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UDIS is pleased to announce that we will begin Phase 2 of construction this month. Phase 2 will bring a covered basketball court and our primary building. These will help us provide great sporting facilities for our students and house our continued student growth.

## NEW BUILDINGS



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 11 October - UDIS Movie Night - From 6-8pm
- 10-14 October - Book week
- 17-21 October - Half term break (Holiday)
- 24 October - Chulalongkorn day (Holiday)
- 25 October - Teachers only day
- 7 November - PTA meeting #2
- 15 November - Loy Krathong
- 30 November - PTA meeting #3
- 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*

We have almost completed our first half-term of 2016/2017, it's worthwhile looking forward to where we are going as a school over the next few years. Our school vision is that we inspire internationally-minded, balanced learners who thrive and become active, global citizens. This means that we are looking for students to succeed in a variety of different areas apart from just academic. That is why we look to expose them to so many things at UDIS, so students can explore different sports, arts, languages, music, culture and activities to find out what they really enjoy doing.



This week, we are pleased to welcome Miss Keb as our new Year 1 Teaching Assistant. Miss Keb has worked for many years as a teacher in schools around Udon Thani and we are pleased to have her helping our Year 1 class. Welcome Miss Keb.

For the last week of term we are also excited to be holding our annual book week. We will be holding this event in October from now on. This event is important because it helps to encourage a love of books and reading which is the cornerstone for our student's literacy development. We look forward to students and parents taking part in this fun event. Also, our student council is launching our first ever movie night on Tuesday 11 October which is an event well worth supporting.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we will begin Phase 2 of construction this month. It has been a long struggle to get the funding we need to advance the school with the economy the way it has been. However, I'm really pleased that we are able to start this project which will house our growing student population and provide some excellent sporting facilities for our students.

Best regards

*Dr Lindsay Stuart*

Head of School

## Inquiry corner

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

The first Unit is being wrapped up shortly and we are reflecting on what the students understood from this Unit. Teachers are now preparing for their second Unit which will begin when we come back from break. The teachers have been preparing for exciting and interesting provocations which stimulate the children's interest and get them ready to look into the topic.

The second Unit will last until Christmas which gives ample time to look thoroughly into the new central idea. Parents can see the Units posted right across from the main office. Listed there are the class, the Units being covered and the main information about the Unit including the central idea, the lines of inquiry, key concepts and related concepts. Please feel free to ask your teachers about these Units.



## Phase 2 Construction

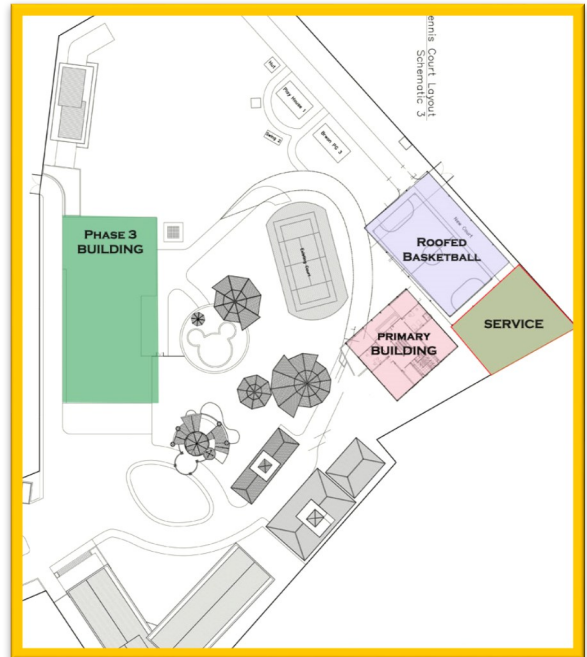
Phase 2 of our construction will see a new primary building and basketball court constructed on the site of our current eco-farm. The construction area will be fully fenced off and contractors will not be on the school campus during construction. Construction is aimed to begin in October and be completed by July. Phase 2 includes:

### New primary building

- ◆ 6 classrooms
- ◆ Nurses office and sickbay
- ◆ Staffroom/support classroom
- ◆ 2x offices/storage
- ◆ 2 floors
- ◆ Upstairs and downstairs male/female toilets
- ◆ Double brick construction to insulate and improve efficiency

### New basketball court

- ◆ Fully roofed sport area
- ◆ Full size basketball/3x badminton/soccer
- ◆ Sports floor
- ◆ Fan cooling
- ◆ PE storage room

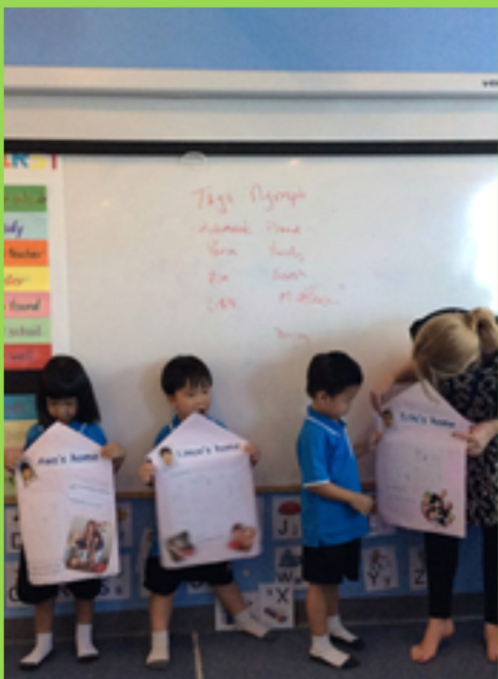


## Early Years Update

### K1 class update - All about our families

*By Ms Jennifer Chapman, K1 Teacher*

As we come to the end of our unit of inquiry into families, I would like to send a huge thank you for attending the student's All About Me presentations last week. It was wonderful to see you all taking and asking questions about their hard work. The students did an amazing job and have been very excited about having their parents visit the classroom.





## Primary Years Update

### Year 2/3 class update- Think, Reflect, Act

*By Ms Emmi Hines, Year 2/3 Teacher*

Our class has been busy learning about many different concepts like; organisations, how to build an organisation, figuring out that shapes are all around us and sharing their thoughts of their learning. Students have taken the time to think and plan their projects. If something doesn't work or a plan doesn't come together like they expected, we reflect on this and learn from these errors. After reflection time, students take action by doing something different and sharing their learning with friends and family. Our class is growing into independent, enthusiastic learners.



## Year 5/6 update - Affirming Who I Am

By Ms Susan Mitchell, Y5/6 Teacher

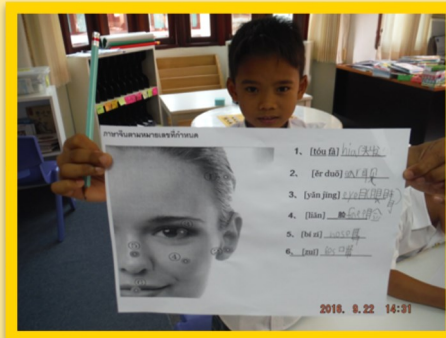
Year 5/6 students reflected on the transdisciplinary theme of who I am and made personal affirmations on self mannequins to express their ideas about themselves and the world around them.





## MODERN LANGUAGES - CHINESE

During our Chinese lessons, Students have been learning different things related to their first UOI in class. Students have shown that they understand what they have been working on. For instance, EY students have enjoyed the stories and cartoons we have played, while PY students have enjoyed playing games, doing activities and reading stories.



## English as an additional language (EAL)

EAL teaching has its own distinctive pedagogy. It aims to teach English using the mainstream curriculum as the context. This involves developing specific resources which make the language of the curriculum accessible through, for example, increased use of visuals, scaffolding and modelling, while keeping the cognitive challenge and interest level high.





## Health and Safety

*By Mr Michael Delcavo, Health and safety coordinator*

The Health and Safety committee has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss important topics at school. We have carried out some drills recently to assure we are prepared in the event of an emergency. We practice these drills throughout the year to have staff and students aware of actions to take.

The Health and Safety is also reaching out to the community to make connections with agencies that can provide services to the school. If you know agencies outside of the school that we should be connected with, please let us know.

We also run risk assessments around the school to make sure each area of the school is being maintained and kept safe. If you have concerns about the welfare of your child at school please make us aware of any of the issues.



We held our first meeting of the year on Monday 3 October with a large turnout of parents attending the meeting. At the meeting, we broke into Thai and English speaking groups to discuss a number of issues. There were a large amount of issues including:

- ♦ Late cards being stressful to students and parents
- ♦ Late charges should be after 3:30pm and 4:30pm. Parents do not intend to pick up children late.
- ♦ Field-trips; charges are ok but more variety in locations would be good
- ♦ ECA's opened up again for K2 students
- ♦ Bring back the Halloween event
- ♦ Waiting area for parents at front of school, with access to refreshments and toilets
- ♦ Insurance coverage is too low at 10,000 baht per accident

So, the school will consider these issues and report back to parents at the next PTA meeting on Monday 7 November. We will also update this section of the newsletter as well.







## Message from Admin

### Administration - Message from the office

**Term 2 invoices due date Friday 2 December, 2016**

**Central Promotion Come see us at Central Plaza from 8-14 October**

## 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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**TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER FROM 6-8PM**

Our student council is putting on our first movie night  
for parents and students.  
Come and join us on Tuesday 11 October from 6-8pm.

**Wear your pyjamas  
Bring your pillow and blanket  
Free popcorn  
Hot chocolate for sale**

**(to help raise money for student council activities)**