

*Final Preparations...*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2003 12:49 AM

**Subject:** Sydney Trip

Hi all,

Just a short note to keep you all informed that Piew Cheh and I will be visiting Tiffany & William in Sydney and our flight details are as follows:-

Departure (SIN/SYD)

Lv SIN - QF6 on 16/5/03 (Fri) at 8pm (Ar. Sydney @ 5.15am on 17/5)

Return (SYD/SIN)

Piew Cheh - QF5 on 29/5/03 (Thur) at 3.45pm (Ar. SIN @ 9.35pm)

Yin - QF319 on 21/6/03 (Sat) at 3.45pm (Ar. SIN @ 9.50pm)

VISA & QF offering very good deal - \$498/- return Sin/Syd/Sin but deal good for 48 hrs only starting today and will end by tomorrow. Travel must be done by 15/7/03 latest and ticket good for 60 days.

Yuen - I spoke with Chui today and unfortunately we can't change the destination for our Shanghai tickets. Will just have to kiv trip until China gives clearance for SARs. In the meantime, I think it would be best for you to go ahead with your US plans as we don't know when we can travel to Shanghai.

Ok, will chat again soon.

Bye 😊

Yin

**Sent:** Saturday, May 10, 2003 12:29 PM

**Subject:** Re: Sydney Trip

Halo mama,

here's the very tentative shopping list:

- dried mussels and scallops
- Eu Yan Sang ginseng candy (3 boxes) should be able to get from West Mall branch
- the "Winter Sonata" series that laoba bought for you
- cookbook for local Singaporean favourites

ok, have to go to work

Tiff :)

**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2003 1:36 AM

**Subject:** Sydney trip

Hi Girl,

Re. Shopping list - all items taken care of, no problem. However, do you have a vcd player? Or r u intending to watch on the PC? Dad will lend you his portable vcd player, if need be. I can bring with me, no prob. at all but what voltage/wattage do u all use in Aust? Do we need to do anything to the plugs or do u need adaptor or what? Too technical for me - just reply to this email and we will go from there ok?

Hey, I went by Ah Kong's place today and Por Por has not received your card!! Did you write the correct address? I will run by her place again b4 I leave, will check with her again.

Do you remember the 2 baskets that I bought for u from Bangkok? Do you want me to bring them? Also, the fannel pjs and the sweaters from Shanghai, etc. If I can put them in my suitcase - tell me which items would you like me to bring.

Not much time left for packing, so pls answer this email urgently or give me a call tomorrow.

Bye & hug 🤗

Mum

**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2003 2:13 AM

**Subject:** Shopping List Version 2

Halo mama,

After more thought, here's the second list:

- 3 Singapore women's magazines, 1 can be "8 days"

- toilet seat "ring" cover for those wintry nights - light green, or light blue colour (from \$2 shop at IMM)

- 1 or 2 Bossini T-shirts for William, but only if cheap and nice! (Remember when I was back, and they had that stupid "money" series, that was horrible!!!) Consult Seannie if you are not sure what the definition of "nice" is to a guy.

- Breadtalk bread

- cookbook for local Singaporean favourites - those cheap mini Periplus type, want to give one to Trish, my 60+ year old colleague from Helen Kaminski who was living in Singapore in the 70s with her expat husband, always telling me a lot of stories about Singapore in those days - she loves Chinese food and is always asking me how to cook this and that. She's very sweet, and always giving me things.

- dried mussels and scallops (BUT only if you think they will not be confiscated, if not, too expensive to take the risk!!!)

- Eu Yan Sang ginseng candy (3 boxes) should be able to get from West Mall branch

- the "Winter Sonata" series that laoba bought for you

As for the VCD player, don't bother. No need to bring the pjs and sweater either. Bring the baskets if there is still space.

As for grandparents' address: I put it as 1 Jalan Dermawan, Hillview Estate, S (668946). Is it correct? (keeping my fingers crossed)  
Can you check if naima has gotten hers as well?

Ok so much for now!

Love,  
Tiff :)

**Sent:** Sunday, May 11, 2003 11:49 PM  
**Subject:** bkk here i come!!

hi girl,

have not e-mail you for a very long time. must start practising now because mum is going over soon and i will be expecting e-mails from her daily.

i think everything is well with both of you since you had send in your 2nd shopping list already.

anyway mum and i had already gone to do some shopping. we had bought your toilet seat's covers [2] and bossini t-shirts for william [2]. a gift from dad, selected by mum [ so i have nothing to do with the pattern and colour]. you know what i mean?

i will be in bkk on the 19 till 21, i think mum had told you already. the main purpose is to get my 4 or 5 pairs of very white sneakers which is unavailable here or in your country i think? anyway this is the very first time mum and i are on holidays separately. i hope i have a good travelling companion. the person that i am going with is my driver - peter tan. but i think he will be an okay guy. imagine i gave him a scolding on the 2nd day of reporting for work and now we are able to understand each other. anyway he is 10 years younger than me. he is fat, about my height, used to be a former bandboy called themselves ' speedz ' and he played the drums, last job was as a taxi driver before joining my company. quite a decent chap, not stingy, had a thai wife in hadhai and a daughter, speak thai like a thai thats why i ask him to be my guide.

my company's business is slow but the timing for going over to your place cannot take place because the next 1 to 2 weeks we will be busy. i can not take too long a leave because of the new team of inexperience sales staff and production staff.

anyway you will be back in singapore in september isn't it? so this year i will skip sidney and visit you again in '04 in august okay?

also i worry that no one take care of seannie's ironing and washing and also meeloo's food/water, cleaning of his litter, watering of the plants inside and outside the house.

anyway mum is going over and you can enjoy each other better. i will miss you and the nice climate [ is it cold enough for me to use my long johns?]

i will try to go in '04.

if you need anymore shopping we will try to accomodate but remember mum's not working so i am trying to pay for most things. but i always tell her that as long as i am working do not worry about necessary expenses.

so long for now do call me when mum is with you asap.

love to all at home. [ remember to shoot a picture of everyone at home and ask mum to bring back the negative and i will develop it here. ]

from mum, seannie, meeloo and dad.

\*\* make sure bodhi's pix is clear and sharp.

**Sent:** Monday, May 12, 2003 12:57 PM

**Subject:** Re: bkk here i come!!

Halo laoba,

So sad that you are not coming along, but yes, like you said, at least I will be back in September and can see you soon. Hey maybe next year you can come earlier like in April, and we could go to the Royal Easter Show that I told you about. It's not cold yet in the day in April though it is already cool, and yes, actually some nights can get very cold by April, like yesterday, it was already 16 deg by evening time, and only 12 deg at night. Thank you for sponsoring all the presents!!! And I hope you enjoy yourself as well in Bangkok. As for the photos, our camera is a bit tricky, so I might borrow a really good camera from our friend Clare who used to be a professional photographer, and take some nicer photos this time.

Ok, talk to you again!

Love,Tiff, William, Bubble and Bodhi

**Sent:** Friday, May 16, 2003 7:21 PM

**Subject:** Daddy's VCD Library

Hi Girl,

Just KIV this file for mama.

Tks

See you tomorrow morning - yum cho char ok!

*To be continued...*

*On Separate Shores...*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 17, 2003 2:38 PM

**Subject:** how is everthing?

*hi there!*

*surprise! surprise!*

*this e-mail is from my office computer.*

*how are things over there right now? is the weather still bad?*

*i am now waiting anxiously to go to the airport. call me in bkk - lovy okay!*

*meeloo missed you this morning. he called and i had to carried him to your bed to showed him that you are not in bed.*

*i think he sensed that we are going away because of the extra food prepared for him.*

*seannie will be on duty tonight, he will be back tomorrow. you can call him tomorrow and check if everything is alright.*

*bye for now.*

**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2003 2:13 AM

**Subject:** bkk update

*hi lovy,*

*hope you are enjoying your holidays?*

*missed you. wherever peter and i went, i will more or less mentioned to him that we had been here or there or this or that. but he was nice and he make a good traveling companion. he is not fussy in eating or running around looking for my white sneakers. we could not find them for the first 2 days until the 3rd day we went to robinson at asok mrt station. he is also not stingy with his money but i do not want him to pay too much knowing that he don't make much money. so i paid for most of the taxi fare or tuk-tuk and meals.*

*let me list out the items that i managed to buy:-*

*johnson baby powder 6pcs 100g - 114b*

*" " " 4pcs 200g - 128b*

*" " " " 300g - 156b*

*hair gel 1pc - 53b*

*rice scoop for michael and peter 2pcs - 196b*

*zact toothpaste 2pcs - 144b*

*souvenir ' buddha ' 1pc - 50b*

*sean's bird's nest 24pcs - 576b*

*wallet 1pc - 750b*

*one and only pc blouse - 1000b*

*2pcs blouses - 500b [ also one and only design ]*

*2pcs " [ from market ] 300b*

*white sneakers 3pcs [ same design ] 2497b*

*" " " [ 3 design ] 2191b*

*montblanc pen for michael - 150b*

*souvenir ' plier ' for michael - 150b*

*small cane boxes for office girls 5pcs - 200b*

sandles 1pc - 200b  
cloth sling bag 1pc - 200b  
pagoda stomachache powder 2pcs - 48b [ capsule form ]  
" " " 1pc - 20b [ tin form for lai ma ]  
suitcase belt 1pc - 350g  
watch 1pc [ discontinued limited edition, for lovy ] 1730b  
t-shirt 10pcs [ for the boys ] 500b [ shared with peter ]  
titbits - 500b  
dumotil - 70b [ now i have still to go to the toilet ]  
airport tax - 500b  
incense for 4-face buddha - 50b  
foot massage - 350b [ after too much shopping ]  
pedicure - 350b [ must pamper myself ] peter even had a facial  
haircut - 350b [ excuse for ah mui to touch your head ]  
shampoo - 350b [ included a head massage ]  
traditional massage 3 times [ night only ] 1650b  
transport [ estimated ] 1000b  
meals [ estimated ] 3000b [ lunch, tea, titbits, beers, sandwiches, etc, etc,  
room service [ supper ] 500b  
tips - 200b

grand total = 21,423b = \$890.00 estimated

wow so much and i did not realised that. oh i forgot 200b ashtray for my security guard at the office plus 500b lunch at the airport for 2. peter had ran out of bahts. also another 150b for the massage girls. we did most of the massage, pedicure, haircut, etc, etc at the hotel basement barber shop.

meals at the hotel coffee house - buffet style - 320b dinner [ international ] lunch - 270b [ local/western ] .

went shopping - emporium, zen, isetan, robinson [ asok station ], robinson [ sala daeng ], central chidlom, central silom [ near our hotel ], mah boon khong, sogo, chaktuchak, lumpini night bazaar, pantpong, wet market [ near hotel ], pantip plaza [ it centre ], wtc, pathunam, silom village [ antique market ] .

i think both of us did a lot of walking, peter was also enjoying the shopping. he bought about 20pcs t-shirts, 4pcs shorts, about 800b worth of medicines for his mother, 2 pairs sandles, blouses for his sister, can't find a watch for his brother [ american eagle brand ], 1 gents and 1 ladies watch [ that limited edition that i got for you ]. actually i am talking of that design in our own bedroom clock [ mei got it for me when we visited her house in bkk when bill passed away ] the thai design, peter saw it when he came to house in the bedroom was that particular clock. he said he wanted that clock badly for a long because only the thai government depts can have them hung at their workplace and not anybody can get them. it celebrate the 67th year of the paliamentary electoriad assembly or something to that effect. peter went for his bath about 4X [ he may have gone for more when i am sleeping ] the bath house closes at 3 am.

so much to report, will tell you more when you are home.

goodnight for now.

by the way is lai ma enjoying her stay and did fook leng manage to join you all?

*oh the result of the american idol - winner is ruben i thing [ the show still not finished as i am typing and the time is 11.10 pm.*

*and meeloo missed you alot. he was calling for you when i got home last. he don't believe that you are not in the room. this morning when i let him in the room he quickly ran to the side of your bed and laid there and waited thinking you are still sleeping. so i carried him up, flipped open the bedspread and told him that you are not there. he smelled your pillow and then he jumped down from the bed and went downstairs to look for you i presumed. tonight he is so quite sleeping on the marble table waiting for your return, i think, i can see like he is feeling so sad.*

*ok so long, love to everone at home.*

**Sent:** Friday, May 23, 2003 11:10 AM

**Subject:** Re: bkk update

*Hello Papa,*

*Wow! So much done and soooooooooo much \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ spent! Jus becos I am not there to "control" the finances. Ha! Ha!*

*I did write 2 emails but realised last night that I am not receiving them in the "yinnгим" email address although I sent it there. Did you get the Report 1 email? Anyway for Report 2 email pls see in the "Sent" folder as I tried this way last night and it worked. Sorry lah! the Report 1 email was a very very long and detailed email. But, I cannot rewrite as I forgot what I've said. Anyway, I will send from either girl's email or [peng\\_ow@hotmail.com](mailto:peng_ow@hotmail.com) so that you can use the [yinnгим@hotmail.com](mailto:yinnгим@hotmail.com) to reply ok.*

*I am glad you had a great time with Peter in Bkk and also managed to find your shoes. Now, you have to work hard in Sin and save for our next trip lah! Well, it is pretty cold here and we are not shopping as much as you (my daily budget is only A\$90.00 per day). Most of my money used todate is for shopping for groceries or meals outside. I am paying for most of them as girl and william are still schooling.*

*Okay lah, will write again tonight as we are leaving for school now.*

*bye*

*Lovy*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 2:02 AM

**Subject:** not so good

*hi lovy,*

*read your e-mail. but why so short?*

*anyway, we directors had a meeting tonight. seem like with the sar now on, business is being badly affected. we have to trim staff instead of cutting pay. francis think that cutting pay will affect morale. so the best is trim staff. i have to sack 2 of my production guys. sam [ applicator trainee ] and joseph [ driver - also michael's buddy ]. anyway both are not confirm staff but under probation. sam, only 1 month and joseph only 2 weeks. only thing is it is difficult to*

*explain to michael that i prefer peter than joseph. i hope he understand. peter was confirmed last month and with a \$30.00 increment.*

*peter must consider himself lucky that he went to bkk and prayed to the 4-face buddha for lottery, his job, his family's health and safety on the journey to and from s'pore.*

*i prayed the normal way, like the health of our family and thanks for bringing me safely through the flight.*

*peter promised to pay for the trip back to bkk if he strike it rich this weekend for michael and me. i think he may be lucky this time again like he did it in the year '86 with a \$100,000.00 win.*

*i feel sad for the 2 guys that i am going to sack. sam have a family of 2 and he was out of work for a year. joseph was also out of work for a few months. but i have to do it and i hope that we do not have to sack staff again in the next few months ahead.*

*well, will talk to you again and i hope more cheering news.*

*goodnight for now.*

*oh forgot to mentioned that i managed to clear my bowel the normal way after almost 3 days without much effort. ha! ha! is that good news?*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 2:37 AM

**Subject:** Report No. 3

*Hi Papa,*

*So sad to hear that you have to trim staff on the 1st day after your holidays and for your buddies who will be sacked.....but Sars is really bad for lots of people hor! So, don't any how spend money for now (hint hint - buy lesser VCDs!) When you prayed the 4-face Buddha did you not pray for me to get a good job quickly? Aiyah, should have told you to do so and why didn't pray for good luck to win big TOTO or lottery? We need to strike big so that we can retire lah. Did Peter strike \$100 thousand dollars in '86? Wow, so lucky.....then what happened?*

*We went to Bondi Beach and Randwick today as these were near to William's U and he had to attend class today. So, we tagged along in the car and walk for 2-hrs in Randwick and waited for him. Then we went to eat at the Hong Kong place at lunch time, Piew Cheh paid for this meal. The food is still very good and she paid \$44+ for 5 dishes. As usual, we 'tar pau' some leftovers for William's lunch (next Monday's) which is his next school day.*

*Tonight we ate at home, Piew Cheh steamed 3-star (sum seng) eggs (yah lah the chicken egg, duck egg and century egg lor!), fried veg, boiled veg soup and I did the famous ..... Prawns lah!!! (the one with the chilli sauce that Sean likes). Managed to buy prawns last night at the supermarket for quite good price. Paid only \$8.13 for a big plate. Tomorrow we are going to Paddington Market as they only open on Saturdays and last Sat. was raining, so we don't think they were opened and Piew cheh is going home next Thursday, so hopefully it does not rain tomorrow. We are now at a high of 17deg and low of 10deg. Very cold for your standard. I think your long-johns maybe also not enough for you.*

*I received an email from Addy today. She has arrived safe-n-sound in New York. She said that it is also very cold there now and she suffered a nose bleed today, just like Tif when she was younger. So much like our ah-girl!*

*William has taught me to play a new computer game, "Puzzle Bobble" which is quite fun. We are always fighting for the PC to play. Of course, they have to give face to the Mama lah especially when I say 'no more prawns' then they will give me the PC. Hey hey!*

*Okay lah, got to go and sleep now as it is 1.35am Saturday morning and we are going to get up early to go to Paddington Market!*

*Good night*

*Lovy*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 3:19 AM

**Subject:** halo laoba

*halo laoba,*

*oh no, what a way to start your work again -- having to lay off staff, so sad. but your previous e-mail sounded a lot happier, seems like you really enjoyed yourself this trip, so many things to see and do and buy, been a long time since I went to bkk, maybe 15 years or so, next time got chance I want to go again, hopefully with William next time becos he has never been to Thailand before, so he'll probably enjoy it too. In the meantime, I hope mother is enjoying herself as much over here. I am enjoying having her here. Other than going out, we also have meals together, watch weird foreign films on the telly together, and also recently started playing computer games -- ever since William introduced it to us, we have been staying up late to play. Right now, since it's Naima's first trip, we still have to do all the touristy bits and bring her around to walk-walk-see-see. But I think after naima leaves on Thursday, mother can then settle down to relaxing even more, and I would be able to spend even more time with her. I intend to give her a few of my massages, bring her bushwalking and our friends' (Clare & Hazel) cafe is also opening next week, so will bring mama along to have a look, and see maybe if she can get some idea of what it's like to open shop here. I also hope William can quickly graduate and start earning some real money, not the kachang-puteh type he's earning now, so that it will be easier to pay off living expenses and start saving some \$. Ok, please continue to watch your diet while mama is away. Wish you were here.*

*Love, Tiff :)*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 8:20 PM

**Subject:** so good hor!

*hello everyone,*

*seemed like everyone are having a good time especially eating.*

*poor me. i only have pita bread and chicken most times. i tried to microwave the 'lor my kai' and it turned out like glue, have to throw it away. have to wait for mum to come home to prepare supper.*

most time go to bed hungry. i don't know about seannie?  
tried to eat the remainder of some tomatoes in the fridge but it was rotten. have to spit it out.  
almost die.  
tried to heat up the chapati and it turn out like koropok. stiff like hell. again throw it away or  
loose some teeth eating it. already i don't have many good, genuine ones left.  
eating chicken tonight again. so boring.  
will try to go and buy fresh veg and fish fillet tomorrow at shop and save.  
also some fruits and some easy stuff that can be cook using the ovenette. it is more user  
friendly.  
luby [ for mum only and not everyone else ] why i did not pray for lottery because that is not  
my usual way. i always said that as long as i am gainfully employed i am lucky enough. let  
the more unfortunate ones gain from it - example peter. his \$100,000.00 was gone in 3 years  
because he did not have a financial guidance. he! he! unlike me, i married one and i told him  
many a time that because of you, i am what i am today. comfortable and no worries - can buy  
more vcds hor!  
so how is watching vcd? did you manage to find out if you are going to watch them using the  
computer or tv? too shy to ask har?  
okay now it is for everyone who is interested in reading again.  
have you all take some nice pix yet? remember a sexy pix of bodi alone, frontal view, close-up,  
no chopping off of any body parts, got that?  
maybe a pix of bubble come to think of it. can she remember mum when mum turns up? was  
she happy and surprise?  
if i strike a big windfall this weekend, i will go to bkk again and thank the 4-face buddha  
although i did not ask for a windfall but i bought the room number of the hotel 0828 and peter  
bought 8278 because he stayed in room 827. but he bought 8278 because he said no meaning  
if the result was 0828 and his is 0827. i may also drop by and said hello. he! he! how about  
that?  
may be true. i guessed right on that fat, black and ugly bloke to win the american idol. what  
an idol. does anyone out there wants to follow him, sings well and be very fat, black and ugly.  
i think no volunteer right?  
and now a message for mum - why i did not pray that you will get a cosy job soon is because  
people may get the wrong idea that i am pressuring you to go back to work, right? anyway  
you still got to go to shanghai after sydney again, right? but i thing you better get a job when  
your holidays are over and save more money to go on a holiday again, right?  
okay for now. i am so sleepy need to take a seista.  
will write again soon. love from me and me alone. sean not interested or meeloo. he is sleeping  
on the marble table, so contented.

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 10:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: so good hor!

*Halo Papa,*

*Wah, you so poor thing hor! Ok, when I come home I promise I will cook you lots of  
good food to 'poh back'. So sad that Seanie and Meeloo not interested. Have they  
forgotten good old mama? \*Sob sob\* Has he been busy with work?*

*How did you microwave the lor mai kai? Did you follow instructions on the packaging? Best to follow the instructions or else you can also steam in the wok but you have to turn down to small fire when the water boils and let it steam for a while then the inside will be nice and hot.*

*Today we brought Piew cheh to Paddington Market and this evening William took us to the fish wholesalers near their old place. Not bad, I paid A\$49.50 for 1 kilo of quite large grey prawns, 4 pcs. of salmon cutlets, 2 leather jackets, 2 whole fish for steaming and 4 pcs. NZ calamarie (big sotong without head). We can split this into 8 meals and will average about A\$6.00 each. We ate the 2 leather jackets this evening. I cooked with the tau-cheo and ginger and sliced chilli. They all like it very much. I also cooked pumpkin with haybee hiam and hairy gourd with fish balls and carrots. Homecook food does seem to go well with rice. Papa, the buckwheat that Tif adds into the brown rice taste very good. I bought some so that we can also try to eat healthy. I hope you like it too. (Good for clearing the bowels, no stress for me even. I managed to go almost every day without much effort! \*ha ha\*).*

*William and Tif have just gone over to Clare's place to exchange cars. We are going to Woolloongoong tomorrow. According to William it will take about 2 hours to get there. Seems like they have the biggest Buddist temple or something like that - Tif not too sure as they have not been there before. We will let you know more about it tomorrow nite after our return.*

*Tif starts school on Monday morning. Her holidays are over. So, after Piew Cheh leaves on Thursday and with the kids back in school, I will be more relaxed and really feel like a retiree. I think. Hope it is not too boring! Cooking and watching TV and playing computer games should keep me busy for a while. I will write and complain if I get too bored ok? How many new VCDs have you bought since my departure?*

*So nice of you not to pressure me about going back to work but I do hope to be able to be gainfully employed. Still trying hard to adjust mentally about the situation of not gainfully employed and no more pay cheques! Tif suggested looking into the Old Chang Kee franchise but I need to see how Clare and partner is doing first. Not so easy I think. Ok lah, will eat 'green bean soup' now for supper and going to bed earlier tonight as we need to start off quite early tomorrow morning.*

*Nite nite*

*Lovy.*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 24, 2003 11:38 PM

**Subject:** no cheque

*luvy,*

*no cheque from sunrice. you got play out you think?*

*sean went to ave 6 to buy dinner now. i ask him to buy hokkien mee for my supper as i am sleeping late tonight to watch vcd. so far i only bought 3 pcs.*

*i tried using the house phone to call you just now but could not get to you as i dialed the same nos. as my handphone. so what nos. should i dial?  
did not strike it rich this sat. lottery, still got sun.  
have to go now as sean is back. he bought oyster cake, popiah, hokkien mee, bean curd. i do not pay a cent. so good.  
bye now, call me tonight. love.*

**Sent:** Sunday, May 25, 2003 12:08 PM  
**Subject:** Re: no cheque

*Hi Papa,*

*It is now 11.05am Sunday morning and we have not started out for Woolloongong yet. Got a bit delayed but will be starting off soon. You must be so lucky for son to treat you with so much food last night. Remember to stay with your healthy eating habits ok. Well done on the vcds and keep it up. In the meantime, I am also trying to keep to my budget and have not done any shopping. So good girl right? The clothes you bought for me from Bkk sounds pretty expensive. Almost 2000bht for a blouse is about S\$80+ now that I am not working no need for such expensive clothes unless going to grand wedding. \*ha ha\*. I forgot to give you the Maggi 'law' duck (hokkien) sachet b4 you left to buy some more hor! Too bad. Anyway, when we save enough money for our next trip then we can buy some. We are now waiting for William to take his bath and then we will be gone. He has changed their old car with their friend, Clare. Hope it is safer! Ok, got to run now.*

*Bye  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Sunday, May 25, 2003 3:49 PM  
**Subject:** rest day

*hi! luvy,  
forgot to mentioned thst sean also bought roasted duck's heads [4 pcs]. he is on duty today. so i am going to eat the duck's neck for dinner with bread.  
went to shop and safe this morning and bought tomatoes, celery, ham, saugages, yakult, eggs, bread - wholemeal, newspaper, also went to paid my pacific internet and handphone bills.  
also bought 2pcs vcds, develop pix for peter bkk trip.  
hope you all have a nice and enjoyable trip to woolongon or whatever you call it.  
call me if you have time when you get home. bye for now, am going to watch vcds.*

**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2003 9:13 PM  
**Subject:** Hello

*Hello Papa,*

*How are you today? Hope your eating is a bit more fun and exciting today than it was yesterday.*

*Today, I am a very good girl. Just stayed home, watched video tapes (from William's friend) and cooked dinner. Did not spend any money!  
Ah girl and william both went to school today. Ah girl's results for her last exam - so far she has only gotten her marks for 2 subjects out of 7 that she has taken. She scored 96 marks for both the papers, i.e. Thearapeutics and Homeothy. (Don't ask me what they are cos I don't know.) She is still waiting for the rest of the marks.  
Has been raining quite a bit today and it is quite cold. We have just finished dinner and william is washing up (as usual kina bully by ah girl lah). Ok, will write you again tomorrow.*

*Good night!  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2003 11:11 PM  
**Subject:** fish

*hi! luvy,*

*had 3pcs fish [ from shop and save ] for dinner and beer [ peter said if the beer is 1 year old it may not have foam and it will taste flat. so i put 1 in the fridge yesterday to try it today, it turns out okay. i will let him know tomorrow ] also celery, baked potatoes, carrots and a century egg that i found laying in the fridge for how long i don't know? anyway i ate only half as it was very hard already. watching to ' simom sez ' while having my dinner.  
sean is having his dinner outside with i don't know who. he will be back tonight thats what he said.  
i need to see dr. soh on wednesday to get rid of that pus in my right eye ball, i hope nothing serious as the eyedrop don't seem to help.*

*so long will keep you posted, love from sean and me and maybe meeloo.*

**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2003 11:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re: fish

*Hi Papa,*

*Tif says that beer (alcohol) is bad for diabetics. Plenty of simple sugars in them. Please check with Dr Soh when you see him on Wed re. your eye. By the way, the eye drop didn't work - so has the boil grown bigger or what?? Let us know what Dr Soh says after your visit ok. Hey, how come nothing from you to Tif re. her results? Any words of encouragement or should we give her a good scolding for not getting full marks or maybe I should cane her since I am physically present here? \*hee hee\**

*Oklah, good nite.  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2003 1:23 PM

**Subject:** Lottery Update

*Hello Papa,*

*Don't get so excited yet! I checked with Gee today and she confirmed that we did not pay any money to anyone to buy lottery this time. We normally do so when we split the dinner bill but unfortunately this time Ah How treated the whole group for dinner and that is why nobody paid him and we did not see the receipt number or anything of the sort. Anyway, Gee says she did not realise the number has opened bec she (and rest of the group) does not know the number. So sway.....no pay for dinner and end up not striking lottery!!! Gee says she will give Ah How a scolding for being the 'nice' guy by paying for dinner and end up everyone missing on striking lottery!! Too bad, so sad!!  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2003 10:07 PM

**Subject:** job well done, girl

*hello to one and all,*

*tif, good job done on your recent exams result, sorry no mention of it in my last e-mail [ but you could have score 100% if you try harder, right? he! he! ] mum being there must have took away your concentration or am i wrong? just joking. dad is always proud of you and love you for what you are. dad missed your laughter.*

*hi! luvy, so sad that we missed the lottery. but consoled ourselves that if we had bought, it may not open. i missed angie's car numbers 9413 when it opened this sunday [ consolation of \$310 ] i only followed it for 3 draws and in the 5th draw it opened. what luck? now her number is 4811 which she paid \$1000.00 for it. hope it open this wed.*

*i went to imm to buy sushi, lychee, mee soto for dinner. sean is having dinner in the ship but coming home to sleep.*

*am going to watch tv and vcds soon.*

*bye for now, love from home.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2003 12:50 AM

**Subject:** Hello Hello

*Hello Papa,*

*Please note that you have sent below email to wrong address but luckily William is in charge of all emails going to .....@dready.org so he managed to redirect your email to Tif's account. Please send to [popillon@dready.org](mailto:popillon@dready.org) and not "pillon" as you have done today.*

*Hey, lychees are not too good for you heh, so please eat only a few to 'tickle' your taste buds. Not too many ok! Also, sushi (rice) and mee soto - also heavy in carb. which ends up as simple sugar which is what you should avoid. Tif says anything that is not wholemeal is bad as they are diff. forms of simple sugars. Whatever you choose to eat must try to remember to eat wholemeal/buck wheat/brown rice (e.g. chappati). Never*

*strike lottery is ok when we all have good health right Papa! Also, we must all pray for good jobs too!*

*Ok lah, I will spare caning Ah girl for her 96 marks this time \*hee hee\* - Will keep vigil on her studies and her homework!!*

*Goodnight*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2003 1:10 PM

**Subject:** result of eye

*hi! luvy,*

*the time is 9.50am on 28th may '03. seen dr. soh, had my pimple in the eye lid cut. at first he discourage me from cutting because he said there are many blood vessel there and it will bleed alot. but i told him that its been about 10 days and still no improvement. so he tried first to use a cotton bud and lotion to try and break the skin but it does not work. in the end he used a sharp hook and punctured the skin. alot of blood came out and i hope the pus too. i am now one-eye-jack temporary. am on 2 days mc.*

*he also tested my sugar after only 6 days of medication by the finger-prick way. the result was 135 from 145, he said the medicine is working for me as the best count is 120 and below. so it is good news. i even had diet coke, ice-cream, lychee and the result is okay. thats why i think the finger way is not accurate enough but dr. soh think it is good enough. he is the doctor., who is to argue with him.*

*since i am on 2 days mc, i will have more time to catch up on my vcds, anyway there is not much to do in the office except talk about bkk. [ especially peter who have not been in bkk for 15 years and he like to visit his daughter in hadyai the next trip or earlier if anytime he strike a big lottery soon ].*

*missed you since i am going to be on mc for 2 days and no one to talk to.*

*i just do not know what to cook or eat for my meals. simply raid the fridge and see whats there to cook. i think i will end up eating unhealthy junks.*

*so long for now, will e-mail; soon. love.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2003 8:19 PM

**Subject:** Re: result of eye

*Hello Papa,*

*Since you have a cut on your eye, don't eat anything 'poisonous' in the chinese sense.*

*Otherwise, your eye will "fatt" (cantonese) or go septic. Please try to eat simply for the next 2 days, e.g. chicken meat or take the salmon in the freezer and sprinkle with the*

*"herb (or spiced) pepper" in the door shelves of the big fridge and just grill in the*

*ovenette. Sprinkle quite a bit on the salmon on both sides, don't worry it is not saltish, just garlicky! Guarantee you it will taste good. You can also sprinkle this herb*

*garlic/pepper on the chicken and grill the same way. Then you can eat this with your pita bread. Anyway, please stay away from the ice-cream and lychees even though your*

*results not sooooo bad. Better for you to eat Fuji apple or pear (greens ones) as they are filling and not too sweet. You can eat more and keep your mouth busy!!! Also, there is*

*the buck wheat noodles (Japanese) in the small fridge that is not working. There is one pack that is opened from the last time and we have the bottled sauce for the sobe in the big fridge (squarish bottle). You only need to boil some water in the small pot then when the water boils add in the dry noodles. The noodles will become soft (no need to pre soak) and then you only need to wait for it to boil for about 5 minutes then dish out and pour some of the sauce over it. Then you can eat this noodle with the grilled chicken or fish and with some fresh vegies. See, not so boring only a little bit of trouble.*

*Ah girl's teacher told her class today that everyone did well in their "symptomictology and diagnosis" but Tiffany did EXTREMELY WELL! She told me to type this, so how lian!!! So, typically Hokkien, must be in her blood hor.*

*We just came home from Chinatown as tonight is Piew Cheh's last night in Sydney and William bought us dinner at a nice chinese restaurant. We had duck in plum sauce, seafood bean curd and scallops in szechuan sauce. Sorry, we do not mean to brag, but that was what we had for dinner. He spent A\$51.00. Then, we went to the chinese supermarket and I bought A\$30.00 of groceries/dried food.*

*Going to watch video tapes now as we still have 3 tapes to finish before Piew Cheh leaves tomorrow.*

*Goodnight, Luvy*

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2003 10:43 PM

**Subject:** lunch

*hello luvy,*

*michael, peter and joseph [ the new driver, michael's friend, that i am sacking this weekend ] came to our house and bought ' char siew ' lunch.*

*peter wanted to see how i am and also because there is nothing to do and also to let michael and joseph see that special thai clock in our bedroom.*

*slept awhile and watched vcd.*

*there is pasar malam in front of the cc across the road up to westmall. it was on since last night, i have not visit it yet, maybe not since you are not going with me. don't feel like going out to jalan jalan. no fun being alone.*

*sean having duty tonight, will be back tomorrow i hope.*

*goodnight, will keep in touch - love.*

**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2003 8:57 PM

**Subject:** last day

*hi! luvy,*

*very busy today? no early e-mail? i was expecting an e-mail reply to my last one yesterday.*

*lai ma last day today, you all must be busy preparing for her departure and who is sending her to the airport?*

*my eye don't seem to have any improvement. the same pus is still there and the same size. dr. soh did not do a proper job, should i see him again? or should i finish my eyedrop first and see him later? i think it is not pus but fats that have to be squeezed out by force.  
sean confirmed he will be home tonight after his dinner with his friends.  
had chicken and yong tau fu for dinner and oranges.*

*now lai ma is going home will you be lonely when the children are in school? do not go out by yourself as it is not singapore. take care.*

*goodnight. love.*

**Sent:** Friday, May 30, 2003 8:02 PM  
**Subject:** Hi

*Hello Papa,*

*If you read anything about the attempted hijack in Melbourne, don't worry about it. Nothing to do with us in Sydney. But, I must say Piew Cheh is very lucky. She left yesterday afternoon and we were at the airport around 1.45pm. Tif called her last night and she has arrived home safe and sound. This afternoon, as I have just seen on the local news, there seems to be so much chaos at the Sydney airport. Something about someone managing to go thru bypassing securities and Qantas Airways. Not sure what the actual news is about but saw so many people stranded at the Sydney Airport. Anyway, hope things stabilises by the time I leave.*

*How's your eye today? Any improvement or has it gone worse? Let me know ok.*

*I stayed home today, did laundry and cooked Chicken Curry this evening. Will pack them in small portions and put them in the freezer for the kids lunch or our dinner next week. William went to school this morning. Tif does not have school today but she went with William to the gym and after school they went to help Clare and Hazel at their cafe which will be officially open tomorrow. A lot of last minute things that needed to be done. Tomorrow Tif will be working from 1pm-6pm as the Trish (the older lady) at the shop is not working bec she went for operation. Christine has asked Tif to help them out. So, tomorrow William and I will go to the official opening of the cafe. Quite a nice size shop but not sure what kind of traffic will they attract.*

*What are you having for dinner or have you already eaten? Hope it is getting more interesting \*hee hee\*.*

*If you get a chance send me a reply otherwise I will wait for your email tomorrow okay.*

*Cheers  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 31, 2003 1:07 AM

**Subject:** surprise

*hi! luvy,*

*very nice card. i also send you one but do not know if it went through? let me know if ok.*

*had dinner with peter at park view hotel coffee house, the same japanese buffet since i collected \$60.00 for my toto. he enjoyed it very much.*

*sean is out for dinner with his buddies i think and will be home tonight.*

*my pimple in my eye had begin to subside and it should be ok by this weekend i hope.*

*the receipt for the dinner nos. are 1807 and 0717. i think i will buy a \$ each for this coming weekend. must try or else like ah how, opened but no money to collect.*

*peter still talking about bkk. don't know when he will stop. he still hoping to strike it big so that he can visit his daughter in hadyai. pity him.*

*told my 2 men that they have to leave by the end of tomorrow. they took it well and expected it to happen since they started work 2 months ago, as for sam, he realised that there is not much work the day he joined us. so i also don't feel so bad. i told them that i will surely hire them when times are better and if by that time they are still willing to come.*

*goodnight, love.*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 31, 2003 2:03 AM

**Subject:** Re: surprise

*Hello Papa,*

*Wah so smart.....I did receive your nice surprise. I will send you another one from Hallmark after this email ok.*

*As regards peter, not say I want to say but Papa pls remember he is one of your staff and you should not get too personal with them especially when they are fairly new and you don't know much about them but you are letting them know quite a bit of your 'personal' things. I remember you spoke well of Ah Soh but then later things did not turn out too well. I am not saying Peter is like Ah Soh but just be more careful as your work place is quite unstable and everyone is kind of new and you must know who are your friends and who are not. Ok, not too much or else you say I lor sor.*

*See my next card coming right up.*

*Nite nite*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, May 31, 2003 5:43 PM

**Subject:** nice card.

*hi! luvy,*

*very nice and wonderful card. i missed you too. but getting used to it very soon.  
looks like by the time you are back home it is time to go to shanghai as the situation is now ok  
except for beijing. travellers from china are able to come out from their country now. looks  
like sars problem the world over are going to be over and under control even if it is still there.*

*as for peter, he is not like ah soh who was a drug addict. but i will be careful with him.so far  
even michael believe in him and find him to be hard working and no carrying tales and  
complains. i think he must have gone through a very bad time during his divorce and now  
he is picking up pieces bit by bit. i thing we should give a person a second chance. his wish is  
to go back to his good old days of being recognised as a musician which he lost it 2 years ago. i  
told him when the economy is good he should go back to being what he does best that is  
being a drummer. he knows quite a few instruments and he is very good in fixing sound  
system in night clubs or disco.*

*anyway enough of him. how are you coping being alone in the day while the kids are out in  
school?*

*bye for now, love.*

**Sent:** Sunday, June 01, 2003 7:17 PM

**Subject:** 4-D

*hi! luvy,*

*your nos. 1650 and 0012 at \$5.00 big each for sunday are confirmed. good luck! any good  
news will only be known by 8.00pm tonight and if you strike, i will call you.*

*today is the first time after 17 days since you left, i am cooking white rice for dinner. bought a  
\$14.00 whole ' lor ' duck since sean is not going out for dinner. i bought packet rice for lunch  
this morning for sean and myself at 6 ave.*

*spent time watching tv and vcds. slept awhile feeling more restless after waking up, but don't  
feel like going out.*

*today is the 1st of june, you have only 20 days left in sydney so enjoy as best as you can. is  
the relationship with my daughter better now. your son is not even interested to e-mail you, i  
asked him once but he said no.*

*anyway that is how boys behave i think, they are more independant.*

*ok for now, love.*

**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2003 1:12 AM

**Subject:** Re: 4-D

*Hi Papa,*

*It is now 12 midnight June 1st. I don't think my numbers strike anything right?  
Otherwise we would have heard from you.*

*Today we had a pretty restful day (especially for me) - we had lunch (chicken curry that I cooked on Friday) and longbeans fried egg. Quite simple food. Then we did a bit of gardening - William planted 2 sweet potatoes that have started to grow roots. Then I watched TV and played some video games. Hey, since my arrival here - tonight the kids cooked dinner! I just rest and enjoyed eating!! \*heehee\**

*I spoke to Sean quite a bit last night and he has requested for me to bring him back a big bag of M&Ms. William also like ah boy - not interested to email his mom. So, I think u are right, boys are boys!!*

*Ok good night, Luvy*

**Sent:** Monday, June 02, 2003 8:14 PM

**Subject:** Hello - 2/6

*Hello Papa,*

*It is now 7.05pm Monday evening, 2/6/03.  
How was your day today?*

*As for me, today I feel real good - did not stay at home and \*nuah\*. William dropped me off at the Westfield Shopping Mall near their home and Ah girl met me there at 5pm. I walked for about 4 hours in the mall. Quite big and quite a lot of shops to see. But, I did not spend much money or bought alot of things!! Since I arrived, I bought a big wok (non-stick), a chopping board and today I bought a pair of kitchen scissors. Their last one was soooooo lousy that when Piew Cheh and I tried to cut off a fish tail last week because it was too long for the micro-wave, the handle broke and could not be used. This time I bought them the famous German "double-doll" brand, I think it is Zullich or something like that - A\$49.95 but sales now and it costs only A\$24.00.*

*We had pizza from Domino Pizza tonight. It is called Monday Madness and a large pizza costs only A\$5.00 for pick-up. So shiok and soooooooooo cheap. Cannot believe!!! So, we will be having more pizzas on Monday evenings from now on \*hehehe\*.*

*Ok, will go watch tv now.*

*Bye bye*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2003 12:18 AM

**Subject:** to 2/6

*hello girl,*

*went to lai ma's house this evening after work to collect my birthday present. thank you for such a loving card and thoughtful one. dad missed you and mum. anyway mum deserve a break for working so hard in most of her working life unlike me who is always lucky with my employers.*

*i also helped repaired her bathroom tap which cannot turn off the water properly, she must be waiting for me to come and repair it for her knowing that i am sure to be able to do it.*

*i will try your eyebag tonight when i sleep so it will remind me of you. i hope i can sleep soundly but i will let you know.*

*ok, over to mum.*

*sorry, your nos. did not turned up. better luck next time. my birthday is 2 days away and i may go out to dinner with peter and michael, not confirm yet depending on work which is picking up a bit. but just to let you know some funny news, 2/6 is bobby [ salesman ] and ah hei [ prod. ] birthdays. 4/6 is mine. 19/6 is winson chan [ prod.], 26/6 is peter [ driver ] and 28/6 is jennifer [ co-ordinator]. what a coincidence that out of 14 staff in our office, 6 people birthdays all fall in june. so we shared to buy toto for tonight's draw and the nos. are - 2, 4, 6, 19, 22, 26, 28. the result was - 18, 22, 27, 28, 29, 43 + 2. we only got 2+1, so no money. actually we could have got 3+1 if michael had not corrected me on my mistake of the no. 29 which i thought was peter's date which actually was 26/6. then we could have collected \$60.00 tomorrow. i will buy those nos. for another draw and hope for better luck this time. so long for tonight, hope better news of me striking 4-D on the night of my birthday. angie said that she will buy a single cake for us 5 birthday boys and 1 girl with 6 candles to wish us happy returns for the day. what a saving for her. but she is very thoughtful, she is never stingy when coming to makan. today she bought many ' bakchans ' to office for us to eat. many a time she buy bananas, plums or apples but mostly bananas until i told her i cannot eat bananas because of the sugar so she stop buying for the time being.*

*ok for now, got newspaper to read, love to everyone in girl girl's house.*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2003 6:47 PM

**Subject:** Re: to 2/6

*Hi Papa,*

*Too bad that you all only strike 2+1 for toto - but, I do like the numbers can you please buy the same numbers for me for the next draw? Please put aside the money I owe you for buying 4-d and toto otherwise by the time I come home I may forget to pay you. Tks. By the way, are there are mails for me? Ms Foong (KL) sms me about 10 days ago asking for my email and home address. She has not emailed me anything but did she send me a letter? If so, please open it and tell me what it is all about ok?*

*Today Ann (room-mate) and her boyfriend (Chad - whom we met during our last trip) are giving us a b-b-q treat. So, nothing much to do as no need to cook dinner so I took a pretty long nap. In fact, I was woke up and it is now 5.20pm, Tuesday, June 3rd.*

*Weather-wise today it fine, no rain and not too cold (about 21 deg) - good for b-b-q. Don't know what food they have prepared and how much??? Ah girl has already asked me about plan B in case the food not enough \*hehehe\* Luckily we have the curry that I cooked last Friday that is freezed in the freezer. Ah girl just told me she wants to call william to tar-pau macdonalds. Too much right not yet eat people's food already ask for tar-pau!!!*

*Hey are you all going for dinner tonight or tommorrow?? Hope you guys are going to enjoy yourselves. Where do you intend to go? Buffet at New Park Hotel?? If you want to go for Chinese food, their chinese rest also serves buffet (the type you order from the menu) then they cook for you. Not sure if they have changed their menu, you might want to call them to check. Their tel. number is 62915533. This is New Park's number and you can either ask for the chinese rest or cafe to check what are they serving. Okay, going to take my bath now before it gets too late and too cold. I have been very good - always taking my daily bath either in the mornings or early afternoon. But today I took the nap therefore have to bathe later.*

*Ta ta  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 03, 2003 10:59 PM  
**Subject:** toto

*hi! luvy,*

*i already bought the same set of the toto nos. no need to buy for you as i have better luck than you. if i strike it big you do not have to worry that i am not going to take of your needs. how about not going to work anymore or holidays every few months. eating ginger chicken rice and e-mailing you. i changed the oranges at the altar, also bought some nivel oranges for myself. sean in on duty tonight so i am home alone.*

*bye now. love.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 04, 2003 12:44 AM  
**Subject:** Re: toto

*Hello Papa,  
Ok lah since you bought toto how about buying 4d (4649) for me for this wed. \$5.00 big would be nice.  
So sad huh - home alone but aren't you going for dinner with the boys?  
I pray hard that you strike the big toto and then we can go holidays together ok?*

*Nite nite  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Thursday, June 05, 2003 1:51 AM

**Subject:** birthday!

*hi luvy,*

*yes i did had dinner with peter only as michael could not make it. he bought me dinner at the new park coffee house, the 3rd time i had japanese buffet. it will be on till the 14/06 then it becomes international buffet for two weeks and then mid-european buffet.*

*so sad that i did not strike even a single 4-D, but its ok as i am still gainfully employed so there is still money to try again and again. must not give up, die, die must try. still there is toto tomorrow, who knows maybe this time lucky.*

*anyway thanks for that lovely card. i miss you but its ok as i still think you should enjoy your holidays as much as you can as you deserved it.*

*i hope the kids don't find you a hindrance? i hope they enjoy having you around.*

*sean is home tonight and i just had my bath and i am going to enjoy my newspaper soon.*

*so goodnight and much loves.*

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2003 4:45 PM

**Subject:** Hello 6/6

*Hello Papa,*

*It is now 3.30pm on 6/6/03 (Fri).*

*Yesterday I did not get chance to use the computer because the kids were studying and later in the evening we went out. Thursday is late night shopping remember!! We went to the factory outlets - "Birkenhead Shopping Mall" - it is quite near ah girl's home. After that we went to Basement Books (this is the big book shop that ah girl brought us to the last time when we were here) at their new location. This place is bigger than the previous shop and the books are still very cheap. But, ah girl did not find the particular book she needed for her class. Maybe she will try other shops later. Then, we went to Chinatown (sussex foodcourt) for dinner. We were rather late and were one of the last customers. William (as you know he eats very slowly) was trying to hurry up when the cleaners were closing the place for the night! \*Whew\* Just in time!*

*How are you doing? No news means we did not strike anything right? Toto gone with the wind? Never mind as long as we still try there is still hope.*

*Guan Heng (former Mgr at Cathay) called me 2 days ago and was surprised that I have quitted and having a long break in Sydney. Did not talk much bec it an overseas call but will call him when I get back to Sin.*

*Ok, we are going to leave the house soon to go to the market to buy vegies for our Vietnamese Pho tonight. The kids are cooking!! I will let you know later how they score later. I think I am their guinea pig for tonight!!*

*Bye bye*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 07, 2003 12:08 AM

**Subject:** belated birthday!

*hi! luvy,*

*wah, so surprised that your son told me he wants to buy me a birthday dinner tonight. so he suggested west mall - sakae sushi but i told him that new park is also serving japanese too and it will be much cheaper. we could have spend around minimum \$60.00 - \$80.00. but the bill at new park came to only \$41.55 after 20% discount using uob card. we had alot of tempura and sashimi and of course sean had a big plate of his dessert. don't even had space for fruits.*

*received from kl - ms foong, some invoices on the repair bills for the apartment. you can see them when you are home in 2 weeks time, is that ok?*

*well have to bath and do my big business. will e-mail some other time.*

*goodnight and lots of hugs.*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 07, 2003 12:22 AM

**Subject:** Re: belated birthday!

*Hi Papa,*

*Wah u so lucky hor!! I only had Pho.....a lot of taueh, mint, basil, chilli, fishcake, mushrooms and rice sticks. Luckily they also put in some unagi (the frozen type that we bought from carrefour) that they had in the freezer. Really not bad, your daughter will cook for you when she is back in Sin.*

*Was Sean on leave today? How did he arrange dinner with you? You mean he actually called you and then met you somewhere?? I really cannot believe it \*hehehe\*  
You really very lucky!!*

*Ok, good night*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 07, 2003 1:57 PM

**Subject:** sat off

*hello,*

*i am off today. so i went to wai peng's coffee shop to eat my favorite vegetarian mee hoon. no fun eating alone.*

*sean arranged the dinner one day before to make sure i am able to make it.*

*today he is not working but went to play football as work. he said that there is really not much to do, so they play football as part of reporting for work.*

*he said he will be 1st sargent after he finish his sturdy in august. from july onwards he have to go to semawang camp daily to sturdy.*

*last nighr dinner was my 4th one for that japanese promotion. sean could not believe that. he asked me if i am sick of it? i told him, if the promo is still on when mum is back, i will still go there to eat with you. the fishes were very fresh thats why i did not get tummyache. ok for now, need to read my papers. love and missing you, mum.*

**Sent:** Sunday, June 08, 2003 12:56 AM

**Subject:** no luck

*hi luvy,*

*what luck. just when my birthday passed the nos. opened in to night draw. starter nos. 0406. could have collected \$1,000.00.*

*will buy for tomorrow draw and hope it will be the first 3 top prizes.*

*goodnight, luvy*

**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2003 10:52 AM

**Subject:** Re: no luck

*Hello Papa,*

*Hope u having better luck and strike big before i come home!*

*Anyway, yesterday stayed home all day except up till 12.30am (midnight) then ah girl bought us supper at "Pancakes On The Rocks". Was very crowded with alot of Asians who need to "siew yeh".*

*Today (Monday, 9/6) is public holiday (Queen's Birthday) but ah girl has gone to work like I previously told you. She said that she will be paid a better rate because it is public holiday. I am going to try to cook Laksa for them today. We bought the laksa paste (Thai) from the Chinese Emporium when Piew Cheh was here. Do you remember that supermarket? I will let you know how it turn out.*

*Okay lah, will try to send you another email later this evening.*

*Ta ta*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2003 5:42 PM

**Subject:** Hello - 10/6

*Hello papa,*

*Wah so busy is it? No email from you?????*

*It is now 4.40pm Tuesday afternoon. We are inviting Chad and Ann (Tif's housemate) for dinner tonight. Of course, yours truly will be doing the cooking lah! By the way, my Laksa turned out just like 'katong' one - and ah girl said it is the best laksa she has tasted since coming here!! How about that!!*

*Ok, going to prepare my next cooking session soon.*

*Ta ta*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 10, 2003 11:40 PM

**Subject:** nothing to report

*hi, luvy,*

*nothing much happening or exciting.*

*sean was on duty last night, but back home tonight.*

*chui called for your contact and i gave her. did she called?*

*still have not strike it rich with toto, but still trying before you get home in 11 days time.*

*the tenant at shan gate gave me his new singapore IC stat copy. i also told him about the contract on servicing the aircon. he said he will look into it.*

*all bt. batok residents will be able to collect their sars kit on the 14/6 this sunday at blk. 125.*

*so long, will e-mail if any juicy news.*

*love to all at home. missed you.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2003 12:37 AM

**Subject:** Re: nothing to report

*Hello Papa,*

*Do we still need the SARs kit? I thought everything kind of settled now?*

*Yes, Chui did call this evening. The travel agent called her and told her the China Airlines is not giving us any further extensions - last day of travel is 30 June.*

*Chui will call the airlines directly tomorrow to see what they have to say about the safety of China re. the sars thing. Anyway, she will also call Ah Cheh and find out from Yuen (as she is still in contact with Cheng Teck who is still in Shanghai re. the matter.) Maybe, worse come to worse we just have to play safe and forget about the \$500+. She will call me again tomorrow evening with latest update.*

*Yes, 11 days time and I'll be home - waiting eagerly too!! Tonight on their news here seems there is some terrorist activities at the Syd airport - they found one of the Qantas baggage handler is actually a terrorist trained in the Middle East. Airport security will be stepped up, that's what they say. So, I think I better leave by 12 noon on the day of departure to give 3 hours before my flight just in case of any delay.*

*Dinner tonight was okay. Food (curry fish, sambal sotong and fried cabbage) turned out pretty well. Quite happy with the results myself.*

*Ok lah, going to bed soon!*

*Nite nite*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 11, 2003 11:26 PM

**Subject:** sars?

*hello luvy,*

*the sars kit are free, why not collect them. next time anything free the government may not give you as you are not interested and get black listed.*

*if you are still going to shanghai on the 30/6 then you are back for only 1 week and off again, this time for how long? i thought with the airfare so cheap, maybe we can go to hadyai for a short break. anyway you decide.*

*how about that job that albert suppose to recommend when you are back?*

*still not ready for work?*

*sean is home tonight, no duty till tomorrow night.*

*ate roasted duck rice and lychee for dinner. will work late tomorrow night at starhub office doing some changes to their signages.*

*business is picking up alittle and i hope very soon we should be busy till the end of the year. goodnight and lots of loves.*

**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2003 1:57 AM

**Subject:** OCBC

*dear tif,*

*pl let william know that the bank is reminding him for his instalment for june. having problem?*

*hi luvy,*

*just got home at 10.00pm. today brought sean his 'duke of mount deer 2000' at \$59.80. told him already. he is on duty. also got you a serial show for \$8.00 only, normal \$49.90. what a bargain. also 'faye wong japan concert' for \$2.00 only. better bargain.*

*glad you missed home, because i miss you and everday i don't know what to do or eat. drive around aimlessly sometimes, so in the end better to go home and watched tv.*

*eating chapati tonight. bought it at KK market. i hope that albert promise you that job, you will get it.*

*tif said she is not going to bkk this time home in august because she wanted william to go too. isn't william coming home with her this august?*

*anyway, hadyai is still cheaper. we will decide when you get back.*

*got to read my newspaper now.*

*goodnight lots of loves to all at home.*

**Sent:** Friday, June 13, 2003 10:07 PM

**Subject:** Hi hi - 12/6

*Hello Papa,*

*Re OCBC - William checked the bank and his account is a couple of ten dollars short.*

*Therefore, they could not deduct from the account. I think he shd know what needs to be done. This msg from Tif.*

*Wah, ah boy must be so happy! Did he offer to pay you half? He was actually going to share 50/50 the last time he went to check it out. When I come home I will have lots of tapes to watch hor. So shiok. But guess what, I forgot to bring the Winter Sonata for Tif.*

*I hope I get the job too so let's all pray hard for it. William is not coming home this august for Wendy's wedding - they will come home in Dec/Jan during their school holidays so they can stay longer. I think he may be planning to visit his Mum during that time too. William collected our photos today. The ones taken in the day time look good but the ones at night are quite grainy and not sharp. He thinks it is due to the 400 and 200 films that they used. Do you think this is the reason or is it bec the camera is not so great? The pix at the Manley and Bondi beaches are awesome!! I remember to take some without Piew Cheh so that you can use for the enlargements. I also told Tif about this.*

*By the way, how is Miloo? Has he forgotten about me yet? Papa, are you feeding him his treats and chocolate jel (tube) for his hair balls? If not, please give feed him with these each morning or at least during the weekend. Also, how are the plants coming along? Are they are dead and gone?*

*Ok lah, that's all for now. It is now 9.15pm and we have just finished dinner a short while ago. Tif tried frying Phad Thai did result was quite different. According to her this is her 2nd attempt and still not getting it right. She needs to get the correct sauce. Better luck next time.*

*Nite nite  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2003 12:06 AM  
**Subject:** meeloo

*hi luvy,*

*meeloo is not eating well, i don't know why? sometimes when i get home i still see his food untouched. maybe he is missing you.*

*as for the 'winter sonata', if not with you, then where is it? sean did not give it back to me. as for that 50% for the tapes, never mind i will bear the whole cost.*

*i will put in \$50.00 for william into his account as requested.*

*you have only 8 days left before you leave sydney. anyway, what is the time and date of arrival and also the flight no.?*

*the plants are doing well as i take good care of them. we have an extra plant which i think the birds must have carried some seeds and dropped it into the pot, but i don't know what kind it is. so i let it grow.*

*ok for now, got my papers to catch up.  
goodnight love.*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2003 12:48 AM

**Subject:** Re: meeloo

*Hello Papa,*

*So sad to hear meeloo not eating well.....are you giving him some treats? Hopefully when I get home his appetite will pick up.*

*Re. Winter Sonata - I gave the discs to sean as he asked for it. so, it shd still be with him.*

*Re. William's loan - he will be sending you a separate email on this matter soon.*

*My flight number on 21/6/03 (Sat) - is QF319, lv. at 1535 (3.45pm) and arriving Sing. at 2150 (9.50pm - Singapore time) @ Terminal 1. This flight is actually operated by British Airways. But, it has a Qantas flight number. So maybe you need to look out for BA/QF319??*

*Are the bamboo going well too or have you thrown them away??*

*Ok - nite nite*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 14, 2003 6:44 PM

**Subject:** flight confirmed

*hi luvy,*

*taken note of your arrival date and time. also william acc. nos. have not put in money yet, will try on monday as i am so busy today and bank closed early as it is sat.*

*the bamboo plants are ok.*

*sean is off today and watching his vcd.*

*you have 7 days left and counting.*

*so long for now, will e-mail you if anything comes up.*

*need to take my afternoon nap. bye for now.*

**Sent:** Sunday, June 15, 2003 5:08 PM

**Subject:** father's day

*hi luvy,*

*tomorrow is father's day and i am alone again, same as my birthday. what the heck, anyway i don't really mind, just that i was reading the papers and it reminded me of it.*

*this morning went to west mall to buy films/parking coupons for the office. then went upstairs to pay pacific net bill. then went to buy lottery and updated my posb books. bought newspaper, went to shop and save to buy oranges to change them at the altar, went to blk.*

*125 to collect sars kit. then went to ocbc bank to dropped william's cheque and came home.*

*did some ironing and fried rice for lunch and dinner. sean is on duty today and won't be back tonight.*

*how boring isn't it? now i am going to laze and watch vcd/tv after i bathe, maybe sleep awhile.*

*you have 6 days left, are you looking forward to coming home? i cut out an ad. for a pa to ceo position for you. the closing date is 23/6, it is for a expat ceo of imedeen skin care product seeking a topnotch exe. secretary.*

*ok for now, going to carry on reading my papers.  
love to you all and most of all my girl.*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2003 10:57 AM

**Subject:** Re: father's day

*Hello Papa,*

*So sad hor your Father's Days and you home alone!! Not to worry, just 4 days and I will be home!*

*Like I said last night, the Sydney Fish Market is not big deal. Good for buying fish on a weekly-basis, as the retailers there are selling much lower than the supermarket and also their fish is very fresh. Also, it is not far out in the sticks, it is just in the heart of the city. Quite convenient to get there. But, quite a disappointment for tourists who thinks that they will get to see alot - not true just a lot of repetition. Not like the one in Japan where it is really huge based on what we saw in the Cai Lan's TVB tapes.*

*Yesterday I did all my laundry - I washed all the clothes that I brought with me so that there is not alot of laundry to do when I get home. **\*\*so smart\*\***. I also boiled pork soup and it turned out very nice especially in this cold weather. Now the temp is about 21 (day) and about 8-10 (night). It does get pretty cold sometimes.*

*I am just taking it easy for the next few days watching tv as I do not intend to shop and there is nothing much to do if you do not go to town. The Westfield Shopping Plaza is quite near but must take bus just outside their house and it costs A\$1.50 per ride. I have been there about 3 times on my own but what I normally do is wait for William to drop me there on his way to school (on his short days - about 4 hrs) and then pick me back on his way home. So, I do some super-marketing for them and also walk walk see see.*

*Today ah girl has gone to school but she is having a short day today - that means she will be off at 1pm. I intend to fry noodles for lunch as our taueh and green veg already quite a few days old. So, William will pick her up and we then we will drop by the supermarket to buy toilet rolls and kitchen towels. See, how interesting! **\*smile\****

*Ta ta for now.*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 17, 2003 11:09 PM

**Subject:** 4 days

*hello luvy,*

*4 more days and i can have you back. i think the kids are tired of you already, right?*

*anyway, do not buy unnecessary barang-barang.*

*just to update you - mustafah shopping centre is now open 24 hrs. at the bukit timah turf city, there are small kiosks planned along bkk mah boon kong style shopping. the rental is \$300.00 per month per small kiosk. i am waiting for you to go along to see-see on sunday.*

*heard also that orchard cineleisure is also going 24 hrs sometime in nov.*

*also the north-east line of the mrt will be on at the end of june.*

*ok, so long for the gossip. as usual, i need to read my papers.*

*sean is home tonight. he got a plaque for being the best ship in the navy or something like that.*

*goodnight love, will see you soon.*

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2003 12:48 AM

**Subject:** Re: 4 days

*Hello Papa,*

*Good for Sean! Yap, see you in 4 days. Betty called me tonight but did not talk for long.*

*Will call her when I get back.*

*Ok, watching Leslie concert vcd now.....nothing much on tv tonight.*

*nite nite*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 18, 2003 10:23 PM

**Subject:** 3 days

- ♦ *hi luvy,*
- ♦ *3 more days.*
- ♦ *nothing much to report.*
- ♦ *sean is on 3 days leave till friday. he went out for dinner tonight.*
- ♦ *i went to imm for jalan-jalan, too early to go home.*
- ♦ *ok, will update you if any thing turns up.*
- ♦ *goodnight, love to everyone at home.*

**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 12:04 AM

**Subject:** Re: 3 days

*Hello Papa,*

*Yap, 3 days and I'll be home. Today the kids went to meet tif's friend again and they just came home.*

*Bubble fought with another dog today when William took her for a walk. Went to the vet and everything is ok now. Vet gave her a jap and some antibiotics.*

*I cooked chicken stew this evening and just had some as I was too full earlier to eat.*

*Ok, will email you again tomorrow.*

*Nite nite*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 11:02 PM

**Subject:** 2 more days

*Hello Papa*

*Just 2 more days!!*

*Today ah girl and I went to Paddy's Market (in Chinatown) - quite interesting. Just like the big market in Hatyai. Lots of goodies (clothes, souvenirs, shoes, hair accessories, in fact they have almost everything and next to the dry goods they have the veg and wet market. You will enjoy this kind of shopping. Will bring you there the next time you come to Syd.*

*Bubble is much better today. After antibiotics and jap she is doing ok.*

*What are the fruits in season now in Sin? Here they have lots of rock melons and very cheap. A whole melon - very big and sweet - costs only \$1.99. Choose until you don't want. Large naval oranges (like the \$1.00+ type we buy from Shop & Save) - 50 pcs. in a box cost only \$14.99. Too bad they are so heavy otherwise I am so tempted to bring home. Due to weight problem - sorry I am not able to!! So sad.*

*Tonight I make fish with the Thai batter. The kids like it. Just like fish and chips but they don't want the chips. We also had the balance of the chicken stew cooked yesterday.*

*Now it is 9.35pm and we have just finished dinner. Tonight we ate slightly later bec ah girl took a nap when we came home earlier. Too much jalan jalan for her. Tomorrow I will go by the supermarket and buy for you some of the 'flat bread'. It is actually like wraps - square sheet for wrapping meat (like chicken) or can eat with stew. I will look for the wholemeal type so it is healthy for you to eat. Is there any special food items that you like me to buy from here? Please send me email urgently if you have so that I can pick up tomorrow and complete my packing. I still having some leeway with weight. All the time I thought I was coming for 34 days but today I counted and I am actually here for 36 days. How come huh?*

*Ok, will call you tomorrow night to touch base before I catch the flight ok.*

*C u soon :)*

*Luvy*

**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 11:38 PM

**Subject:** what a jinx

*hi luvy,*

*you won't believe this.*

*2 days ago, sean told me when i came home from work that the kitchen toilet tiles [6 pcs] popped out by itself and broke. those white ones [ we have spares]. i thought the neighbour must be knocking at their side of the wall, but then i realised that the other side of the wall is actually our own wall belonging to the hall. how stupid.*

then tonight i could not start the fire to fry rice. now i used a lighter to light up. the starter walked out on me. next time we will have to use a gas lighter to light the fire or change a new stove.

after cooking and washing and ironing, of course i am sweaty and i needed a bath. after the bath the water cannot be switch off. i had to change the rubber washer. [ lucky i am able to do all those things or else i cannot eat and bath and flood the bathroom - so smart uh!. if sean, i don't know what panic button he will press?  
sean have gone out again for dinner.  
all bad things comes in 3 and being proved many a time.

so much for now. i am eating my dinner and watching vcd and e-mailing you. again 3 things.  
goodnight, nothing to buy. thanks anyway. love.  
i still got my papers to read.

**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2003 11:49 PM

**Subject:** Eventful Evening

*Wah Papa - so much excitement without me!! This is not jinx just eventful!! :) Ah koon would have said..... "boh kor leng" \*hahaha\*  
Ok - ah girl needs the pc now for her work, etc etc  
Ta ta  
Luvy*

**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2003 1:10 AM

**Subject:** last night

hello, hello,

tonight last night. excited to get home?  
will pick you up at 10.00pm at terminal 1 right? on a saturday night 21/6, right? travelling on qantas/british airways, right? but forgot the flight no.  
please call me to confirm.

went to chinatown with peter and joseph. joseph wanted to go to bkk on next thursday alone on sq. but the offer now on is for two to travel. a single person airfare is \$450.00 just ticket alone. i took them to newly tour which i got my tickets to bkk with peter. remember the salesgirl named karen. so she recommened cx which cost only \$212.00 and with hotel, transfer, breakfast and taxes, cost is \$398.00 - 5 days, 4 nights, sol twin towers hotel. if narai hotel which peter and i stayed the last time, cost is \$429.00.

but if 2 to go, the cost at narai hotel is \$350.00 each.

but the best thing is to hadyai. cost for 4 days 3 nights, thai airlines, central sukonthai, 2-way transfer, daily breakfast, sing airport tax, war insurance, is only \$268.00 each. offer ends next friday 27/6. but you can pay and book now and travel later in july.

*so as a reward for coming home, i will give you a free all expense paid holiday to hadyai, first week in july, ok?*

*also i bought vcds - fong sai yoke, actual cost \$60.90, but now only \$18.20. another one - poet mr. tong, actual cost \$30.90, now only \$10.00.*

*the best thing is that they are in cantonese version. i played and checked them already. you will have lots of vcds to catch up.*

*also your last month allowance is waiting at home for you.*

*see, by coming home you get so many rewards waiting for you.*

*better stop now or i may give too much benefits away, he! he!*

*call me as soon as you finish reading this e-mail.*

*goodnight.*

*love to all at home.*

***To be concluded...***

*The Aftermath...*

**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2003 1:23 AM

**Subject:** Almost strike

Hello girl/william,

So good to be back in the "kow tau" but I did enjoy Sydney and your all for the last 5 weeks. Thanks for having and putting up with me!!

Yesterday, I betted on 9310 and 9301 and Daddy betted on 1039 - Guess what number came out?? - 1309!! \*kek seh\*

Today, I betted on 313 and since I saw 3 cars with the same number I thought I so clever and betted on 3313 and since there are 3 of the same digit I betted 'system' that means 3313, 3331, 1333 and 3133 and just what number came out tonight?? 3136 \*\*kek seh\*\* Too bad cannot buy your trip home!!

I tried to load the Puzzle bobble but was not successful. The following error msg appears on the screen:

Error Starting Program

The MAMEPLIB.DLL file cannot start. Check the file to determine the problem.

William - can it be due to our old pc being not compatible to your software? So sad, cannot introduce the game to Uncle.

We went to Ah Kong's today (with brother.....he has not been there for about 6 months!!) and we met Sara. She has become so fair. Other than this, she looks the same. She will be going back to NYC on July 2 to finish her thesis. She has till Dec. 03 to complete it. Then, she has 1-yr working visa in the US. Sum Yee says she will be supporting herself for her Law and PhD studies. She needs to work some first and then will probably start her studies sometime later in 04.

Daddy also likes the red-bean cake. I gave Sanchia a bag of the Rock sweets and a pack of the honey dates to Sum Yee. I gave Por Por a pack of the honey dates, a pack of the monkey mushroom, a pack of the wipes, a pack of red bean cakes, 3 packs of the sun dried pears and Ah Kong got the bell from the Nam Tien Temple and a pair of insoles for his shoes.

Ok lah, enought of gossiping for now. By the way, what did you guys have for dinner tonight? Daddy has gone to his boss' sister's wedding tonight. He says "so ridiculous - first time I am going to a wedding dinner and I don't know the bride nor the groom! Have to give face to his boss lah\*\* I cooked taueh with koo chye, egg omelette with char siew and onions and sambal sotong with onions (the same one I cooked for Ann and Chad) for brother and myself tonight. Everything finished!! 🍻🍻 😊

Ta ta

Mum

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2003 1:13 AM

**Subject:** bothi

hi girl,

mum got home ok, but her hair have alot of white ones, how come. is it so stressful living with you all?

bothi pictures are much better this time. after seeing him for a month, mum find that meeloo looks so plain compared to bothi features.

i am going to enlarge a picture of him in 8x12" and also a 4R of bothi and bubble to put in my office.

mum is going to help her former boss ' meilin choo ' to do some work. you can ask her for more details yourself. also she did ask about you and mum mentioned that you are still studying. what you are studying interested her and mum mentioned that her boss is willing to finance you to start a spa or something to that effect after you have obtain your master.

now that mum is home, how did you both cope with your cooking?

mum and i will be going to hadyai on 5/07 - 9/07, 5 days.

any request for any not too expensive items to buy for you or william?

ok for now, goodnight and lots of loves.

**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2003 1:29 AM

**Subject:** Hello

Hi girl,

I've not send any emails since I got home. So terrible!! Better get back into the habit of doing so.

I started my archival work at Ms Choo's office 2 days ago. Not sure how much they are going to pay me but I think it will be in the region of \$1500 but don't know if CPFable or nett. Will let you know when I get my first 'pocket-money' payment. My ex-colleagues at Cathay were quite surprised to see me there. After 2-months of rest, it is good to get back to work. I was so excited that on the eve of starting work, I could not sleep!! So 'kun cheong'. I am suppose to work 3 days/week but this week I will work 4 days as I will be working only 2 days next week bec. of my Hatyai trip. We will be there from July 5-9. So, have you any 'inexpensive' things that you would like Laoba (or Mama) to buy for you guys? Let us know soon as we will start our trip this Sat.

Hey do you know how weak the S\$ has become? When I went to Sydney we paid S\$112.50 for A\$100. Tonight I saw at the Westmall money-changer the rate is S\$120 for A\$100. They are buying A\$100 at S\$116.50. Do you have lots of A\$ for your upcoming trip home?? I hope you do - so that you have more buying power when you are home \*\*hehehe\*\*

Sean's leave has been approved and he plans to go to Bangkok with Angela from July 10 - 13 or 14. We have not met her yet but seen her photos on Sean's camera. Very short (I think only 153 cm) and quite rounded. Her father is a taxi driver and her mom is a seamstress.

I need to ask brother whether she has kick her smoking habit. Tonight CNA announce that cig. prices will increase every 3 months. Hopefully, this will help her to decide to kick the habit.

How were your 3 tests this week? Did you get full marks for all of them? Not trying to stress you but that's just your 'normal' standard right?

Okay, will go and watch my cantonese vcds now.

Luv, Mama & Laoba & Seannie & Meeloo (ps: he did not forget about me - still so "manjah" when I came home.)

**Sent:** Thursday, July 03, 2003 11:10 AM

**Subject:** halo halo

halo mama, laoba, and all the rest at home,

I oso so long never write e-mail oredi, now that my exams are over (for now anyway), I oso better start practising again. As for my exams this week -- no, I only got 9/10 for my Symptomatology test :( - what an underachiever! As for my Biochemistry and Nutrition exams, still don't know results, will let you know when i get them. we are now on a one-week break, but actually what break -- got a million assignments to do, so basically oso burnt lah! I am really looking forward to the break at the end of term when I come home - yipee! the thought of that keeps me going.

The other day William and I tried a new method of studying -- we went to the Botanic Gardens, brought out our picnic blanket and studied there - wow! it was so nice, and very productive! Away from all the distractions at home, and I finally managed to understand my Biochemistry at last -- all of last term (though I did get 94/100) I was basically just memorising the info and not really understanding it. But being there among the trees and breathing the fresh air, my mind was so clear that I finally took control of Hormone and their Receptors, and Metabolism. I foresee that we'll be doing that more often. Though we probably look very weird there with all our books and papers sprawled on the blanket when everyone else is just sleeping or relaxing.

Ok, enough of boring ol school stuff. Mama you will be very happy to know that William has boiled soup for me! Pork rib and watercress soup -- very yummy! Remember the meat shop at Chatswood -- we managed to buy pork ribs there for only \$1.80/kg! He did like you told us, must first scald the meat with hot water to take away the porky smell. I think we will be boiling soup more often, especially now that it's winter -- cold cold drink hot soup -- shiok ah!

As for what to get for us from Hatyai -- please buy somemore shorts -- the short type, NOT the bermudas type! and please don't get too creative where colour is concerned -- black is best, for all of them -- no tacky colours like bright blue please -- to be worn to the gym. The silky type of Wacoal underwear which is almost seamless -- is also very nice. That's all folks!

Orrr... so it's Angela that Sean is going to BKK with ah? I thought you said they broke up oredi? Patch back again? Aiyah, hope she has indeed stopped smoking, if not poor Sean oso will be passive smoking. :( You must ask Sean to bring her home for dinner, so you can lecture her on all the harms of smoking -- hee hee so bad! don't tell him I said that.

But actually it is very strange -- the other day when you told me that Sean was going to BKK with a girl -- my first reaction was -- What?!? Going to BKK with a girl!? Alone!? How can?! He's not old enough to go abroad by himself with a girl!!! Cannot, cannot, cannot -- 2 seconds later, I realise -- eh? he is quite old oredi hor? 25, yah lah actually ok lah, not like I haven't done it myself. So protective at first, like he's my son or something, I guess in my eyes, he's always still the "kid brother". (Yes, yes laoba -- this is the prefect opportunity for you to tell me "like in our eyes you two will always be our children-children")

As for next week I will be working at Helen Kaminski for 2 days, and oso going for the "Red Cross First Aid Course" -- part of the requirements for my naturopathy course -- for 2 days. So on top of assignments and exams (another 2 when school reopens) that will be all of my break. What to do? Relax in Sep lor!

Ok, enjoy yourselves in Hatyai! I'm happy to know that you are enjoying your working life again mama. Too young to retire lah huh?

Love, Tiff :)

**And they lived happily ever after...**

*~ The End ~*