



# Newsletter

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The Thai Language School of Melbourne Incorporated



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## Letter from the Principal

Happy New Year for all students, families and parents and I hope everybody enjoyed their long holiday. The past year has gone very quickly and now we are in year 2011. This year in the Thai and Chinese year we call "Pii Grataai", meaning Rabbit Year.

Welcome all students for this year and I hope everyone has energy and feels fresh to start a new class. During the holiday the school had a workshop to develop our adult curriculum. This workshop will help teachers prepare their teaching to meet the requirement.

This term the school will join the Thai festival at Federation Square on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This is the "Thai Food and Culture Festival" which also celebrates the Thai New Year. For this event, students will have an opportunity to see Thai culture and get experience to participate in an event with Thai people. For each class, teachers will arrange with their students to do some activities together. I hope you will enjoy and have a worthwhile experience at this event.

Another activity during the first term is learning Thai music. In March a group of teachers from the University of Pra Nakorn, Thailand, will visit Melbourne and will perform Thai dance and Thai music at the Thai Food and Culture Festival. These musicians have offered to teach Thai musical instruments to our students for free. Please contact the staff administrator for more information.

Last term the school celebrated Graduation Day and Fathers' Day. On this occasion we held fund raising to help people who in the flood of Thailand and also we received donations. The school would like to thank very much the parents, students and people who came to support the school on that day as well as the Thai restaurants and shops. Some helped to donate money and some cooked food to sell on that day the proceeds of which were given to the school.

Sopha Cole

## School Calendar Term1/2011

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 1 commences
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Melbourne Thai festival
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Last week of term 1
10 <sup>th</sup> April	The Curriculum Day

## School News

### Grant

The Thai Language School of Melbourne got a grant from VMC for \$1,000 for the school venue hire and development of the forum website.

### Learn Thai musical instrument (Free)

The school and the University of Phra Nakorn, Thailand will arrange the free course for Thai musical instruments such as So-U and Khim at Wat Dhamasangsee, Forest Hill for one week; every evening during 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### 2011 New Courses\*

- Short Course Basic English Conversation in the city location
- Thai food cooking
- Thai fruit & vegetable craft
- Thai dance
- Thai arts and music

(\* 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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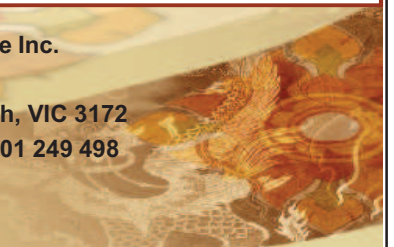
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## Important Announcements

1. The school has produced a CD and DVD about the Graduation Day 2010. If any students or parents would like to get a copy please contact the administrator. You can give a donation to the school instead of **payment**.

2. The school has produced a booklet and audio CD for Basic Conversation. If any students or parents would like to get this booklet and CD please contact the administrator. The booklet and CD together are \$20. We also offer a service at the library where you can borrow them.

## Pasathai chabub la kam:

### ชั่วเจ็ดทีดีเจ็ดหน

### Chua jed thi/Dee jet hon Bad seven times, good seven times

This proverb means that everybody does not always have good luck or bad luck. Life will be different so that sometimes we have good luck and sometimes bad luck. If your life has bad luck, don't give up because it won't be long and your life will be better. Meanwhile, if you have good remember that it might not be long and then you will get bad luck.

This proverb makes you aware that life is unstable. Therefore, don't get upset with your bad luck and don't be too happy when you have good luck.



## School Activities

★ Songkran Festival on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at Federation Square

★ Special class to learning Thai instrument music at Dhammsangsee temple, forest hill from 14-18

School activities from term 4/2010 and during the school holiday

### Graduation Day 28th November 2010

The school had Graduation and Fathers' Day on Sunday 28th November 2010. This event we had got fund raising from donation about \$ 1103.50 and also we got donation to help the flooded in Thailand \$ 500.

### Workshop to development adult curriculum and teaching

On Sunday 28th the school had workshop to development curriculum and teaching at Ross House in the city. We had guest speaker is Anitra Thuvasin former President of the school from last year. She is lecturer in Thai at Thai Department, Defense Force School of Languages.

### Pictures from Graduation and Father's Day 2010



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