



# Newsletter

Udon Thani International School

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## End of Year Graduation

Thanks to all our school community for a great 2015/2016 academic year. This will be our final newsletter of the year and will celebrate all the learning from this year. We hope you also enjoyed our End of Year student graduation at Prajaktra Hotel on Friday 1 July.



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Start of Term 1 (2016/2017)  
Monday 15 August

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## Message from the Head of School

*Dear Parents*

We are into the final week of the 2015/2016 academic year. It has certainly been a busy year at the school and it's a successful end to our second year of operation. It's a sad time of the year too as we say goodbye to those leaving us. To our departing staff, thanks to Mr Kameran, Mr Liam, Mr Cyril, Miss Ket and Miss Jiew for all your hard-work this year. I wish you the best for the new opportunities that awaits you.



We have had some exciting news over the past week. UDIS has had our Stage 2 application for Council of International Schools (CIS) candidacy accepted. We now await a school visit by a CIS representative. If we complete this final step, we will be an official CIS candidate school. Accreditation with CIS is extremely demanding and has a membership that counts only the best schools around the world. I believe that CIS membership fits well with our vision for UDIS as a leading school in the region.

I have been hoping to announce building plans to our community but these have been very stop/start. We require bank funding to proceed with building, and although the school is making great progress financially, we are not at the point where banks are comfortable to extend financing to us. However, conversations are ongoing and I hope to make announcements on buildings in August or September. Certainly we hope to have new construction completed for the 2017/2018 academic year.

Finally, UDIS is working with the provincial governor to develop an English, self-study handbook for secondary students in Udon Thani. This is a great opportunity for us to help promote and develop English language in Udon. We are excited to be a part of this project.

Once again, I would like to thank all of our school community for their involvement with UDIS. We are celebrating the end of this academic year with a Student Graduation on Friday 1 July from 8:30am at the Prajaktra Hotel. I hope to see you all there.

Best regards

*Dr Lindsay Stuart*

Head of School

## Inquiry corner

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

As the year comes to an end the main focus for the school is on reflection. We want to see what we can do to improve on our practice for the following year. We look to see how we can improve our lessons, teaching and even school events.

With your children it is a good idea to do some reflection as well. Ask your child what they remember for the year and what skills they developed. Ask them what they would like to further develop for the following year. What practices might they take on that will have them be an even better student next year.

Personal reflection is a great idea too. You may consider what elements of the PYP you would like to bring into your own life as a practice that will fortify the learning for your child next year. If you have more questions about the PYP and how to use it more in your own life, please feel free to come and ask.

## Early Years Update

### Preschool class update - A fond farewell!

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, Preschool Teacher

As we come to the end of the year the Preschool students are working incredibly hard on polishing their end of year performance. During the circle time this week the students have been discussing their favourite memories from the year; going to see the fire engines and playing with dinosaurs are to name a few. It is difficult to identify the highlights because there have been so many!

Preschool have had a wonderful year discovering and meeting new friends and teachers, and learning through exploration and play. We've learned a lot about letters, numbers, shapes, colours, seasons, animals and many other things. It brings me complete joy to watch your children grow, and learn, and change, into capable, communicative children! I will be looking forward to seeing some of you in Preschool next year. For those children who are moving up to Kindergarten next year I wish you all the best in your new adventure.



# Early Years Update

## K1 class update - Bright steps forward

By Ms Kaitlyn Hyland, K1 Teacher

K1 has been so busy the past few weeks! We have been practicing our skit for the End of Year performance, reviewing our sounds and building on our foundation of numbers one through ten by naming our units, tens, hundreds and thousands. Many children have been practicing both putting a name label on a quantity of items, as well as matching the number word to the symbol! Our mathematical skills have grown by leaps and bounds the past few weeks! It has been so fun connecting our Unit of Inquiry to these skills by looking at endangered animals, and counting our favourite ones! This has been such a great group and I will miss each and every one of you so much! Thank you for a fantastic year and we look forward to seeing you for both parent interviews and the End of Year Performance on Friday!!!!



## Early Years Update

### K2 class update - Moving on

By Mr Kameron Lund, K2 Teacher

We have had a really special year in K2. In my 7+ years of teaching I have never had a class that was so close and got along so well. All of the children have done amazing things this year but what I am most proud of is their love and support of each other. On any given day if you walked into K2 you would see the students playing nicely together, helping one another in reading, counting as a group, writing each others names, and always taking care of their friends. It has been a fantastic experience to see young children come together and become such a close family. I will really miss them - they really are a very special group.

Thanks for all the memories K2 - I will cherish them forever!

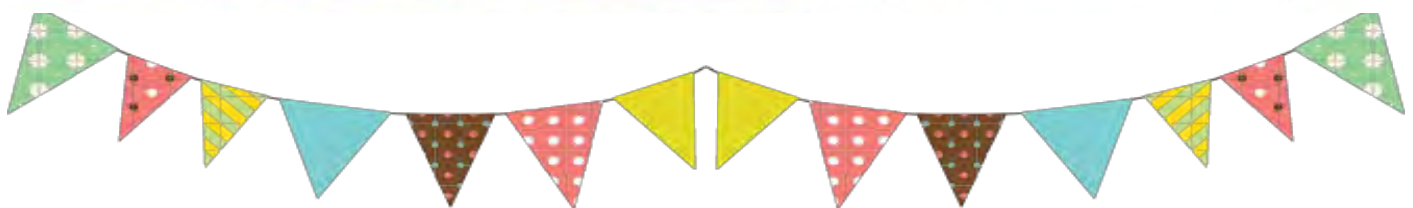
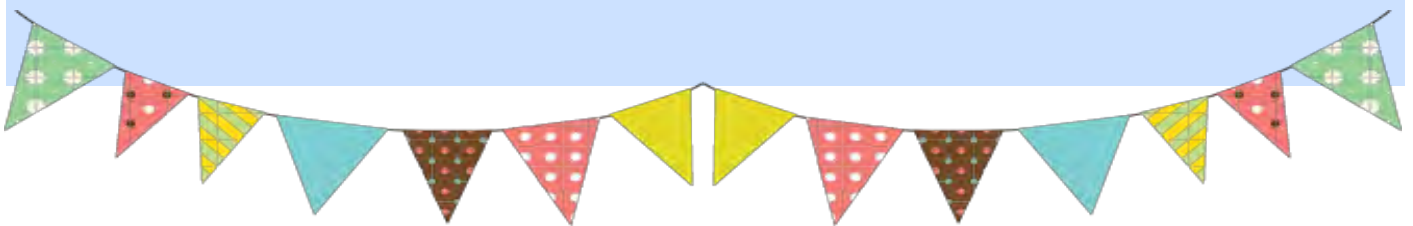


## Primary Years Update

### Year 1 class update - "Oh the places we have been!"

By Ms Karyn Scrimgeour, Year 1 Teacher

It is an exciting time as we reach the end of the year and I look forward to sharing the positive progress of the students at the upcoming parent's conferences. This is a time when we all reflect on the whole year and for us it has been fantastic. We have had the opportunity to go on many field trips and learn about many interesting things. We have introduced animals to our classroom and have invited parents to share their knowledge and experiences with students. Although nothing is ever plain sailing we have had many more highs than lows and there is a lot to be proud of. It is not over yet though, I feel the students have still got a great deal to show us, and their work with Year 2 on the end of year show will, I'm sure, impress you all. So let's not be sad as we come to the end of the year, but smile and celebrate the great achievements and friendships we have made on our journey. I look forward to seeing you all at the end of year show where we can come together for one final opportunity to recognise all the successes of the school year.



# Primary Years Update

## Year 2 class update - Our Journey Together

Ms Emmi Hines, Year 2 Teacher

As the year draws to a close, we reflect back on another year and all the wonderful learning experiences Year 2 has had. Wow! It has been quite a year. From all the many off school excursions, parent visits to share our learning, school events that were always filled with fun and many shared lessons with Year 1 students and teachers.

Year 2 students have achieved so much this year, becoming more creative, inquisitive, confident and independent learners. Students have acquired these skills by being open-minded to learning, building upon ideas of their classmates and reflecting on their learning during collaborative chats. This type of skill set will only help them as they move on to become smarter more investigative learners.



## Year 3/4 class update

By Mr Liam Chadwick, Y3/4 Teacher

### Greetings,

The end is near, as we are into our final week! This year has seen us do many things from field trips learning about the community, the people and the world to independent learning in the classroom. Students have grown and acquired new knowledge by showing they are thinkers, communicators, open minded and reflective. We had many fun times on campus as well participating in a variety of events with students, staff and parents. We shared our learning with parents showing them what you have achieved and what you enjoyed working on this year. Year 3/4 have been a great class of students to teach. It has been a pleasure working with them all. They are committed, cooperative and respectful to everyone in our class and school which has made them a caring, balanced group of students. It's been a pleasure teaching Year 3/4, good luck for the future.





## Year 5 class update - You're Off to Great Places!

By Mrs Rebecca Kehn, Y5 Teacher

The Year 5 class has been busy organising a drive for school supplies for a local temple in need, Ban Nong Khung School. This service project has been part of our unit exploring the central idea: Children worldwide encounter a range of challenges, risks and opportunities. Additionally, the students worked with teachers to raise additional funds for supplies for the school, and promoted the drive to all the classes in the school. On Monday, June 27th, the students will visit Ban Nong School and help facilitate English, music, and field games for the students at the school. Year 5 students have learned a lot about appreciating what they have here at UDIS, and about helping other children to improve their educational experience. They've had to be open-minded, principled, caring, and also risk-takers throughout the unit. Moreover, the Year 5 students have been working hard to prepare for the End of Year Show by practising and creating props. They are very excited to perform for our school community on the last day of school. Ms. May and I will be very sad to see our wonderful students move on to other teachers, as we will miss them tremendously, but we wish them luck as they embark on new adventures! Oh the places you'll go Cake, Cream, Arielle, Jamie, Arden, Myla, Matt, Arwen, and Monica! You're off to great places!

The Year 5 class would like to offer a very special thank you to everyone who supported the donation drive for Ban Khung School. Our collections exceeded our expectations! The UDIS community re-



## Modern languages - Thai Language

“รักเรียน รักขีไทย รักชุมชน”



It has been a great academic year for all our Thai classes. We learned listening, speaking, reading and writing skills. Sometimes the work has been hard, but all the students have worked well to achieve what has been asked of them. Congratulations to all our students for a wonderful year.

**We love to STUDY. We conServe THAI LANGUAGE and Culture.**



**..We share, care and serve! ..**

UDIS cares for our community. In the Thai classes, we provided fundraising activities to support Year 5's efforts to collect donations. Students in Thai classes created the menu and cooked food and made drinks to sell in the school on Monday and Friday. The money collected was given to the Year 5 class to use to help support local temple students at Baan Nong Kung School who are in need. We were so grateful and very proud of ourselves. **WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY!**

**Thank you for all who support and help Thai classes this academic year.  
We will keep doing better and better in the next year and into the future.**

## Modern languages - Chinese

敏而好学，博古通今。

It will be an emphatic end to the school year. Students have experienced traditional Chinese festivals and have made progress in learning to speak with the correct pronunciation for Mandarin Chinese. Students have also learned how to write and have made great strides in this. Students have also looked into Chinese arts including brush writing, ink paintings and Chinese history including the Great Wall of China, royal dynasties and famous cities. Students have had a lot of fun this year. Well done everybody.



## Health and Safety

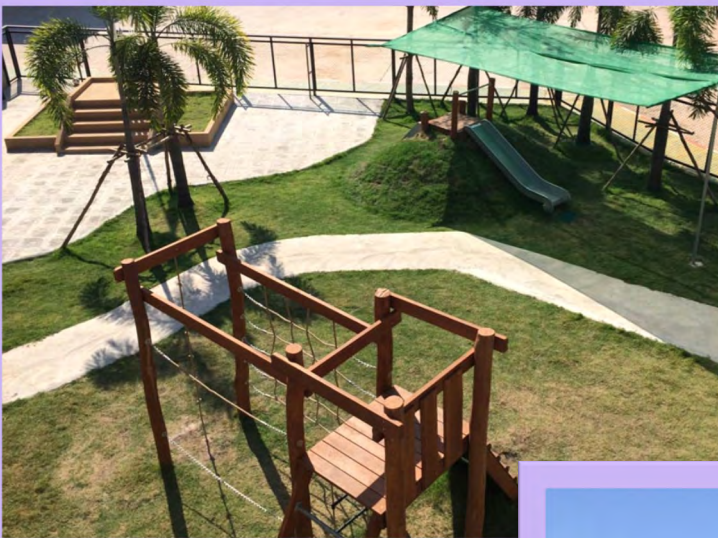
*By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator*

Playground safety is an important topic to be aware of. Noticing what is dangerous on a playground helps a parent be aware of the dangers and allows students to be safeguarded. When looking at a playground there are a many things you want to look for. The biggest danger to be aware of is entrapments. You want to look at where your child can get caught up with their hair, by their body parts or their clothing. Look to see where a child's head might get stuck in a fence or railing realising that children have a tendency to move their body through first. Also look to see finger traps and realise that children's fingers are much smaller than ours.

Another dangerous area in playgrounds can be from slipping or tripping hazards on the ground. Look to see where there might be something sticking up from the ground that children can trip over or a wet area that could be slick.

Spiral slides on playgrounds can be quite dangerous when students have rubber soled shoes on. As children slide down the slide, their shoes can get stuck on the side and they can get wedged sideways. If other children come down the slide, legs can be broken.

Please check playgrounds before allowing your children to play and make sure they are playing safe. Kind regards from the UDIS Health and Safety Committee.





## Message from Admin

### Term 1 2016/2017 fees are due by 29 July

Please pay these into the school office. We also offer a 3% discount for fees paid annually in advance.

### Term 1 2016/2017 dates

**School start:** Monday 15 August, 2016  
**Half term break:** 17-21 October, 2016 (1 week)  
**Finish:** Friday 16 December, 2016

## 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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