

Dhamma and Sinhala Language School

2025 Orientation Day

8 February 2024



Program

2.00pm – 2.30pm	Registration and collection book pack (Note: Online Registration strongly recommended)	
	Orientation Session (Shrine Room)	
2.30pm - 3.00pm	Buddha Puja and Inauguration blessing	Ven Upali and Soratha theros
3.00pm - 3.30pm	Welcome Address - Our vision and mission - Structure of classes - Committee and Teachers - Proposed projects/ activities for 2024 - Key events	President Dhamma and Language School
3.30pm -3.50pm	Tea Break	
3.50pm - 4.20pm	Overview of Buddhism Classes	Buddhism Coordinator
	Overview of Sinhala Classes	Language Coordinator
(Note children will do a activity on benefits of attending Dhamma school in the breakout area)	Administration and Support	Administration Coordinators
	- Enrolment and Book Pack	
	- Tea Roster	
	- Communications	
	- Volunteering	
	- Parent Corporation	
4.30pm -4.35	National Anthem	

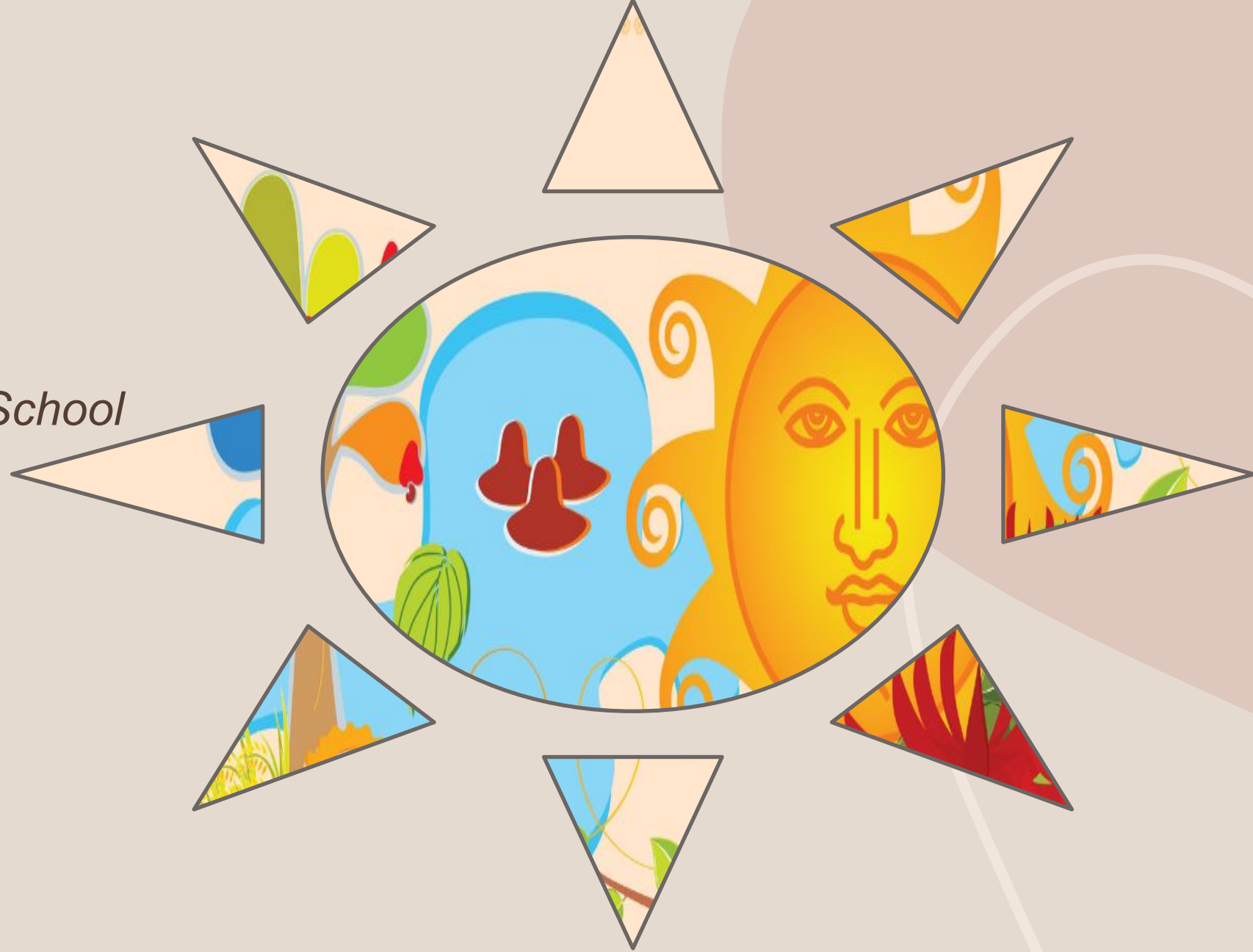
Inauguration blessing

**Ven Upali Thero
and Ven Soratha
Thero**



WELCOME ADDRESS

*Principal
Dhamma and Language School*



OUR VISION

To create an environment that fosters sound ethical values and promotes the development of compassion, self-knowledge, wisdom and communal responsibility, combined with the academic and social skills vital to a successful presence in society, through the values of Buddhist Teachings and Sinhala Heritage.

OUR MISSION

The Dhamma and Sinhala Language School managed by Australia Sri Lanka Buddhist Association is a volunteer-run organization devoted to instilling Children with Buddha's teachings, the knowledge of the Sinhala language and Sri Lankan heritage. Formal teaching occurs on a weekly basis, while considerable attention is also placed on cultural, social and religious activities.

Benefits

- **Learn about Buddhist culture, the history of Buddhism, Buddhist stories, and many other aspects of Buddhism as a religion and its philosophy.**
- **Sri Lankan Cultural Awareness**
- **Communication Skills (pleasant speech)**
- **Confidence Building**
- **Mindfulness**
- **Loving kindness**
- **Problem-Solving**
- **Discipline**
- **Emotional Expression**
- **Social Skills**
- **Fun and Enjoyment**

Structure of Classes and Timetable

Class at school	Respective Class at Dhamma School
Kindergarten, Year 1	A
Year 2	B
Year 3-4	C
Year 5-6	D
Year 7 and above	E

Time	Activity
2.20-2.30pm	Arrive at the temple
2.30-2.50pm	Buddha pooja and observe pansil
2.50-3.50pm	Buddhism
3.50-4.10pm	Afternoon tea break
4.10-5.10pm	Sinhala
5.10-5.15pm	National Anthem

Our expectations

- Attendance
- Arriving on time
- Respect monks, teachers, elders and peers
- Participation in all events
- Looking after book packs
- Gatha Practice and Buddha Vandana



Important events for 2025

8 FEB 2025
SCHOOL
COMMENCES

12 Apr 2025
Sri-Lankan New
Year Celebration

3 May 2025
Vesak Celebration
Vesak Concert
and Bakthi Gee
Performance by
Kids

11&12 Oct 2025
Katina Ceremony

7 Jun 2025
Posson Poya
Children Sil
Program

6 Sep 2025
School
Excursion

29 Nov 2025
Annual Concert

Proposed projects activities for 2025

Excursion – Santi Forest Monastery Bundanoon

Introduction of a Lama Samithiya – Lead by Ven Upali Thero (to be held last day each term)



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Tea Break (20 mins)

Our syllabus, teachers and the Admin team

Plan for the 2024 Buddhism Classes

Class	High-level content
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

Plan for the 2024 Sinhala Classes

Class	High-level content
A	
B	
C	
D	
E	

School Administration

- Enrol and pay online only
- Teachers assign students to class levels
 - 2024 Students already assessed
 - Note that each year the syllabus is different
- Parents will be added to the following:
 - WhatsApp
 - Tea Roster
 - Parents who don't enrol their children are removed



School Administration continued

- Teachers mark attendance online
- Fire evacuation plan + random fire drill
- Further improvements & automation to follow
- Temple construction project

Why is Feedback Important?



Your feedback will help us (the school committee and teachers) understand the things we're doing well, where we can improve, and what's really important to you as a parent.

- Encourage positive change
- Improved performance
- Share your experience
- Acknowledge hard work
- Diffused conflicts and misunderstandings
- Creates better relationships with students, parents and teachers

Your Feedback

Anonymous Feedback Form

The Dhamma and Sinhala Language school of Canberra committee are ready to accept any type of feedback. Please feel free to share your feedback anonymously. If you do want to be contacted you can leave your contact details in the feedback.

Your feedback will be reviewed and discussed during the next committee meeting for action to improve the school.

Feedback

Long answer text

Would you recommend others to attend the Dhamma and Sinhala Language School?

Highly unlikely 1 2 3 4 5 Highly likely





Questions?

National Anthem

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Thank you