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Letter from the Principal

School Calendar Term 2/2011

1 st May	Term 2 commences Enrolment for Term 2
8 th May	Parents meeting
15 th May	Emergency Drill
12 th June	Public Holiday
26 th July	Examination Last day of Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2 to all students, both adults and children and also all parents. I hope everybody had a good time during the school holiday and Easter. Our school will celebrate its 10 year anniversary next year. Since we established in 2001 the school grew slowly in the beginning because we were the first Thai school in Melbourne and also the first Thai school in Australia that had accreditation from the Victorian Government. We have grown since then to provide a range of classes for both children and adults. Our children's curriculum has been approved since 2004 and has extended to level 6 (Year 10) in 2008.

However, we still need to improve in many things to achieve our goal to put forward Thai language into the senior school in the future. Last February some of our staff attended a meeting with the Thai Ambassador and officers from the Department of Education of Victoria to discuss Thai language in VCE. This is a good sign that our school has support from both the Thai Government and the Department of Education in Victoria to pursue this goal. Details of the meeting were published in MELB Magazine.

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.

2011 New Courses in the city*

• There are 2 courses offered in the city:

1. Adult Beginner 20 hours from 18th April to 26th June
2. Adult Advanced 20 hours from 2nd May to 25th July

• The school has offered private tutor for Thai, Thai dancing & Thai music for both adult and children

Also, our activities have inspired Thai language schools and the Thai community in other states such as NSW, Queensland and Western Australia. In early March, under the support of the Royal Thai Embassy, I was invited to attend a meeting in Sydney with representatives from three states to share information about how to develop a project for the VCE Thai language in Victoria. The school has an opportunity to guide a Queensland school on how to register to be a community language school. We hope we can see Thai schools grow up in every state in the future if it is possible.

The last news is that Victoria might be chosen as the state for a Thai Studies Center at RMIT. There will be a conference of Thai Studies in August hosted by RMIT. The school, represented by the Principal, will participate on the committee for this event.

During this term we will have some more activities at the school, such as parents meeting, emergency drill and also examinations at the end of Semester 1. These exams are an important assessment for child students in particular. I hope child students will take time to study for their examination because we would like to see our child students achieve highly and keep learning Thai until level 6 or Year 10. Then they can continue their learning at the VCE level in the future.

Sopha Cole

Important Announcements

1. The school is selling English-Thai dictionaries. If any students would like to buy one, please contact administration.
2. To contact our administration please use the left door in the hallway of the main building. We will lock the door to room 31 as this is a meeting room only.
3. 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.
4. 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 is \$20. We also offer a service at the library where you can borrow them.

Songkran Festival 2011

At Federation Square on 20th March 2011 the school was promoted at this event and it was a good opportunity for our students to experience and learn Thai culture and practice their Thai skills.



Pasathai chabub la kam:

รำไม่ดีโทษที่โทษกลอง: 'Ram mai dee thod pii thod glong', can not perform dance very well to blame it's from the music. This phrase means when people did something mistake or not good but like to blame to other people or other things rather than themselves.

School Activities

School Activity Term 2/2011

- ◆ Parents meeting on 8 May at 3:00 - 3:30 pm
- ◆ Practice emergency drill on 15 May at 2:55 - 3:10 pm
- ◆ Examination on Sunday 26 June
- ◆ Teachers' meeting (Curriculum Day) on Sunday 3 July

Meeting with Thai Ambassador and Department of Education on 7th February at Grand Melbourne Hotel:

The Principal and the VCE Committee - Khun Anitra Thuvasin, Khun Sansanee Chanarnupap, Khun Dusadee Koulson had a meeting with the Thai Ambassador - Dr Krengsak Kittichaiseree, Honorary Thai Consulate of Melbourne - Dr Simon Wallace and officers from VCAA, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority – Maree



Dellora and Andriene Horrigan, DEECD- Department of Education Early Childhood Development - Rod Parnell, and Executive Manager of Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria - Stefan Romaniv at Grand Hyatt of Melbourne Hotel. The participants discussed the process to put Thai Language into senior schools in Victoria and every state in Australia in the future.



Thai musical instrument lesson at Dhammasangsee temple:

During 21-25 March our teachers had an opportunity to learn Thai dance and Thai music with an expert team from Phra Nakorn University. This team performed at the Thai Food and Culture Festival at Federation Square.

Teachers Meeting (Curriculum Meeting)

On Saturday 16th April the school had a teachers' meeting at Ross House where we heard a lecture by the Principal about the assessment and teacher's presentation to prepare their assessment for Term 2. This time the school had a farewell party and celebrated for Sansanee Chanarnuparb as she graduated with her PhD from La Trobe University and will return to teach at Thaksin University in Thailand.

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