

Nakornpayap International School



“I see a world without war, hunger and racism.”

Peace begins within each person but won't happen in the world until peace becomes a global vision. On last month's International Day of Peace, students, staff, and teachers shared their thoughts and feelings on post-it notes. This word collage of the collective vision of NIS contains as many VOICES as would fit on the page.

“I see a world of people thinking of others first and not worried about themselves... everybody is equal... people giving money to poor people and soldiers from other countries shaking hands and smiling at each other... red, blue, yellow, a buddy, some teeth, car, and people... a world with no wars and a street with no trash, only trees and people... the inside of my eyelids.

“I see different people, all different but all people, people who accept each other despite perceived differences... a happy world of people holding hands... birds in the sky like a heart... everyone running around and playing... people and their pets... a world filled with fairness... people from everywhere becoming friends...

my brother playing Roblox with me... my family... the thing that I just saw before closing my eyes...

“I see a talking turtle... the sun on the sea horizon... nothing but nature, no alcohol, no cigarettes, just the sounds of nature... a unicorn over the rainbow... millions of smiles... the world having happiness... ice cream... a pink door... nature, trees, small creatures and running... nothing, just like my future...

“I see my brother playing with me nicely... friends are helping me... a dog and a cat and tree and a bird... a world without pain... friends being kind... my best friend Jenny and my dad and my sister and my mom... I see... Errr... (long pause)... (smile)... I honesty don't know...

“I see all my dreams get real... ocean and white clouds... reading a book in my room and listening to music... students welcoming new friends with love... a world where all animals are free and never used by humans for anything... a pretty blue bird in the forest... a world with no hate, no discrimination, just lots of love...”

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A Message from Mr. Steve

A teacher's job is not to prepare kids for something; a teacher's job is to help kids learn to prepare themselves for anything!
—A.J. Juliani

After 42 years in education I am still amazed and inspired by what I am truly privileged to observe at Nakornpayap International School. At the recent Wai Kru Day Ceremony, our students expressed their appreciation and admiration for their teachers and staff. And the Thai Department did an excellent job of organizing this event and the student performances that made it so memorable.

"Teachers Change Lives." During my opening remarks on the Wai Kru Day, I commented on how teachers change lives. In my years of experience I have found many teachers to be responsible for more than just academic enrichment. Great teachers connect with their students and reach them on multiple levels, because they are committed to their students' well-being both inside and outside the classroom. By forging strong relationships, our teachers are able to affect every aspect of their students' lives and teach essential life lessons to help them succeed beyond classroom assignments and standardized tests.

I **"drop-in"** to classrooms daily and observe learning environments that hold the students' fascination. I witness attentive students who are both challenged and intrigued.

NIS teachers inspire students to work harder to ensure their success while encouraging them to fulfil their potential. Students often look to their teachers as mentors with experience and knowledge. Teachers are also a trusted source of advice for students weighing important decisions in life. They help students pursue higher education, explore career opportunities, and compete in events some might otherwise have not thought themselves able to do.

Let me leave you with this thought. Whatever the student needs to help them excel, a life-changing teacher will be there for them!



The Roving Reporter



The question of the month from Mai, NIS' new Roving Reporter: "If you were ruler, king, or queen of everyone on earth, what would you do to make the world more peaceful?"



I would give food to all the homeless people.
—Valentino, G6



Make everybody share their toys.
—Aleena, K3



Stop deforestation by protecting the trees.
—Anthony, G7



Make everyone think about their surroundings and not be so selfish.
—Golf, G12

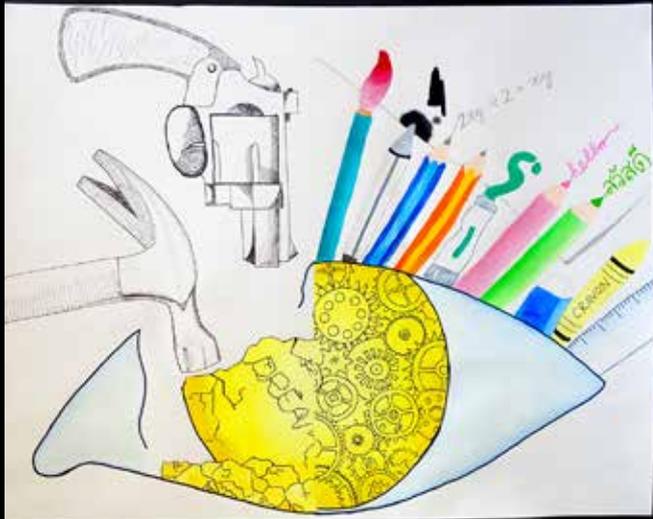
Together for Peace (and Art)

Hello! I'm Gai in G12. To celebrate the International Day of Peace on 21 September 2017, students from every grade level were encouraged to create art pieces that demonstrated the 17 major sustainable development goals adopted by 194 countries of the United Nations. Looking at the artwork and booths in the canteen made me happy and realize the NIS community really cares about the world we live in.

I really like the concept behind International Day of Peace because it isn't about one specific problem in our world. It's a day to raise awareness about every aspect of the issues and find solutions about how to make our home better for everyone. We can think and say that this world needs change, but it isn't easy to take action. I believe that celebrating this day at school at least helps students learn about the problems facing all people on earth.

This year's theme—*Together for Peace: Respect, Safety, and Dignity for All*—focuses on supporting refugees and migrants, the people who are forced to flee their homes. I hope that the world in which we live becomes a safe place for everyone. All of us have the right to be comfortable and happy in our home. Let's appreciate and help those who are in need of one.

NIS student Chiharu Ogita explains her artwork to the left. "Quality Education: Education builds your dreams. Many children in the world are given guns and hammers instead of pens and books. There is a big separation. Every person has the right to education, because we all have our own ways to our dreams."



NIS Hosts the Chiang Mai Concert Band Festival



On 21 September, all of our Grade 9 music students took part in the fifth annual International Schools of Chiang Mai Concert Band Music Festival. This three-day festival gave students the opportunity to play in a mass performance ensemble, participate in instrument-specific rehearsals under the guidance of professional music instructors, and perform in a concert to a crowd of over 300 people packed into the NIS auditorium.

More than 100 student musicians from five Chiang Mai schools—NIS, Lanna, PREM, CMIS, and Grace—played their part in the festival. Music teachers from each of these

international schools meet regularly to plan the yearly event. This is the first year that NIS hosted this splendid Festival.

"It provides a unique opportunity for students and teachers to make positive meaningful relationships and collaborate with students from a variety of music backgrounds," said NIS Middle and High School music teacher, Mr. Kevin Bradley. "It's brilliant."

"The Music Festival was a huge success," said NIS principal, Mr. Stephen Roderick, "a truly amazing event when you consider all of the variables that must be addressed to get students from five schools to



perform at such a high level in three short days. Mr. Kevin, Mr. Derek, and music teachers from all the other schools, as well as the many NIS staff who volunteered to help, did an exemplary job!"

Measure twice.



Cut once.



Hi! I'm Mr. Dave Duncan, the Social Sciences teacher currently involved in one of the exciting changes this year at NIS. I'm particularly enthusiastic about our new STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) offering design and technology instruction in woodworking, MMA (Manual Metal Arc welding), blacksmithing, metalworking, and Raku pottery.

With more than twenty years of teaching experience and thirty-plus years of vocational experience, I feel I'm able to offer our students viable options for their career paths. Parents can rest assured that their children are being challenged and prepared for a promising future.

Stocked with essential hand and power tools, our new facility gives us extensive options for collaborative class projects that previously

would've been impossible to do.

Our Environmental Science, World Issues, and the Design and Technology classes are joining to develop and complete a 600-plant aquaponic system on a footprint of less than ten square meters! The inspiration came from our "Hunger Action Month" this last September. Our class brainstormed ways to bring about change in our local community. Soon we'll have fresh veggies to distribute to the poor! I hope this altruistic approach will develop empathy and compassion within our student body.

It has been very rewarding for me to see the progress in student achievement in only a few weeks. They are gaining new knowledge, confidence and skills that will be with them for a lifetime, and as a teacher, I find that very satisfying!



With safety goggles protecting her eyes from flying dust, Monica cuts plywood with a circular saw.



Hoping to avoid pounding Jun's bare hands, Sae secures wooden dowels into a section of a new workshop table.



Louis, Mr. Dave, and Angel create a wooden mallet. Why buy tools when you can make them yourself?



Aaron cuts once after Mr. Dave made sure he measured twice. Tony stands ready with a mallet to pound anything.



Mr. Dave, Andy, Aran, and Kla attach the class-made legs to one of the class-made workshop tables.

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