Thursday 21 March 2013

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Oliver Phommavanh 1.00pm–2.00pm
Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it’s on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a sand-up comedian. He also shares his passion for writing with the kids he teaches at a primary school in Western Sydney. As a comedian, Oliver has appeared on stage and on national TV and radio. His books include: Thai-No-Mite!, Thai-Riffic!, Con-Nerd and Punchlines.

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