

## Curriculum Coffee...



Our ESL Department held a bilingual information session for current and interested parents about the services they offer. Ms. Gail O'Connell explained about language acquisition, and the difference between social and academic language, and followed up with suggestions and tips for parents to help their children with English language at home. Finally, the parents had an opportunity to ask questions and meet socially with their child's ESL teacher.

Our curriculum coffee morning is the beginning step each year in establishing positive communication amongst parents, teachers and students.

**On** Friday, August 29, Ruamrudee Elementary section hosted its annual Curriculum Coffee. Beginning at 7:10 am, parents of elementary students joined their children in lining up, walking to class and participating in some of the daily classroom activities. Homeroom teachers presented curriculum using conversations, slideshows, and Powerpoint presentations. Our specialist teachers hosted parents in Room 401 with displays of their program.

## SMARTboard at Ruamrudee



Ms. Dainty works on the SMARTboard with some enthusiastic Grade 3's.

**At** Ruamrudee we continue to investigate new technological tools and their value to teaching. Thanks to the initiative of our IT Department, we have on loan for one month from IMI Industries in Bangkok, a SMARTboard. It will be making its way to many Elementary classrooms, and students are already excited about using it.

*"I like it because it's touch screen, and it's cool,"* says Mook Lorwatanapongsa (Grade 3).



The SMARTboard sits quietly and waits

The SMARTboard is a touch-screen interactive whiteboard where projected images (writing, web pages, maps, and documents) can be manipulated easily by teachers and students. The SMARTboard allows teachers to use more digital media in their classrooms, and students find the lessons much more engaging. Students and faculty at Ruamrudee have not had a chance to be exposed to this technology yet, and with their participation, this new technology will be carefully looked at. So far it has impressed students and teachers alike!