







# NEWSLETTER

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sekolah Ciputra Family,

What a wonderful year for the school. It has been fantastic to experience that sense of partnership within the whole community. This was very evident as we breezed through our WASC mid-cycle review. The visiting team commented on the involvement of parents, students, staff, alumni and the wider community in our school. This partnership has grown stronger and stronger as the years go on.

The school has focussed very closely on the area of wellbeing this year. We have a professional learning group consisting of staff, students and parents who are working together to develop a plan for enhancing wellbeing for all community members. They have drafted a policy which has been ratified by the Board of Trustees and are now putting in place plans for building this capacity within the school.

Speaking of the Board, thank you very much to the Ciputra Board, with special note to Pak Denny and Pak Sutoto Yakobus who do so much to support the school. The Board invests so much time, money, and effort into the school. We look forward to the opening of our new entrepreneurship block and also the huge investment in technology that is being made.

Thank you to Ibu Nency and the whole PSG. Once again you have done us proud. We had the pleasure of thanking you and the team for all your hard work and look forward to the new team, led by Ibu Ayleen working with us next year. It has also been wonderful to note the increased footprint of the Alumni Association. We had two Alumni sporting events as well as widespread support in a whole range of educational projects. Pak Willy is doing a great job. Thank you and God bless the students and staff of the school. This time of the year gives us the opportunity of reflecting on the year gone by with pride. The bittersweet part of this is that we say farewell to our grade 12 cohort and some staff both local and expatriate. Thank you all for the wonderful contribution you have made weaving your lives into the ongoing Sekolah Ciputra story.

We welcome the new year with anticipation. The roll will be close to, if not the biggest it has ever been, and we are fully staffed and rearing to go. We wish everyone a safe and happy break and look forward to meeting again in late July. God bless you all.

Martin Blackburn **Executive Principal** 

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

17 June Idul Adha Holiday 17 June - 26 July **End of Year Holiday** 25 July Welcoming New Students and Parents 29 July First day for students

## A MESSAGE FROM PYP



What a whirlwind of a year it has been! Time truly flew by, but oh, what a delightful journey we've had. Our PYP students have been brimming with excitement and activity, making this year not just busy, but immensely enjoyable.

This year marked the debut of our Elite Sporting Teams in Basketball and Soccer. We've seen a surge in student participation in these ECAs, setting the stage for an even more thrilling year ahead with our expanding Elite squads. And here's the best part: our Elite teams are now mixed, empowering our female athletes to shine brighter than ever before. What an exhilarating first for us!

Artistic talent also took center stage with the formation of our first Elite Art Team. Their spectacular creations dazzled us all during the Art Exhibition, showcasing the extraordinary talents of our young artists. We can't wait to see this area grow and bring us an even grander exhibition next year.

The World Scholars Cup was another highlight, with participation numbers soaring and Sekolah Ciputra hosting yet another outstanding event. Hats off to all our teams advancing to the next round – your hard work and brilliance are truly inspiring!

This year also saw the introduction of the PAIS and PAT tests for PYP 3-6, providing us with a gratifying measure of our growth through standardized tools. Our progress has been remarkable, with above-world-average levels in Math, English, and Science. Meanwhile, our younger students in PYP B, 1, and 2 have surpassed previous reading levels, and our strength in languages is evident in the numerous competitions where our students excelled in Bahasa Indonesia and Mandarin. We are bursting with pride over Sekolah Ciputra's local and international standing.

Our grade level assemblies were nothing short of wonderful, as students shared their learning journeys with a focus on sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals [SDGs]. We were introduced to two new eco-heroes, Michelle Recycle and Mr. Eco, who joined forces with Michael Recycle to teach us about plastic pollution and ways to reduce our environmental impact. Our Eco School Committee also celebrated its first awards, recognizing our Contributors and Eco Warriors. The growth and change we've witnessed have been simply inspiring.

As always, the end of the year brings heartfelt farewells. Our PYP 6 students are moving on, with many just a short walk away to new adventures within our school, while others venture to different parts of the country and the world. We wish them all the very best and hope they carry fond memories of their time at Sekolah Ciputra.

We are also saying goodbye to some cherished teachers. Pak Didik is retiring to enjoy a well-deserved life of leisure. Ms. Hana and Ms. Jessica are both leaving to get married, while Ms. Miranda and Pak Ferdian are off to new adventures. Ms. Bianca and her family are moving to Phuket, Thailand, after four wonderful years with us. Ms. Jen is returning to New Zealand, and Ms. Gillian is embarking on a world tour of mountain climbing and adventure seeking! We wish them all the health, happiness, and success in their future endeavors.

Finally, allow us to extend our heartfelt thanks to you all for being such brilliant partners in this challenging job we have undertaken together. Educating children in today's world is a little more difficult than it used to be and it is because we work together, that we get this job done so well! Thank you for your honest and respectful feedback; thank you for always being ready to support us in whatever way we need.

On that note, we would like to wish you all a happy holiday! May everyone enjoy a relaxing and peaceful rest. Stay safe and remember to take care of yourselves, to take care of each other, and to take care of our beautiful world.

### HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a very successful school year in the High School, and I want to thank everyone for helping to make it this way. It has been a year packed with athletic competitions (including our new Volleyball and Badminton Teams), artistic exhibitions and performances, OSIS events and overall academic excellence by our amazing students.

We had our 12th Grade Leavers Assembly on June 4th, and the 12th Grade Graduation on June 7th. Both events brought laughter and tears of joy as we reflected on the experiences our graduates have had during their high school years. We wish them the best of luck as they move on to their next adventures around the world!

Our 10th Grade MYP Completion Ceremony took place on June 13th, and was another opportunity to reflect on the learning journey of our students as they completed the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) and prepare for their transition to the IB Diploma Programme (DP) over their next two years. Universities around the world prefer the IBDP over every other high school curriculum as the best way to prepare students for success at the university level. We look forward to our students taking on this new challenge as they prepare for their own future hopes and dreams.

OSIS held its Prom at the Pakuwon Imperial Ballroom on June 8th. Students and staff were dressed to impress, and it was a magical way to celebrate the end of the school year in style. Our end of year assembly took place on June 11th, and was the perfect way for the current OSIS Captain, Lee Si Hyeon, and Vice-Captain, Sanny Tansa, to end their time leading this important student representative group and hand over the reigns to our newly elected Captain, Nikolas Yusuf, and Vice-Captain, Feyy Yolwans. We thank them for all of their hard work this year and wish our new team the best of luck as they begin preparing for next year.

Students received their 2nd semester report cards in ManageBac on our final day of lessons, which was June 13th. June 14th was the final Parent Teacher Conferences, where parents could meet with teachers to discuss their child's final grades and ask questions in preparation for next school year. Our first day of the 2024-2025 school year will be Monday, July 29th. We hope everyone has a safe break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school then.



# SHREK A CONTINUUM PRODUCTION

March 4 to 7 marked the week of another hugely successful Sekolah Ciputra production. The play had two main directives: to involve both high school and elementary school students and to be student-led, and I am happy to report that both were successfully achieved. Students from grade 4 to grade 11 participated in the production and each department was led by Grade 11 students with a teacher advisor.

The amazing thing about directing this play was the contributions made by all the students. The music department added songs and accompanying music that complemented the action so well. The costume and makeup department helped the actors get into character with detailed makeup and beautiful costumes. The dances showed diverse and immense talent with a bubbly fun show opener and a beautiful elegant wedding dance that I watched with awe. The actors spent months learning their movements, actions and lines in rehearsal and I thought we had done enough but on the night everyone found a new level that really brought the show to life.

What happens on stage is enhanced by what happens backstage. The set and props departments highlighted the artistic and design capabilities of our school. Each department put in a lot of effort to make the stage come alive with beautiful backdrops and representative sets. Each time I asked for something new or changed an idea the departments rose to the challenge. Lighting and sound had the least time to prepare with only a few rehearsals using the equipment before the show but they improved on ideas I had and mastered the technological aspects of the show quickly. Our production department provided multi-media support, photographed everything and ensured the smooth running of the production week.

One student who was an integral part of producing Shrek was Tymmy Hector Wuisan. As a writer, co-director and dancer for the show, he helped with organizing all the students and ensuring the high standards we achieved. This is how Tymmy felt about being part of the production:

"This year's production marks another great core memory for me. Even though the journey was filled with numerous problems and stress, I would do it all over again. This year's production has taught me how to direct, visualize and lead people, lessons which have impacted me greatly and I know will aid me as I set out into the real world. This year's production has allowed me to make new friends, learn new skills and be a part of something that feels like family"

The arts are a fundamental part of any school and we all thank Sekolah Ciputra for supporting the production each year and giving our students the opportunity to shine. Congratulations to everyone for another exciting and memorable school production.

#### Mr Simon



# GRADE 10 PERSONAL PROJECT



By creating a topic called "Fashion as the Key to Sustainability", I made a Cosmetic Brand 100% made out of Natural ingredients. I created "Virgin Angel", to create a make-up product that enhance beauty and safe for sensitive skin community. My products are Lipbalm, Blush, and Eyeliner. My product's safety has been verified by professors from UBAYA (Universitas Surabaya). I also created an organic clothing product (Arta Bumandhala) by Angeline Wong Collection. The Personal Project allows me to explore more skills that I have. I hope my products can encourage more sustainability in the fashion world.

### Angeline Virginia Wong - Grade 10



The personal project is an opportunity for us to develop our known strengths and innovate new things. I came up with the music idea of "healing music therapy" The guitar is one of my hobbies. It really boosts my mood and it's also relaxing. My product goal is to compose and record the instrumental songs into the USB. This helps the user to listen to the music in a safe and easier way. The USB has the ability to store a significant amount of data in a portable device and reduce the risk of misplaced or lost material. My learning goal is to acquire knowledge about the therapeutic potential of music addressing to mental health challenges and to also gain an understanding of how different kinds of rhythms and techniques in music can impact mood, stress, and overall well-being. This project aims to uncover the science behind music therapy and its potential as an approach to traditional mental health treatment.

#### Pedro Japutra - Grade 10



# MY WORLD SCHOLARS CUP EXPERIENCE

Participating in the World Scholars Cup (WSC) was an unforgettable experience. Sekolah Ciputra gives numerous training sessions that assisted me in improving my skills. The coaches were super helpful, they helped strengthen our debating abilities and collaborative writing. It was challenging but the coaches kept it enjoyable and supportive. The World Scholar's Cup was more than just a competition for me; it also allowed me to express my knowledge and enthusiasm in front of the junior and cria teams, and therefore I was full of suggestions and tips for how to help them improve.

The day of the competition was undeniably nerve-wracking. The stress was extremely high, yet an underlying stream of thrilling excitement existed. Debates are the most enjoyable part of the competition mainly because you can use reasoning and emotion to make the case for yourself. The themes are consistently interesting, ranging from time travel to great artwork, therefore one must be versatile and quick-thinking. The Scholar's Challenge is also my favourite part! You get to delve deeply into various areas, including social studies, special areas, art, and literature. You're given multiple-choice questions, but there's a catch: you may select multiple answers! The objectives expand beyond basic memorization. They push you to use your understanding to draw connections throughout diverse areas.

WSC is fiercely competitive but is about much more than trophies and medals. It's about the adventure and the bonds that you form. One of my favorite aspects of our practice was the ability to cooperate with teams from all grades. It was an unforgettable journey that encouraged a teamwork and academic growth. Looking back, I am delighted with our team's results. We pushed one another, learned a lot, and enjoyed a great time doing it. In other words, if you've been waiting to push yourself, increase your skill set, and meet some wonderful individuals, join the World Scholar's Cup.



#### Annabelle Fiona Santoso

