

High School Newsletter

OCTOBER, 2019

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS – NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2019

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| ➤ 1-4 November | Bali MUN Conference |
| ➤ 8 November | Bulan Bahasa Assembly |
| ➤ 9 November | Prophet's Birthday |
| ➤ 9-10 November | Surabaya MUN (Singapore National Academy) |
| ➤ 13 November | World Kindness Day |
| ➤ 13 November | IB Diploma (DP) Pathways Meeting (Grade 10) |
| ➤ 25 November | Teacher Appreciation Day |
| ➤ 27 November | Ball Games |
| ➤ 3-6 December | Semester 1 Exams |
| ➤ 7-8 December | OSIS Karate Cup |
| ➤ 13 December | Parent Teacher Conferences |
| ➤ 13 December | Last day of Semester 1 |
| ➤ 14 December-5 January | SEMESTER 1 BREAK |

***Mr. Terry Swain
High School Coordinating Principal***

TERM 1 REVIEW

I'm sure you will all agree it has been a busy and successful first term for the High School! Apart from getting students settled into their daily routine and immersed in their academic work, we have achieved quite a lot over the past few months. Highlights of Term 1 include IB Diploma (DP) students working on their Group 4 Project, our annual grade level parent meetings, ongoing work by staff on the school's IB self-study and WASC accreditation preparation, several overseas university/college visits, Spirit Week, Independence Day celebrations, MAP assessment (Grade 7), World Scholars Cup (WSC) event in Sydney, our Boys and Girls Basketball and cheerleading teams participating in a local competition, our annual Athletics Afternoon event, the very successful (Sekolah) Ciputra Cup 2019, multiple emergency evacuation drills, first-aid training for staff, our first two Coffee Mornings (for High School parents), several educational field trips, Camp Week Programme, Parent-Teacher Conferences, etc. All the events mentioned were very successful and most importantly, enhanced our students' and teachers' overall educational experience.

As always, the High School staff and I feel honoured to be a part of your child's development. We thank you for your trust and are looking forward to working with you for the remainder of Term 2 and beyond.

COFFEE MORNING #1 - FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2019

Our very first Coffee Morning was held on Friday 13 September with a reasonably good turn out of parents - thank you. A number of items were addressed with worthwhile discussion taking place. The following is a summary of these discussions with comments from those present in *italics*:

1. **Communication:** How we can further improve parent/school communication?
 - *Managebac is an effective communication tool between the school and home.*
 - *Email works well too.*
 - *Some parents want to know more about working with Managebac, so a Managebac workshop for parents will be scheduled in Term 2.*
 - *Information about competitions with other schools needs to be shared with parents.*
 - *Coffee mornings are a welcome idea and should be held regularly throughout the academic year.*
 - *Parents have respectfully requested that more (positive) regular updates about their child's progress be shared throughout each term.*
2. **Absenteeism:** We currently have a growing issue where students are being withdrawn from school at all times of the day, with parental permission, for matters considered to be 'personal' or of a 'family matter' nature. This not only affects the student's learning but it can also impact on the learning of other students in their classes and the preparation done by teachers.
 - *It was suggested by one parent that the High School needs to have an attendance/leave early data file for each student which is referred to if/when attendance becomes an issue. The school does have an attendance policy which will be socialised in due course to help families understand the implications of poor attendance and tardiness.*
3. **School Events v Academics:** Recently, we allowed students to attend a basketball game (with parental permission) in support of one of our student basketball teams.
 - *It was suggested that, as a school, we needed to reconsider whether allowing this to happen is a good thing or not.*
4. **Parent Support Group (PSG):** The PSG is a voluntary parent organisation that meets regularly to help the school with a range of academic and social events. If you are interested in joining, you can contact the High School Administration Office.
 - *A parent at our meeting asked for clarification about the role of our PSG and what steps a parent needed to take to join this group (answer appears above).*

COFFEE MORNING #2 - FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER, 2019

Last Friday (25 Oct) morning, we held our second Coffee Morning of the 2019-2020 academic year. A summary of the items discussed during this meeting will be shared in our next Newsletter scheduled to be issued at the end of Semester 1 (13 December). Thank you again to all who attended this event. Please find a way to attend our next Coffee Morning (#3 - date to be confirmed soon) - the more we work together, the more we grow!

MANAGEBAC TRAINING FOR HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS

A ManageBac training session will be held for High School parents on **Thursday 7 November** from **8:00am-9:30am**. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about the use of ManageBac and to find out how it could be both beneficial to themselves and their child(ren). It is also a way to further enhance school-home communication regarding our students' learning.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (PTCs)

Parent Teacher Conferences (PTCs) are a wonderful opportunity to further enhance school-home communication regarding a child's learning. The timing of our recent conferences (Wednesday 30 October) was decided with student growth in mind. We wanted to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to have the chance to officially connect while there was still plenty of time left in the school year to have an impact on a child's success. Thank you to those who were able to make it. For those of you who couldn't join us, please feel free to contact us anytime to discuss your child's progress.

ANTI-BULLYING DRIVE

Bullying in schools is a significant problem worldwide and is one of the most antisocial behaviours among adolescents and children. There is an abundance of research available which suggests the best ways to create a bully-free environment in schools. While the methods are all slightly different, there seems to be a common factor in each: education. Teaching all members of our school community to define, identify, and deal with bullying is an excellent way to stamp out bullying. When members of our school community are able to identify unacceptable behaviour, they can better address it. It takes a community of support to put an end to bullying.

Bullying is not confined to one location in our school, nor is it contained by the walls of our buildings. It happens everywhere people gather. Therefore, it is important for ALL members of the Sekolah Ciputra community to support the prevention of bullying. Term 2 will see a primary focus on creating a bullying-free environment in the High School.

HIGH SCHOOL REMINDERS

Absence Procedure

When a High School student is absent due to illness, injury or an emergency, parents must either:

- Call the High School Administration Office Attendance Hotline on (031) 21001716 ext. 7403 or 7411 OR
- Email Ms. Yunita (yunitaaryanti@sekolahciputra.sch.id) or Mr. Eka (adepermana@sekolahciputra.sch.id).

On a student's return to school, if a student has been absent for more than two (2) consecutive days, a doctor's certificate must be provided.

Disruptions to Learning

Physically being present in school is one of the most basic conditions for a student's academic success. There is an obvious correlation between frequent absenteeism of students and poor academic achievement. This is because when a student is absent from class(es), it results in unlearned course material from fewer hours of instruction. Being absent can also impact negatively on the learning of other students due to the disruption of class instruction for teachers who have to continually administer remediation for the absent student when he/she returns to school. Excessive student absence from school is legitimate grounds for the non-registration of a student, requesting a student to complete makeup work, repeating a grade level and/or requesting a student to leave.

With this in mind, we require your cooperation in minimising the amount of time you approve your child to be out of school. Please refer to our Attendance Policy on the school's website: www.sekolahciputra.sch.id ⇒

For Parents ⇒ School Policies for Students ⇒ 3.9 Attendance.pdf

Mr. Budhi Harto
Vice Principal - Student Welfare

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILLS

On Monday 23 September the High School held its second emergency evacuation drill for the school year. It took less than 5 minutes to vacate everyone to the shared field area adjacent to the Student Carpark. It took a further 5½ minutes to check and confirm attendance - a total time of just over 10 minutes. The third emergency evacuation drill involved the entire school and was held on Thursday 31 October, 2019. We managed to check and confirm attendance in a record time of 7 minutes 30 seconds - well done everyone!

Mr. Justin Hayward
Assistant DP Coordinator / Head of Faculty for Humanities

Sekolah Ciputra makes a big difference to 50 Families in need on World Food Day



High School students during September, managed to bring into school a staggering amount of staple food items, including 40 pouches of oil; 54 packs of salt; 66 packs of sugar; 124 bottles of soy sauce; 301 packs of noodles; 71 5kg bags of rice and 68 tins of corned beef. All of these items were then sorted and packed into 50 boxes by Grade 11 CAS volunteer students in readiness for dispatch.

One of these students, Davina Faith Hadinyoto remarked when packing the food items 'It is quite exhausting work, but it is also satisfying to see everyone working together and this is honestly the least we can do to help families in need'.

On World Food Day itself, the locally based food waste social enterprise, Garda pangan visited the school to collect the food boxes and along with the Grade 12 students spent the afternoon out in the community making deliveries to the fifty families in need.

The High School students efforts in relation to World Food Day on 16 October culminated in a very large and extremely welcome delivery of 50 boxes of staple food items to a community project in Benowo, whom house individuals and families who have suffered from leprosy and the stigma surrounding it.





The experience was an eye opener for a number of those students. Edgar Wangsadirja commented 'Leprosy has been seen under a harsh and cruel light by society, even ex lepers are often shunned and looked down upon. I hope that our activity will educate others, just like how it did us the importance of giving, and how you can give people more than just materialistic gifts, but also hope'.

Dedhy Bharoto Trunoyudho from Garda Pangan, commented 'We have worked with Sekolah Ciputra for two years now and we have always been very impressed by the school, who let the students have a direct interaction with the people in need'.



World Food Day (WFD) is celebrated each year on 16 October to promote 'worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all. Events are organised in up to 150 countries across the world, making it one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar'.
Source: Food Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations.

Shannon Melody Grade 7 Student - Camp Report



Hi, my name is Shannon Melody and I'm from Grade 7. It's an honour for me to have this opportunity to share my camp experience. A little spoiler, it'll show the roller coaster of emotions that I've gone through in this first High School camp experience. This camp happened not so long ago, it was on the 30th of September and continued for 4 nights and five days until the 4th of October. I learned a bunch of new things and life lessons. I

even did some activities that I actually hadn't planned to join. During this camp to Pandaan, it felt different from any other camp that I had joined. Somehow, it felt more exhausting but trust me, it is worth it.



This camp was a little hard for me because I felt really homesick, I had never been separated from my parents for that long. I was really grateful that the teachers could understand the situation and let our parents visit us. Dealing with homesick, I always try to think positively and always remind myself that if you can't be separated from your parents for 4 nights, how can you learn how to adapt in the real world and how could you learn how to survive without them. I try to make myself realize that 4 days will pass like a flash and just have fun! Like most of the students, it was my first time sleeping in a tent. The first night was a nightmare because I couldn't settle to the tent situation and I could not sleep because my body felt sore. But the second day's activity was pretty exhausting so that directly drove me to sleep and luckily I was fast asleep until 5 five in the morning. The bonfire was very emotional for me. Ms. Niken's stunning speech almost made everyone cry. I've learned a lot of new things and tried new things that I had never done before. Funny story, it was my first time river tubing, me and my 9 friends have planned the river tubing position that we wanted to choose, but suddenly the river tubing crew grouped me with the teachers. At first, it was kind of awkward but I immediately lost that feeling and had fun anyways. I was sad when the river tubing was over because it was so fun and it's the most fun activity in my opinion. It is also my first time cooking by myself, only with my friends and a little bit of an adult's help. We had a few disagreements about the taste, some said that's it's too salty and some said that it's too sweet and we tried to figure out our own solution together, as a team. To sum up, this camp was a really fun and challenging experience. It taught me to be tough, independent, responsible, cooperative and caring to others. Though it was tiring, it wasn't a pain to join this camp. To be honest, I miss camp already. There were a bunch of memories, sweet and bitter during this Grade 7 'Ready to Take Off' Camp. Next, Grade 8 camp, here I come!



***Mr. Iven Wiraga
Grade 8 Manager - Camp Report***

Grade 8's camp was located in Petung Sewu Adventure (PWEC) Malang. Our students spent 5 days 4 nights together.

There were many challenging activities such as wildlife photography, airsoft gun, flying fox and many more. Students also got to make traditional food and even participate in the martial art, Pencak silat. One of the many highlights of the camp involved our visit to a local school, SDN Kucur 3, where our students interacted with students from the school. While the wifi access on this camp was limited, the connections our students made with the local community and each other were memorable.



Nasya Lilananda **Grade 9 Student - Camp Report**

On the 30th of September-4th of October, Sekolah Ciputra High School held its annual camp week. This year, the grade 9 students went to Probolinggo and Gili Ketapang island. Our camp's theme was inspired by the quote "Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me." by Carol Burnett.

This year's camp was different and quite a challenge compared to the previous two years. We had lots of new activities such as trust jump in a river, cycling, snorkeling, and rafting. We also did a lot of team activities and games such as paintball and high ropes.



We also did 2 service as actions in the camp which are visited a local school named MI RAUDLATUL HASAN and beach cleaning at Gili ketapang island. On the 3rd night, everyone did a night walk and made a pledge for themselves during this camp. My biggest challenge was sleeping in a tent for four nights straight. It also rained on the fourth night, so we gathered our things and moved into cottages. However, I had a lot of fun experiencing challenges and fun with my friends. I think above all we built a stronger bond and learned more about each other in just five days.

"Only I can change my life. No one can do it for me." by Carol Burnett.

Bernadine Kayla Kristila **Grade 10 Student - Camp Report**

*Rise to the Challenge....*that is the Grade 10's camp theme for this year. We came to realise that the school camp becomes more challenging as we grow. Many people would think that our camp is one of the nicest and most relaxing camps. I have to admit this school camp is really nice, but I would disagree on the "relaxing" part and here's why. Going to Magelang and Jogja by bus, it is really tiring since I have to sit on my seat for around 5 hours, but I get to enjoy passing the long highway roads and we get a rest and lunch stops during the journey. When we reach Karangrejo village in Magelang for the 1st and 2nd day, I knew I have to start facing those challenges that are outside of my comfort zone. In Karangrejo village, we lived in the houses of the villagers in Desa Karangrejo for 2 nights, trekking to Puthuk Sethumbu and Gereja Ayam to enjoy the sunrise, do our SA (Service and Action) at the village's balkondes, help the villagers to do their work, and create a performance on the last night at the village. On the 3rd day of the camp, we left Karangrejo village to proceed on our journey to Jogja and face more challenging activities. Before reaching Jogja, we joined the lava tour to Mount Merapi. It was a pleasant journey as we explore the history referring to Mount Merapi, pass very rocky roads and got splashed by water. After the lava tour, we continue our challenging activities in Jogja throughout the 3rd and 4th day, which are the amazing



race in Malioboro and Keraton Yogyakarta, sandboarding, archery, rappelling, and play traditional games. On the last night in Jogja, we head to Candi Prambanan to relax and enjoy the Ramayana Ballet show. Finally, we headed back to Sekolah Ciputra by bus, which gives the sign that the Grade 10 school camp has ended.

This camp wouldn't end well without the high enthusiasm of the students, the physical condition of all the students was good (nobody got sick during the camp), and most importantly, the great support from the parents. The school camp has shaped us to not only become better individuals, but also to be prepared with any challenges coming to us. The school camp is great for character education for students outside of school. Despite the challenges and the conflicts faced during camp, I will cherish every moment during this school camp and won't ever regret joining this camp.

Caitlyn Hannah Timotius
Grade 11 Student - Camp Report



Every year our school holds a camp week, when each year level goes on their own camping trip. A few weeks ago, Grade 11 spent their camp week in Banyuwangi. We travelled our 7 hour journey by train and although it sounds like quite a long journey, we were able to make use of our time by bonding with our fellow schoolmates.

During our trip we stayed at Ketapang Indah Hotel, a resort with great facilities and a beautiful view of a beach just alongside the residential area. After every breakfast, we spent our free time taking walks near the beach and enjoying the light ocean-breeze as the sun shined on our faces or exploring the resort. Throughout our

5-day trip, we were occupied by fun-filled activities such as trekking through Baluran National Park to Bama Beach, rappelling, snorkeling at Menjangan Island, hiking Mt. Ijen and catching the remarkable sunrise and view of the mountains, and visiting a tourist-focused village where we learned about their traditional dance, music, and culinary. Although I did not join the snorkeling activity due to personal reasons, my friends and I, or as we liked to call ourselves the "anti-snorkeling club", were able to have just as much of a good time by playing with the baby sharks that were being sheltered at the destination. On our last night, we also had a garden dinner on the shore alongside the ocean at the hotel and we had extremely entertaining, touching, and fantastic performances from both our students and teachers.

If I had to choose, the highlights of the trip were definitely hiking Mt. Ijen, snorkeling at Menjangan Island, and our last night's garden dinner. Not only were the views absolutely, hands-down incredible, but the time we spent hiking up the mountain chasing after the sunrise, exploring the depths of the glistening blue

waters, and taking countless numbers of photographs were really what made the moments so significant. Tears were shed and laughter filled the air, but it was the amount of joy you could see radiating from everyone that truly made it special. It was about enjoying each moment, it was about the inside-jokes we made, it was about experiencing new activities, it was about the greater bonds we built with each other, and most importantly, it was about the way we all went from friends to family. Now we've come back stronger, greater, and better together, ready to take on whatever obstacles that head our way as a family.



Valleryna Putri Amanda
Grade 12 Student - Camp Report

Grade 12 camp was an overwhelming experience. If I had to sum it up, and speak for everyone in grade 12, this year's camp is a bittersweet memory with a sour aftertaste. Everything that we went through, emotionally, physically, and even socially in camp was quite an experience that will be hard to forget. It reminds us all that we don't grow when things are easy, which is a motto that we abide to for four years. This year however, we have a new motto, "It has been a wonderful journey."

A lot of memories were made during this camp, since it is our last one, we took this chance to relish every moment and every second. Everything went well during camp, there were a few mishaps here and there but thankfully it did not affect our spirits. Physically, there weren't anything challenging per say, but there were some physical activities that pushed us to be more of a risk-taker and take the initiative to test our limits. One of which was the trekking and the water activities we did on the boat. All of which pushed us to take risks and be open to try new things. To break out of our shells almost. But camp was not just about physical activities, it was also about being more open-minded socially. This year, everyone in Grade 12 came together to celebrate the last chapter of our journey. Friends worked together to help each other out and make memories with the whole grade. Settling differences, and disregarding cliques to simply enjoy the moment with everyone.

This brings us to the hardest part. The emotional challenges that we went through during this camp. There were two things that stood out the most amongst all the other emotions we felt. First one, the chills we get after arriving at our second hotel. Most of us slept in bundles to shake off the shivering in our spines. Lights would turn on and off on its own, people would hear knocks on their door with nobody outside and the doors of empty rooms would be left open. It was definitely a memorable place to stay in, everyone couldn't sleep and told scary stories. Lastly, our last big hurrah before we separated, we had a dinner on a cruise for our last big stop. It was fun, there was dancing, singing, games and even tears. Even when we arrived back at port, we simply couldn't let go. That's why the whole journey was bittersweet with a sour aftertaste. We ended it sweetly, bitter from having to separate and sour knowing that it truly is over. But, nonetheless, it truly has been a great journey.



OSIS CIPUTRA CUP 2019

After a term's worth of hard work, it was finally time for OSIS (High School Student Council) to hold its'biggest event of the year - Ciputra Cup 2019 - with hopes of creating amazing opportunities for students to develop their sport skills and strengthen our relationships with the wider community. The event kicked off on Wednesday 16 October and finished on Saturday 26 October. Soccer and basketball matches were held on campus, after school and on the two Saturdays.

The first week comprised of soccer matches, with over 350 soccer participants - ranging from elementary to high school. Week 2 saw the basketball competition start, involving over 400 talented basketball players - girls, junior boys and senior boys divisions. The last day of Ciputra Cup 2019 saw IPH East win the senior boys basketball division, while Petra 3 won the junior boys division. The girls' division was won by Petra 1 in the end. SMK St. Louis came out on top, winning the senior boys soccer division. Al Azhar 13 took out 1st place in the junior boys soccer division while Mudammadiyah 15 won the elementary soccer division.

Ciputra Cup 2019 involved over 750 students, 90 coaches, 10 vendors, and 8 amazing sponsors - all from different parts of East Java. The Student Council of Sekolah Ciputra, OSIS, would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone involved and those who gave of their time, ensuring a very successful event.

***Timothy Christian Setioso
Grade 12 Student - Habitat for Humanity***

Habitat for Humanity Indonesia held an annual event to commemorate our national Youth Pledge Day. This year, I got a chance to participate in this event, called 28uild (read: to build), which was held on Saturday, 26th October 2019 in Wringianom village, in Gresik.

This program was open to the public, our school are allowed to send 20 participants only. I was so excited to register. Before the event, I did my own research about Habitat for Humanity. I learn that Habitat for Humanity typically builds houses that have a reinforced concrete structure, brick walls and a lightweight steel roof. Each house is between 26 and 28 square meters in size, with two bedrooms, a multipurpose room as well as water and sanitation and waste disposal facilities.



In this event, I had an experience to try building a house using light bricks and cement, I made friends with students from other schools as well.

I notice that this non-governmental organization are very beneficial for villagers living in poorer areas. It could help them have decent houses for their family and I believe it could help reduce poverty. I felt blessed joining this experience because I could bring an impact for them and I come up with one quote related to this experience which is "Blessed to be a blessing." This program is improving the state of the natural environment, encouraging the observance of human rights, and improving the welfare of the disadvantaged.

From their motto, "Building homes, saving lives, building HOPE!" I could conclude that by joining this service experience, we build hope for people that need houses and I am proud that I was part of this experience.

Caitlyn Hannah Timotius
Grade 11 Student - Entrepreneur Class Report



During one of our recent entrepreneur classes, we had two guest speakers who are fantastic entrepreneurs themselves and are able to create their own businesses. One of them was a Sekolah Ciputra alumni; Felix Son who created a business selling honey combs. The other guest speaker is one of our own students - Ryan Tanadi - who started an online glasses shop and an online reptile accessory store.

Although both of their businesses are successful, it wasn't an easy process to get to where they are now business-wise. Felix faced issues from business financial problems to discouragement from his own family

members. But this didn't stop him from developing this business. He continued the business and sought for realistic solutions to his issues one by one. As for Ryan, he also faced multiple problems such as discouragement from his parents to time management between school and his businesses. However, he was able to come up with his own working system to balance out his duties as a student and business owner.

These guest speakers are merely two from countless entrepreneurs that have made their dreams possible by hardwork and persistence. We can all be inspired to follow in their footsteps and start our careers despite our age or other factors, as long as we work hard and never give up. (Caitlyn Hannah Timotius 11 Science)

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