



SLSBS NEWSLETTER

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BAK POYA

The month of Bak is of special significance to Sri Lankans as the Blessed One is said to have visited Nagadipa in Northern Sri Lanka to settle a dispute between Kings Chulodara and Mahodara. The

Mahawamsa chronicles the story of how in the fifth year of Enlightenment, The Buddha perceived with His Divine Eye, that the uncle and nephew were about to declare war on each other over the ownership of a very valuable and magnificent gem studded throne.

The Mahavamsa relates how the Buddha used his psychic powers to tame the warring factions.

Hovering in the air above them, he first created complete darkness and then performed the twin miracle – the *yamaka maha prathiharya*. The astonished Naga tribes laid down their weapons and listened to the Buddha’s teachings on peace and non-hatred.

The Naga kings paid homage to Buddha with overwhelming faith and they became pious devotees. Together, the uncle and nephew offered the throne to the Blessed One.

This is said to be the Buddha’s second visit to Sri Lanka.

URUDU NEKETH TIMES

The month of Bak heralds the new year celebrated in South and Southeast Asia.

New Year
April 14

Punya Kalaya (Perth)
3:43am - 4:31pm

We have not been able to obtain exact times for Western Australia as yet but approximate times have been given as:

Ahara Piseema
12:47 PM

Ahara Anubawaya
1:35 pm

We’ll let you know as soon as exact times are confirmed.

STAGE DRAMA

Suddek Oba Amathai

The SLSBS proudly presents the stage drama Suddek Oba Amathai on the Friday, 30th of May 2014 at the Guildford Grammar School. It has a star studded cast and was the winner of the Best Script and Music awards at the 2010 State Drama Festival.

As with our last fundraiser, we are confident that we'll have the fullest support of our members who will not only purchase but help us sell tickets as well, by giving the show publicity.

Tickets are available from committee members:

Rajeeve Gunawardena
Aruna Priyantha Jayawardena
Dhammika Perera
Dinesh de Silva
Janaki Chandraratna
Don K Ranatunge
Kumudini Wimalaratna
Mahinda Kuruppu
Premalal Mendis
Rohini Liyanage
Upali Gunasekera
Wasantha Wijewardena
Ramani Gunasekera
Anoja Chandatileke

Ticket pricing is as follows:

Reserved \$50

Dress Circle Adult \$30, Child \$15 (free seating)

Balcony Adult \$20 Child \$10 (free seating)

For more information contact Rajeeve Gunawadena on anoma15@optusnet.com.au

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Winner of Best Script & Music
2010 State Drama Festival

David Lawe Davies Centre
Guildford Grammar School
Enter from Great Eastern Hwy

**FRIDAY
30
MAY
7.00 PM**

Further information and Tickets from
members of SLSBS Committee

REGULAR PROGRAMMES

ATASIL OBSERVANCE:

Saturday 12th April

WEEKLY BANA:

Sundays

Buddha puja at 6.00pm followed by a Dhamma Desana

MEDITATION:

2nd [April 9] and 4th [April 23] Wednesdays – at 7.30pm – guided meditation with Ven. Sobhitha Thero

3rd Wednesday [April 15th] – unguided meditation

SUTTA DISCUSSION:

1st Wednesday – April 2 - Ven Wimalagnana who is in Perth to lead a retreat will be conducting the monthly sutta discussion at Venerable Sobhitha Thero's suggestion.

FOOD FAIR UPDATE

The Food Fair as you know, was a resounding success with our target of \$15,000 realised. We've had requests for another one this year from members, their friends and non – Sri Lankans as well. Many of you had done a lot of advertising among your workmates and colleagues and it showed as the number of non Sri Lankans was quite visible. We hadn't anticipated such an excellent response and even ran short of food! To think we had been worried that we wouldn't be able to sell everything! We have to make sure there's enough food next time.

We would appreciate feedback from you. What could we do to improve? What months and times are best for Food Fairs? What other stalls could we have? We had friends bring garden produce and plants for sale and that brought in over \$250.00. If we plan ahead we could have plants like chillies, karapincha, gotukola, mukunuwenna, vambotu, bandakka and other Asian vegetables potted and ready for sale.

Do send us your suggestions.

ALOKA PUJA

A meritorious way of remembering anniversaries and special days is to offer an Aloka Puja – helping in the lighting up of the temple. Ven. Sobhitha will acknowledge the offering and share merit with the donors each atasil observances day after the evening Puja. Please let us know if you would like to make an offering of \$100/00 [4 per month] as Aloka Puja.

SLSBS BANKING DETAILS

Here are our banking details so that you may make your membership payments. You can check with Treasurer Rohini Liyanage rohiniliyanage.7@gmail.com with CC to Anoja Chandratilleke anojachand@gmail.com if you want an update of your membership payments.

Payment can be made via internet banking. Please inform Treasurer Rohini Liyanage rohiniliyanage.7@gmail.com that you have made a payment.

When a deposit of cash or cheque is made, please remember to enter a reference number on the deposit slip. There is a field to enter under the heading 'Agent Deposit Reference'. It should be completed by entering only numbers. Please enter your phone number. In this way contact can be made if necessary.

You could also pay in person at the temple. Ven. Sobhitha will issue a temporary receipt and tax receipts will be issued at the end of the financial year.

ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME: SRI LANKAN SINHALESE BUDDHIST SOCIETY
BANK: ANZ
BSB: 016 002
ACCOUNT NO: 4988 31089

MEDITATION AND DHAMMA DISCUSSION

Programme with Ven. Wimalagnana

8.30-9.30	Dhamma Desana
9.30-10.30	Teaching meditation (This is specially arranged so that parents who have to drop children off can participate). New comers join after leaving children at school)
10.30-11.00	Practice walking or sitting meditation
11.00-12.30	Dana break. Please bring a plate to offer the monk and share with others. Anything to be cooled shall be kept in the fridge. After the Dana, you may have a rest in the front room or meditate in Dhamma Hall, or talk to the monk.
12.30-1.30	Dhamma talk (Newcomers join)
1.30-2.00	Guided (sitting) meditation (Parents may leave to collect children)
2.00-2.30	Tea break / walking meditation
2.30-3.15	Sitting meditation
3.15-3.30	Break
3.30-4.30	Dhamma Discussion

- General silence and no eye contact is appreciated during the program.
- Please take your rubbish home with you
- You may not wash plates in kitchen, so as to keep noise down
- Avoid chit-chat with each other

Evening program for the whole community

7.30-8.30	Dhamma Desana
	Dhamma Discussion