

## Congratulations

on a **WORLD CLASS ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE!**



Clairine Aurelia IB Score: 40	Clarissa Lilananda IB Score: 42	Davina F. Hadinyoto IB Score: 43	Felicia Kartika IB Score: 43	Minseo Kim IB Score: 40	Marcella C. Arifin IB Score: 42	Tara Setioko IB Score: 40	Tiffany G. Santoso IB Score: 40	Vanessa A. Thebez IB Score: 41
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### FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Teachers and Staff,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 academic year. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready to take on the new school year. Recent events in Indonesia have meant that our return is virtual, but we are ready and confident for virtual, hybrid and full face to face teaching. It is pleasing that most students over 12 years old have received their first vaccine and that nearly all staff are fully vaccinated. It is also wonderful that the holiday break has been used to upgrade our video and sound technology in every classroom as well as increase the bandwidth. This puts us in a great position for any scenario we are faced with.

I would like to take the opportunity of welcoming back all returning staff, students and their families and a warm welcome to all those who are new to the Sekolah Ciputra family. Profiles of the new staff members are included in this newsletter. I would also like to congratulate Pak Mark Hukom on his appointment as High School Principal.

Once again, we enjoyed wonderful IBDP academic results. Our average grade of 33.45 was well above the world average, and once again our pass rate was very high at 93.5%. What was particularly pleasing about these results was that we had the largest ever cohort of students sitting the examinations. Nine of our students' results were 40 or more which is an outstanding effort and now stands as our record!

We should feel proud of this achievement as well as our resilience. We know that this year will have its challenges but can feel very confident that we have demonstrated the capacity to accept challenges and overcome obstacles.

My message to all our students is to begin this year with the end in mind. Think about what you want to achieve by the end of the year and put the pieces in place to work towards your goal. Our teachers are hardworking and very supportive of your goals, so ask for help and advice when needed.

Let us as a community focus on the positive. We have worked wonderfully together, maintained a strong sense of connection and demonstrated strength and resilience. This provides a wonderful platform for a strong year ahead! Have a great year!

Martin Blackburn  
Executive Principal



#### IMPORTANT DATES

**11 August**  
Islamic New Year 1443 H

**17 August**  
Independence Day

**24 September**  
PYP 3 Way Conference



In commemoration of our 25th anniversary of Sekolah Ciputra, I would like to share with you an article that was published in the Jawa Pos last Saturday. I'm sharing this article with you so we all can see the milestones of Sekolah Ciputra.

This article contains Pak Ciputra's vision for the school. I have tried to translate the essence of the article:

"The steps of Sekolah Ciputra in advancing education in Indonesia cannot be separated from the role of its founder Dr (HC) Ir Ciputra. Sekolah Ciputra is a manifestation of Ciputra's vision. This is stated in the biography of Ciputra: The Entrepreneur-The Passion of My Life.

In the book is a powerful message about education. 'Of course, education is very closely related to my life. Without school, it would have been impossible for me to achieve what I have achieved today. Education is the bridge that enables a village child to cross into a more luminous world. Education is a ladder that helps a person's life move up. Education is a lamp that keeps a person from being trapped in the dark. Education brings change!"

Also in the article Managing Director of Ciputra Group and Executive Board Bapak Harun Hajadi congratulated our school. "Happy 25th anniversary to Sekolah Ciputra. This school has become top of mind in Surabaya, amazing!" he said.

In addition, Ibu Junita Ciputra (Pak Ciputra's daughter as well as Pak Harun's wife) expressed her gratitude to the Sekolah Ciputra team. "Thank you for the appreciation and achievements that have been obtained for the past 25 years so that Sekolah Ciputra becomes the best school in Surabaya," said Ibu Junita.

Taking the theme of **celebrating the past, creating the future**, the anniversary of Sekolah Ciputra became more meaningful. "Celebrating the past, we have passed 25 years with all our strengths, weaknesses, evaluations and reflections. Meanwhile, creating the future is our role to help children so they can create their future and know the best things in their lives," explained the Executive Board of the Ciputra Pendidikan Foundation (Yayasan Ciputra Pendidikan), Bapak Denny Bernardus.

According to Pak Denny, Mr. Ciputra always looked at the age of 25 as if it was 10 in the morning, such a beautiful time. "Twenty-five years for a human is a mature age. It is proven that over the 18 months of the pandemic we have been able to survive and provide the best education for children."

**Cornelia Nathalie**  
Continuum Public Relations & Events

271 Sekolah Ciputra students had the opportunity to receive their first vaccination at Universitas Ciputra last Thursday, 22 July.

Mrs. Fenny Sukanto, General Manager of Sekolah Ciputra, said we received an allocation of 1000 doses which were

used for Sekolah Ciputra and Sekolah Citra Berkat. There were 400 vaccines also available for students from other schools around Citraland.

This event was well received and appreciated by our parents and students. They said that the implementation of the programme was very organised and ran smoothly.

We would like to thank the Surabaya city government and Citraland Group for initiating this programme.

**Cornelia Nathalie**  
Continuum Public Relations & Events







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## MESSAGE FROM PYP

I would like to welcome everyone to our new academic year and to say how very happy and excited we are to be starting this year with you all. Introducing a new platform to the PYP in the form of Toddle has definitely provided some challenges in these weeks but with every new system, with every innovation, there are 'teething problems' and sometimes a little resistance to change. Any great change is worth some pain at the beginning but we have faith that once we are all on board and using the platform, it will bring much ease and efficiency to our lives. Can I ask you to ensure that you are signed into Toddle and that you have installed the app on all your devices so that you can receive all communication from us. This will be the only way we will share all the information with you as we are endeavouring to centralise all activities.

During the pandemic, we did lose a few students due to relocation and repatriation but our numbers are slowly growing again so we have some new families to welcome to the PYP. We are so happy that you have chosen us to share your child(ren)'s learning journey and we are fully committed to making this experience positive and challenging. We pride ourselves on ensuring that we have a rigorous yet flexible programme and the Primary years Programme definitely provides that.

We have so many amazing initiatives already underway for this year. In the Early Years we are formalising the teaching of phonics with the introduction of the British programme Letters and Sounds. Our teachers are participating in regular professional development to ensure that the programme is delivered at a high level of competency and we are fortunate to have Mr Marcus and Ms Jeni who are facilitating the Professional Development and who, themselves are highly experienced in EAL and Phonics based teaching respectively.

This year will also see more attention given to Design Thinking, Computational thinking and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and these are all driven by the IB focal points around critical and creative thinking and the Sekolah Ciputra focus on mathematics and entrepreneurship. WE are all really looking forward to growing this area over the next three years as part of our Strategic Plan.

As we move closer to a Hybrid Mode of Instruction (HMI), where we will be allowed to provide access to the school for students (within the parameters of the safety protocols), we will be preparing additional opportunities for the students to gain meaningful experiences in the area of environmental sustainability. Our intention, as a school, is to develop a strong commitment to Sustainability and Service Learning so that our students grow in awareness and knowledge of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how they permeate every aspect of our lives. In this way, we hope to promote advocacy for the preservation of our precious resources and a mindset of helping others. This affective learning is equally as important as the academic learning and will help develop in our student the attributes of the Learner Profile, something that is vitally important to us in the PYP.

So as you can see, we have a great year ahead of us and we will be inviting you to participate on many levels. We look forward to seeing you throughout the year and to building our wonderful partnership.

**Christine Stayte - PYP Coordinating Principal**





Welcome to the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Dear High School Parents,

It is with great pleasure and a wonderful sense of anticipation that I welcome you all to the High School of Sekolah Ciputra (SC) and to the 2021-2022 school year. I trust that you have had an opportunity to rest, relax and recuperate – but most importantly, to enjoy the unstructured time to be with family and friends and do the things you wanted to do over the summer break.

I wish to extend a special word of welcome to all of our new families who have joined us. We look forward to forging strong and lasting relationships with you, in support of your child's life-journey at SC. To our existing families, we look forward to welcoming you back to a new chapter in the lives of your children – one in which we trust that they will continue to grow: as communicators, as self-motivated learners, as critical thinkers, and as positive contributors to SC and the wider community.

There is no doubt that the High School provides an excellent academic programme (virtual or otherwise) but, by itself and without the commitment of each individual student, success will be limited. We need every student to own their responsibility for their learning and this process begins in the quietness of your home when you discuss these issues and help your children to set realistic goals for the year ahead. We appeal to you to ensure that you allocate some good, quality time to this process over the next few weeks. Encourage your child to write out exactly what they intend to achieve and keep these goals somewhere where they are visible and can be regularly referred to throughout the year.

Be sensitive to allowing your child to set goals that are either too ambitious or not ambitious enough. Goals that are clearly out of reach for a particular child can only lead to heartbreak and disillusionment when they are not achieved and goals that are not ambitious enough will merely set the child up to 'cruise.' Good goals ensure significant, incremental change throughout the year. The setting and achievement of meaningful goals is a life habit that can only benefit your child in their future lives! The goal-setting process that you begin at home will be reinforced and supported at Sekolah Ciputra.

While academic success is at the heart of our school vision, we are equally committed to the education of the whole child by providing a full range of activities that build character, foster dedication to community service, and create future leaders. We pride ourselves on being a global school and one which is committed to building a strong learning triangle: parent-teacher-student. The key is regular and effective dialogue between these three parties in order for each student to best utilise the wide array of opportunities that are made available throughout the academic year.

We must continue to work closely together to quickly address issues of student disengagement and/or a declining aptitude for learning, especially as we begin this academic year with online learning. Our collective mindset must be to view the challenges that online learning presents as opportunities to explore alternative pedagogy that responds to and accommodates an online learning environment. Going forward, different families may need different things so please let us know how we can best support you and your child's education during these challenging times.

Talking of challenges – we extend a challenge to all parents of High School students to take an active interest in their child's education and schooling. Do not wait until there are issues or problems; instead be proactive and discuss daily with your child what he/she is learning. We all lead busy lives but it makes a huge difference when a parent puts aside their working lives to take an active interest in their child's education. Ask your child (and their teachers) questions. Take up the opportunities to participate in our various information sessions (e.g. Grade Level Parent Presentations), Parent Teacher Conferences – virtually or face-to-face, Virtual Coffee Afternoons (chatting with High School staff online), etc.

Please allow us to introduce our new High School staff for the 2021-2022 academic year:

- Ms. Jaya Kalsy: Vice Principal  
MYP Coordinator/English/ Humanities
- Mr. Ammar Dekeidek: Head of Mathematics
- Mr. Adam Bachmeyer: Head of Design/Visual Arts
- Ms. Ika Meigawati: Economics/Humanities
- Ms. Dwi Agustin: Mandarin
- Ms. Lastri Saragih: Bahasa Indonesia
- Ms. Gloria Natalia: Visual Arts

There is a real sense of excitement from High School staff and we would like to take this opportunity to wish every student the very best for the year ahead.

Best wishes.

**Terry Swain**  
**High School Coordinating Principal**

# ESSAY COMPETITION

In early 2021, I discovered the John Locke Institute's essay competition. It works as such: the committee provides a range of topics, and encased in each is three challenging debatable prompts. Students are required to select only one prompt and respond to it in an essay no longer than 2000 words. The essays are then to be judged and shortlisted, from which winners will be selected.

Out of all the prompts, I was particularly drawn to a theology question which asked, 'Is Christianity\* a religion of peace?' As a Catholic, I had never really questioned peace in my faith. But just by reading the prompt my perspective towards Christianity had shifted. At this point I began wondering about scenarios in the Bible that contradicted Christian dogma, such as why the Ten Commandments doesn't allow killing, yet God commanded killing in several instances.

The debate on this issue was no less than controversial, and it was extremely complex considering the various elements one had to consider to produce an argument. After 16 years of believing, I was determined to prove that the religion I had held onto for so long was peaceful—at least, its foundational values were. I attempted to prove that Christianity was a religion of peace by looking at the Old Testament, the New Testament, actions that have been claimed to be of divine will, and examples of Christian-inspired peace in the modern world. That way, I covered a large scope of the elements that proved Christianity's peaceful nature.

On July 15, 2021, I received an email from the John Locke Institute stating that my essay was among the 50 theology essays that had been shortlisted. I was grateful that my research, writing, and proofreading had led up to this achievement. An immense thank you to the teachers that guided me through writing this essay. The prize winners will be announced in September 2021.

\*Christianity refers to beliefs derived from Jesus Christ, centered upon the Bible, and acknowledged by Roman, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Churches [Stefon].

Nasya Lilananda



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Theology Essay Competition  
 2021 Shortlist

ALI, Khalid - Hendon School CAO, Jinghan - Emma Willard School CAO, Tiantong - Beijing Academy CARTER, Nathan - Arden Academy CHIN, Matthew - Harrow International School Hong Kong CHOI, Jun Keun - North London Collegiate School Jeju FENG, Shuo - Shanghai Pinghe School FUNG, Amelia - United World College of South East Asia (East Campus) GOLSHAN-EBRAHIMI, Alexander - Eltham College GRIFFITHS, Gwenllian - Christ College Brecon HADARI, Juliet - King David High School HAN, Ruoning - St Mary's Calne HAWKES, Nyah - St Wilfrids, Catholic Comprehensive school HONG, Qianhui - Shenzhen Foreign Languages School - Academy of Intl. Programs HU, Hanson - The Webb Schools JIANG, Michelle - King Edward VI High School for Girls JINJING, Wu - Beijing Haidian Foreign Language Shiyuan School KAN, Weicheng - Georgetown Preparatory School KIM, Dohyun - North London Collegiate School Jeju KIM, Minjoon - Seoul Foreign School KIM, Hyunjo - Radley College KOSCIELSKA, Laura (On Both Questions 1 and 3) - The Purcell School For Young Musicians LEE, Junhyeok - Xavier High School LILANANDA, Nasya - Sekolah Ciputra LIM, Jisoo - UWC Changshu China LIM, Zheng Wei - Raffles Institution LIN, Pengzhe - Cranbrook Schools LIU, Ya Qi Lydia - Shenzhen Middle School LOHIA, Pranav - The Doon School LUL, Andrew - St Joseph's Institution MA, Xinran - Culver Academies MAINGAY, Louis - Whitgift School MATTECH, Kat - City of London School MEMEH, Awele - South Hampstead High School MOHAMED, Naclima - Columbia Heights High School NG, Joy - St Joseph's Institution QIU, Yujian - Vanke Meisha Academy	RHYS WILLIAMS, Tacita - Downe House School RUDD, Zachary - Nottingham High School SHAPERO, Summer - King's College Auckland SIEW, Nathanael - Raffles Institution SIMPKIN, Clementine - Benenden School TAN, Jocelyn - Bimur School Simprug VEN, Mia - Wycombe Abbey WANG, Angelina - Hong Kong International School WHITHAM, Aiden - St Paul's School WOLLEN, Amos - Bedales School YU, Emily (Xinyue) - Brighton College ZHANG, Simon - Bishop Guertin High School ZHOU, Ashley - St Paul's School
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# NEW STAFF 2021-2022



Jaya Kalsy  
MYP Coordinator



Ammar Dekeidek  
HS Mathematics Teacher



Adam Bachmeyer  
HS Design Teacher



Dwi Agustin  
HS Mandarin Teacher



Ika Meigawati  
HS Economics Teacher



Lastri Saragih  
HS Bahasa Indonesia Teacher



Jeni Cody Bittner-Hughey  
PYP Teacher



Jessica Giovani  
EY Mandarin Teacher



Yenni Lifiani  
PYP Buddhist Teacher