Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

What a fantastic term. It has been wonderful to see the involvement of students, staff, alumni and parents in our many events so far this year. I want to take the opportunity to highlight a few of the major achievements we have enjoyed this term.

We began with the great news of our International Baccalaureate Diploma results. Our biggest cohort to-date enjoyed our best ever pass rate without compromising the overall average. It was brilliant to see how far ahead of the world average Sekolah Ciputra was. The good news continued with our outstanding university acceptances both locally and internationally. It is a pleasure to work in a school that has a clear sense of itself, a strong strategy and measurable annual targets and goals. The first ever Sekolah Ciputra Alumni Association (SCAA) reunion was held last month with almost 300 attending. It was a privilege to meet so many amazing individuals who have graduated from the school over the last 20 years. Seeing friendships rekindled, emotional reunions and lots of laughter made my night. The pride our Alumni showed was especially visible when they sung the Hymne.

Sekolah Ciputra. Thanks to the committee, their hard work paid off with a successful and well organised event.

The most important part of our school is the individual student. The lengths that our staff go to with their planning and preparation to ensure that teaching and learning is optimised, is evident. Every small step on the learning journey is important and the role of the teacher is perhaps the most significant. Thank you to all our teachers for their contribution to an excellent term.

Looking ahead, the Parent Support Group (PSG) are busy preparing for the upcoming Bazaar “School Spirit”. It promises to be an outstanding event and doubles as our Open Day. I encourage you to take advantage of the generous discounts offered during our Open Days. If you have friends or family members who are looking at Sekolah Ciputra, this is a great opportunity to check out our school. As mentioned previously, there are limited additional places available.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday break. See you in Term 2.

Martin Blackburn
Executive Principal

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

1-5 October
Mid Semester Break

9-12 October
PYP-6 Yogyakarta Trip

18-20 October
Open Days

18 October
PYP Kidpreneur Fair

20 October
School Bazaar

22-28 October
HS Ciputra Cup

24 October
HS Career Day

29-31 October
WASC Initial Visit

2 November
PYP Cross Country

20 November
Prophet’s Birthday

19 December
HS Creative Arts Festival
Looking back on the first term of this academic year, we can’t help but be proud of all of what we accomplished together as a learning community. Parent visits to classrooms and year level meetings early in the school year have served to establish partnerships and a productive working relationship for our students. Many more sessions are planned for this year as we continue to strengthen the communication between home and school.

Our STUCO team is to be congratulated on taking a lead in responding to the Lombok earthquake crisis. Students collected, sorted and packed donations of clothing, toys, blankets etc. and, with the help of one of our parents, Dr. Dama, we were able to send a considerable amount of help to communities in need in Lombok. In addition, our community raised over Rp 12 million which was used to buy food for families in Lombok. Special thanks to our parent community who responded with such generosity.

Our SIGs are up and running, with a wide range of activities for students to choose from. We continue to find opportunities for students to develop not just academically but, socially, emotionally and psychologically as well. This is all in keeping with our mission to graduate students who are well-prepared to function successfully in a changing global community.

At the time of writing this message, the PYP is abuzz with students learning about batik making in preparation for a school-wide exhibition. Our focus on batik as a uniquely Indonesian art form offers our students the opportunity to take pride in their national identity and their cultural heritage.

While the recent traffic problems have had a significant impact on the number of students who arrive late at school, we would like to express our appreciation that parents are making to ensure that students arrive on time and well-prepared for learning each day.

Once again thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Have a safe and restful break with your families and friends. See you in Term 2.

On Monday, 13th August, 2018, a fire ripped through a traditional village in the Bajawa District of Nusa Tenggara Timur. Six Sekolah Ciputra students decided to do something about it.

Arthur Theo (12DP), Matthew Adimulia Gondokusumo (12DP), Jonathan Byron Prasetyo (12DP), Anthony Hartono (12 SBDP), Angelo Lawrence (12 SBDP), and Gading Kinarayana (12 SBDP) raised Rp 26 million to help rebuild the village. We are so proud of these students, as they did this entirely on their own. They found the charity, raised the money and went to do something new, exciting and challenging.

On the way to Gurusina, we visited Bena Traditional Village to learn about village life and traditional culture on Flores. We arrived at Gurusina in the afternoon and had a quick lunch after a long day of travel. We brought colouring books, gifts and sweets for the children of the village. We then broke into two groups. One group taught English and coloured together with the younger children. The other group played games and football with the teenagers in the village.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!
“Learning and innovation go hand in hand. The arrogance of success is to think that what you did yesterday will be sufficient for tomorrow.” William Pollard

They say we are heading towards a ‘post-work society’. How do we best prepare students for jobs that don’t exist yet? In response to this question, the word innovation has been coming up quite a bit recently, both in many of the forums I wander through and the books I’m reading. In Most Likely to Succeed, Wagner and Dintersmith discuss how society is advancing at an astonishing speed, yet our educational model is, in many places, stuck in the 19th Century. They advocate a focus on reframing problems to support students taking the initiative in student-led learning; while not a new concept, it is one we spend a great deal of time pondering how best to implement. Supporting this is a strategy called “ConcepTest”, designed by Eric Mazur of Harvard University. They focus on a single concept, which can’t be solved with equations, and require students to think critically, form an opinion, communicate it, and collaborate. These are 21.5 Century learning skills, and are exactly what we are aiming to provide Sekolah Ciputra students with. In fact, it links directly to the IB’s ATL Skills and ‘concept over content’ framework. The book is a worthy read if you want to know where education needs to go in order to best prepare students for a future we are yet to fathom.

What’s happening around school:

- Our Music/Arts programme continues to amaze, with student performances during lunch, an Artist-in-residence coming in November, and the school performance taking shape; you will be hearing more!
- Lots of talk lately about our SBDP programme and how we can continue to strive to best prepare all our students for university and life ahead. Stay tuned.
- Grade 6 and 9 parents are coming in this week to hear about our vision, the IB and our plan for educating the hearts and minds of their kids. It promises to be informative!
- Grade 7-12 students are off to various parts of Java (and Bali for G12) this week for Camp Week. I love these experiential education trips for the ‘real-world’ opportunities they provide.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time!

Rob Wilson
High School Coordinating Principal

When the school dedicates an entire camp to the introduction of a rigorous two-year-programme that your tenth-grade-self enrolled you in, you ask yourself, “What did I sign up for?”

Over the 2nd – 3rd August, the Sekolah Ciputra International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Class of 2020 went on the DP Camp, which was organized at the Royal Caravan Hotel & Outbound in Trawas, Mojokerto. Our two-day-DP-cram session started off with the relatively simple task of describing a place of our choosing in a detailed manner to the person sitting next to us on the bus ride to Trawas. Whilst we were led to believe that this activity served to encourage thoroughness and effective presentation skills, we found out on day two that it was, in actuality, an active listening exercise wherein we had to repeat our partner’s description from the day before as best we could.

Over the course of this camp, the teachers and counselors used many interesting methods like the aforementioned to help us identify and cultivate effective study habits and skills that’ll make the next two years more bearable, including but not limited to setting a study timetable, developing a positive mindset and honing our ability to focus through guided meditation. A significant amount of time was also allocated to an extensive explanation of CAS, which is a fundamental component of the IBDP.

Just as CAS provides a counterbalance to the DP’s academic rigor, several physical activities were scheduled to compensate for the many hours spent listening to DP-related presentations, testing our ability to cooperate, which is essential to success in the IBDP. Of the collaborative activities that we took part in, perhaps most memorable is the “Dance with Drum”, in which teams of at least four people had to walk across a piece of bamboo suspended over a pool of cold water. Falling was inevitable. Nonetheless, it didn’t stop anyone from giving it another go.

Yes, the next two years will not be easy. We will face many difficulties and naturally fall at times. However, much like everyone did in the “Dance with Drum”, we will pick ourselves up each time we fall and try again, eventually coming out the other side a stronger, smarter and more experienced individual. After all, we don’t grow when things are easy, do we?

Two years. Let’s do this.

Christy Lorentz 11DP-2
Latest Events

3 Way Conference
Enterprise Class
PYP Assembly
SCAA Grand Reunion
Batik Event
Lates/endEvents
Athletic Day
Donate to Lombok
Independence Day Activity