

# 2024 / 2025 Newsletter



# Message from the Head of School

Happy new year 2025! We hope you all had a restful break over the holidays and are ready for a busy Term 2. At the end of last term we celebrated Christmas as a school and it was great to have our community gather to enjoy this event. This was a chance to celebrate together but to also understand the diversity and values that exist at UDIS as we all have different traditions we celebrate for the end of year.

This term will be a busy one for us as we work towards the student led conferences at the end of term. We also have a number of events this term including our upper primary and senior school camps.

So, please stay tuned for those.

We are also pleased to announce the third iteration of our Community Fair on Saturday 8 February. During this event we will also celebrate the 10 year anniversary of UDIS from 2014 to 2024! It has been fantastic bringing inquiry education to Udon Thani and the benefits and learning students have enjoyed.

Have a great year ahead!













## Preschool/K1

Welcome back to school! We are excited to begin our new unit, Sharing the Planet, exploring living things and their impact on our environment through exciting inquiries. A warm welcome to our new friends, Alfred, Rachel, and Laylyn, who are joining our learning journey!





Year 1 began their new Unit titled How the World Works, where they will focus on how we can take care of ourselves. In this lesson, the students had lots of fun tracing and labeling their friends' bodies

# Year 3 :Starry night

Our Year 3 class proudly presents
their unique take on Vincent Van
Gogh's Starry Night. Each student
recreated two pieces of the iconic
painting, adding their own
personality and cultural influences to
make it truly their own. I think you
can agree the final artwork is as
vibrant and unique as the students
themselves!



# Year 5 How the world works

We have started our new Unit "How the world works" about energy. Learners had the chance to create their own questions about energy they wish to investigate during this unit. We looked at images about energy and discussed problems and challenges we see.















Our English Language Acquisition students began their new unit on fashion by learning new vocabulary relating to fashion, and ways to describe the different styles that people adopt. The learners had fun with a game where they were able to practice and use what they had learned to describe images of

people from around the world.

# Student success @ UDIS

Peam has done an amazing job in Term 1! At first, he was a bit shy and found it tricky to talk in front of the class, but he has worked so hard to be brave and confident. He is a curious "Knowledgesaurus," eager to discover and learn new things, and a kind "Cararptor," always showing care and friendship to others. I'm so proud of him-keep it up!



Thai at UDIS: Language and crafts



In our Thai class, students develop their language skills while exploring Thai culture. Through hands-on activities connected to important traditions like Wai Kru and Loi Krathong, they create beautiful crafts such as decorative plates and krathongs made from banana leaves. These experiences celebrate the artistry and cultural significance of the banana tree in Thai heritage. The students took great pride in their work, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm through their carefully crafted pieces.





# **Upcoming events**

UDIS Community Fair - 8 February
We welcome our community to join our
Community Fair on Saturday 8
February. Enjoy fun activities, great
food and have the chance to win
fantastic prizes. We look forward to
seeing you there!



15 January EY stay and play session 24 January EY sports day 3 February DP Extended Essay parent cafe 6-7 February Year 5 camp 8 February Community Fair 12-14 February MY camp 15-17 February Half term break 20 February PYP Exhibition parent cafe 21 February Y3 camp 7 March International mindedness day 7 March Term 3 invoices due 14 March Personal project fair 17 March Transition and alignment in Junior School parent cafe 19 March EY stay and play session 24 March The TOK Exhibition parent cafe 27 March Senior School careers day 4 April Songkran festival End of Term 2 4 April

22 April Start of Term 3
13 June End of Term 3

13 August Start of Term 1 2025/2026