

Celebrate Chinese New Year at Sunny Park

2016 Year of the Monkey 3-7 February

Your guide to celebrations and events

PLUS A FREE BANNER



Dine-out and Celebrate the Year of the Monkey

Sunny Park has an extensive range of authentic Asian foods for you and your family to enjoy. Dine-in and takeaway, or choose from a wide range of groceries and fresh produce from our Asian supermarkets to make your own authentic meal at home.

Why not book now for a great night out to celebrate the Year of the Monkey 2016!

Dine-out & Takeaway

3423 7222
3345 7883
3345 6789
3344 4999
3219 6008
3323 3919
3345 9877
3219 6638
3345 4588
3344 4832
0411 327 496
3219 5811

Asian Supermarkets & Fresh Food

Fantastic Food House	3423 8969
Juno Bakery	0423 746 808
Woori Mart	3345 3082

Program of events

	Wednesday 3 February	Thursday 4 February	Friday 5 February	Saturday 6 February	Sunday 7 February		
10.00am - 2.00pm				Chinese Face Painting Outside L&V Hair			
11.00am				Lion Dance & Kung Fu Outside ALDI			
12.00 noon				Ice Carving Near Kafe Cafe			
1:00pm – 4.00pm	Chinese	Calligraphy Demo Outside ALDI					
3.30pm		on Dance & Kung Outside Woolworths					
4.15pm & 5.15pm	Kids M	onkey Mask Work Outside Parkland					
8.30pm			Neon Lion Dance Dining Deck				

*Booking essential for Kids Monkey Mask Workshops, please see our website for details.

Times and activities are correct at time of printing however may be subject to change without notice.

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Lunar New Year

The Chinese Calendar is a lunar calendar, said to be the longest chronological record in history, dating from 2600 BC. Like the Western calendar, the Chinese Lunar Calendar is yearly, with the start of the lunar year being based on the cycles of the moon.

The New Year Festival is a dating cycle that is based on the track record of the new moon. Therefore, as the track of the moon varies from year to year, the beginning of the year falls anywhere between late January and the middle of February on the Western (or Gregorian) Calendar.

The Chinese Calendar runs on a 60-year cycle and is made up of five 12 year cycles, with each of the 12 years named after an animal.

Both the Western (Gregorian) and traditional lunar calendars are used publicly in China and in North and South Korea, and two New Year's celebrations are held. In Taiwan, in overseas Chinese communities, and in Vietnam, the lunar calendar is used only to set the dates for traditional festivals, with the Gregorian system in general use.

The Legend

According to Chinese legend, the twelve animals quarrelled one day as to who was to head the cycle of years. The gods were asked to decide and they held a contest: whoever was to reach the opposite bank of the river would be first, and the rest of the animals would receive their years according to their finish. All the twelve animals gathered at the river bank and jumped in. Unknown to the ox, the rat had jumped upon his back. As the ox was about to jump ashore, the rat jumped off the ox's back, and won the race. The pig, who was very lazy, ended up last. That is why the rat is the first year of the animal cycle, the ox second, and the pig last.

The rotating cycle of twelve animal signs was a folk method for naming the years in traditional China.

Characteristics

Monkey: Erratic genius! Clever, flexible and original.

Rooster: Capable, outspoken, brave and talented.

Dog: Loyal, honest, make good leaders.

Pig: Chivalrous and gallant. Great thirst for knowledge.

Rat: Charming, attractive, hard-working perfectionists.

Ox: Patient, eccentric, eloquent and easy-going.

Tiger: Sensitive, thoughtful, courageous, short-tempered.

Rabbit: Talented, ambitious, conservative and reserved.

Dragon: Healthy, energetic, honest and stubborn.

Snake: Deep thinkers, wise, can be vain.

Horse: Popular, cheerful, hot-blooded and passionate.

Goat: Artistic, shy, passionate yet gentle.

The Year of the Monkey

In the 9th position on the Chinese Zodiac, the Monkey possesses such character traits as curiosity, mischievousness, and cleverness. Forever playful, Monkeys are the masters of practical jokes. Despite good intentions, this desire has a tendency to create ill will and hurt feelings.

Although they are inherently intellectual and creative, Monkeys at times have trouble exhibiting these qualities. When that happens, they appear to others to be confused. But nothing could be further from the truth as Monkeys thrive on being challenged. Monkeys prefer urban life to rural, and their favourite pastime is people-watching.

Monkeys very rarely feel ill as they view being sick as a waste of valuable time. Their constantly active lifestyles are likely what helps Monkeys remain in good health. When Monkeys do become ill, this is often the result of feeling nervous.

When it comes to work, Monkeys can do just about anything. They adapt well and very intelligent, but they'll frequently charge double for their services. Good career fields for Monkeys include: accounting and banking, scientist, engineer, stock market trader, air traffic controller, film director

When it comes to relationships, Monkeys are generally promiscuous; a tendency that probably has to do with the fact that Monkeys are easily bored. Monkeys will end this type of behaviour once they pair up with the perfect partner. Monkeys are most compatible with a Rat or Dragon.

Your Chinese Zodiac is the Monkey if you were born in 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004 and 2016.

Find Your Animal Year!

	Rooster	Dog	Pig	Rat	Ox	Tiger	Rabbit		Snake	Horse	Goat
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1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027



Happy Chinese New Year

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