

Schmidts and Baan Jai Dee

Jan 2011

A Christmas gala event!



The children thoroughly enjoyed their first Christmas concert. Held at an International school 35 minutes drive away, there was much excitement as they anticipated this special event! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of new food and going out when it was dark! Coco danced the night away -she simply had a 'ball!' (above right). Mia (pictured below left with Chi) put on her "cool" look for the photo but trust us – she loved it! Makham was fascinated with everything and happily munched on his treats.



Welcome to Paki

We would like to welcome Paki to our growing Baan Jai Dee family. Paki is 4½ , **tiny** and to quote Allan is "**always smiling and happy**". She is keen to assimilate and is enjoying getting to know the other children. Paki is very responsive to some novel ideas- many of them an exciting new experience – like eating morning tea and eating her meals sitting on a chair at a table! Whilst we do not want to change people's culture, she only weighs the same as a 2-3 year old so we look forward to introducing some new and healthy food options to her. She is very accommodating of the "farang" (foreigners) and smiles at our "funny ways". We look forward to getting to know and love this little girl.



Christmas in Australia...on a scorching summers day!

Christmas in Australia. Ahhhh. Have to say that we look forward to spending time with our precious family every now and then. Jordy was hilarious as he navigated this "strange" land and all its hidden treasures.



He loved just spending time with his brothers, getting a present from Santa (he was sooo funny as we do not include Santa in our normal celebrations – but he wanted to know how Santa knew he was in Perth!). He LOVED the beach and we are grateful to Benj and Mal for putting up with the influx of family. We thank God that He provided for us to be able to see our precious sons.



Below: Together again- at last!



Above: How blue is the sky?



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Tarni: when she first arrived...



Tarni: after a while...



Tarni: now



Chabaa: referral photo 1...



Chabaa: when we met...



Chabaa: after a year...and recently....



The younger children had sports day recently – with a big surprise in store for us! Chabaa (pic below in purple) who we affectionately call “the Midget” as she is SO tiny, ran her little heart out – and won her race! She was beaming and was especially proud of her medal – which was made out of paper with coins stuck on it!. Well done Chabaa!



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