



# Newsletter

## Udon Thani International School

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# Launch of CPP for 2016/2017

We are pleased to announce our community partners for 2016/2017. Please find the list of all CPP partners and the benefits they are providing the UDIS community for this academic year.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Thursday 22 September (Assembly)  
Teachers day
- 10-14 October - Book week
- 17-21 October - Half term break (Holiday)
- 24 October - Chulalongkorn day (Holiday)
- 25 October - Teachers only day
- 15 November - Loy Krathong
- 1 December (Assembly) - Father's day
- 5 December - HM The King's Birthday (Holiday)
- 16 December (half day) - Christmas festival

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## Message from the Head of School

Dear Parents

The school is now settling into a good routine as staff and students become accustomed to the new academic year. Recently we held parent meetings for Early Years (EY) and Primary Years (PY) parents. One of the big changes this year has been the change of our timetable to shift the end of the school day from 3pm to 2:45pm. So far this change seems to be working well and has provided staff and students time after school for outside school activities. Thanks again to all the parents who attended these meetings.



In this newsletter we are also releasing the initial list of our Community Partnership Programme (CPP) businesses who have linked with the school to provide some discount or benefit to our school community. Please support our CPP partners while taking advantage of some of the great offers they have made to the school. Benefits can be gained from CPP partners by presenting your UDIS ID card to them.

In Preschool, Miss Olga is still arranging her visa in Europe. We hope to see her soon with a likely arrival of mid to late September. Once she has arrived she will spend some time with the combined Preschool-K1 class before we formally split students into their respective classes.

Finally, there is a lot of sickness around the school amongst staff and students. If your child is sick, please keep them at home as this helps reduce the spread of sickness.

Best regards

*Dr Lindsay Stuart*

Head of School

## Inquiry corner

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

The Units of Inquiry around the school are going very well. The teachers have done a wonderful job building up the excitement for each of our UOIs. We are starting to see wonderful projects being set up, field trips being taken, interesting diagrams being designed and excellent inquiry skills being developed.

As a reminder to parents, it is very helpful to get the feedback from home as to what the students do or talk about that maybe related to what they are learned at school. Please feel free to communicate with teachers via Storypark and let us know what is happening outside the school.

As always, if you have questions about IB or the school's curriculum, feel free to come see me.

## 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.

These discounts are available from 1 August, 2016 to 31 July, 2017 unless otherwise noted below. The businesses and the benefits they have offered are:

### Restaurants and cafes

#### Rabiengpatchani Restaurant

51/3 Bannon , T. Makkaeng, A.Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-241515

*5% discount on food only (when paying cash)*

#### Sugar Room

90/20 Udondutsadee Rd., T.Makkhaeng, A.Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-222536, <https://www.facebook.com/sugar.room>

*5% discount*

#### Faroh House Restaurant & Wine

567 Robmuang Rd., T.Banluem, A.Muang, Udonthani 41000  
042-347225-8

*Food Discount 5%*

### Entertainment

#### Major Bowl Hit

Central Plaza Udon Thani  
042-230243, [www.majorbowlhit.com](http://www.majorbowlhit.com)

*10% discount of grand total*

#### Playport Udon Thani

208 Moo 5 T. Samprao, A. Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-110-432, [www.facebook.com/playportudonthani](http://www.facebook.com/playportudonthani)

*Special entrance fee of 90 baht*

#### The Rink Iceskate - NEW

5th Floor Central Plaza Udonthani 042 110 988  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheRinkIceArenaUdonthani/>

*50% off discount for all day passes*

*Free 30 Minutes course (basic instruction) valued at 500 THB for first time visitor (parents and student or staff and their children)*

*10% discount off any training course*

#### UDON ARCHERY - NEW

Soi Khamnaan Nongbua, Udonthani 41000 Tel.095-647-8749  
*1 hour free for all UDIS cardholders (must show UDIS card)*

*10% discount for food*

# Community Partnership Programme (CPP)

## Learning

### KPN Music Academy

Central Plaza  
089-969 4188

*300 baht discount for admission fee*

### Juno Park

UD Town  
093-940-5414, [www.facebook.com/JunoParkUdon](http://www.facebook.com/JunoParkUdon)

*FREE 3,000 baht entrance fee*

### I-Genius - NEW

4th Floor Central Plaza Udonthani 086-3460604  
<http://www.i-genius.co.th/>

*30% discount for buffet course (5 months total of 30,500 THB)*

*10% discount for Private Class*

## General retail and services

### Bangkok Hospital Udonthani

111 Thongyai Rd, Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-343111, <http://www.bangkokhospitaludon.com/>

*10% discount for room charge, medicine and medical supplies*

### Nat Auto Car (Nissan)

256/60 Moo. 6, Ban Duer, T.Makkheng, A.Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-323555, <http://www.natautocar.com/>

*5% for car checking services*

### Prajak Optical

Srisuk Rd. Branch: 106/27-28 Srisuk Rd., T. Makkaeng, A. Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
Udondutsadee Rd. Branch: 78/4 Udondutsadee Rd., T.Makkaeng, A. Muang, Udonthani 41000  
042-110632, <https://www.facebook.com/prajakoptical>

*30% discount*

### Prajaktra Design Hotel

111 Moo 11 Supakitjanya Rd, T.Makkaeng, A.Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-240444, <http://www.prajaktrahotel.com/>

*Special rate per room per night and 10% discount for Barco Restaurant*

### The Pannarai Hotel

19/8 Sampanthamit Street, A. Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
042-345-111, 042-344-999, Fax: 042-345-4018, 042-344-002

*15% discount on room rate (compared to walk-in price)*

*10% discount on restaurant*

### Brookside Real Estate

Ban Kud Ling Gno, Moo 3, T. Nadee, A. Muang, Udon Thani 41000  
091-052-7234 , 080-406-9377

*Special price for real estate purchases*

### SMART HUB@ Preecha Market - NEW

Preecha Market 042-224485  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010408502338>

*10% top up discount from occasional discount or regular rate*

## Joining our CPP

*Anyone can join our CPP, please contact the School Office for more information.*

# Early Years Update

## K1 class update - Who We Are

By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher

Our first month of school has gone great! The children have adjusted to our routines and rules and they are always excited to participate in whatever is planned for the day, I am amazed at how eager they are to learn!

We are deep into the first unit of inquiry Who We Are and started our investigation into ourselves and families with students drawing a self portraits of themselves. In the following weeks we will be discussing about our families and the roles of family members. We are very busy creating 'All About Me' posters about ourselves and family, please help us by bringing any family photos or objects from home your child can talk about.



# Primary Years Update

## Year 2/3 class update - Successful Organizations

By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 2/3 Teacher

As we are in week 4 of our inquiry unit of How We Organise Ourselves. Students have taken keen interests in a variety of organisations and clubs that are beneficial to their success. Last week, students created their own organisation and invited all students and staff members to vote for the organisation they would like to join. Over the next week or two, students are looking into questions they have around our central idea of people create organisations to solve problems and support human endeavor and enterprise.



### **Student inquiries are:**

Phoe - *How do they make building materials?*

Ophelia - *How do they make hamburgers from a cow?*

Daewa - *How to help poor dogs that don't have a home? Homeless dogs.*

Jennesa - *How do you help very sick people?*

Dean - *What are some good organizations for me (7-8 ages)?*

Zen - *How do markets get their food?*

Mint - *How can dogs run? How dogs can jump?*

Belty - *How do people make sandwiches?*

Ryu - *How to help people become smart?*

Eric - *How to run faster than a car?*

After students are given time to research using computers and books. Each will present their findings to the class.



## Year 5/6 class update - Exploring Who We Are As Tweens

By Ms Susan Mitchell, Y5/6 Teacher

Well we are deep into self discovery this term examining ourselves and the world around us. As part of our inquiry into who we are Year 5/6 students researched changes at puberty they were interested in exploring. They brainstormed on their concept wheels some of those changes to drive their investigations and inform their keynote presentations. Next steps involve the exploration of how these changes affect their sense of self.



## MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

Welcome back to Chinese class! The new academic year is much easier for our students to get into their role and continue with their Chinese learning. Students feel more confident about their learning and are more relaxed while they are studying. Let's check out what our inquirers and communicators have done so far with their new journey in Chinese.





## English as an additional language (EAL)

The English as an Additional Language Program has been designed to meet the needs of students who speak a language other than English. The primary goal is to develop language skills, which will allow students to be successful in their academic work as well as in everyday communication. At UDIS, we believe that native language proficiency contributes to additional language acquisition.



# Health and Safety

*By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator*

The school recently performed a “Premises check” which came back with very good results. The team looked careful to make inspections of needed items around the school, items which may be dated and assure supplies were on hand.

The team also looked to the exterior buildings looking for damage to the structure, water damage, issues with glazing, proper trimming of bushes and plants, and any other basic safety issues. A few minor notes were made for the school to work on and action is being put in place to rectify these.

Annual inspections are an important aspect for Health and Safety and we are glad to say the school has been doing a good job with its maintenance.





## Message from Admin

### **Community Partnership Programme (CPP)**

We are finalising our list of CPP partners for the 2016/2017 academic year. If any parents would like to join our CPP programme, please contact our Marketing Officer, **Miss PJ** ([potjanaporn@udis.ac.th](mailto:potjanaporn@udis.ac.th))

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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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