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WE ARE LINKING UP WITH ISS

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

18-19 May	Half term break
1 June	PTA#7
19 June	Last day of Term 3
10 August	First day of 2020/2021



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Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

This week we are pleased to announce our linkup with ISS Education. ISS is the non-profit leader of international schools services with an experienced team that works with hundreds of schools each year and who also operate international schools of their own. ISS Education will work with us to consult on all areas of our school operation as we work to create the best school in the Northeast of Thailand. We will have a great set of facilities next year with the opening of our new building, a great team and our world class IB curriculum. So, we are doing everything we can to make 2020/2021 a big success.



This term we are still in the grip of Covid-19 but its good to see the situation improving rapidly in Thailand. In terms of opening our campus, we have not been informed of any changes from the Ministry of Education at this time. The earliest we expect to re-open our campus is probably 1 June but its looking increasingly likely that this will not happen until August.

To support any re-opening of our campus, we are working on a comprehensive policy for Covid-19. To do this, we have been consulting with our support network including CIS and ISS Education. There have been a number of webinars that have talked about how other schools around the world are handling re-opening. These generally focus on the importance of screening, hygiene, masks and social distancing. These will all be key elements of our own policy as we ensure that protocols and procedures are in place to make our campus opening as safe as possible.

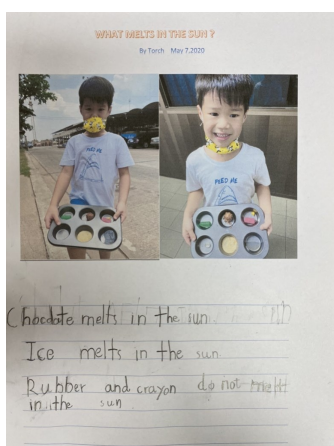
Best regards

Dr. Lindsay Stuart
Head of School

Administration - Message from the office

If you still have money owing for Term 3 invoices please make payment as soon as you can through the school office.

Year 1 have made a great start to their online learning. As part of their UOI, the children have been looking at transport. We have looked at transport from the past, to the present and future. As such we have been looking at space. After a discussion of the importance of the sun at the centre of our Solar System. The children carried out their own 'sun' experiments.



Luffy has made video recordings of his science experiments.

In fact Luffy's Dad has made a few videos of Luffy's online learning. It's a great way to record progress.



Well done to everyone in Year 1!



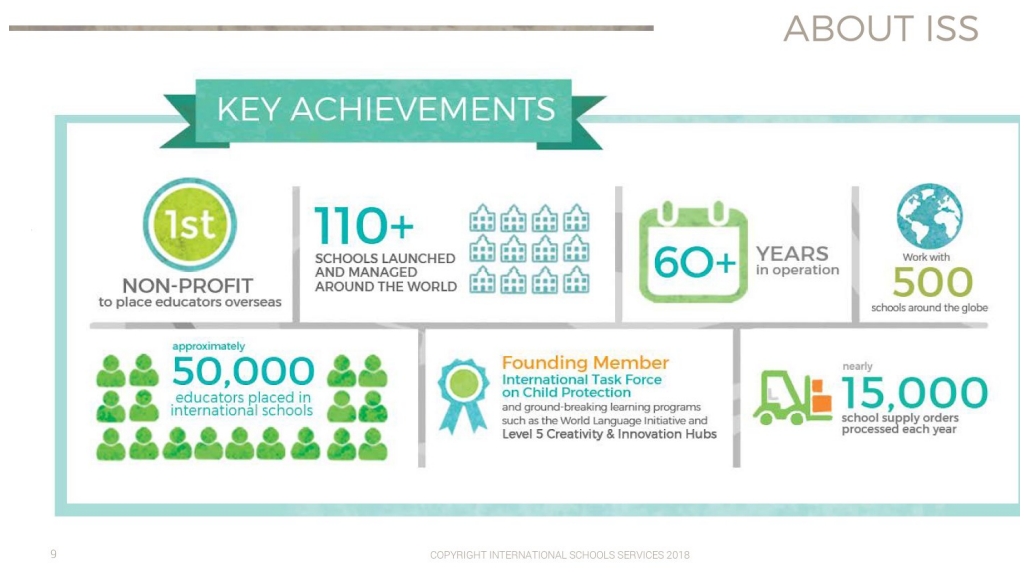
2020/2021 will be a big year for us as we start to rebuild after the Covid-19 crisis. We want to do that the best way we can, so UDIS has signed a consultancy services deal with ISS Education. ISS Education will work with us to consult on all areas of our school operation as we continue to work to create the best school in the Northeast of Thailand.

As a nonprofit organization, International Schools Services (ISS) is delighted to support the global education community. They work with more than 500 international schools and thousands of educators each year across a comprehensive suite of services, creating the largest global footprint in international education support.

For over six decades, ISS has met the diverse needs of international schools, including:

- Founding and managing student-centered, future-oriented schools
- Recruiting world-class educators
- Providing cutting-edge professional learning opportunities
- Sourcing essential school supplies
- Stewarding school foundations.

Today, ISS is at the forefront of innovation, committed to creating world-class schools that educate students to be thoughtful, imaginative global leaders. ISS schools embrace local cultures while showcasing the very best practices in modern education.



Find out more; <http://www.iss.edu>.

Early Years Update

Preschool class update - Toys from the Past

By Ms Charlotte, Preschool teacher

Preschool have been learning about Toys from the Past as part of our Where We Are in Place and Time. We have sorted toys into 'new' and 'old' and made paper Jack-in-the-boxes, a cup and ball game and paper stick puppets.



Early Years Update

K2 class update - Being great thinkers, communicators and inquirers online!

By Ms Jane, K2 teacher

K2 have been exploring the different continents, reading stories from around the world and using our imaginations to build different structures. We are enjoying online learning and have been acquiring new skills to help us research and manage our time effectively online. The videos and photographs we receive are wonderfully creative and showcase the excellent work that is happening at home.



Primary Years Update

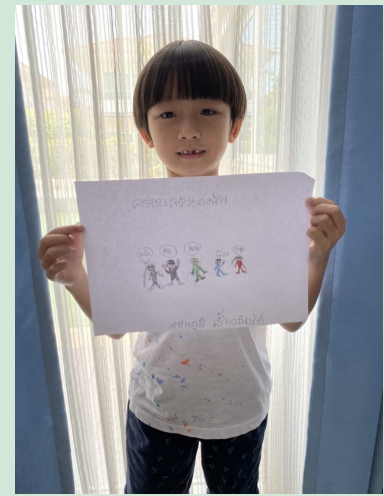
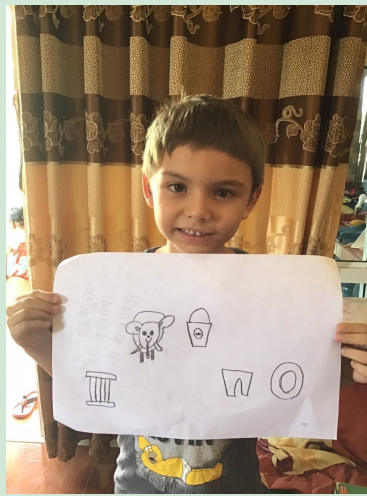
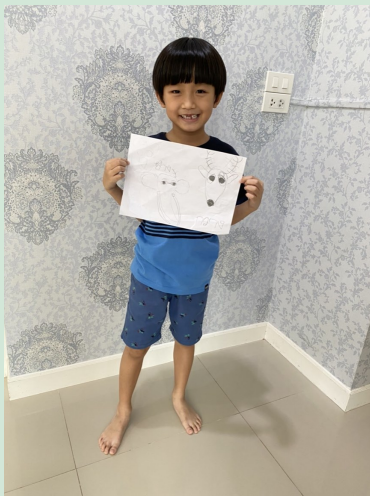
Year 2 class update - We Are All Still Learning Online.

By Mr John K., Year 2 teacher

Miss Am and I are extremely proud of how the Year 2 class are doing with their online learning. They are learning a number of IT skills, are collaborating with each other to create stories and are working together and individually to create slideshows. The skills they are developing now will become very useful in future years.

It has been interesting to hear the children ask me what their friends are doing, when I talk to each of them online. The children do miss their friends and I have thought about setting up some Google meet times for them to chat with each other.

The children are very keen to get back into the classroom and be with their friends again and I hope that this day will be soon.



Year 4 class update - Online Learning Success!

By Mr Seth, Year 4 teacher

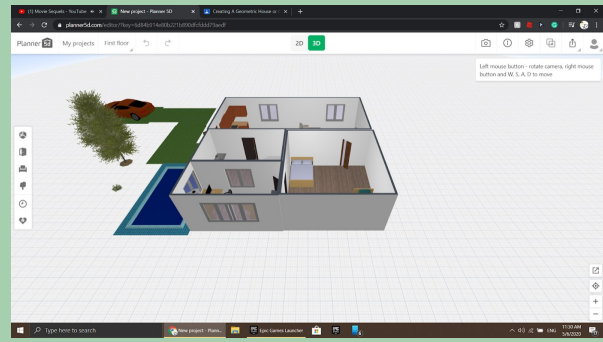
Hi parents! Year 4 students have been doing some pretty great things in regards to their online learning. Our unit of inquiry has allowed our students to explore how we use signs and symbols to organise the world around us. Projects have included placing signs around our home, organising model towns, and learning the American and British sign language alphabet. Students have worked hard by uploading videos, doing daily tasks, learning about 2d geometric shapes, and practicing their writing using paragraphs. Despite the fact that the world seems locked down and schools are closed, Year 4 students are taking charge of their learning by being proactive online students. They have found their rhythm by showing up to their meetings, completing their assignments, and doing their daily tasks. We are in the final stretch of the school year now and I know our learners will continue to work hard and be successful!



Year 6 update - Adapting to Virtual Learning

By Mr Mark, Year 6 teacher

The Year 6 learners have been adapting well to our virtual learning sessions. They continue to be risk-takers by creating video content to share their knowledge of the concepts that are being covered during online lessons. The children have been working enthusiastically and are enjoying taking part in the wide range of learning activities that are created for them each week. Through their hard work and commitment to learning they are gaining valuable skills that they can take with them when entering the MYP Programme next academic school year.



Why I migrate to Tokyo Japan?

Because I want to learn a culture in Japan to see how many people are feeling or speak softly, and know how to do a lesson for people every where in Japan, and practice how to speak Japanese to people who can understand.



Cost of living in Tokyo, Japan.

Transportation
Udon Thani
[\[Edit\]](#) **Tokyo**
[\[Edit\]](#) **One-way Ticket (Local Transport)** 15.00 ฿ (49.41 ¥) 60.72 ฿ (200.00 ¥) +304.81 %
Monthly Pass (Regular Price)? (? ¥) 3,036.08 ฿ (10,000.00 ¥) +304.81 %
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff) 35.00 ฿ (115.28 ¥) 142.70 ฿ (470.00 ¥) +307.70 %
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff) 10.00 ฿ (32.94 ¥) 127.52 ฿ (420.00 ¥) +1,175.15 %
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff) 60.00 ฿ (197.62 ¥) 1,062.63 ฿ (3,500.00 ¥) +1,671.05 %
Gasoline (1 liter) 30.50 ฿ (100.46 ¥) 42.55 ฿ (140.15 ¥) +39.51 %
Volkswagen Golf 1.4 90 KW Trendline (Or Equivalent New Car) 700,000.00 ฿ (2,305,602.51 ¥) 769,495.17 ฿ (2,534,500.00 ¥) +9.93 %
Toyota Corolla Sedan 1.6l 97kW Comfort (Or Equivalent New Car) 700,000.00 ฿ (2,305,602.51 ¥) 670,974.29 ฿ (2,210,000.00 ¥) -4.15 %

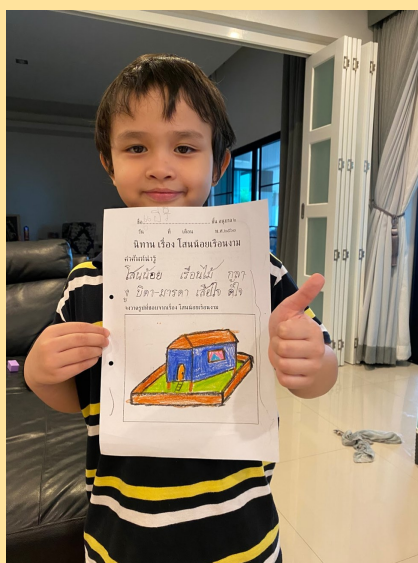
Modern languages - Thai

Sawaddee ka. Welcome back to Thai class in Term 3. The learners in all classes have shown their spirit to study Thai. Learners have enjoyed Thai lessons, Thai fairy tales and Thai cultures. They are proud to present their work through Google Meet. Our Thai teachers would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the parents who have been a wonderful support to their children learning Thai. Well done! เก่งมากค่ะ



Notes

Made แมวดำ (Black cat) to learned สระ -อ .



Health and Safety- COVID 19

There have been discussions regarding the implications of covid 19 and what the school will do when it reopens. There is a policy document being created and when a draft is completed it will be shared among the staff and parents to comment upon. We look forward to your comments. When you are outside your home always keep in mind the social distancing idea, Try to keep at least one and a half meters away from those around you. This is not always going to be practical but we should, nonetheless, try as much as we can to achieve this guideline.



Inquiry corner

It is always a pleasure for us as teachers to watch our students develop in all of the PYP skills and learner profile attributes. During these weeks of online learning, students have had opportunities to demonstrate deep thinking and have had chances to evaluate information gathered from their own simple research. They have worked on handling the task of sorting and sifting through a lot of information and then making sense of it.

Throughout our online learning activities we have maintained an inquiry-based approach to learning, we have guided our students towards being proactive learners who think and take the actions needed to make a difference. We believe that the act of forming questions and exploring the mysterious is the purpose for our work and it embodies what education is all about. Students have been asking questions, following through with their chosen inquiries, and in this way they have taken some measure of ownership of their own learning. All of these are tremendously important skills for our students to master in order to deal well with the issues and challenges of the real world.

Throughout our units of inquiry this year we have acknowledged and celebrated the diversity of all learners in all our classrooms. Well done UDIS students. You are all becoming quite skillful inquirers!



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	135
Blue House	122
Black House	143
Green House	139
Yellow House	138



Parent cafe

The next events for our parent cafe are:

Date	Event
25 May 2020	End of year assessment

The next parent cafe is "End of Year Assessment" with the leadership team on Monday 25 May, 2020.



School board update - Summary of meeting held on Friday 21 February, 2020

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 21 February, the school held its third Board meeting of the year. The Board lineup is:

Acting Chairman:	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Representative of the Owner & Licensee	K. Siriphat Pukpo
Honorary member #1	K. Wicha Chanklom
Honorary member #2	K. Ampuscha Chotnopparatpattara
Parent representative	Ms. Chen Wenshan Dawn
Teacher representative	Mr. Mark Abbadessa
School Director	K. Sineenad Chamat
Board member	Dr. Lindsay Stuart

In the third meeting of the year, the Head of School reported back to the Board the current progress and developments of the school including progress towards accreditation, curriculum development work, enrolment and building progress. The Board then formally approved the financial reports for the 2018/2019 academic year. Next the Board considered the new school budget for 2020/2021 and provisionally approved it. The Board approved a fee increase of 3% tuition increase for all levels and for catering and bus fees. The Board also considered the issue of new investment into the school to continue driving it forward. The Board then identified its work for the remainder of the year which includes finding new Board members and completing its technology plan amongst other things.

The next Board meeting is planned for Friday 15 May.

PTA update - Summary of meeting held on Monday 4 May

On Monday 4 May, we held our 6th PTA meeting of the year as an online Google Meet. The school first explained that the impacts of Covid-19 are being felt everywhere and this will certainly have an impact on our school operations this term and from August onwards.

ในวันจันทร์ที่ 4 พฤษภาคม เราได้จัดประชุม PTA ครั้งที่ 6 ของปีในกูเกิ้ลมีทออนไลน์ โรงเรียนได้อธิบายว่าผลกระทบของ Covid-19 นั้นเกิดขึ้นได้ทุกที่และสิ่งนี้จะส่งผลกระทบต่อการทำงานของโรงเรียนในเทอมนี้และตั้งแต่เดือนสิงหาคมเป็นต้นไป

Ms. Charlotte explained about online learning in the Early Years which involves areas of learning of the curriculum being covered with live lessons and pre-recorded video. These are then supported with play-based and independent activities. Teachers have open sessions for parent questions and parents can also come into school to collect resources or gain support. We are also happy to deliver resources if needed to parents.

มิสชาร์ลอตต์ได้อธิบายเกี่ยวกับการเรียนรู้ออนไลน์ในระดับอนุบาล EY ซึ่งเกี่ยวข้องกับการเรียนรู้หลักสูตรที่ครอบคลุมด้วยบทเรียนสดและวิดีโอที่บันทึกไว้ล่วงหน้า ซึ่งเป็นกิจกรรมการเล่นและเป็นอิสระ คุณครูมีช่วงเปิดสำหรับคำถามผู้ปกครองและผู้ปกครองสามารถเข้ามาในโรงเรียนเพื่อรับสื่อการเรียนหรือต้องการการสนับสนุน ซึ่งเรายินดีมอบให้กับผู้ปกครอง

Ms Emmi explained about online learning in the Primary Years, which involves all subject areas being covered in mini-lessons and pre-recorded videos. Activities are also planned as daily or weekly events. Learners attend lessons in small groups which are recorded. Parents have times they can talk to teachers if they need support with the activities or have questions.

มิสเอมมีได้อธิบายเกี่ยวกับการเรียนรู้ออนไลน์ในระดับประถมศึกษา PY ซึ่งเกี่ยวข้องกับการเรียนรู้ออนไลน์ทั้งหมดที่ครอบคลุมในบทเรียนขนาดเล็กและวิดีโอที่บันทึกไว้ล่วงหน้า มีการวางแผนกิจกรรมเป็นรายวันหรือรายสัปดาห์ ผู้เรียนเข้าร่วมบทเรียนในกลุ่มเล็ก ๆ ซึ่งถูกบันทึกไว้ ผู้ปกครองมีเวลาที่สามารถพูดคุยกับคุณครูหากต้องการการสนับสนุนกับกิจกรรมหรือมีคำถามใดๆ

Next we spoke about how we plan to re-open the school. The date of this entirely depends on the government. Parents have told us that they would like the school to open as soon as it can. To do this, we need to ensure the safety of our learners and will put in place a Covid policy to prevent infection in school, screen for the virus and to develop procedures for dealing with any infection that might occur. We are also looking at what learning will look like with a dual-mode being considered. This will mean learners can study at home, or in school, and use the same activities. We will provide more information to parents about this in due course.

ต่อไปเราพูดถึงวิธีที่เราวางแผนเปิดโรงเรียนอีกครั้ง กำหนดการทั้งหมดขึ้นอยู่กับรัฐบาล ผู้ปกครองแจ้งให้เราทราบว่าพวกเขาต้องการให้โรงเรียนเปิดเร็วที่สุดเท่าที่จะทำได้ ในการทำเช่นนี้ เราต้องมั่นใจในความปลอดภัยของผู้เรียนของเรา และ จะวางนโยบาย Covid เพื่อป้องกันการติดเชื้อในโรงเรียน การคัดกรองไวรัสและพัฒนาวิธีการจัดการกับการติดเชื้อใด ๆ ที่อาจเกิดขึ้น เรายังพิจารณาว่าการเรียนรู้อาจเป็นอย่างไร เช่น ระบบการเรียนควบคู่ ซึ่งหมายถึง ผู้เรียนสามารถเรียนที่บ้านหรือที่โรงเรียน โดยใช้กิจกรรมเดียวกัน เราจะให้ข้อมูลเพิ่มเติมแก่ผู้ปกครองเกี่ยวกับเรื่องนี้ในหลักสูตรที่กำหนด

We then looked at planning for next year. We have seen a decrease in enrollment due to the Covid situations. Please be assured that we have the reserves to cope with this but it has meant the suspension of our 5 rai project. We hope to get this restarted soon. We will also need to adjust our staffing for next year which will mean further composite classes (although maths classes would be held as single year levels). Fees will remain the same. The educational quality of the school will only increase next year as we put in place more best practices to be ready for our CIS team visit. We will brief all parents on our next year plans at the next PTA meeting in June.

จากนั้นเราได้ร่วมพิจารณาการวางแผนสำหรับปีหน้า เราเห็นการลดลงของการลงทะเบียน เนื่องจากสถานการณ์ Covid โปรดมั่นใจได้ว่าเรามีเงินสำรองเพื่อรับมือกับสิ่งนี้ แต่มันหมายถึง การระงับโครงการ 5 ไร่ของเรา เราหวังว่าจะได้รับการดำเนินการต่อไปไม่ช้า เราจะต้องปรับการจัดบุคลากรของเราสำหรับปีหน้าซึ่งจะหมายถึงการควบรวมชั้นเรียน (วิชาคณิตศาสตร์จะจัดชั้นในแต่ละระดับชั้น ไม่ได้รวม) ค่าธรรมเนียมจะยังคงเหมือนเดิม คุณภาพการศึกษาของโรงเรียนจะเพิ่มขึ้นในปีหน้า เนื่องจากเรามีแนวทางปฏิบัติที่ดีที่สุดเพื่อเตรียมพร้อมสำหรับการเข้าเยี่ยมชมจากทีม CIS เราจะสรุปทั้งหมดเกี่ยวกับแผนในปีหน้าของเราในการประชุมผู้ปกครองครั้งต่อไปในเดือนมิถุนายน

Finally, we looked at upcoming events. These include a parent cafe on 25 May around assessment. Our End of Year event is also being planned and will involve an online event to showcase all of the classes and talents within the school.

สุดท้ายนี้, เกี่ยวกับกิจกรรมที่กำลังจะมาถึง ซึ่งก็จะเป็น คาเฟ่ผู้ปกครอง ในวันที่ 25 พฤษภาคม เรื่องเกี่ยวกับการประเมิน, กิจกรรมวันสิ้นปีการศึกษาของเรายังได้รับการวางแผนและจะเกี่ยวข้องกับกิจกรรมออนไลน์เพื่อแสดงชั้นเรียนและความสามารถทั้งหมดภายในโรงเรียน

We opened the floor to questions with parents asking where recorded videos of lessons can be found. In PY, these are linked onto the Google Calendars, in EY, these are often sent to parents when learners have missed lessons. If parents are unsure, please ask your classroom teacher. Parents also asked about handwashing procedures and social distancing for when we reopen our campus and provided some ideas for this too.

เราได้รับคำถามจากผู้ปกครองที่ถามว่าจะหาวิดีโอบทเรียนที่บันทึกไว้ที่ไหน, ใน PY จะเชื่อมโยงไปยังปฏิทิน Google Calendars, ใน EY จะถูกส่งไปยังผู้ปกครองเมื่อผู้เรียนไม่ได้เข้าเรียน หากผู้ปกครองไม่แน่ใจโปรดสอบถามครูประจำชั้นของท่าน ผู้ปกครองมีคำถามเกี่ยวกับขั้นตอนการล้างมือและระยะห่างระหว่างกัน เมื่อเราเปิดเรียนอีกครั้งและให้แนวคิดบางอย่างเช่นกัน

The next PTA meeting will be held on Monday 1 June.

การประชุมผู้ปกครองในครั้งต่อไปจะมีขึ้นในวันจันทร์ที่ 1 มิถุนายน 2563

Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

UDIS donated hand gel to foundation department in Udonthani.



School Terms and Dates 2019/2020

UDIS operates three terms per school year as follows:

Term 1 (80 days)

School start: Tuesday 13 August, 2019
Half term break: 14-23 October, 2019 (1 week & 3 days)
Finish: Friday 13 December, 2019

Term 2 (61 days)

Start: Tuesday 7 January, 2020
Half term break: 17-18 February, 2020 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 3 April, 2020

Term 3 (41 days)

Start: Monday 20 April, 2020
Half term break: 18-19 May, 2020 (2 days)
Finish: Friday 19 June, 2019
Friday 19 June is likely to be a full day of school.

Teacher Only Days

Teacher only day #1 Wednesday 23 October, 2019 (Substitute from Tuesday)
Teacher only day #2 Monday 6 January, 2020

Public holidays

Queens Birthday Monday 12 August 2019
King Bhumibol Memorial Day Monday 14 October, 2019
Chulalongkorn Day Wednesday 23 October, 2019
King Rama IX Birthday Thursday 5 December, 2019
Makha Bucha Day Monday 10 February, 2020
Labour Day Friday 1 May, 2020
~~Visaka Bucha Day Thursday 6 May, 2020~~

We are cancelling Visaka Bucha day to provide a makeup day for our COVID-19 closure on Friday 28 February

Queens Birthday Wednesday 3 June, 2020

Payment dates

Term 1 due date Friday 26 July, 2019
Term 2 due date Friday 29 November, 2019
Term 3 due date Friday 13 March, 2020



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.

Contact us

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