

**WESAK**



Once there was a king called Sudhdodana and a queen named Maha Maya. They lived in India in a place called Dabadiwa. When the queen was pregnant she dreamed of a white elephant bringing her a water lily. The queen told the king about the dream. The king asked a wise man why the queen had that dream. He said "the queen will give birth to a boy who will be famous".

One day the queen went to her mum's house and on her way she saw a Sal garden. It's name was Lumbini Sal Uyana. The queen went into the garden to look at the Sal flowers. Then she was in pain. Then she gave birth to a baby boy. They were 7 Sal flowers on the ground the baby boy stood up and walked on the 7 flowers. He walked 7 steps and then he said "I will be the greatest in the whole world".

The queen passed away 7 days after the birth of the prince. The prince was looked after by his stepmother. The king and new queen Prajapathi could not think of a name for the prince. They went a wise man and showed him the prince. The prince put his feet on the wise man's head. The wise man said "this means he will be a very special person to the world and

his name should be "Sidhartha".

Now the prince is bigger and is married to princess Yasodara. The prince goes on afternoon walk. One day he sees an old man. The next day he sees a sick man. The next day he sees a body of a dead man. The next day he sees a monk. Then he felt he had enough of being a prince and wanted to be a monk instead. He went to the palace and looked at his wife and new born son for the last time. He went to the jungle and became a monk.

He spent a few years meditating and finally realized how we can find the peace in our life. We called it enlightenment. Now the prince is enlightened and we call him "Buddha". Buddha travels around India to teach people and came to Sri Lanka 3 times. The people who believe in Buddha's teaching are Buddhist. When Buddha was 80 years old he passed away.

The day the Buddha was born, enlightened and passed away are full moon days of the month May. The Buddhist celebrates the birth, enlightenment and death of Buddha on a full moon day in May known as Vesak Day.

Full moon day comes every 28 days in our calendar. So Vesak Day comes in a different days of May in every year. In 2007 Vesak day is on the first of May and you know it is very special for me this year. IT IS MY BIRTHDAY.

**Hasani Ganewatta**  
Year 3

**Walking School Bus**

Every Wednesday morning I wake up about 6:00 am. Then I wash, eat my breakfast and get dressed. I go to Robertson Park at 8:00 in the morning to join the Walking School Bus. There is another one at Jack Cook Park too. But Robertson Park is closer to me. My Mum, two brothers and I always get there first because my Mum is a volunteer Walking School Bus leader. So we have to be there first. We wait till the others come. When one child comes, the parent signs them up for the walking school bus. When we are there we put on our bright vests and we line up in twos and start walking to school. The leader reminds us when he blows the whistle twice to go and one to stop. It takes us about 20 minutes from the park to school.

While we walk we get exercise and get to know new people. I already have made some new friends. When we get to school the oldest child goes up to the office and asks someone to check us out. After we are called out we can go put our bags away and play until the bell goes to start school. The main rule in the walking school bus is when we get to the crossing you stop, look and listen. WE HAVE FUN! Around my school there is a lot of traffic. So there will be less traffic around the school when you join the walking school bus.

You too can think about having a Walking school bus.

**Sathumi Wijesooriya**  
8 years old  
Ironsides State Primary School,  
St. Lucia, Brisbane

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**වැදගත්**

කිරිමාණ වව්ස යුතු ලිපිනය පෙබරවාරි කලාපයේ සඳහන්ව තිබුණේ වැරදියි ය. නිවැරදි ලිපිනය පහත දැක්වෙයි. කරුණාකර ඔබේ කිරිමාණ පහත ලිපිනයට එවන්න. මෙයට පෙර වෙනත් ලිපිනයකට ඔබේ කිරිමාණ යොමු කළේ නම් කරුණාකර එහි පිටපතක් නැවත මෙම නිවැරදි ලිපිනයට එවා අපට සහය වන්න.

**විවෘත අංශය**  
වයස් සීමාවකින් තොරව ඕනෑම ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයෙකුට විවෘත අංශයට සහභාගි විය හැකි ය.

**කෙටි කතා පොදු කොන්දේසි**

- 1 කෙටි කතා සඳහා වචන සීමාවක් නැත.
- 2 තමන්ට කැමති තේමාවක් යටතේ කිරිමාණ ඉදිරිපත් කළ හැකි ය.
- 3 එක් අයෙකුට තමන් කැමති කිරිමාණ සංඛ්‍යාවක් හැකි ය.
- 4 කෙටිකතාව තමාගේම කිරිමාණයක් බවත් තරඟ කොන්දේසි වලට එකඟ වන බවත් සඳහන් ලිපියක් සෑම කිරිමාණයක් මත වව්ස යුතුය.

**නාට්‍ය කිරිමාණ පොදු කොන්දේසි**

- 1 වචන සීමාවක් නැත
- 2 තමන්ගේ අභිමතය පරිදි සඳහන් හෝ නිසඳහන් කිරිමාණ ඉදිරිපත් කළ හැකි ය.
- 3 එක් අයෙකුට තමන් කැමති සංඛ්‍යාවක් කිරිමාණ ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට අවසර ඇත.
- 4 කිරිමාණය තමන්ගේම බවත් තරඟ කොන්දේසි වලට එකඟ වන බවත් සඳහන් ලිපියක් සෑම කිරිමාණයක් සමගම වව්ස යුතුය.

**සියළුම අංශ සඳහා පොදු කොන්දේසි**

- 1 සෑම කිරිමාණයකම පිටපත් තුනකින් යුතුව වව්ස යුතු ය.
- 2 තරඟයට ඉදිරිපත් කරන කිරිමාණ මෙයට පෙර ප්‍රකාශිත ඒවා නොවිය යුතු ය.
- 3 තරඟයට එවන කිරිමාණ නැවත ආපසු එවීමට හැකියාවක් නැති බව සලකන්න.
- 4 කිරිමාණ ඖරගන්නා අවසාන දිනය **2007 මැයි 31** වෙයි.
- 5 තරඟය පිළිබඳ මතු වන ගැටළු වලදී සන්නසා සංස්කාරකගේ තීරණය අවසන් තීරණය බව සලකන්න. සන්නසා වාර්ෂික සාහිත්‍ය තරඟය 2007

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**SRI LANKAN TOPS WA IN (Tertiary Entrance) - TEE RESULTS**

by Swarnamali Seneviratne in Perth

**Sri Lankan boy Arosha Dissanayeka of Perth has topped the State of WA at the Tertiary Entrance Exams 2006.**

Arosha a perfect-scorer got extraordinary results, rising above all students in the State in Applicable Math, and Chemistry as well as English and with an extraordinary TER score of 99.95 he has brought fame and pride to the Sri Lankan community in WA. He has proved that working at a quiet table and dedication to the task helps achieve the best.

Arosha is studying medicine at the University of Western Australia aiming one day, to become a neurosurgeon. His story is one of rare and great inspiration to all students who should try and achieve their best at exams.

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