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As I sit here writing a piece of red tinsel is desperately trying to tickle its way up my nose, an oncoming sneeze as inevitable as the gaudiness of this year's CCT Christmas decorations. The reason why I am so festively adorned is because today is World Aids Day. Ribbon, balloons and, in my case, a piece of tinsel pinched from the Christmas tree have filled the school. At lunch a group of us organized an awesome aerial photo of a giant red ribbon made up of students. When I'm not running around being bossy I spend most of my time being crushed by the mountainous amount of work heaped upon us poor juniors. On top of class work I've also been part of a team organizing (being bossy again!) a Sleep Out to raise funds for the end of year Habitat for Humanity build. After months of preparation the actual event is happening tomorrow and basically consists of 64 students sleeping rough in cardboard boxes on the school playground overnight. Needless to say making sure all of the students have the correct permissions forms, are fed, entertained, guarded and coherent enough for school the next day is not going to be an easy task... I also have a slight problem in that many people don't seem to understand the concept of sponsorship. It's not as if Bangkok's a hard city to collect it in though - Aylie



Human Red Ribbon in the School car park

got 2,000 baht at one door! And she hardly had to speak!

I've also been in this year's school production, 'Much Ado About Nothing...Bollywood Style'. Complete with full Indian costumes, dances and music it was an incredibly fun experience albeit exhausting. I did,

however manage to squeeze in an afternoon to go watch the latest Harry Potter film... Two weeks later and I'm still quoting lines from it which might give you an idea of how much I liked it. :)

Aylie has been pretty busy too, and not just because I've dragged her around sponsorship hunting! She's recently joined a rock band on vocals and is having her debut performance next week. Their first song is 'All you need is love' by the Beatles and I now know all the lyrics as Aylie's practicing in the shower easily carries across our small flat. She is

also just starting rehearsals for the musical Peter Pan – rumour has it some will fly!

On the subject of our new home, many of you will be aware that this now means Aylie and I have to share a room, with her in a cabin bed above and me down below. She is not allowed to grow as her head already hits the ceiling when she sits up. So far sharing has not been too disastrous but I'm sure Mum has teargas on standby just in case!