

RED CRANE NEWS

Term 1 Newsletter, 30th Jan - 6th Apr

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The Year of the Water Dragon

新年快樂

春节龙年! (Chun Jie Long Nian) Spring Festival Dragon Year

The first day of the 2012 Chinese New Year is on the 23rd of January. The year 2012 is the 4709th Chinese Year. The 12 signs of the Chinese zodiac the Dragon is the most special, as it is a mystical being rather than an earthly animal. It is sometimes called a karmic sign. In this context that means we can expect grand things this year. Bigger than life is very much a Dragon thing. There will be spectacular successes as well as crash and burn failures.

According to Chinese thought on cycles and times, the energy of the earth branch is yang; the rabbit year 2011 was yin. The characteristics of yang energy are outgoing, action orientated. Yin energy is conservative and quieter and that is a cycle of change within itself. Yin flows into Yang and these alternate each year. Gauging how a year will differentiate from year to year is based upon the elements and the elements for 2012 are water and earth.

The Dragon relates to the earth element and the trigram Xun representing wind and the

eldest daughter of the family. There are eight trigrams altogether, the aspect of the trigram come from the I Ching, the Book of Change. The Dragon year is the end of the cycle of the wood season, but is prominent in the earth element. The Heavenly stem above the earth element is yang water. This year represents great Yang water. The Dragon, a cosmic animal is symbolic for having treasures of coins and pearls, and is considered to be lucky.

Financial support for wealth making and enterprises are favourable but being prepared to change a way or two,

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continuing with inventiveness can have better outcomes for businesses in times of consumers being conscientious spenders. The elements indicate employees standing out and being in the forefront in the workplace, bosses could be further in the background.

Careers that relate to the Water Element which will surface more than usually are: transport, tourisms, shipping, boats, fisheries, drinks, refrigeration, laundries, communication, media and music. Water is controlled by earth so these industries will have their challenging moments this year. Careers that relate to the Earth element which are mining, real estate, ceramics, agriculture, consulting, and meditation are potentially forecast to be better this year due to water being the money element for earth.

Health Wise, according to Traditional Chinese Medicine, the vital organs relating to the water element are kidneys. Other areas of

the body are bladder, ears and legs. Issues with these areas may turn up. The fire element, which relates to the emotion of joy and spirit, is absent this year. If this is momentarily lacking in your life, turning off the television and connecting with others is a natural remedy.

Love. The Dragon is not, however, just about money. There will also be fireworks when it comes to love and romance. New love can blossom or an old one rekindle on the spur of the moment. It is relevant here to note the Dragon is closely associated with festivals and celebrations, as exemplified by its status as the star of New Year's parades. That makes 2012 the perfect year for engagements, weddings and baptisms. A word of caution. The Dragon is after all a mythical beast. And, after the parade is over, the Dragon is put away for the next occasion. It thus suggests happenings of a transitory nature. So enjoy that new love, but understand it is more than likely just to be a fleeting romance.

Chinese Idiomatic Expressions

(Edition 18)

龙马精神 long ma jing shen

This expression literally means to have the spirit of a dragon horse, a Chinese mythical creature. It generally means to have vitality of spirit. May this expression be true for all of you in 2012.

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. \$25 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. \$25.00 incl of GST



Chinese New Year Food



New Year Lanterns

Melbourne Timetable (Term I, 30th Jan - 6th Apr)

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

Red One (level 1)	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C01
Thursday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C01a

Red Two (level 2)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C02
Tuesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C02a
Wednesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C02b*

Blue One (level 3)	Time	Location	Code
Tuesday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C03

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

Orange One (level 6)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	C06
Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	C06a

Intermediate Conv (level 8)	Time	Location	Code
Wednesday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	CIC8

Intermediate Conv 10	Time	Location	Code
Thursday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	CIC10

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

Sydney Timetable (Term 1, 30th Jan - 6th Apr)

Red One (level 1)	Time	Location	Code
Monday	5.45pm - 7.30pm	City	S01

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

Intermediate Conversation 11	Time	Location	Code
Monday	7.30pm - 9.30pm	City	IC

Melbourne Class Locations

City - 365 Little Collins St, Melbourne 3000

Sydney Class Location

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