



From the Executive Principal

Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

I can only express my heartfelt pride in the Sekolah Ciputra Family and heartfelt gratitude with the way that we have rallied around during this difficult time. The focus and positivity has been superb as we have navigated the uncharted waters of being in a 100% online learning environment. I want to thank everyone for their commitment and positivity as well as the kind and affirming way that you have treated one another. It is one thing to have a positive vision and mission in writing and a completely different thing to see that vision and mission alive in the daily interactions of the school. Thank you to you all.

Congratulations to the class of 2020. Your graduation was not what you or any of us expected at the start of the year but it was unique and innovative, as you are. As I write this your picture graces the alumni wall, the 20th graduating class at Sekolah Ciputra. We look forward to toasting your achievements and welcome you as the newest members of the Sekolah Ciputra alumni group. This will always be your school. For those families whose active association with the school ends with the graduation of a Grade 12 student, my thanks for your involvement with the school. Congratulations also to the Grade 6 and Grade 10 students on the completion of the PYP and MYP respectively.

At this time of the year we also farewell a number of staff who are taking the opportunity to move on in their careers. Thank you for all your hard work on behalf of Sekolah Ciputra. As with the alumni, we look forward to hearing about your future successes. I wish to highlight the retirement of Ms

Vidya after five years as Coordinating Principal in the PYP. Thank you Ms Vidya for the way in which you have helped build the PYP, always putting student learning first and contributing so much to the wider life of our school community.

We are hoping to begin the new school year with normal, face-to-face teaching but we are also confident that we have the capacity to deal with any contingencies forced upon us. We have demonstrated great resilience, optimism and empathy. We are a great team and a wonderful family.

Selamat berlibur.

Martin Blackburn

IMPORTANT DATES

19 Jun End of School Year	27 Jul First day of school
20 Jun - 26 Jul End of Year Break	17 Aug Independence Day
24 Jul Welcoming New Parents	20 Aug Islamic New Year

Message from PYP

Dear Families,

There are many things we can say about this academic year but interesting and different are the first things that come to mind.

Our year started out on the usual excited and optimistic tone and we accomplished a great deal in our first semester. During that time, we also made a concerted effort to ensure that our students felt physically and emotionally safe at school by introducing a social-emotional and academic learning programme (SEAL). This programme gave students the opportunity to reflect on how they interacted with their peers and they were given access to our SEN counsellors to address their questions and concerns. This programme was the highlight of the year and I was extremely proud of the results we achieved in this area. All of this was done in response to our parent/school survey that gave us great information about what we were doing well and feedback on how to ensure that issues of concern around social interactions at our school were addressed promptly and appropriately. Thank you for taking the time to offer thoughtful and constructive feedback.

Semester 2 brought many changes as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We were forced to transition to online learning with very little notice and even less training for staff, students or parents. Despite the challenges, we have managed to deliver a parallel curriculum to our students successfully. Once again, your feedback has helped to enrich the online learning environment for everyone and there is much that we have learned that will positively influence face-to-face learning when the time comes. One of the most positive outcomes of online learning has been the highlighting of the strength of our learning community. We worked together, we struggled together and we succeeded together. The true test of a community's strength is its ability to remain united under challenging circumstances. We are a united learning community and we will emerge stronger than ever.

As it always is at this time of year, we have to say goodbye to some staff who will move on to new adventures and new horizons. Miss Lana, Miss Luluk, Miss Fifi and Miss Novi will be retiring from Sekolah Ciputra after many, many years of service and dedication to countless students and their families.

Miss Eleni, Miss Lorelle, Mr. Ollie and Mr. Troy will move on to take up new positions at other schools or to return to their home countries.

Miss Isti, Miss Priscillia, Miss Hana, Miss Jenny, Miss Anes and Laoshi Nadia have resigned their positions to pursue other opportunities.

Please join me in thanking them for their contributions to the school and wishing them success in their future endeavours. We would particularly like to thank the retirees for their dedication and service over the years.

On a personal note, I would like to inform you that I will be leaving Sekolah Ciputra at the end of June to retire to Canada and I am saddened that I cannot say goodbye in person. My five years at Sekolah Ciputra have been rich with learning, joyful and heart-warming. The students are among the most polite, appreciative and positive learners I have encountered during my 35 years in education and the staff have shown nothing but willingness and commitment to serving the best interests of students. I will miss this community enormously but I take with me beautiful memories that will last me a lifetime. We may not always have agreed on every decision I made but we were always united in our focus on wanting and doing what is best for our students. Thank you for your kindness, your generosity and your support. It meant more to me than you will ever know. I wish you all nothing but good health, much happiness and continued excellence in the education of your children. I leave you in good hands with the appointment of Miss Christine Stayte who will be the new PYP Coordinating Principal, confident that you will treat her with the same kindness and support that you did with me.

With much affection,
Miss Vidya

CAS Project



With an aspiration to help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic, we, Grade 11-6 were keen to raise awareness of the spread of COVID-19 in Indonesia, particularly in Surabaya. We have

not only started our own Instagram account (@116forindonesia) to reach out to wider audiences, but we have also dedicated our time and effort for the past two months in gathering donations from avid parents, students, friends, teachers and staff of Sekolah Ciputra.

As of 15th May 2020, we have raised a total of Rp. 16,485,427. With the donations, we were able to purchase 80 pieces of medical-grade personal protective equipment, which were donated to Universitas Airlangga and its associated hospitals on 18th May. We will not be stopping there. We are also looking forward to working together with our fellow Grade 11-9 in expanding our capabilities to make a change in our local communities.

Sherlene Leonita Winarto – Grade 11 DP

Message from *High School*

Dear Parents & Students,

The COVID-19 pandemic hit the world by surprise, and while it has had negative implications financially, emotionally, and physically, the lockdowns implemented by many countries (put in place to control the virus), has been nothing close to 'being fun'. But while we endure the discomfort and pray that things get better quickly, I can't help but wonder what lessons we will learn from this experience and whether we will be able to look back on this as a crisis that has strengthened us in some way. I would like to share with you the biggest lesson that I believe I have gained from this experience so far...gratitude. I think being isolated for the last few months has made me more thankful for certain things in my life that I may have previously taken for granted...job security, the freedom to travel, friends, family and health. As an educator, this crisis has highlighted the importance of digital literacy. If you recall educators around the world, including Sekolah Ciputra teachers, were required to resort to the use of online platforms and some of us were only just learning to be comfortable and conversant with digital tools and apps like Zoom and Google Hangouts. I think it would be fair to

say that the vast majority of teachers are now close to, if not already, experts!

Change is inevitable and here in the High School, we say good-bye and wish all the best to our graduating Grade 12 students. We also say good-bye to several teachers who are moving on to new career challenges: Mr. Peter Pfister, Mr. Wayne Hagen, Mr. Dion Gressis, Ms. Kaitlin Suttles, Ms. Kelly Russell, Mr. Pungki Siregar, Mr. Justin Hayward, Mr. Amin Sriono, Ms. Melodie Greene, Mr. Agus Supriadi, Ms. Sherly Natalia & Ms. Yesica Puspitasari. We wish everyone all the very best for the future and thank them all for their contributions to Sekolah Ciputra.

However COVID-19 has impacted on your lives, I hope that you can all find your own 'lesson' - something positive - from this experience and use this to your advantage as we slowly, but surely, begin 'Life after COVID-19'.

Sincerely,

Terry Swain
High School Coordinating Principal



What a Journey

Being part of the Sekolah Ciputra community, almost every one of us must have, on a few or many occasions, interacted with Ms. Vidya Jaśaree, the PYP Principal, especially because of Ms. Vidya's open and caring personality.

When asked about Ms. Vidya, these are some of the remarks people made about her:

- she is a very experienced educator
- she really knows what she's doing and making it clear for others
- she has a vision of the education in the future and uses this to set goals for our school
- sometimes she sounds very hard/difficult but she is always fair

During her tenure at Sekolah Ciputra, Ms. Vidya has put in place structures and procedures in many areas, including the admission process, the use of a cycle in our school's planning, the appraisal tools and strategies, the development of resources and spaces to facilitate various areas of students' interests and many more that are very essential in the running of both the Early Years and Elementary school. All these initiatives have been developed and improved with the most essential thought of ensuring that students get the most benefit.

I am confident in stating that I'm not the only one who has learned so much from Ms. Vidya, not just in the professional area, but also as a person. Ms. Vidya loves exploring the various cultures, locally and internationally. Because of this, she is able to bring many perspectives to the table and work together with others to bridge differences and to find the common ground.

Working with Ms. Vidya has truly been an inspiring and exciting journey. I can say that many of us will miss Ms. Vidya as this is her final year at Sekolah Ciputra.

Let's wish her all our very best in her return to Canada to spend time with her family, and most dearly, with her 3 years old grandson.

This has been an amazing ride, Ms. Vidya. Thank you for all the lessons and the memories we have shared together.

Diana Sumadianti – PYP Principal

Online Learning Reflection

As you know, online school is a school system that uses internet resources and performs all activities virtually. Like a virtual assignment system, virtual assembly, etc. There are so many things that I experienced when I faced online school. There are positives and there are negatives that I experienced during the pandemic.

The fun and positive things that I get from online school is that I have more freedom at home. Unlike in school, we only do assignments from the teacher, listening to the teacher explain and sitting for 1 hour on a chair, in my opinion, is very boring. While at home, we have more freedom to be able to do what we want at home. We can sit and relax at home, watch TV while doing online school. The second positive aspect of studying online, you and I can choose our own learning environment that best suits our needs: be it your bedroom, your study room, or in your living room. So that's something that I think is fun from online learning.

The problems that arise from online school - I find it much more difficult to communicate with others because we also have to match on time. If the person is not online, it is difficult for me to talk with them. Usually, we can immediately communicate face to face directly to the person, but not now. The second, is the lack of enthusiasm that we usually get from school. My enthusiasm for learning is reduced because there are no fun activities, such as running competitions, sporting events, and others. There are a number of events held virtually, one of them is Ciputra's Got Talent. Ciputra's Got Talent is an event that is usually held at our school that allows students to show

their talents on the stage. But this year was less fun because I didn't see their performance directly. Also a problem, which I think is the most severe, is that the assignments given by the teacher is too much and my assignments are all piled up and for me it is very difficult because the due dates of the assignments are close together, so I have to do them quickly. It also affects my mood, which often changes from happy to sad.

What did I do to solve the problem? I recommended that teachers not only communicate through chat, but also with video calls through zoom, google meet, etc. to make it easier to communicate with others. The second thing is that I started to do my own activities at home to entertain me. My enthusiasm rises if I have done activities that are fun, such as watching TV, playing football, playing games with friends, and other things. Finally, I must divide my time effectively so that my work/assignments can be delivered on time.

I advise you not to be lazy when online learning because firstly, you can miss lessons, and secondly, your assignments will pile up. The third thing is that you can get stressed. I suggest you drink lots of water so you can stay strong online.

In conclusion, even though online learning at home is very boring, we must keep a feeling of enthusiasm for learning so that we still get knowledge from our teachers. And the most important thing is not to be careless about your school work so that everything will be resolved properly.

Benedictus Arya Widura – Grade 7

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD

Last day of classes. Final examinations. Yearbook photoshoots. Senior prom. Farewell assembly. A traditional commencement ceremony. Graduation trips. All hallmarks of senior year that, for the class of 2020, are but seemingly missed milestones.

This was, as they say, supposed to be our year.

Yet for all the supposed to's and should have's, cancellations and uncertainties, this year, and those to come, are still ours to define. We may not be able to walk across the Ciputra Hall stage on our graduation day, but we are walking onto a far greater one: life itself. In the face of such turbulent times, what a show we must – and will – put on.

Throughout my twelve years at Sekolah Ciputra, I have certainly studied many compelling topics. From Emily Dickinson's idiosyncratic use of dashes and Pink's theory of intrinsic motivation to 成语's, differential calculus, and the nitrogen cycle, my studies have been nothing short of eclectic. But it was not from textbooks and tests that I learned the most important lessons.

Instead, it was from a counselor's listening ear that I learned the value of empathy. It was from participating in school productions that I learned the skills of collaboration. It was

from organizing the inaugural SCMUN that I learned the techniques of leadership. It was from performing in charity concerts that I learned how far a little kindness can go. It was from honest conversations that I learned to be a better student, friend, daughter, sister, and person. It was from persevering after being told I was not good enough that I learned to be resilient. And it was from the abrupt end to my last year of high school that I learned the power of now.

To our juniors, if there is one thing I wish I did more of when I was in your shoes, it is to fully embrace the present. Read that book. Pick up that instrument. Learn that language. Join that club. Volunteer. Spend time with your loved ones. Scroll less, live more. Make the most of these moments before they become nothing more than the good old days.

To our teachers, members of staff, families, and friends, thank you for coloring our journey. For the good, the bad, and everything in between, thank you. We have been made better by it.

And, of course, to my fellow seniors, congratulations! We have come so far and, by grace, we will go much, much further.

Christy Lorentz

ONLINE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

