

**BUDDHIST CALENDAR 2014-2017 - Buddhist Council of Queensland. Inc.**

*\*\* Dates are for the Southern Hemisphere*

*Most events in the Buddhist calendar are aligned with the Full Moon (Lunar Calendar)*

*with certain other events allied with the New Moon in a given cycle (the start of each cycle).*

Lunar Month	2014	2015	2016	2017	MOON	EVENT - Note: some months have no special significance for Buddhism
1	Jan 31st	Feb 19th	Feb 8th	Jan 28th	New Moon	Chinese New Year # <<< see note below >>>
	Feb 15th	Mar 5th	Feb 22nd	Feb 10th	Full Moon	Parinirvana Day (Mahayana) / Magha Puja Day / Sangha Day (Theravada)
2	Mar 1st	Mar 20th	Mar 9th	Feb 26th	New Moon	Losar (Tibetan New Year)
	Mar 16th	Apr 4th	Mar 24th	Mar 12th	Full Moon	Magha Puja Day (Mahayana)
3	Mar 31st	Apr 19th	Apr 7th	Mar 28th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Apr 8th	Apr 8th	Apr 8th	Apr 8th	Fixed	Fixed Date - Hana Matsuri - Buddha Day (Japan)
	Apr 15th	May 3rd	Apr 22nd	Apr 11th	Full Moon	Theravada New Year
	Apr 23rd	Apr 23rd	Apr 23rd	Apr 23rd	Fixed	Fixed Date - Songkran (Thailand)
4	Apr 29th	May 18th	May 7th	Apr 26th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	May 14th	Jun 2nd	May 21st	May 10th	Full Moon	Vesak (All traditions + UN) ## <<< see note below >>>
5	May 29th	Jun 16th	Jun 5th	May 26th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Jun 13th	Jly 1st	Jun 20th	Jun 9th	Full Moon	Poson Day (SriLanka) / Saka Dawa (Tibetan Buddha Day)
6	Jun 27th	Jly 16th	Jly 4th	Jun 24th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Jly 12th	Jly 31st	Jly 19th	Jly 8th	Full Moon	Asalha Puja / Wan Khao Pansa / Dhamma Day / Vassa / Obon / Ulambana ###
7	Jly 27th	Aug 14th	Aug 3rd	Jly 23rd	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Aug 11th	Aug 30th	Aug 18th	Aug 7th	Full Moon	Hungry Ghost Festival (Chinese)
8	Aug 25th	Sep 13th	Sep 1st	Aug 22nd	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Sep 9th	Sep 28th	Sep 16th	Sep 6th	Full Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
9	Sep 24th	Oct 13th	Oct 1st	Sep 20th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Oct 8th	Oct 27th	Oct 16th	Oct 6th	Full Moon	Kathina (Robe Offering to Sangha) / Wan Awk Pansa / Vassa - Rain's Retreat end
10	Oct 24th	Nov 12th	Oct 31st	Oct 20th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Nov 7th	Nov 26th	Nov 14th	Nov 4th	Full Moon	Loi Krathong (Thailand)
11	Nov 22nd	Dec 11th	Nov 29th	Nov 18th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Dec 6th	Dec 25th	Dec 13th	Dec 3rd	Full Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Dec 8th	Dec 8th	Dec 8th	Dec 8th	Fixed	Fixed Date - Rohatsu / Bodhi Day - Japan
12	Dec 22nd	Jan 10th	Dec 29th	Dec 18th	New Moon	<<< no special significance >>>
	Jan 4th	Jan 23rd	Jan 12th	Jan 2nd	Full Moon	Mahayana New Year

**Notes:**

# While not a Buddhist anniversary, the legends of how the twelve animals were chosen for the Chinese horoscope suggests that these were the first to respond to the Buddha's call to for all animals of the world to gather to him, arriving in the order that they appear in the calendar i.e. *Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Sheep, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig* .

## Vesak: also Tibetan Saka Dawa - Theraavada - celebrating historical Buddha's birth, eath and enlightenment

### Vassa - Rain's Retreat start (Theravada) / Obon & Ulambana - Ghost Festival (Japan)