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NEW TEACHING PROGRAM

Our main Teaching Day occurs each weekend on Saturday afternoons and evenings.

The classes run from 2.00pm to 4.00pm are titled “Learn to Practice Buddhism” and are led by Anita. These classes are designed to help us increase and improve our practices of mindfulness, generosity and morality and are also an opportunity for new students to learn the basics of all Buddhist practice.

Our regular class on Saturday evenings from 8.00pm is an introduction to Mahayana Buddhism including the Diamond Cutter Teachings and the fundamentals of Mahayana practice.



Photo: Buddha Statue at the UN Day of Vesak 2012.

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UN DAY OF VESAK 2012

The United Nations Day of Vesak 2012 event was held on the 12th of May at Melbourne Town Hall and the RMIT Spiritual Centre.

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Important Dates

SATURDAY WEEKLY	INTRODUCTION TO BUDDHISM COURSE 2 - 4PM, 4 AUGUST TO 27 OCTOBER 2012
SATURDAY EVENINGS	DIAMOND CUTTER TEACHINGS 8.00PM
SUNDAY WEEKLY	BUDDHIST HOUR RADIO 4-5:00PM 97.1FM
30 JUNE	GENERAL MEETING – 5PM
3 JUNE	CAMBERWELL MARKET STALL
11 - 16 JUNE	WFB, YEOSU KOREA
1 JULY	CAMBERWELL MARKET

This was the first time that a lunch offering has been part of the program of the UN Day of Vesak. Our Vesak Procession through the City of Melbourne included four beautifully decorated floats, which had Buddha and Baby Buddha images as well as many colourful flowers and other decorations.

At Melbourne Town Hall our program included a Dhamma Talk by Venerable Ajahn Brahmavamso, an Interfaith song 'That's What Friends Are For', sung by representatives of different faiths, and a meditation guided by students of Venerable Thich Nhat Han. Thich Nhat Han's students were three nuns from the Nhap Luu Meditation Centre. Anita, Trish and Kate sang on stage as members of the Interfaith performance.

Thank you to all our members who helped prepare for and conduct this great event. Without your kind help we could not have offered this Vesak Celebration to Victoria's Buddhist Community.

Peter Marshall made a great effort to complete a DVD of the event within 3 weeks, which can now be offered as gifts by our delegation to other Regional Centre Delegates at the World Fellowship of Buddhists General Conference in South Korea.

Thanks to Peter, Herro, Luke and Amir for your generous help copying 100 dual DVD sets of the Vesak video, which we can offer as gifts.

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WORLD FELLOWSHIP OF BUDDHISTS 2012 CONFERENCE – YEOSU CITY, SOUTH KOREA.

The World Fellowship of Buddhists 26th General Conference will be held from the 11th to the 16th of June 2012 in Yeosu City, South Korea.

The Conference Theme is: 21st Century Buddhist Ecological Environment Phenomenon and Practice, with the Sub-Theme: How to Effectively Convey Buddhist Spirit which is the essence of Oriental Ideology to the West.

Our Conference Team participants are: Frank Carter, Julian Bamford (Delegates), Simon Kearney and Nicole Moustakas (Observers).

Our team's journey commences early this Sunday morning the 10th of June when they depart from Melbourne airport. Thank you to Anita and Sally for providing transport to the airport.

Our team will arrive in Seoul Sunday night and stay in a hotel near the airport. The following morning they will undertake a four hour journey on the WFB courtesy bus to the port city of Yeosu, on Korea's beautiful South Coast, where the Conference will be held.

During the Conference our team will assist with Rapportuering the conference meetings and their program also includes the Opening Ceremony,

Welcome Dinner Banquet, a Bodhisattva Precept Ceremony, Cultural Performances, and a Musical – About the Water and Land Ceremony.

Following the Conference our team will attend a viewing of the 2012 World Expo being held in Yeosu at the same time as the conference; and a day tour of several ancient Korean Zen Temples in the mountain areas between Seoul and Yeosu. Our team's last day will be spent sightseeing in Seoul before flying home that evening.

We bid our team farewell and wish them great success in providing support to the WFB helping to ensure the success of the conference. We look forward to their safe return on Monday the 17th of June 2012.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWER STALL

On Sunday 13th May, the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd held two Mothers' Day Flower Stalls. The first site was at Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield and the second site at Boronia Road, Wantirna.

On the day we sold out of 174 bunches of flowers and raised a net profit of approximately \$1,500.

The day started with heavy rains and became overcast for the remainder of the day but still didn't hinder a steady and constant flow of sales. On behalf of the Buddhist Discussion Centre (Upwey) Ltd. we thank all the stall attendants for their contribution, especially Sally Kelly, Simon Kearney and Julian Bamford for setting up the stalls after working late with the UN Vesak.

Mothers Day was a joyous occasion that all attendants were able to support and practice the cause and effect relationship with the 10 blessings of offering flowers.

The next opportunity to share the blessings of a flower stall is on Christmas Day so I hope to see you there.

Adam Richards (Flower Stall Manager)

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MONTHLY MARKET STALL FUNDRAISER

Our monthly Camberwell Market Stall is in need of suitable secondhand donated goods which we can sell to raise funds. If you have any items to donate please see Frank.

The market stall held on Sunday the 6th of May raised \$155.10 for the centre and \$58.50 for the Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh. Our recent market stall held on Sunday the 3rd of June raised \$183.80 for the centre and \$16.00 for the Dhammarajika Orphanage in Bangladesh.

Thank you to those who donated secondhand goods and to our Market Stall Team of Julian, Amir, Frank and Nicole who helped on the day.

DHAMMARAJIKA ORPHANAGE

We recently completed our quarterly collection of donations from the Ishka stores around Melbourne, which have Dhammarajika collection boxes. It was noticed that in the last 12 months some of these stores have removed the collection boxes from their sales counters as the sales staff have changed and we not aware of our orphanage fundraising program.

Julian has offered to relaunch the collections through Ishka Stores over the next few months, as this has been such an important source of funding for the Dhammarajika Orphanage for many years. We thank Michale Slovsky who is the Managing Director of Ishka and their staff for the support they have given the Dhammarajika Orphanage.



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Photo: Buddha Rupa at Melbourne Town Hall