

Welcome

to

2022/2023

Academic Year



FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sekolah Ciputra Family,

Welcome back to the 2021-2022 school year. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready to embrace the new academic year. We look forward to an exciting and challenging year. Already parents have had handbooks sent to them from the High School, PYP and EYP. These help to answer all those questions you may have about systems in the school. They are also available on the website. At our recent, and very successful new parent/student induction we also familiarised new parents with the Toddle App for EYP and PYP and the ManageBac App for High School. These are essential ways to collaborate with the school and we will again run workshops to familiarise parents with their use this year. As stated earlier last week the school is transitioning away from hybrid and towards full face-to-face teaching. Grade 12 students must attend face-to-face with no online option. We will maintain the online option for the rest of the school, but parents must request their children use this option and students may not invent their own hybrid programmes. Basically, where possible we want students in class and getting on with their learning.

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 Dr

Christopher Allen (Chris) on his appointment as High School Coordinating Principal.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022 on their results in what was a very difficult and trying time and especially to Josephine Onggowarsito on a world class score of 40-all the more commendable because to the trying circumstances she faced.

Once again, our message to the students is to begin this year with the end in mind. Think about what you want to have achieved by the end of the year and put the pieces in place to support your goal. Get the help you need to support you. Our staff are capable, hardworking and very supportive of your goals and want to help you to be the best you can be. We can look forward with considerable optimism to a positive and fulfilling school year as we work together to become the best possible versions of ourselves that we can.

Have a great year!

Martin Blackburn
Executive Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

17 Aug
Independence Day

A MESSAGE FROM PYP

Welcome to the new academic year and welcome to a return to normality as we now know it. It is with great excitement that we welcome all our students back and celebrate the fact that we have more than 95% of our students coming to school face to face. We expect this number to increase over the coming weeks as families return to live in Surabaya and students return after quarantining. This is truly a wonderful time and it has energised the teachers to no end knowing that they have almost full classes to teach in school.

We are very happy to be moving forward this year with some initiatives that we have been planning throughout the past year and that are very important goals in our strategic plan. The creation of the new position of STEAM [Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics] teacher will see our PYP programme formally aligned and embedded with the Design Thinking process, greater emphasis on Computational Thinking and more transdisciplinary opportunities in our teaching and learning. The appointment of an AtL [Approaches to Learning] Coordinator will support our PYP programme to ensure that the explicit teaching of self management, communication, social, thinking and research skills is strengthened in our curriculum. We will continue to develop aspects of technology that enhance our students' learning whilst ensuring that additional ways of

learning are also made available so that all our students can access the curriculum equitably. We have so many amazing things planned for this year in order to continue making Sekolah Ciputra PYP the highest quality Early Years and Elementary educational facility in the whole of Indonesia.

We look forward to seeing you all this week at our Parent Information Meetings where you will learn more about how we plan to support your child(ren) in their learning journey and how we plan to empower you as stakeholders in your child(ren)'s education. This is going to be a great year - welcome to the team!

Ms Christine Stayte
PYP Coordinating Principal



John Locke Essay Competition

This year, I decided to enter the John Locke Institute Essay Competition. I chose to delve into history through selecting the prompt, "Was there anything good about the British Empire?"

This question was and continues to be a fairly controversial one, but it was nonetheless intriguing. As is often the case with writing essays, I was initially faced with the challenge of how I was going to answer the question, and what my answer was going to be. I decided that the best approach was to focus on the British Empire's good deeds from political, social, and economic aspects. My essay concluded that although the British Empire has inflicted pain and damages so great that they are irreversible, it still did some good. Two important notions I brought up in the essay are that good and bad are not mutually exclusive, and what we typically perceive as bad can also be good.

Throughout the essay writing process, I read numerous journal articles, websites, and books. Reading provided me with views of society and the world that I would otherwise never have—one being the concept Edward Said calls 'Orientalism'. More than ever, history has proved to be a critical tool in assessing and understanding why the world is how it is today.



My essay was shortlisted as part of the top quintile out of 964 entries in the history category. For this achievement, I have been invited to the prize ceremony in Oxford, United Kingdom. This is the second time that I have become a finalist in the John Locke Institute Essay Competition and I hope to win!

I am gratified to have had the support of teachers and friends at Sekolah Ciputra, and an amazing mentor to guide me in writing this essay.

To those of you interested in essay writing, economics, history, philosophy, law, and other humanities subjects, I would highly recommend joining this competition to challenge your knowledge and writing skills!

Nasya Lilananda, Grade 12 DP student

A MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 2022-23 school year! First, I would like to introduce myself to you. My name is Dr. Christopher Allen (but you can call me Mr. Chris or Mr. Allen), and I am the new High School Coordinating Principal. My family and I have come from the Atlanta area in the USA. I have held various teaching and leadership positions in schools in the USA, China, Brazil, Vietnam, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. My wife is from China, where both of our children were born. Our son Phillip will be joining Sekolah Ciputra (SC) in 1st grade, and our daughter Alice will be in 4th grade. We are very excited to be joining the SC school community, and I look forward to meeting and interacting with you all very soon.

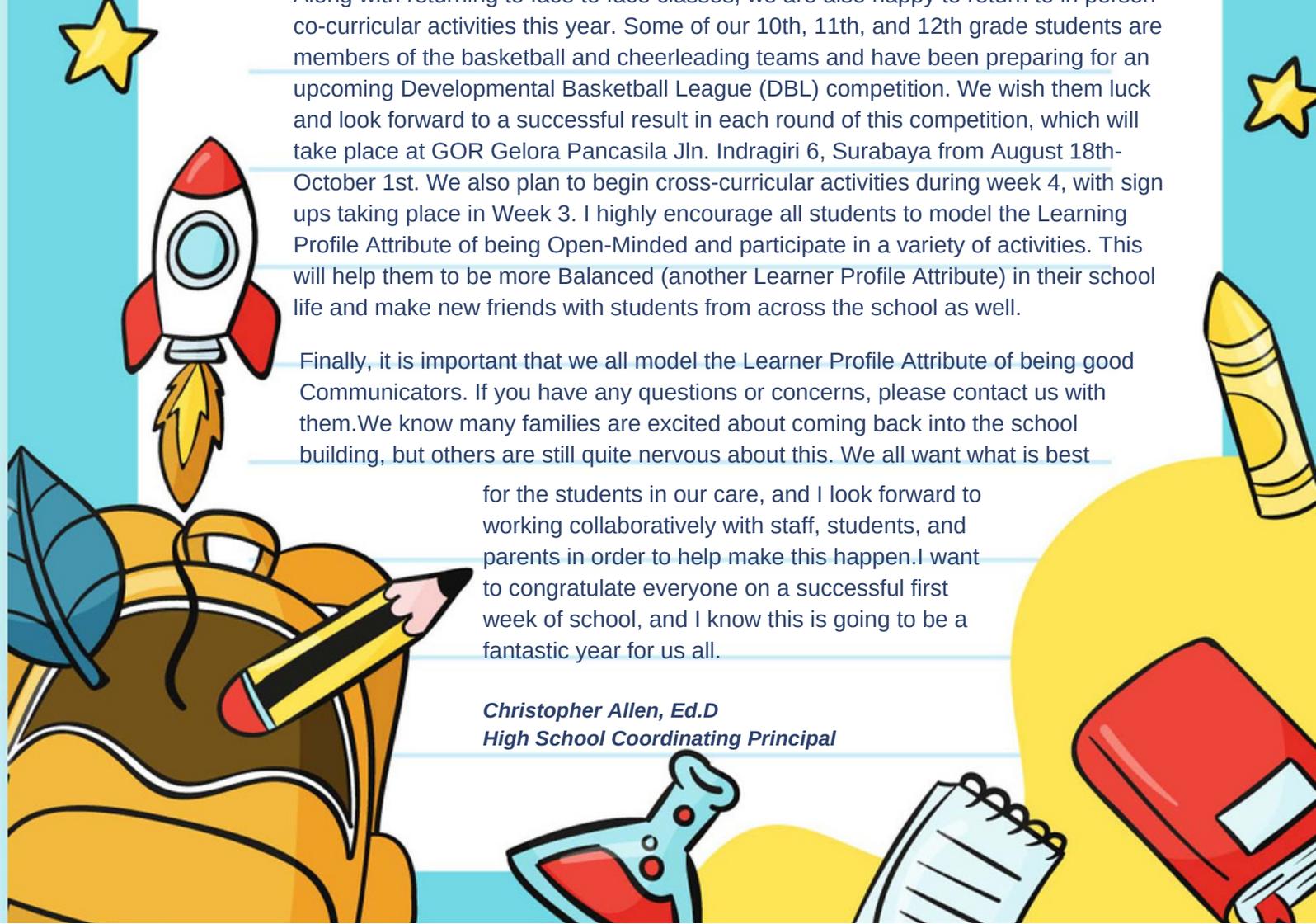
We will begin the school year with all classes meeting face to face. Having come from the USA, where most schools went back to this model during the 2021-22 school year, I can assure you it is the best learning environment for our students in order for them to reach their full academic potential. We will continue to follow government guidelines for health and safety throughout the school, as it is our job to provide a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff.

Along with returning to face to face classes, we are also happy to return to in person co-curricular activities this year. Some of our 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students are members of the basketball and cheerleading teams and have been preparing for an upcoming Developmental Basketball League (DBL) competition. We wish them luck and look forward to a successful result in each round of this competition, which will take place at GOR Gelora Pancasila Jln. Indragiri 6, Surabaya from August 18th-October 1st. We also plan to begin cross-curricular activities during week 4, with sign ups taking place in Week 3. I highly encourage all students to model the Learning Profile Attribute of being Open-Minded and participate in a variety of activities. This will help them to be more Balanced (another Learner Profile Attribute) in their school life and make new friends with students from across the school as well.

Finally, it is important that we all model the Learner Profile Attribute of being good Communicators. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us with them. We know many families are excited about coming back into the school building, but others are still quite nervous about this. We all want what is best

for the students in our care, and I look forward to working collaboratively with staff, students, and parents in order to help make this happen. I want to congratulate everyone on a successful first week of school, and I know this is going to be a fantastic year for us all.

Christopher Allen, Ed.D
High School Coordinating Principal



NEW STAFF 2022-2023



Amelia Noviaستی
HS Librarian



Andi Kurniawan
HS Math Teacher



Andre Yulianto
HS Humanities Teacher



Benayya Sinta
HS LRC Support Staff



Christopher Allen
HS Coord. Principal



Desi Patmawati
Part Time Buddhist Teacher



Felisia
EY Teacher Assistant



Linda Walton
PYP Teacher



Lisa Octavia
HS English & Humanities Teacher



**Margareta Ardini
Tri Pangastuti**
PYP Teacher



Maria Putri Anugerah
HS Science Teacher



Melyaki Morra
Part Time Christian Teacher



Michelle Guzzwell
HS Economics Teacher



Sandra Moudiana
EY Teacher Assistant



Stefany Nungki
EY Teacher Assistant