

# RED CRANE NEWS

Term 1 Newsletter, 1st Feb to 10th Apr

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## Summer Issue

### Summer Intensive Beginners' Mandarin Course

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Enrol In Our Summer Intensive Course! - Red One is the Beginner's Level at Red Crane School of Chinese.

Learn Mandarin in just 2 & half weeks in Melbourne and Sydney. This level is usually conducted over a period of 10 weeks. However, in the spring and summer we conduct intensive courses which would cover the same material over a shorter period of time, so you can join the Level 2 class next term in 2010.

These courses have proven to be very popular over the last few years, so places are limited.

Contact us for more details regarding the Summer Intensive Course or to enrol.

Enrolment for this class is restricted to only 10 people per class . Please be advised that there are only a few places left!

#### Timetable - Melbourne

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7th January to 21st January 5.45pm to 9.30pm running for 2 & a half weeks. ( There is a good break after every hour )

#### Timetable - Sydney

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7th January to 21st January 5.45pm to 9.30pm running for 2 & a half weeks. ( There is a good break after every hour )

Happy New Year to All!



# Chinese New Year 春节

## Year of the Tiger - 虎

The Sign of the Tiger :

Courageous, active and self-assured. Optimistic, passionate and independent. Rebellious, dynamic and unpredictable. Quick tempered but considerate. Affectionate but careless. The Tiger is a natural born leader and symbolises power, passion and daring.

Tigers do not find worth in power or money. People born in the Year of the Tiger are generally well liked because of their charming personalities. Often, failing at a given task or being unproductive in his personal or professional life can cause a Tiger to experience a deep depression. Criticism from loved ones can also generate this type of Tiger reaction. Still, like all felines, Tigers always land on their feet, ready for their next act in life, pursuing it with unyielding energy and hunting it infallibly.

Tigers are fond of competition. They simply cannot pass up a challenge. They may appear cool and are unpredictable, and it would be unwise to underestimate their reactions. Natural leaders, they have a strong sense of their own dignity. They are intelligent, alert and farsighted. Good

strategists and tacticians, they often have a hidden agenda. As long as they do not risk their luck too often, and keep their restless nature under control, they will enjoy success and happiness.

### - General Predictions For the Year of the Tiger

The Year of the Tiger is traditionally associated with massive changes and social upheaval. Therefore 2010 is very likely to be a volatile one both on the world scene, as well as on a personal level.

Tigers who thrive on chance and unpredictability are best suited to navigating the many upheavals predicted in the year ahead. Those compatible with the Tiger - the Dragon and the Horse in particular - may also find 2010's erratic circumstances inspiring them to ever bolder action, and ultimate success.

Those born under other signs will suffer, by degree, depending on how flexible they are to change. Those who can keep a steady hand on the helm may be shaken, but undeterred by the typically thunderous events foreseen in any Tiger year.

## Chinese Idiomatic Expressions

( Edition 11 )

### 马到功成 ma dao gong cheng

Literally says ' horse arrives, job completed'. This expression is used to wish someone success with their endeavours.

### Book Corner:

#### 1. Red Crane Glossary Book

This book is a glossary of the main words found in the first six books from Red One to Orange Two. It is used as a consolidated guide book to the vocabulary found in the main textbooks used in class. Highly useful in locating the context of where a word has been used in any of the above textbooks, without having to flip through all of them. Perfect for students who haven't had the time to consolidate their studies. **\$23 incl of GST**

#### 2. Red Crane Chinese Character Picture Book

This book is a compilation of all the drawings used in classes from Red One and Two. Extremely helpful in helping students to identify and recollect how a Chinese character looks like, and its process of writing. **\$20.00 incl of GST**



## Melbourne Timetable ( Term I - 1st February to 10th April )

Chinese Character Writing Beginner's Level 4	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	5.30pm - 7.30pm	City	W4

Chinese Character Writing Intermediate Level	Time	Location	Code
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	WIn

Red One (level 1)	Time	Location	Code
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C01
Wednesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C01a
Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	City	C01b

Red Two (level 2)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C02a
Tuesday	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Richmond	R02
Saturday	10.30am - 12.30pm	City	C02b

Blue One (level 3)	Time	Location	Code
Thursday	5.30pm - 7.30pm	City	C03

Blue Two (level 4)	Time	Location	Code
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C04

Blue Conv (level 5)	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C05

Orange Two (level 7)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C07

Intermediate Conv 1 (level 9)	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C09

Intermediate Conv 2	Time	Location	Code
Thursday	5.30pm - 7.30pm	City	CIC2

Intermediate Conv 4	Time	Location	Code
Tuesday	5.30pm - 7.30pm	City	CIC4

High Intermediate / Advanced Conversation	Time	Location	Code
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	HIC

### Sydney Timetable ( Term I - 1st February to 10th April )

Red One (level 1)	Time	Location	Code
Tuesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	S01a
Wednesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	S01b

Red Two (level 2)	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	S02

Blue Conv (level 5)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	S05

## Chinese Tidbit

### Chinese New Year Spring Cleaning

On the days before the New Year celebration Chinese families give their home a thorough cleaning.

It is believed the cleaning sweeps away the bad luck of the preceding year and makes their homes ready for good luck. Brooms and dust pans are put away on the first day so that luck cannot be swept away. Some people give their homes, doors and window-frames a new coat of red paint.

Homes are often decorated with paper cutouts of Chinese auspicious phrases and couplets. Purchasing new clothing, shoes, and receiving a hair-cut also symbolize a fresh start.

In households where Buddhism or Taoism is prevalent, home altars and statues are cleaned thoroughly, and altars that were adorned with decorations from the previous year are also taken down and burned a week before the new year starts, and replaced with new decorations.



### Melbourne Class Locations

City - Suite 609, 365 Little Collins St, Melbourne 3000

Richmond - 92 -94 Lord St, Richmond

### Sydney Class Location

City - 661 George St, Sydney 2000

#### To Enrol:

Please make cheque payable to:

#### Red Crane School of Chinese

and send to: **Suite 609, 365 Little Collins St, Melbourne 3000**

**Alternatively, if you prefer internet banking, please let us know and we will provide you with our school's bank account details. Fee: Melbourne \$300 / Sydney \$310 per term ( inclusive of textbook and audio podcast where applicable ) GST inclusive. Fees ( less service charge of 10% ) are not refundable after first lesson of term.**

#### For Enquiries, call:

(03) 9378 8463 or 0411 117 188

**Email:** [contact@redcrane.com.au](mailto:contact@redcrane.com.au)

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