Chinese New Year began in 2300 BC emperor Yao and emperor Shun started it. According to stories and legends, the beginning of Chinese New Year started with the fight against a very strong and magical beast called the "Year". The "Year" looks like an ox with a lion head and lives in the sea.
What happens on Chinese New year?

Fireworks are used to scare away the evil in China. Right after midnight on New Year's Eve, fireworks will be shot into the sky to celebrate the coming of the New Year as well as to scare away the evil. It is believed that the person who launched the first firework of the New Year will get good luck.
The lunar calendar

The lunar calendar is the calendar that shows what animal you were born under. Example the three of us were born in 2004 so that means were born under the blessings of the monkey. People that are born in these years 2016, 2004, 1992, 1990, 1984 are born under the monkey. If you’re a monkey you will be very smart.
Cultures

A lot of cultures celebrate Chinese New Year. The cultures go all around China for Chinese New Year. A lot of people go to their cultures of Chinese New Year. All of the Chinese people love to celebrate Chinese New year.
There are heaps of festive Chinese foods that will help make any New Year's Eve celebration a success, whether you're throwing a large party or simply enjoying a quiet dinner with a few good friends.

Here are some main dishes that are eaten on Chinese New Year eve.

1. Kung pao chicken
2. Pecking duck
3. General tso’s chicken
4. Sweet and sour pork
5. Cantonese roast duck
6. White cut chicken
7. Clams in black bean sauce

And here are some main desserts:

1. Fortune cookies
2. Sesame seed custard
3. Egg custard tart
4. Sticky cake (nian Gao)
5. Almond cookies
6. Sago tarts

8. Salt and pepper shrimp
9. Lobster Cantonese
10. Sesame chicken
And here are some of the celebrations done on Chinese New Year

11 am – 4pm: Sunday Street Market is not to be missed with a variety of stalls featuring everything from traditional Chinese cuisine to keepsakes of the day and gifts – there is something for all ages. 12pm - 3:30pm: Traditional Chinese Lion and Dragon Dance Street Parades

Join the fun as the celebrations start
Enjoy the spectacular firecracker display with music and a special appearance from the ‘Lucky Man’ handing out red envelopes to children.
Chinese New Year practices

Fruits like oranges are good, for it has golden colour and homophone with the word “Jib” in some dialects (means good luck in Chinese). Fish is good for it is homophone with “Yu” (means abundant or extra in Chinese). Noodle is good for it symbolizes a long life. Candy is good for it symbolizes a "sweet" year. Turnip or Taro cakes are special cakes for the New Year. The cakes are called “naan Gao” in Chinese, meaning “improve or get higher” every year.

Pay off the debts – So you will start the New Year fresh.
Here are some pictures and other information about Chinese New year:
Chinese New Year is a very special time for everyone. Everyone gathers around and brings over their families and makes beautiful food and they always have a great time. The time of chinese New Year begins on the 19th of Feb and ends on the 6th of March.