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### New menu at UDIS



We have launched our new school menu for January and we will be developing new menus for each month from now on. In developing these menus, we have a group of teachers who plan with our Chefs to come up with exciting, nutritious and seasonal offerings for our students. We believe that providing good, nutritious food provides students with the energy they need both physically and mentally to complete the school day.

UDIS is using products from the Royal Project as well as selected local suppliers. For instance,

the Royal Project Foundation has implemented an organic vegetable project since 2002 which emphasises the production of non-GMO vegetables and the use of natural techniques instead of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. Some of the highlights for January include Shepherd's pie, Vegetable tempura, Baked Pork with Brown sauce, Waldorf Salad and Fish Fingers.

Our monthly menus will be available online on our website ([www.udoninternationalschool.com/en/school-life/school-menu/](http://www.udoninternationalschool.com/en/school-life/school-menu/)) and we will also announce through our UDIS Line group. If you have any suggestions, please contact the School Office or join in one of our upcoming PTA meetings.

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#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Friday 29 January  
Sports Day

3-4pm, Friday 5 February  
Early Years Information Meetings

Monday 8 February  
Chinese New Year

Friday 12 February  
Valentine's Day

3-4pm, Monday 15 February  
PTA Meeting

## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2. It promises to be a busy term as we have a number of exciting events planned for this term. Upcoming events include our Sports Day (Friday 29 January), Chinese New Year (Monday 8 February), Valentine's Day (Friday 12 February), Mother Tongue Week (7-11 March) and our Songkran Festival (Friday 1 April). We would love to see as many of our parents involved in these events as possible so please join in if you are able to do so.

One excellent way to get involved in the school is our Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) with our next meeting planned for Monday 15 February from 3pm. This is a chance for parents to learn more about the school and to take part in decision making. We would love to see you there.

We are also planning Early Years (EY) introductory meetings on Friday 5 February from 3-4pm. This will be a chance for EY teachers to explain what is happening within the classes and some of the theory behind the play-based learning and other curriculum that we use in EY. Parents will also get a chance to ask questions and share their expectations of their child's learning at UDIS.

You will also notice that we have made a slight change to how our newsletters look. Our newsletters will still be issued every fortnight but each class will report back only every month. This issue we have class reports from Preschool, K1 and Year 1. Our next issue will include K2, Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5.

Finally, Miss Nok, our EY and TAL Thai Teacher, has had to take an extended break from the school to care of a sickness in the family. We wish Nok all the best and hope to see her back at UDIS later in the year. We are please to announce that we have four new staff joining us. You can read more about these staff later in this newsletter.

Best regards

*Dr Lindsay Stuart*

Head of School

## Inquiry corner

*By Mr Michael Delcavo, Deputy Principal/Curriculum Coordinator*

We have started up our second term and all classes are beginning new Units of Inquiry. Every class is now on their third Unit for the year and those Unit titles are posted near the office for everyone's perusal. For this Unit, the school will be splitting with the Early Years program spending 10 weeks on their units while the Primary Years will now be doing their units over the next 5 ½ weeks.

The students have gotten into a nice groove in the classes by understanding what we are doing in the units and should be able to cover a lot of material in the next two terms.

As always if you have questions please feel free to come in and discuss them.





# Early Years Update

## Welcome back to Preschool

By Miss Jennifer Chapman, Preschool Teacher

Welcome back from the holidays, I hope we are all relaxed and ready to start the new term. Preschool are starting an exciting new topic 'How we express ourselves' where we will be looking at stories and how they communicate meaning.

The children are having a fantastic time in Preschool exploring the story 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. They have retold the story in the 'three bears house' role play area, practised their cutting skills by cutting out pictures from the story, drawn pictures of Goldilocks and the three bears and sequenced the story. One of the most popular activities of the week was when we made porridge! The children loved talking about the different steps in the recipe, stirring the oats, milk and water and most of them would have gladly eaten a second bowl of hot porridge had it been offered!



Next Monday 25th January, Preschool are planning to go on a Teddy Bear's picnic for snack time. Students are welcome to bring along a cuddly toy to join us.

Preschool are looking forward to having parents or carers to join in with our UOI, we would love it if you can join us in sharing your favourite children's stories during our storytime sessions on Tuesday and Thursday from 2.30-3pm this half term. If you are a keen storyteller and would like to be involved in reading (in English or Thai) or listening to story time please let me know in advance.



## How we express ourselves

By Ms Kaitlyn Hyland, K1 Teacher

K1 has settled back into their classroom routines with enthusiasm and vigor! Everyone seems very well rested and ready to learn! We have begun with our song circle and daily yoga moves as our first activity of the day. Then we are springing back into action with an exploration of stories and how they are written, illustrated and demonstrated to an audience. The children will be refreshing their knowledge of beginning sounds in English, as well as practicing spoken language and vocabulary enrichment opportunities.

This unit we will have many opportunities to express our creativity as we prepare to write our very own class social story. This week we will be focusing on 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' to learn more about sequencing story events as well as looking at counting objects. We will also be introducing surprise 'Mystery Readers' throughout the term so if a parent would like to read a story they may volunteer in class. Look forward to sign up sheets posted on the K1 door!

Please welcome our new students to the community as you see them, Kang-som and Lilly who are doing a marvelous job adjusting to a brand new group of friends! This month we would also like to say Happy Birthday to Proud, who will be celebrating on January 26th. We are very excited for the upcoming Sports Day on January 29th and are looking for some parent volunteers to help us with Early Years Sports Stations! Please keep your eyes open for sign-ups in the near future!





# Primary Years Update

## Feeling connected

By Ms Karyn Scrimgeour, Year 1 Teacher

Welcome back to Term 2 and it was great to see both enthusiastic children and teachers during the first week. In Year 1 and 2 we have made an excellent start on our Unit of Inquiry - "How we organise ourselves."



Our Central Idea

The students were really excited by the introduction of the school model to the Year 1 classroom and it generated a lot of discussion and questions, as we begin to look at the public spaces we use within our school. We developed our map reading skills and went on a tour of the school to identify and later record the different areas of the school we all use. We also rewrote and discussed our Essential Agreements to ensure we work together and to take responsibility within the school.

As a way of understanding the different ways and places in which we connect, students shared stories from their Christmas break and it was great to hear about the many adventures they had during that time.

Everyone is very excited about our trip to Central Plaza to look at how people use this public spaces to connect with like minded people and the kinds of activities they do. The students will have lunch together and finish off with Ice Skating. I am sure we have many fun pictures to share with you in our next newsletter.

In Year 1 we assessed the progress at the end of our first Busy Ants book and I am proud to say it has been good. Well done Year 1 for making such good progress. We are looking at money at the moment and children are excited to play shop and add up the value of their purchases. A great fun way to practice.

I really want to encourage more reading practice this term and have increased the amount of books which children can take home to practice specific reading skills. The students are now able to do basic blending and with the introduction of phonics specific reading books this allows them to put this skill into use. The other type of reading book introduced is a sight word specific reading book to help students master those tricky words. We have been playing a lot of games in the class to reinforce this learning and students are asking for more.

So all in all I feel that in Year 1 we are 'feeling connected'. Connected and responsible for the spaces we use, connected to each other and connected to our learning. A great start to Term 2.



Connections in patterns



Model behaviour



Accepting responsibility



Mapping it out



Adding it up

By Mr Wang Yankun, Chinese Teacher



## MANDARIN LANGUAGES

For this year 2016, Is the Chinese Zodiac Monkey Year. February 8th will be the first day of Chinese Lunar New Year. Chinese New Year in Chinese is called “中国新年(zhōng guó xīn nián)” which also means “The Spring Festival-----春节(Chūn jié)” Because it’s Spring season while new year coming in China. It’s the most important holiday in a year for Chinese people, All the Chinese around the world will come back to their home and stay with their family to celebrate their new year no matter how far it is ! We will put up red gods with couplets and fire firecrackers then enjoys feast together on“ New year’s Eve-----除夕 (chú xī)”.We always dress up with new clothes and give blessing to our family, friends or someone we love when do“New Year’s visit-----拜年(bài nián) ”Meanwhile handout “Red Envelope-----红包 (hóng bāo)” and give new year gift to kids“ Lucky Money -----压岁钱 (yā suì qián)”within 3 new year days .We wish you “Happy New Year-----新年快乐!(Xīn nián kuài lè)”, New year, New start ,New enterprise and New life ! “May all your heart's wishes be fulfilled-----万事如意!(Wàn shì rú yì)”and “May you be happy and prosperous-----阖家幸福( hé jiā xìng fú)” as well as be in good health-----身体健康(shēn tǐ jiàn kāng)” and “ Ride on the crest of success-----大展宏图 (dà zhǎn hóng tú)” in 2016.



# Health and Safety

By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator

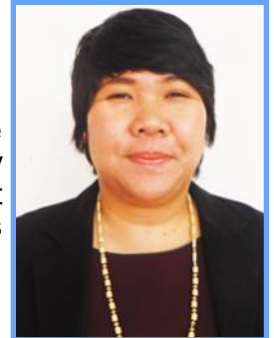
As we are currently within the cold season of Thailand it is normal for students to suffer from colds and flu. If your child is sick, please keep them at home until they fully recover. This will help stop the spread of germs within the school and help keep everyone fit and healthy.

## New staff

We would like to announce the following new staff who have joined us for Term 2:

Potjanaporn Thanacharoen  
Year 2 Teaching Assistant

Potjanaporn (Aom) spent a year as a youth exchange student in America while she was in high school. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Industry Management from Rajabhat Suan Dusit University. Since then, she has worked at Thai Airways, Griffith Laboratories and Mead Johnson Nutrition. However, Aom has always had a passion for teaching and wants to begin a teaching career at UDIS and we are lucky to have her here.



Khachornsak (Aui) Padungpun  
Registrar

Khachornsak (Aui) grew up in Chiang Mai and completed a Bachelor's Degree in Arts (Tourism) from the Rajamangala University of Technology Lanna. Since then, he has been working in various schools in Chiang Mai in administration positions including Chiang Mai University and Ambassador Bilingual School. Aui has also worked as a teacher and so he has a good understanding of the needs of teachers and how best to support them.

Ketsanee (Ket) Woraphit  
Early Years and Thai as an Additional Language Thai Teacher

Ketsanee (Ket) is an Udon Thani native who moved to Norway and grew up there since the age of 13. Ket has always had a passion for teaching in the Early Years and completed a Bachelor's Degree in Preschool Teaching from Telemark University College in Norway. Ket has a gift for languages and is fluent in Thai, English and Norwegian while she is also learning Korean and Chinese. Ket has a good understanding of play-based learning and is looking to further develop her experience at UDIS.



Banchong (Oh) Preechachatchaval  
K1/2 Nanny

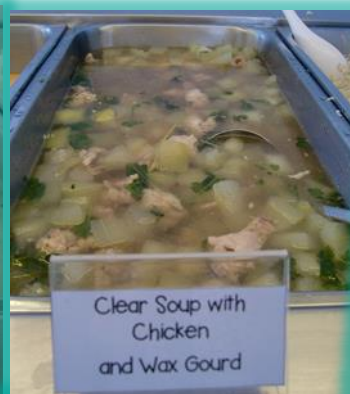
Banchong (Oh) grew up in Udon Thani completing high school here. Before joining UDIS, she worked as an Assistant Pharmacist and a Nanny working for four years with a family in Udon Thani and their young children. In her free time Oh likes to learn about Chinese culture and teaches a community class of students from 3-10 years of age.



# New menu at UDIS



Coconut Milk Soup with Seafood



Clear Soup with Chicken and Wax Gourd



Beef Burritos



Tempura Vegetables



Noodle Salad



Noodle Soup



Red Chicken Wing with Herbs





# 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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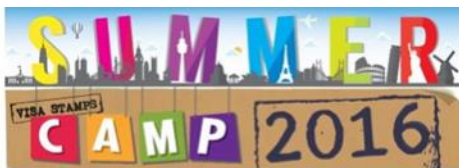
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