

# 2024 / 2025 Newsletter



# Message from the Head of School

It has been a busy few weeks with a number of events held. Mathematicians from across the school competed in the World Maths Day event and we are eagerly awaiting the results of these which will be part of an assembly in Term 3.

We also held a Senior School Careers Day, providing students with a chance to explore different career paths through guest speakers and interactive sessions. This event aligns with the IB's focus on preparing students for life beyond the classroom, fostering inquiry, reflection, and real-world application of their learning.

Mr Charles led a TOK exhibition parent cafe. The TOK exhibition lets parents see their child's critical thinking in action—how they explore, question, and connect ideas. It will be a chance to witness the intellectual growth and creativity firsthand of our Year 12 class and is planned for 16 May.

We also held a wonderful swimming gala. Thanks to all the participants who took part in the event and we had almost 50 entries. This was a great opportunity for our swimmers to develop their abilities in competition with others.











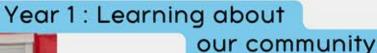


#### Preschool/K1: One-to-one correspondence





We have been risk-takers, working independently to count and match objects, showing our understanding of one-to-one correspondence. This has helped us develop our number sense by recognising that each number represents a specific quantity.





In Year 1's Unit of Inquiry, the class has been learning about their community. They took time to take a trip around the city to observe all the places that make Udon so special. The students even paid a visit to the fire station where they had the opportunity to test out the ambulances and fire engines.

#### Year 3: Learning to measure

Year 3 had fun putting their math skills into action by measuring each other in class! They worked in pairs to measure height and arm span, then practised converting between centimetres and metres. The activity helped bring their learning to life through real-world application.



















During their Math
Investigation, the
learners explored
volume by pouring the
same amount of water
into different-shaped
containers. They
observed that even
though the volume
stayed the same, the
water level looked
different depending on
the container's shape.

#### Senior School: Learning about digital citizenship

Throughout UDIS, the school we are exploring digital citizenship with our classes. Digital citizenship is using technology, for example phones, computers, iPads and the internet, to communicate with one another in a way that is safe, responsible and respectful of other people. In our first class on this topic, the Year 7/8 class explored the types of technology they use and how often they use them, as well as discussed their positive and negative effects.



#### Student success at UDIS:

Our Year 2 talents!



We are incredibly proud of our talented Year 2 students and their recent achievements beyond the classroom. Alice earned 1st place at the Bravo Young Musicians Award for her outstanding piano performance. Orchid dazzled with a silver medal in ballet and also took home 2nd place in the Bravo Young Musicians Award for Piano. Jin impressed us all by competing in both the Bravo Young Musicians competition and placing in a Scratch coding challenge, showcasing his creativity and technical skills.





# Thai literature at UDIS: Connecting tradition and literature

As Songkran approaches, our Middle Years students have been exploring its cultural significance through their Thai language studies. Year 7 and 8 students captured the essence of the festival through poetry, while Year 11 students drew literary connections from Thai historical fiction. Meanwhile, Year 9 and 10 students—currently studying film critique—creatively linked their favorite superheroes to Songkran themes. This display showcases their unique perspectives, illustrating how contemporary storytelling intertwines with traditional celebrations.



## PTA survey results

Our PTA recently conducted a survey to understand the issues parents are most interested in. The results will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The survey indicated no desire for changes to uniform standards, though parents showed interest in more casual options rather than a shift toward formality. Field trips, parent induction meetings, sports day, the endof-year event, and Songkran were ranked as the most important events. Parents also expressed a preference for maintaining English and Thai translations at parent cafés and PTA meetings, reflecting the current practice

### Upcoming events

21 April Staff only day #3
22 April Start of Term 3
1 May Labour day holiday
2 May PYPx exhibition
6-9 May School photo days
12 May Visakha Bucha Day
14 May EY stay and play session
16 May TOK Exhibition
3 June Queen Suthida's Birthday
10 June EOY conference day
13 June End of Term 3
25 July Term 1 invoices due date

13 August Start of Term 1 2025/2026

