



FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Thank you to the entire school community for an exciting and action packed term three. There have been so many highlights and it feels like we are now back to normal with the full range of activities we would expect.

The student leadership groups, StuCo and OSIS have been extremely active. Their representatives attend the continuum leadership committee once a semester and present their plans. The use of peer mediators and the highly successful Ciputra Cup are two fine examples of them shaping their own school.

We have recently celebrated the PYP exhibition and the MYP personal project. The standard of both was very, very high and it was wonderful to note the focus upon sustainability and entrepreneurship. Anyone who attended either of these events will know just how dedicated the students were to their projects and will have witnessed the compelling way in which they were able to describe their learning journey. The spirit of entrepreneurship is thriving in the school with the recently announced result of school teams coming first and second in the Spaceship Academy's Youth Innovation Challenge.

It was wonderful to finally having students attending camps face-to-face again and to have our grade 10 students participate in their work experience week. The focus upon developing real world skills and building a profile for university admissions has been deliberate.

The students have had access to over two hundred universities and in the break a group of our students led by Dr Chris and Ms Niken will be visiting Melbourne on a university visit. There are plans to follow this up with a trip to the USA in June/July.

The focus on the arts in the last few weeks saw a very successful

school production as well as the continuum arts festival. Key parts of this were the school performing arts festival as well as the grade 12 visual arts exhibition. The school itself is a sea of beautiful art and the students and staff are doing themselves proud.

Overall the school is thriving. Our roll numbers continue to grow, the school is fully staffed and plans are in place for continued innovation and development. We have very strong partnerships with our parent support group and are in the happy position of being able to work together collaboratively to continue to build our school.

We should be very grateful for what we have achieved and feel optimistic about the journey ahead. We know that real life does not always run smoothly, but we can feel confident that we have a school community that is focussed upon what matters, which is building the best possible learning institution for our students.

Have a wonderful break.

Martin Blackburn
Executive Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

20-25 March	: Semester Break
7 April	: Good Friday
20-26 April	: Idul Fitri Holiday
1 May	: Labour Day
18 May	: Ascension of the Christ
1 June	: Pancasila Day
4 June	: Vesak Day

A MESSAGE FROM PYP

Here we are at the end of another term and I wonder - where did that time go? It only seems like yesterday that we began our third term with a wonderful celebration of mathematics in our '100 days of School' week long activities. It was such a fun and engaging way to highlight the exciting mathematics thinking that is happening in our PYP section. From the PG A all the way to our PYP 6 students math and the number 100 was at the forefront of everything we did. We concluded the week with a fun and totally student led assembly.

Our celebrations continued with our super Chinese New Year Continuum Bazaar which saw the return of our traditional dancing and drumming as well as some absolutely wonderful performances by our students. It was so lovely to all be back together to be able to celebrate this special occasion.

Our students participated in excursions to all sorts of places and on lots of different types of vehicles and of course our PYP 4 participated in their first overnight camp at school. The students took part in so many activities that were traditionally outside the classroom walls and all this enhanced their learning. Our PYP 5 students enjoyed their Leadership Camp at Kaliandra and came back ready to complete their year in preparation for leading our section next year.

We were privileged to watch our PYP 6 students spend several weeks preparing for their PYP Exhibition which was an experience of trial and tribulation, excitement and of course amazing learning. Through the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals they spent this time designing, researching, learning, creating and taking action around their specific topic and WOW - what a result. Not only did we see a wonderful assembly where they showcased their celebration of their work but they presented amazing exhibitions which showed us all what great learners they are becoming.

Let's not forget our athletes who participated in the 50K challenge in preparation for our upcoming Cross country. Well done to all our students who spent many hours running to reach their goal. What great energy and enthusiasm.

Our final celebration this term has been the Arts Festival in which the performing and visual arts have been highlighted and enjoyed. We have seen the amazing art pieces on display in the shared art space, the buskers who have entertained us at lunchtime and of course the wonderful performances that have been shared each day. The absolute highlight of this week was, without a doubt, the Continuum Arts Festival concert which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. What talented students we have in our school!!!!

I think everyone has definitely earned a great holiday after such a busy and diverse term. Thank you to all our parents who have supported our students in all their academic, artistic and sporting endeavours. I think our students definitely demonstrate that they are balanced students! We are all looking forward to the last term and all the fun that holds for us.

Christine Stayte
PYP Coordinating Principal

MY JOURNEY THROUGH PYP EXHIBITION

The PYP Exhibition is an experience I have always wondered about throughout my years in the PYP. Time flew by and this year was my turn to go through the PYP Exhibition. When I started my PYP Exhibition, I felt happy because I eventually got to experience what it was like. It is hard to describe how delighted I am because the PYP Exhibition has given me a memorable and valuable experience. The PYP Exhibition is not an easy process and takes a lot of coordination and skills to get the best results possible. Aside from all the struggles, the PYP Exhibition was a delightful experience.

This year's exhibition was based on the SDGs, or also known as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. Before choosing our topic, we got to explore a little bit about each SDG to see which one we were interested in. We wrote the topic we chose and what we know about it. The goal that I selected was Goal 14, Life Below Water. I chose this goal because the marine ecosystem is important to human life. I was also very interested in different species and living things underwater. Once we chose our topic, we were put into groups. I got to work with different people during the PYP Exhibition. My group and I decided to create a presentation to show our findings about the marine ecosystem. We also researched plastic waste in the oceans and rivers because it is an issue right now. We decided to make a prototype of a device to battle pollution and plastic waste. We got inspiration from other devices we found in our research and combined them into one. In my opinion, the hardest part was making the prototype because we had problems finding the materials to use.

With the guidance of our TIC (teacher in charge) and mentor, we overcame the challenges we faced. We also got to apply thinking skills because we had to think creatively regarding our prototype. In the PYP Exhibition, I also improved my teamwork skills because my group and I had different perspectives and each of us had our weaknesses and strengths. We put aside our differences and tried our best to complete and put our best work into our PYP Exhibition project. We improved our time-management skills because we try to focus on our work and complete tasks on time and prepare for the big day. It was quite difficult but we completed it.

Overall, the PYP Exhibition was a memorable experience because I got to work with other people and have fun. The 7 weeks flew by fast and, suddenly, it was the end of the exhibition. I am sure that the skills I acquired during the PYP Exhibition will help me in the future. I am truly grateful for this opportunity, for everyone who helped me throughout the PYP Exhibition, and my group, who were very entertaining to work with. I hope that my group and I have successfully spread awareness about pollution in the oceans and that our actions have a strong impact.

Florentina Vania Fernando Kuhusulla
PYP-6 student

A MESSAGE FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Hello Sekolah Ciputra Community! It has been a busy few months since our last newsletter, and we want to let you know about some of the amazing things that have taken place so far this term, as well as important events coming up over the next few weeks and months. Here at Sekolah Ciputra we try to model the IB Learner Profile for our community. With that as a starting point, I am trying to become a better "Communicator" to our community by increasing ways you can learn about what is happening in our school. To do this, I have been a "Risk-Taker," and have decided to help contribute episodes for the SC Podcast, which was started during the pandemic by some of our PYP Staff. You can find these on the school website, where you can hear more from our students and staff about events such as the Ciputra Cup, Sekolah Ciputra Model United Nations Conference (SCMUN), or the MYP Personal Project. We aim to publish at least one episode per week, so please tune in and share with your family and friends so they can also learn about our wonderful students and the fantastic things they are doing in our school!

I am constantly in awe of the opportunities our students have, and what they are capable of creating and accomplishing when given the opportunity. We started the semester off with the Ciputra Cup Basketball and Football Tournament, which included more than 40 different teams, divided into different age groups and genders, competing against each other over a two week period. The event was completely organized and run by our High School OSIS Team. They were able to learn and use real-world skills such as budgeting, marketing, communicating and collaborating with people from a variety of different backgrounds, and more. Their leadership skills were tested, as they had to deal with issues that unexpectedly arose. In the end, they were able to modify and adapt to different situations and come up with solutions. It was a job well done for all students and staff involved, and I can't wait to see how next year's event goes.

The next month we hosted the first in-person SCMUN Conference since the pandemic began. Again, this was organized and facilitated by our High School students, requiring similar real-world skills to those the OSIS Team used with the Ciputra Cup. There were over 50 participants who worked in three different committees during the two day conference. As with the Ciputra Cup, the students dealt with challenges as they arose, and learned from the experience with an eye towards how we can improve future conferences. It is similar to the Design Cycle process, which students use in their MYP and DP Design classes, where the product continues to go through multiple iterations as we learn and make changes to improve it over time. Having these

opportunities to connect what is learned in the classroom with real-world experiences helps make our students actually live the school motto, "We learn, not for school, but for life."

Our Grade 10 students completed their MYP Personal Project (PP) Exhibition, which was a showcase of the work they completed over the past 6 months. I loved listening to each student discuss the process of creating their final product, including the challenges they faced and what advice they would give to future students in order to help them be successful in their own projects. There were a wide range of projects on display, but they all had a common theme relating to sustainability. This topic was chosen because of the process the school is currently going through as it works to become an official Eco-School. It was just another example of how, even when working individually on their PP's, the students were connecting with each other and the entire school community with their work. Following the PP exhibition, our 10th grade students have now also completed their Work Experience Week (WEW) as well. During this activity all students went to work at a business in Surabaya each day in order to learn more about the "real world" outside of school.

Finally, we've just completed the final performance of the School Production, which this year was an adaptation of the film "Ada Apa Dengan Cinta?" Students and staff worked hard over several months as they memorized dialogue, practiced musical and dance performances, and created props and costumes for the event. The performances themselves went well, with a high level of audience engagement throughout. Congratulations to the entire production team on a job well done.

Over the next few weeks and months there are a number of important things taking place. Term 3 Progress Reports will go out on March 17, with Parent Teacher Conferences scheduled on March 28, 2-4 pm. We will have the Term 3 break from March 18-26. Grade 9 exams will take place on April 11-14. Grade 7-10 camps will happen on May 3-5, with Grade 11 camp taking place on May 2-5. After that, it will be time for the IB Diploma exams for our 12th grade students, as they move closer to graduation. The Grade 12 camp will take place May 23-26. There is a lot going on, and it is important for all of our families to ensure they are aware of upcoming events to help ensure the students do not miss them.

Christopher Allen, Ed.D
HS Coordinating Principal

Mark Hukom
High School Principal

PYP 3 mini Production

by: Seo Yeon Lee - 3B

During our learning in the unit "How We Express Ourselves", we learned different types of performing arts such as drama, dancing, aerobics dancing, singing, monolog, poetry, and puppetry. We prepared a story for our drama, costumes, background music and songs, and props. We made performances to send a message about sustainability. Our Earth gets worse because of human activities and we need to do something about it.

The audience stayed focused on us and were quiet while watching our show. We did the same behind the stage but were busy preparing for the next performance. We tried our best during the performance and our performance was beautiful. Everyone loved it.



MUSIC RECITAL 2023



As a celebration of all the music students' hard work, a Music Recital was held on March 1 at Ciputra Hall, showcasing the performances of Grade 11 and 12 DP Music students as well as UDP students. From Frédéric Chopin to Elvis Presley, a variety of styles and genres were performed for high school students and teachers to enjoy, portraying the timelessness of music as it connects us through a universal language. Throughout the performance, some students played solo pieces, while others played duets, with some students opting to do both. Nevertheless, the diverse programme has given both the performers and the audience an experience to remember.

Personally, the experience was very thrilling as it has been a while since I last had a performance of that scale after Covid. It was very delightful to be able to be on stage again where I played Ludwig Van Beethoven's "Pathetique" Sonata 3rd Movement and shared it with everyone. As someone who finds classical music very rich and profound, it felt only natural for me to choose a classical piece to share with everyone, being under the second Area of Inquiry (which is Music for listening and performance) in the IB Music syllabus.

Although it was just a 5-minute performance, the preparations leading up to that recital involved hours of work. Not only did I have to learn the notes and refine the music for the performance, I also had to write Programme Notes. This prompted me to research the piece in order to understand both its musical and non-musical features. As researching pieces is something frequently done in music class, I felt well-equipped to complete this task. Aside from the research, I also had to really listen to the piece and reflect on what it meant to me. This would provide the basis for interpretation as I explored all the different features of the piece. Aside from all the preparation leading up to the recital day, there was also a rehearsal that we had to run through before the performance. This was an opportunity for me to get acquainted with the piano and the stage.



When the performance finally took place, it was a huge relief and an exhilarating conclusion to the IB music programme for me. For this I'd like to thank all the teachers and the staff that helped make the recital as successful as it was. It was a highly memorable and rewarding experience, and I surely hope for more to come.

Pengalaman Belajar di Hari Pertama Selama Latihan Kepemimpinan

Waktu saya berangkat dari sekolah, saya ada perasaan tidak sabar untuk segera tiba di tempat tujuan tapi juga sedikit ada rasa takut. Di sepanjang perjalanan, saya selalu memikirkan rumah saya. Saya takut saya tidak akan menyukai tempat itu. Tetapi pada akhirnya, semuanya berjalan dengan lancar.

Pada hari pertama, saya mengikuti berbagai kegiatan permainan yang mempertajam kemampuan bekerja sama dalam satu tim. Kami melakukan permainan seperti membuat bendera kami sendiri dan Crocodile river. Pada malam hari, kami juga bermain "puzzle" dan lempar-tangkap bola. Sebagai pemimpin tim, saya belajar banyak hal penting. Saya belajar bahwa saya harus sabar dengan teman-teman saya, termasuk bisa mengingatkan dan membantu mereka. Saya juga belajar bahwa jika tim kami ingin menang, kami harus saling mendukung dan tidak boleh saling menyalahkan.

Menurut saya, aktivitas yang paling sulit pada hari pertama adalah lempar-tangkap bola. Saya bersama tim sulit untuk melempar dan menangkap bola secara bersamaan dengan cekatan. Setelah aktivitas hari pertama yang melelahkan, saya merasa lega dan senang. Pengalaman itu belum pernah saya alami sebelumnya. Ini adalah pengalaman yang sangat berharga dan kami akan selalu mengingatnya.

Caylen Aila - 5C

Pengalaman yang Paling Mengesankan Selama Latihan Kepemimpinan di Kaliandra

Awalnya, saya ragu untuk mengikuti Latihan Kepemimpinan di Kaliandra karena saya tidak pernah pergi kemanapun sendirian dan meninggalkan keluarga. Tetapi, saya juga merasa penasaran dan tertantang untuk melatih kemandirian dan kepemimpinan saya. Saya terpilih untuk menjadi ketua kelompok di dalam Latihan Kepemimpinan di Kaliandra. Saya belajar bagaimana untuk menjadi seorang pemimpin yang baik dan bertanggung jawab serta menyemangati para anggota kelompok untuk bekerja sama dalam menyelesaikan setiap tantangan.

Pengalaman saya yang paling mengesankan adalah membuat tiang bendera dengan kriteria membuat setinggi dan sekuat mungkin serta bekerja dalam kelompok. Masing - masing dari kami memiliki pendapat yang berbeda tetapi perbedaan tersebut dapat menyatukan kami dengan cara berkompromi. Selanjutnya, saya bersama satu kelompok mendapat kesempatan untuk bermain "Flying Fox". Hal ini memberikan tantangan baru yang sangat menegangkan dimana saya meluncur dari tempat yang tinggi sekali ke tempat yang rendah dengan berpegangan pada seutas tali pengaman. Permainan ini menggunakan katrol yang dipasang pada kabel besar yang kuat dan saya juga mengenakan perlengkapan yang memenuhi standar keselamatan. Orang-orang biasa menyebut permainan ini "Flying Fox".

Saya menerapkan profil pelajar sebagai pengambil resiko ketika mengikuti tantangan ini. Kesimpulannya adalah dengan adanya latihan kepemimpinan atau Leadership Camp di Kaliandra ini, saya mendapatkan manfaat untuk melatih daya juang agar tidak mudah menyerah dan menerapkan keterampilan hidup yang sudah dipelajari di sekolah. Hal itu memberikan kesan yang mendalam bagi saya.

Abigail Gunawan - 5B

The Memorable Experience of Sekolah Ciputra's 2023 Continuum Arts Festival

by Shiloh Auranda Zeta - MYP 9



The blinding spotlight shined on us. The audience's eyes, glimmering with a range of emotions, were on us. Seated on the red chairs of Ciputra Hall--the performing arts theatre of Sekolah Ciputra well-known for hosting various performances--were the familiar faces of our beloved friends, families, and teachers. We stood on the wooden tiles of the stage with grins on our faces as cold air brushed against us. A feeling of pride ran through our blood, applauding us for all the hard work we've done. It was the very night of the 2023 Continuum Arts Festival Concert.

Involving PYP, MYP, and DP students passionate about the arts, the Continuum Arts Festival is a festival lasting for 5 days that celebrates the expression of emotions through a variety of arts. The festival revolves around the theme of the Earth. Plenty of students used visual arts as a creative medium to represent that theme. Students' works were displayed on the school walls as an Onsite Art Gallery for many to admire. The school even held a Yearbook Cover Competition for those willing and ardent to tell the tale of the Earth through visual arts. On the last night, performances such as dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, reading a monologue, and mime-ing were shown in Ciputra Hall for the concert; these performances represented the theme of the Earth. Personally speaking, I thought both the artworks and performances our students engaged in were fun and breathtaking to watch. Not only that, but they were powerful in speaking up about how we, as a community, should show more love to our home planet; the Earth.

I, myself, am grateful that I was given the opportunity to participate in this year's Arts Festival. It was thrilling to be involved in two performances. I participated in a band performance--our band name was Skylarks--with my friends: Celine, Claudia, Clifford, Elliott (who couldn't join the concert), Joshiah, and Nikolas. We performed the song Viva La Vida, originally performed by Coldplay. I also participated in a duo contemporary dance performance with my one friend, Claudia. We danced to the song Earth Song by Michael Jackson. Naturally, it was not easy for me to prepare for two performances that were to be held on the same day. Fortunately for me, thanks to the support given by my beloved friends, teachers, family members, and Sekolah Ciputra, I'm happy to say that I was able to perform my best that night.

Of course, the 2023 Continuum Arts Festival couldn't have been done without the generosity and support of our school's beloved teachers and staff members. It was thanks to them that this year's Continuum Arts Festival ran as successfully and smoothly as it did. The way Sekolah Ciputra taught their students the many beautiful ways to express themselves is worthy of note. It was truly a memorable experience that has taught me many new things and I can't wait to see how the next Arts Festival will go.



Latest Events