The newsletter is a way of communication from the school to students and members. Also, the students and members can catch up with the news from the school.

Concerning back to last year about the Graduation Day, the school would like to thank you all for support and to many Thai restaurants and people who donated to the school and helped us. Their names are listed in the school news below.

We appreciate that now there are more volunteers to help the school, such as Somjit Gitlits who is our programmer to develop our website. We also have support from expert academics in Thai teaching who are now members of the curriculum committee. Their names are also listed in the school news column. With this new committee the school's curriculum will be improved to a new professional standard. On behalf of the school I would like to thank these people very much for volunteering to help the school.

The school had a fund raising dinner at Patee Thai restaurant on 6<sup>th</sup> April. This was kindly supported by the owner of the restaurant, Khun Tan Panturamporn. The school would like to thank him very much for his kindness to make his restaurant available to us for many years.

Finally, I would like to inform that the school will arrange the AGM (Annual General Meeting) for 2009 at the end of May. If you are interested to volunteer to help the school please contact the Secretary, Ian Lange, for more information.

Hope all of you enjoy your studying for this term.

Sopha Cole  
Principal

**Announcement**

- The school has changed the postal address:

Old address: P.O.Box 1259  
Bundoora 3098

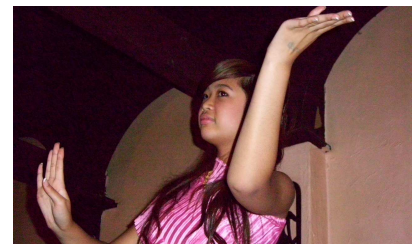
New address: P.O.Box 925  
Lilydale 3140

- The President, Kandy French and Vice President, Alan Hall resigned from their positions on 11 March 2009. These positions will remain vacant until the next AGM.

- The school will open a library service for members very soon. Now, we are cataloging all materials, books and arranging the items. You can go to the office and check the list of these books and materials to borrow from khun Pattharamon, our administrator.
- The school has produced a CD of the text book "Pasathai Po One Lem One". This CD can be used to practice reading the correct tones. If any students or members would like to buy this CD please order from the office.

### School Activities

1. The school had a teachers and staff meeting for the curriculum on 5<sup>th</sup> April and there were two guest speakers, Joy Vogt and Anitra Thuvasin.
2. The school had a fund raising dinner at Patee Thai restaurant on 6<sup>th</sup> April.



### School News

1. Arrangements will be made for the AGM 2009 (date and time will be announced shortly).
2. The school offers a **Short course** and **Thai Craft course** every term from now. Thai Craft course will operate each Sunday from 1:30-3:00 and the fee is \$100 not including materials. The parents group of child students can join for a special fee of \$5 per week.
3. The school has the minutes of committee meetings and teachers meetings that are now available for access. Please contact the Treasurer, Chanya Edmonds, if you would like to see any of these.

### Pictures from the Graduation Day November 2008



### Support from the following people and businesses on Graduation Day is much appreciated

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| 1. The Abbot of Dhammasangsee Temple, Forest Hill           | 11. Khun Weena Amiet                                |
| 2. The Abbot of Thammanivet Temple, Springval South         | 12. Nok's Beauty Salon                              |
| 3. Ms. Amphorn Faragher                                     | 13. Saengtien Thai Restaurant                       |
| 4. Ms. Duangjai Ounkam                                      | 14. Khun Ouun, Nakorn Thai restaurant               |
| 5. Khun Rungtiwa and khun Sukanya, Thai Central School Inc. | 15. Khun Aim Wicharnjarone, Rose of Thai Restaurant |
| 6. Khun Sompong, Mee Dee Restaurant                         | 16. Khun Rattanaporn Srithara                       |
| 7. Prapaisri Restaurant                                     | 17. Khun. Suchada Thientosapol                      |
| 8. Khun Saisunee Mcfarland , Poppy Thai Restaurant          | 18. Khun Pensri Sriruang                            |
| 9. Khun Ampai, Amphai Thai VDO                              | 19. Khun Sopa Thongrompho                           |
|   | 20. Khun Dusadee Coulson , SBS Thai Radio Program   |
|   | 21. Khun Kritsadee Peutiarpakul                     |
|   | 21. Khun Ratchanee Naksuk                           |

### The school calendar for Term 2

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June (The school has no public holiday for this term)

### The Curriculum Committee Members

The school has formed a Curriculum Committee who are experts in Thai teaching. Members are:

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| 1) Dr Sopha Cole, Principal, The Thai Language School of Melbourne Inc, Melbourne   | 5) Issares Surachestpong, Lecturer in Charge, Thai School, Australian Defence Force                            |
| 2) Assoc. Prof Urawadee Rujikeitkamjorn, Curriculum children co-ordinator, The Thai Language School of Melbourne Inc, Melbourne | 6) Anitra Thuvasin, Lectuer in Thai, Thai School, Australian Defence Force                                     |
| 3) Dr Stephen Morey, Lectuer in Thai, La Trobe University, Melbourne  | 7) Dusadee Kunson, Head of SBS Thai Radio Program, Melbourne   |
| 4) Chintana Sanderlands, Lectuer in Thai, National Thai Studies Centre, ANU, Canberra   | 8) Assist. Prof Dr Maliwan Buranapattana, Lecturer in Thai, Department of Thai, Khon Kaen University, Thailand |

### Thai Words (ภาษาไทยฉบับละคำ)

#### "ก็ได้" Kaw Dai

This phrase is used by Thai people to show amenability or indifference, as in expressions such as "whoever/whatever/whenever you like". For example:

"อะไรก็ได้" arai kaw dai = whatever you like.

\*This phrase is a popular way for Thai people to answer when friends or family order food for them.

"เราพบกันเมื่อไหร่ก็ได้" rao pob gan muarai kaw dai = We'll meet whenever you like.

"ให้เท่าไหร่ก็ได้" hai thaorai kaw dai = You can give however much you like.

"เรียนภาษาไทยเมื่อไหร่ก็ได้" rian pasathai muarai kaw dai = You can learn Thai whenever you like.

Thank You for supporting our Thai School. We hope you enjoy studying Thai with us.

