



From the Executive Principal

Welcome to our end of term 2 (and therefore semester 1) newsletter. It is wonderful to have the opportunity to reflect upon the many achievements in our school. As Executive Principal I want to focus on three such achievements that affect the entire school.

Firstly, I am delighted with the way that the structure and organisation of sport within the school has improved. We now have many more sports teams competing at many different levels. There is far more coaching and with the advent of volleyball in the school a wider range of sports. We have awarded sports scholarships for the following year and are looking to build a culture of commitment, where our school teams are well turned out, well prepared, competitive yet at the same time demonstrate personal integrity as stated in our school vision. We want teams from other schools to know that when they play a Sekolah Ciputra team they will face a committed, team that will provide them with a challenging game. They will play hard, and they will play fair. This is a beginning and I look forward to even more improvement, particularly in terms of participation in girls' sports.

The second area is that of strategic planning. Throughout the first term we have conducted a series of consultations with the Board, parents, students and staff. From this the school has been able to divide input under the headings of our core priorities and draft a plan that begins in 2024/2025-till the end of 2026/2027. This will lead us nicely into our next combined WASC/IBO visit. The next step is for our draft plan to be approved by the board and then actioned in our 2024/2025 annual plan.

Lastly thank you to everyone who was associated with our WASC mid cycle review. This was very gratifying for the school. The visiting team agreed with our conclusions but also added a long list of commendations. These are:

1- The school has developed various pathways for students including but not limited to: bi-lingual diplomas, high levels of academic mother-tongue literacy, and college admission nationally and internationally. This had led to increasing student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

2- The school as an IB Continuum school has focused on ATLs in connecting all three programs. Intentional emphasis is placed on teaching ATLs at every grade level in every course/class. The Visiting Committee found ample evidence of mature student self-agency being developed across the three programs which leads to high achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

3- Engaged student learners and quality inquiry education was prevalent in all sight observations which leads to increasing student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

4- School commitment to ongoing professional development to all faculty and staff and to the support of regional education through Sekolah Ciputra staff, faculty, and leaders. This not only strengthens local partnerships and sense of community value by all parties but grows faculty leaders to the benefit of Sekolah Ciputra learners in increasing student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

5- School's commitment to the ongoing understanding and development of an authentic "IB Learning Continuum" school in every aspect to increase student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

6- School's governance board and Head of School and their strong and healthy relationship built on high trust and mutual alignment on Sekolah Ciputra's strategic goals to increase student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcome in all students.

7- The school's "buy-in" to the WASC protocols and processes as an instrument to drive school improvement. The follow-up on the original Visiting Committee Report as a "first-term" WASC school was impressive and thorough. The school has also leveraged their WASC accreditation to improve college admission results and college and university attractiveness to their students as well as using it to attract new students and families to the school and using it to improve teacher recruitment attractiveness. These all lead to increased student achievement and the accomplishment of the school-wide learner outcomes in all students.

These are all wonderful things for the visiting team to commend us for but the one that is most satisfying is number 3, which celebrates the high quality of teaching and engagement in the school. It is lovely that the visiting teams saw this in every one of the many classes that they visited. It is also wonderful that the visits were unannounced, so staff did not know who would and who would not be visited. As Executive Principal this commendation was a very welcome early Christmas present!

Thank you to the whole community for your amazing contributions. Have a wonderful break!

Martin Blackburn
Executive Principal

A MESSAGE FROM PYP

I think it would be safe to say that every single person in the PYP is well and truly deserving of this end of Semester break - it has been an incredibly busy term! The students have been busy working through their Units of Inquiry and we experienced two amazing assemblies from PYP 5 & 6 where we were shown all the learning that had taken place. We also enjoyed single subject assemblies and special celebrations like Bulan Bahasa.

We have been really trying to provide the students with different opportunities this year in the areas of mathematics, science and computational thinking so we have been very excited to be able to open the JISMO and World Scholars Cup to everyone. We had many students reach impressive levels in these competitions and we are very excited to announce that in one age level our school came third in the JISMO competition which is a first - so that is a wonderful accomplishment. We also had really pleasing results in the BEBRAS Computational thinking competition recently held. Our students achieved above the Indonesian norm which is something we should be very proud of given that this is a new initiative in the PYP section. Providing our students with opportunities to experience different examination conditions certainly allows them to gain insight into how they can transfer their conceptual understanding of topics and how they can apply them to real life situations.

In keeping with our belief that our students should be provided a balanced, rounded and holistic school experience: we have been working hard at developing our newly initiated representative sports programme. Our Boys Elite Basketball and Soccer teams have competed in a number of tournaments this term and each time they play they grow in confidence and skill. We are also very proud of the sportsmanship they display in victory and defeat. Our attempts at growing the girls sports programme has borne some fruit in the inclusion of a girls basketball ECA, from which we hope to develop an elite Girls Basketball team in the 24/25 academic year. We live in hope that we will gain more female soccer players in the future to start an ECA which will lead to an E Lite team.

Whilst our coffee mornings have been light on numbers the topics have been varied and the workshop leaders have created engaging and informative sessions for those parents who have attended. We will reduce the number of coffee mornings next semester to hopefully boost numbers.

We have ended the semester with our 'Page to Stage' Literacy and Arts week and this has been an absolute success. The students have really embraced all the activities and have shone their artistic lights so brightly. We started with a lively and fun assembly and enjoyed buddy reading, guest readers, script writing and performance, illustration and art creations and for the PYP 4-6 we enjoyed a webinar with four wonderful artists from across the globe. This semester has been full of learning, sports and the arts as well as 21st century skills like computational thinking. We have truly enjoyed a balanced and fun term.

We look forward to the second half of the year so see you all in January and have a wonderful holiday

Ms Christine and Ms Diana

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

As we come to the end of the 1st semester it is a perfect time to reflect on what has taken place, while also looking ahead to what is coming next semester. It has been a very successful semester for our school and school community! The transition to a trimester system in the Extra Curricular Activities (ECA's) has gone smoothly, as we started the 2nd trimester a few weeks ago. The Athletics Programme in the school has continued to blossom, with our new Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams competing in the PASS Tournament at SIS, as well as our Boys' Team traveling to compete in a tournament at Bali Island School December 8-10. This is a very exciting development, as it will be the first school sports team to travel for a competition outside of Surabaya! We hope it will encourage others to consider competing in events even further afield, as we have been invited to international competitions around the region this school year.

Over the past few weeks students in Grades 7-9 completed their final summative tasks (FST's) and students in Grades 10-11 completed their semester exams. These are all important for our students as we help them to better prepare for their IBDP exams at the end of 12th grade. Our 12th grade students have been submitting their final drafts for their Extended Essays and Internal Assessments in their subjects as they move closer to their Mock Exams and final IBDP exams next semester. It is a busy and stressful time for everyone, and it is important for students to not try to cram it all in at the last minute, but instead put smaller amounts of time (20 minutes per subject per day, for example) into their study and work over a longer period of time in order to improve their chances of success.

Our monthly High School Coffee Afternoons have been a huge success this semester, and we appreciate all of the parents that have taken the time out of their busy schedules in order to come meet with us to learn more about what is happening in the high school and provide helpful feedback to us. If you have not joined these sessions, please pay attention to the school events' calendar on the website, or communicate with the Parent Support Group (PSG) so you are aware of the dates and topics to be discussed each month. We have also greatly appreciated the Grade 9-12 parents that attended the University Information sessions led by our University Counselors, Ms. Ria and Ms. Thressye. We will continue these next semester, as well as having more university admissions representatives come visit our school and present information about their universities and the programmes of study on offer. Please ensure you and your students join as many of these as possible to learn more about the university admissions process and help build positive relationships with the universities and admissions representatives.

We hope everyone will be able to spend time with family and friends during the 3 week school break. Please remember that classes resume on Monday, January 8th, and family trips are not considered excused absences. We look forward to seeing you all next semester and wish you peace and prosperity!

Important Dates

18 Dec 2023 - 5 Jan 2024

Semester, Christmas and New Year Break

8 Feb 2024

Ascension of the Prophet Holiday

9-10 Feb 2024

Chinese New Year Holiday

23 Feb 2024

PYP-6 Exhibition

ECO SCHOOL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES



The Eco School committee is designed to support the goals of the Eco School Programme and to help the Sekolah Ciputra environment be the best it can be by helping the students and staff to learn ways in which they can enjoy a clean environment. The members of the Eco School Committee are working together to accomplish this goal. We have developed three Action Plans which we are working on to promote more sustainable behaviour. The Food Group have developed posters promoting healthy eating choices which will be posted in the canteen; they are also encouraging the students not to waste food. With this, the Sekolah Ciputra members are expected to do this too. In my perspective, adding attractive posters could promote it well too. It's important for our whole community to know what we are doing so our activities have been promoted by the Communication team. The communication team has already posted lots of videos on TikTok and Instagram. We want you to know what we are doing! The communication team has already created an article that provides information about the Eco School Programme community. With this, it helps to promote why the Eco School Programme is important since it's not yet familiar to all students and parents. The energy team has already tried their best to promote why saving energy is important and are running a fun competition around creating a poster to remind people to 'Turn Off' the lights, Acs and computers when leaving the room. Not only are students involved, but there is also the parent support group - the Eco Warriors who support the committee in their work to create a great environment for Sekolah Ciputra.

WORKING BEE

The last group that is working on an Action Plan is the Waste Committee and on Saturday, 2nd December, the Eco School Committee participated in an event centered on fulfilling some key goals on the Waste Action Plans around recycling solutions. Students were divided into five groups with each group allocated a major task. Four of the tasks came directly from the Waste Action Plan designed as part of the Eco School Programme.

One activity was part of the Service Learning activity initiated by STUCO and the PS where the Eco school Committee were involved in creating plant pots by recycling plastic bottles. This activity was guided by our Design Teacher Mr Adam in the Design workshop. The students were able to use the many kinds of tools in the workshop to create plastic planter pots for an aged home. The students cut out the recycled plastic bottle according to the instructions given by the teachers. With this activity, students were not only saving the environment but they could also express their ideas to decorate the pot; they could paint it too. They created planters that looked great and will perform the task of growing plants in them.

Another group built Ecobrick stations from wooden fruit crates. These will be distributed around the school so that students can make eco-bricks whenever they want during break time. At the same time, another group was making eco-bricks using plastic bottles and filling them with non-recyclable plastics such as food packaging, soap packaging, detergent packaging, and all kinds of plastic packaging that we can't easily recycle. The students filled the bottles tightly with this material, compacting it tightly to successfully make the eco-bricks.

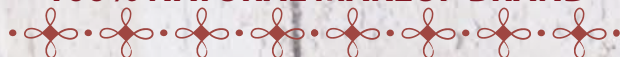
Another activity was centered around painting and preparing Paper Recycling boxes for classrooms. Students diligently worked alongside Mr. Zach and Mr Mal on this task, displaying their enjoyment and creativity. The aim is to encourage more recycling of paper within the school environment.

While all this was happening, some of the students were working hard in the High School LRC with Ms Tiffany creating our Sekolah Ciputra Eco School Eco Code. This turned out to be an amazing Acrostic poem, which we all agreed expressed exactly how we all felt about our work.

In addition, this same group of students led by a Grade 7 student, Kevin, started to develop a Sekolah Ciputra Eco Calendar Which they will continue to work on this semester. It was so great to see over 50 students, teachers, and parents actively involved in the event. The parents not only worked side-by-side with our students and teachers but they also supplied us all with great snacks. We couldn't have done it without our PSG Eco Warrior parents. It was an amazing team effort and something we should all be very proud of.



VIRGIN ANGEL 100% NATURAL MAKEUP BRAND



Make-up, a word that calls to mind the feelings of beauty, confidence, and empowerment. From the natural looks to the fully glam diva styles, make-up has been a part of womans' lives for centuries. But to those who have sensitive skin, wearing makeup as a beauty routine seems like a far-fetched dream. What if there was a fully natural and organic make-up product that is safe for sensitive skinned people? Yes. We present, "Virgin Angel", a makeup brand that entirely supports sustainability and eco-friendliness.

With a vision to create the perfect fully natural and organic makeup product, I was inspired to create "Virgin Angel". Many sensitive skinned people aren't able to use makeup. Due to the fact that make-up products use chemicals and synthetic ingredients that are not always suitable for every type of skin. It was then that I decided to begin exploring the world of cosmetics in order to find the perfect ingredients for a fully natural makeup product. After countless hours of research, more than 50 trials and errors of experimentation, I finally created a product that met all of my criteria, a product that is fully made by natural ingredients, coming from Indonesia's rich nature. "Virgin Angel" is fully 100% made from the finest natural ingredients. To ensure the safety of the product, I've done further research and testimony from some professionals. One of them is, Ms. Mariana Wahjudi, S.Si, M.Si, Ph.D. So our product is guaranteed safe.

Packaging is also something that I am concerned about. Many make-up products' packaging is not sustainable. Hence that is why, Virgin Angel decided to create, not only a sustainable make-up product, but also its packaging. The packaging of "Virgin Angel" is not just sustainable but also environmentally friendly. The packaging is made out of bamboo and wood, making it fully recyclable and eco-friendly. With its compact design and unique shape, and designed with a travel size, the packaging is not only stylish but also convenient to take with you on the go.

I wanted to create something that not only gives a solution to my mother's skin conditions but also to others who struggled with sensitive skin. This is why the vision of "Virgin Angel" was to create a make-up product that not only enhanced beauty but also to provide a solution to the sensitive skin community. Natural ingredients are safe from chemicals, which will of course be much safer compared to the ones with the chemicals and synthetic ingredients.

Virgin Angel is more than just a make-up product; it is a symbol of love from a young teenager to her mother, and to those who are also struggling with sensitive skin. With its fully natural ingredients, Virgin Angel provides a solution for every youth, every teenager, and every woman, to enjoy make-up without worrying about their skin. "Virgin Angel, created with Care and Love. From the Nature, for the Better"

Angeline Virginia Wong - 10A



GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

We are thrilled to share the exciting highlights of the recent Global Entrepreneurship Week (GEW) activities that took place at Sekolah Ciputra. The week was filled with innovation, creativity, and insightful experiences that left a lasting impact on our students.

One of the key highlights of GEW was the Student-Preneur Challenge, where students showcased their entrepreneurial spirit by designing and submitting products of their own creation. The first-place winner was awarded an impressive 1 million rupiah to invest in their budding venture, and both first and second place received certificates of commendation signed by our school leadership. We are proud to announce that Angeline Virginia Wong claimed the first-place position with her eco-friendly and natural make-up from "Virgin Angel Make-up and Accessories", while Beatrix Handoko secured the second spot with her range of delicious and organic baked goods from "Une Fille Rêveuse". This challenge not only encouraged creativity but also instilled a sense of business acumen and a spirit of entrepreneurship in our students.

Throughout the week, students had the opportunity to participate in classes that seamlessly blended regular lessons with an entrepreneurial twist. These classes aimed to foster an entrepreneurial mindset, encouraging students to think outside the box and consider innovative solutions to real-world problems. It was inspiring to witness the enthusiasm with which our students embraced this unique approach to learning.

As part of the GEW festivities, we were also honored to host two successful entrepreneurs who are also esteemed alumni of Sekolah Ciputra, Mr. Randie Tanjung affiliated with Hokky Supermarkets and Ms. Nitya Primantari who owns her own piano school, "Nitya Piano Studio". They generously shared their remarkable entrepreneurial journeys with members of the Entrepreneurship Club and some of our Grade 11 students. Their insights, experiences, and lessons learned provided valuable inspiration to our aspiring young entrepreneurs, highlighting the endless possibilities that await those with a passion for innovation and enterprise.

The Global Entrepreneurship Week activities at Sekolah Ciputra were not only educational but also served as a platform for our students to explore their entrepreneurial potential. We look forward to witnessing the continued growth of our students as they embark on their entrepreneurial journeys.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of GEW at Sekolah Ciputra, and we eagerly anticipate more opportunities to nurture the entrepreneurial spirit within our school community.

Evan Patrick Phillips-Entrepreneurship Coordinator

SMA AWARDS 2023



Mewakili Sekolah Ciputra dalam mengikuti lomba SMA Awards dalam kategori "Duta Pelajar Putri Jatim" merupakan suatu kehormatan bagi saya. Pada saat mengikuti lomba ini, saya melihatnya sebagai peluang untuk mengembangkan kemampuan saya dan mengukur diri di tingkat yang lebih tinggi dalam berbagai bidang yang sesuai dengan kriteria lomba yaitu: Brain, Beauty, dan Behaviour. Melalui partisipasi saya dalam ajang ini, saya dapat menunjukkan kemampuan saya untuk menjadi seorang all-rounder yang mampu menguasai segala

bidang termasuk akademik maupun non akademik. Sekolah saya memberikan dukungan yang luar biasa dengan selalu aktif mendukung saya dalam mempersiapkan lomba ini dengan matang hingga saya bisa mendapatkan hasil yang baik pada akhirnya.

Shannon Melody Singopranoto - Grade 11DP



Kompetisi ini dimulai dengan perekaman video portfolio, dari situ panitia memilih peserta yang masuk ke babak penyisihan lima besar. Saya cukup beruntung untuk lolos masuk ke babak tersebut. Pada babak penyisihan lima besar, saya akui saya kurang persiapan dan hal itu berakibat penampilan saya pada hari itu tidak maksimal. Namun saya masih beruntung bisa masuk ke tahap tiga besar dan memenangkan juara ke-3. Kedepannya, saya harap gelar dan penghargaan yang telah saya raih ini dapat membantu saya meraih masa depan yang lebih cerah, dan yang pastinya memudahkan

saya menemukan universitas yang baik saat saya lulus SMA tahun depan. Saya juga berharap bahwa saya bisa menginspirasi generasi-generasi peserta berikutnya dari sekolah saya maupun dari SMA lain di sekitar Jawa Timur.

Yurri Alvin Budi Kusuma - Grade 12DP

VOLLEYBALL TEAM ARTICLE



This year Sekolah Ciputra expanded its sports program to include Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. We were able to form two teams, Boys and Girls with about 15 students on each team. Both teams progressed immensely throughout the season and not only developed their volleyball skills, but also in sportsmanship and team camaraderie.

Throughout the season, the teams were able to play friendly matches against other schools. The girls won their season opener in a closely fought match against rivals SIS. While the boys team, led by a strong group of seniors, went undefeated in all friendly matches.

An end-of-season tournament was held by SIS in which both teams participated. Although the teams' results were not as good as hoped for, both teams showed their abilities and never gave up as they competed in every match until the last whistle. The teams left the tournament hungry for next year and are eager to further develop their skills and strategies.

The boys team has been extended as they will participate in a tournament in Bali on December 9-10. Good luck to the boys as we know you will represent us with pride and passion.

We look forward to the future of the Volleyball program and hope to have Junior and Senior teams for both boys and girls next year.

EAGLES FLY HIGH!!



Latest Events

