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Our MYP will open from 2020/2021!

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Songkran festival event 4 April 4 April End of Term 2 Start of Term 3 22 April 29 April PTA#7 I May Labour day (Holiday) Parent toddler #1 3 May Coronation Day holiday 6 May Parent toddler #2 10 May Parents cafe #6 13 May Parent toddler #3 17 May Healthy eating month All May 20-21 May Half term break (Holiday) PTA#8 27 May 31 May Parent toddler #4 Parent toddler #5 7 June Parents cafe #7 10 June End of Term 3 19 June Start of Term | 20 |9/2020 13 August

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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

This week, we are pleased to announce that we are officially launching into our Middle Years Programme (MYP) from 2020/2021. This will begin with our entry into Year 7 for 2019/2020 before both Year 7 and a new Year 8 become part of our MYP from 2020/2021 onwards. After that, we will add a new MYP level each year until at least Year 11. If student demand exists we hope to push through to Year 13.

This is a tremendous development for the school and reflects the demand for the quality, international education we have brought Udon Thani. We are looking forward to being able to continue to build to Year 13 and our first graduates who will have the chance of gaining the prestigious IB diploma. This is truly an exciting opportunity for students in Udon Thani



over the past two weeks, we have also been busy with accreditation visits. We had a good visit from our PYP visitors and we will wait to see what our next steps are. We will either be accepted as an IR world school, or we will have some action points to take on before we can complete our PYP.

IB world school, or we will have some action points to take on before we can complete our PYP authorisation. Either way, we will keep you informed of our progress. We also had a good visit from Carole from CIS and we are now ready to begin preparing ourselves for the team visit of the CIS accreditation. This is excellent news and puts us on track for our target of CIS accreditation in 2020/2021.

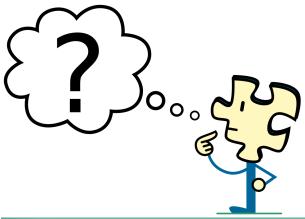
So, it has been a very busy term but we are all looking forward to an enjoyable Songkran break before what will certainly be another busy end of year in Term 3. Please drive safely across the holiday season and we look forward to seeing you again in Term 3.

Best regards Dr. Lindsay Stuart Head of School

Inquiry corner

By Ms Cynthia Thomas

Our UDIS students enjoy a wide range of inquiry activities. As we walk around the classrooms we see them engaged in all kinds of interesting activities. The most noticeable point is that they are truly engaged. Our students really do want to learn!



This is because we engage them in things that they are already interested in. We've found that whatever content we plan to cover, when we give the students a chance to look at it from the viewpoint of a question that they already have, then they are motivated and engaged.

This is not all about teaching fun lessons, rather it is about giving them some choice in the direction of their learning. This is when deep learning really happens.

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We are pleased to confirm that we will be going to Year 7 in 2019/2020 and Year 8 in 2020/2021. For 2020/2021, this will mean we will open a Middle Years Programme (MYP) which will then start from Year 7. We will then add a new level of the MYP for each additional year until at least Year 11. If student demand exists, we also anticipate going all the way through to the Diploma Programme (DP) from 2024/2025 for Years 12 and 13.

The expansion plan will be as follows:

Academic year	Year level	Age	Noted
2019/2020	Year 7	11-12 year olds	
2020/2021	Year 8	12-13 year olds	First year of our MYP which will then start from Year 7
2021/2022	Year 9	13-14 year olds	
2022/2023	Year 10	14-15 year olds	
2023/2024	Year 11	15-16 year olds	
2024/2025	Year 12	16-17 year olds	If demand exists, we will open the Diploma Programme here
2025/2026	Year 13	17-18 year olds	

To support our initial launch into the MYP in 2020/2021, we have planned a new building which will become our new Primary Years building. This building has already been confirmed for construction which will begin in the April school break. This building will include:

- 6 new classrooms for Year 1-6
- 1 additional Thai classroom for Year 1-6
- EAL and TAL classrooms for Year 1-6
- Specialist science laboratory to support Key Stage 2 and MYP
- Specialist design/technology laboratory to support Key Stage 2 and MYP
- Small auditorium space for up to 120 people
- Specialist sickbay and medical exam room
- Assorted office and storage space
- Community space
- Covered outdoor space









Once the new Primary Years building is complete, the existing upper Primary Years building will be converted to support the rollout into the MYP. We plan to add further specialist classrooms and buildings to continue to support our rollout into the MYP and then the DP. Our aim is to grow organically which allows us to best meet the changing needs of the school and its community as we grow. We will work with parents in the development of these plans over the coming years.

This is an exciting time for the school and embraces our vision to become a three programme school within the International Baccalaureate. This provides our students the opportunity to gain access to the prestigious IB diploma in later years. The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is recognised and respected by the world's leading universities, and evidence suggests that higher rates of DP students go on to university and higher education study than non-IB students (read more here; https://www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/).

A core element of our strategic plan is to create a mutually supportive community around the school. That means, as we try and develop the best MYP programme for our school, and our community, we are inviting all interested parents along to a chance to learn more about our plans for the MYP. This will be a great chance to provide input into the prospective programme we are developing. What would you like for us to consider with our rollout into the MYP? We are planning for this meeting to occur on Wednesday 8 May and we warmly invite you to attend.

Let's move forward and continue to build this school together as we work to achieve the school's vision of inspiring internationally-minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active, global citizens. As always, we thank all of our parents for their support as we cannot continue to grow without your continued support.

เรียน ผู้ปกครอง

เรายินดีที่จะยืนยันว่าเราจะเปิดชั้นเรียน Y7 ในปี 2019/2020 และ Y8 ในปี 2020/2021 สำหรับปี 2020/2021 จะหมายความว่าเราจะเปิดโปรแกรม Middle Years (MYP) ซึ่งจะเริ่มจาก Y7 จากนั้นเราจะเพิ่ม MYP ในระดับใหม่สำหรับแต่ละปีเพิ่มเติมจนถึงอย่างน้อย Y11 หากมีความต้องการของนักเรียนอยู่ เราคาดหวังว่าจะดำเนินต่อไปจนถึงระดับมัธยมปลาย (DP) ตั้งแต่ปี 2024/2025 ใน Y12 และ Y13 แผนการขยายจะเป็นดังนี้:

ปีการศึกษา	ระดับชั้น	อายุ	หมายเหตุ
2019/2020	Year 7	11-12 year olds	
2020/2021	Year 8	12-13 year olds	ปีแรกของ MYP ของเราซึ่งจะเริ่มจากปีที่ 7
2021/2022	Year 9	13-14 year olds	
2022/2023	Year 10	14-15 year olds	
2023/2024	Year 11	15-16 year olds	
2024/2025	Year 12	16-17 year olds	หากมีความต้องการเราจะเปิดหลักสูตรปีนี้
2025/2026	Year 13	17-18 year olds	

เพื่อรองรับการเปิดตัวครั้งแรกของเราใน MYP ในปี 2020/2021 เราได้วางแผนอาคารใหม่ของเรา อาคารหลังนี้ได้รับการรับรองสำหรับการก่อสร้างซึ่งจะเริ่มขึ้นในช่วงปิดเทอมเมษายน โดยมี:

- 6 ห้องเรียนใหม่สำหรับ Y1-6
- เพิ่มห้องเรียนภาษาไทยอีก 1 ห้องสำหรับ Y1-6
- ห้องเรียน EAL และ TAL สำหรับ Y1-6
- ห้องปฏิบัติการวิทยาศาสตร์เฉพาะทางเพื่อสนับสนน Key Stage 2 และ MYP
- ห้องปฏิบัติการออกแบบ / เทคโนโลยีผู้เชี่ยวชาญเพื่อสนับสนุน Key Stage 2 และ MYP
- พื้นที่หอประชุมขนาดเล็กรองรับได้ถึง 120 คน
- ห้องผู้ป่วยผู้เชี่ยวชาญและห้องตรวจทางการแพทย์
- สำนักงานและพื้นที่จัดเก็บสารพัน
- พื้นที่สำหรับชุมนุมชน
- พื้นที่โล่งที่มีหลังคา

เมื่อการสร้างอาคารใหม่เสร็จสมบูรณ์ อาคาร EY ที่มีอยู่จะถูกแปลงเพื่อรองรับการเปิดตัวสู่ MYP เราวางแผนที่จะเพิ่มห้องเรียนผู้เชี่ยวชาญและอาคารเพิ่มเติมเพื่อสนับสนุนการเปิดตัวของเราใน MYP และ DP ต่อไป เป้าหมายของเราคือการเติบโตอย่างเป็นระบบซึ่งช่วยให้เราสามารถตอบสนองความต้องการที่ เปลี่ยนแปลงของโรงเรียน และชุมชนในขณะที่เราเติบโต เราจะทำงานร่วมกับผู้ปกครองในการพัฒนาแผนเหล่านี้ในอีกไม่กี่ปีข้างหน้า

นี่เป็นเวลาที่น่าตื่นเต้นสำหรับโรงเรียนและรวบรวมวิสัยทัศน์ของเราในการเป็นโรงเรียนสามโปรแกรมในInternational Baccalaureate ทำให้นักเรียนของเรามีโอกาสเข้าถึงประกาศนียบัตร IB ที่มีชื่อเสียงในปีต่อ ๆ ไป International Baccalaureate® (IB) ประกาศนียบัตรวิชาชีพชั้นสูง (DP) ได้รับการยอมรับจากมหาวิทยาลัยชั้นนำของ โลกและมีหลักฐานบ่งชี้ว่านักศึกษา DP เพื่อเรียนต่อในระดับที่สูงขึ้นจะได้เข้าศึกษาต่อในมหาวิทยาลัยและการศึกษาสูงกว่า นักเรียนที่ไม่ใช่ IB (อ่านรายละเอียดเพิ่มเติมได้ที่: //www.ibo.org/programmes/diploma-programme/)

องค์ประกอบหลักของแผนกลยุทธ์ของเราคือการสร้างชุมชนที่สนับสนุนซึ่งกันและกันรอบ ๆ โรงเรียน ซึ่งหมายความว่า ในขณะที่เราพยายามพัฒนาโปรแกรม MYP ที่ดีที่สุดสำหรับโรงเรียนของเราและชุมชนของเรา เราขอเชิญผู้ปกครองที่สนใจ เข้าร่วมเพื่อเรียนรู้เพิ่มเติมเกี่ยวกับแผนการของเราสำหรับ MYP นี่จะเป็นโอกาสที่ดีในการให้ข้อมูลในโครงการที่เรากำลัง พัฒนา ท่านต้องการให้เราพิจารณาอะไรในการเปิดตัว MYP ของเรา? เรากำลังวางแผนสำหรับการประชุมนี้ที่จะเกิดขึ้นใน วันพุธที่ 8 พฤษภาคมและขอเชิญทุกท่านเข้าร่วม

มาก้าวไปข้างหน้าและสร้างโรงเรียนนี้ต่อไปด้วยกัน ในขณะที่เราทำงานเพื่อให้บรรลุวิสัยทัศน์ของโรงเรียนในการสร้าง แรงบันดาลใจ ให้แก่ผู้เรียนที่มีความคิดในระดับสากลที่สมดุล เจริญเติบโตเป็นพลเมืองโลกที่กระตือรือร้น และเช่นเคย เราขอขอบคุณผู้ปกครองทุกท่านสำหรับการสนับสนุน เนื่องจากเราไม่สามารถเติบโตต่อไปได้หากปราศจากการสนับสนุน อย่างต่อเนื่องจากทุกท่าน

Early Years Update

K1 class update - What it means to be knowledgeable!

By Ms Phibzia, K1 teacher

Prior to the Student Led Conference, K1 learners participated in an inquiry into the purpose of the conference. They were encouraged to think about what they would talk to their parents about to demonstrate their learning. All the children attended the SLC with great enthusiasm while using their mother tongue to communicate. Children were successfully able to complete all six stations, showing their parents what it meant to be knowledgeable. Well done to our K1 students!













Year 1 class update - Celebration of Learning

By Ms Rachel, Year1 teacher

What a wonderful experience the 'student-led conferences' were for everyone involved. The children did an absolutely amazing job explaining the activities to their parents. Well done Year 1.



Nobu Kun proudly shows off work from his portfolio.



A proud Tanat shows of his Google slides.



Linux's parents learning about the life cycle of a koala.

Not only did the children do an excellent job leading the conferences, they also did an incredible job at producing a Google slide presentation, on an animal of their choice for their summative assessment. Within just a few weeks, they were not only able to navigate their way around Google slides but were also able to write text, insert pictures and even videos! Excellent job Year 1!



Hugo and Alex helping each other.



Chris engaged in one of his favourite activities, working on the computer.



A very happy Korwan working on her slides.

Year 3 class update - Sharing the Planet

By Mr Nathan, Year 3 teacher

It has been an eventful Unit as Year 3 has studied about the choices humans make and the impacts they have on other living things when interacting with natural habitats. After learning about deforestation, Year 3 students were eager to assist hungry birds who may be suffering ill effects of deforestation. Students decided to construct bird feeders out of recycled bottles and hang them outside, hoping to nourish hungry birds. Well done, Year 3!





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Year 5 update - Student Led Conferences

By Mr John Eastham, Year5 teacher

UDIS recently held our student led conferences where students had the opportunity to share their learning with their parents. In Year 5, the children were very independent and honest about their learning. They showed parents what a caring community we are at UDIS and how we take time to reflect on our learning. Children and parents could agree which language to use and parents completed a reflection sheet at the end of the conference. The children were clearly in control. As a teacher, I was very proud to stand back and listen to my class discuss their learning with great confidence and enthusiasm.



Grace showing Mum work from her portfolio



Jeng Jeng and Mum use the prompt sheet



Ryu's Mum was an active listener



Prue explains her learning to her parents



Belty and her Mum share her learning

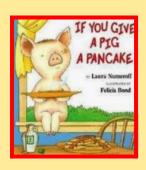


Zen shares his Maths and English books

Modern languages - English as an Additional Language (EAL)









EAL Students have worked SO HARD this month!!! We have been working on sequencing. Students read the story If You Give a Pig a Pancake and put the story in chronological order using the story event cards.



We have also been working on identifying the ending sounds of words. Year 5 enjoyed playing a game to reinforce this skill.

Health and Safety



The swimming pool is now finished and the building at UDIS has stopped! No! We are about to embark on a new project, so when you return you will see that a new area has been cut off from the students. We are building a new learning area and so some of the playground will have to taken away from the students for their safety. When you return to school on the 22nd of April you will see that UDIS has once again become a building site.

Administration - Message from the office

A reminder that the Term 3 installment for fees were due on Friday 15 March.

House Update

UDIS has a House system comprising of five house teams. This is the third year that we implemented the house system at our school.

The current house point totals are:

House team	Current points
Red House Confucius	93
Blue House Martin Luther King	87
Black House Princess Diana	81
Green House Nelson Mandela	144
Yellow House Mother Teresa	63





Parent cafe

Our Parent cafe for 2018/2019 will resume this year and the upcoming events are:

Session	Date	Topic
#7	13/5/2019	Assessment at UDIS with Mr John

The next parent cafe is "Assessment at UDIS" with Mr. John



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

Happy Holidays at Central Promotion











School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 22 February

The school operates a school board which oversees how the school is operated and makes decisions on policy, fees and budgets. The parent volunteers role is to look out for the interests of parents on the school board so that the Board can consider the interests of parents when it makes decisions.

On Friday 2 November, the school held its second Board meeting of the year. The Board lineup for this year is:

Acting Chairman: K. Siriphat Pukpo Honorary member #1 K. Wicha Chanklom Honorary member #2 Mr. Kurt Lunstrum

Parent representative K. Ampuscha Chotnopparatpatara

Parent representative
Teacher representative
School Director
Board member

K. Kasama Kraikutree
Mr. Robert Langridge
K. Sineenard Charmart
Dr. Lindsay Stuart

At the meeting, the Head of School reported on school activities since the last Board meeting which covered the growing enrolment of the school, school activities, accreditation process and teaching activities. The Board then reviewed and confirmed the budget for the next school year which includes a 3% fee increase for the tuition, textbooks and catering fees at the school. Finally, the Board had a chance to learn more about the PYP programme from Ms. Cynthia and some special guests from Year 6/7. This was a great opportunity for the Board to learn more about what we do at UDIS to help them prepare for our PYP verification visit.

The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 17 May, 2019.





PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 25 February

The sixth PTA meeting of the year was held on Monday 1 April. The school announced its new academic honesty policy to parents where UDIS strives to foster a culture of academic honesty. It is the aim of the school to nurture personal integrity and to promote an understanding of academic honesty as good practice in learning and assessment. Parents can help with this by talking to their children about copying, citing where they got their ideas from and being honest when conducting assessments.

We then spoke about power cuts and parents agreed that if the school did need to close unexpectedly, due to a power cut, then this was understandable, provided that the school also realised that all parents may not be able to pick up their children at short notice. We then discussed insurance and after a discussion, parents agreed that the school could try and increase the basic limit per accident. After that, the school could provide further insurance as an option for parents at additional cost. We then looked at air quality and actions the school was taking including developing a policy, purchasing AQI meters, purchasing masks that could be distributed to children and trialling air purifiers. If there are any developments in air quality the school will announce these to parents. The final item was to ask for input into the end of year event. One parent suggested a theme of 'saving the planet' as something that the event could be organised around. The school asked parents to consult with other parents and to send any other feedback to the school for consideration.

The school opened the floor to questions and concerns. A parent asked about Asiabooks in the CPP and the school will look into that. Another parent asked about mosquitos in classrooms and the school explained what we were doing there. A parent asked about a cover for the swimming pool and the school is working on this.

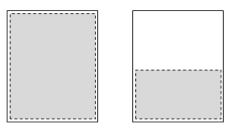
The next meeting of the PTA will occur on Monday 29 April with the principle agenda item of 1:1 devices and our plans for rolling this out for 2019/2020.

Yearbook 2018/2019 Advertising Rates

UDIS is launching our annual Yearbook that will document our fifth year as a school. The Yearbook will celebrate the achievements of our fourth year as a school and the students, teachers and parents that have been part of it. The Yearbook will include sections on staff, students, specialist subjects, classes, clubs, school activities, awards, fieldtrips and graduating students.

The Yearbook will be distributed to all students, parents and to our community as a printed book. As such, we are looking for Yearbook sponsors who can advertise their products and services. The final date for submission of advertising will be Friday 17 May. We have the current advertising space available:

Location	size	Price
Back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide	12,000 baht
Inside Front cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide	8,000 baht *RESERVED
Inside back cover	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide	7,000 baht
Full page	A4 (297mm high x 210mm wide)	5,000 baht
Half page – horizontal	135mm high x 180mm wide	3,000 baht



Details

- Full page Half page
- Adverts are required in any of the following formats: High resolution Adobe PDF/X files (distilled at 200 dpi with all fonts embedded) - Adobe Photoshop TIFF or EPS formats at 300dpi or better Adobe Illustrator EPS files
- Placement is first come, first served.
- 20% discount available for two or more spots, double pages etc.
- 10% discount for parents of the school

Submission

Adverts can be submitted to admin@udis.ac.th with your contact details and desired advert type and placement or contact the School Office.

Please contact the School Office for more information:

Email: admin@udis.ac.th; Phone: 042 110-379

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School Terms and Dates 2018/2019

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

Term 1 (81 days)

School start: Tuesday 14 August, 2018
Half term break: 15-19 October, 2018 (1 week)
Finish: Friday 14 December, 2018

Term 2 (61 days)

Start: Monday 7 January, 2019

Half term break: 18-19 February, 2019 (2 days)

Finish: Thursday 4 April, 2019

Term 3 (40 days)

Start: Monday 22 April, 2019
Half term break: 20-21 May, 2019 (2 days)
Finish: Wednesday 19 June, 2019

Term 1 2019/2020

Management & Thai staff Wednesday 31 July, 2019

New staff Thursday 1 August, 2019 (2 days orientation)

Returning foreign staff Monday 5 August, 2019 School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019

Teacher Only Days

Teacher only day #1 23 October, 2018 (Monday is substitute holiday for staff)

Teacher only day #2 7 January, 2019

Public holidays

Queens Birthday Monday 13 August 2018 (substitute day) King Bhumibol Memorial Day Monday 15 October (substitute day)

Chulalongkorn Day

Tuesday 23 October, 2018

King Rama IX Birthday

Wednesday 5 December, 2018

Labour Day Wednesday 1 May, 2019
Coronation Day Monday 6 May, 2019



Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

UDIS operates a Community Partnership Programme (CPP) with local businesses in the Udon Thani area who wish to support the school and its staff and students. Under the CPP, these businesses have offered discounts and benefits to staff and students who present their UDIS ID card.

Find out more on our website (http://www.udoninternational.com/en/general-information/cpp/)

or contact the School Office for more information.

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