

Part 265 for Cathy's blog

Wednesday 14th May to Friday 16th May, 2025
King's Birthday holiday.

Schools and most business offices are closed. Anjali is closed today and tomorrow (Plowing Ceremony).

There is still housework though! And I had to bring the washing inside due to showers.

There was very heavy rain over night (and thunder) overnight and in the early morning the "Mao" frogs were croaking their best.

Thursday 15th May, 2025.

Temple Day : Ta Nei

The air is hot and heavy with about 90% humidity. The ground is damp, but there is no water lying around.

Ta Nei is a relatively small temple, well shaded and a pleasant outing on a hot morning.



We found these pseudo- scorpions (they are really crickets, insects, count their legs!) out and about on the wet sand.



There were lots of these butterflies with “tails” on their wings.



Brilliant orange on the other side of their wings.



Here is a long-jawed golden orb spider (minus a few legs). Her body is about 6cm long.

(Nephila spp.)



A few showers is enough to tell the fungus to grow.



And the seeds to sprout.



Looking through the East Gopura to Ta Nei Temple.

Language class in the afternoon was grammar!

Friday 16th May, 2025.

Temple Day : Palilay

Another good temple to visit on these very hot and sweaty mornings is Palilay, as it is well shaded too.



A guard lion at the terrace to the west of Palilay.



The frangipanis are blooming.



The central tower (lopsided where some stones have fallen) still standing on the tall sandstone base.



As usual, we were accompanied by a dog (or two) on our walk around this temple.



This snail is out and about due to the recent rain.



This tree has grown over sandstone blocks that were probably stacked here sometime after the 1930's when many of the temples were found by and clearing and restoration were begun by the French.



The other side of the central tower.





Seven headed naga.

Back home and it was time to go over our language homework before Friday's classes.

I was interrupted (pleasantly) by a photo from the past.

It was the 100th Anniversary of Aspendale Primary School.

Here is a photo of Mum, a teacher at the school for... donkey's years.

