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### Vision

To be an educational institute of excellence from Kindergarten to University Foundation level combining Eastern values with an international education to produce global citizens

### Mission

To provide quality educational programmes in a creative and challenging learning environment embracing innovative teaching pedagogies to empower every student to become a life-long learner.



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including KIK

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### From the Principal:

Dear Parents and community,

April arrived with a lot of rain and stormy weather. Due to the bad weather we have observed many “wet weather” schedules and outdoor activities have been affected. However, on 08 April SIS@Ciputra held the Athletic Day Carnival”. Events such as this supports our virtues programme in getting along, organisation, confidence and persistence. SIS@ Ciputra physical education teachers Mr. Andrew Silvis and Mr. Will Twigg coordinated the Athletic Day. Activities included the 50 and 100 meter sprint, 400 meter sprint, Tug of War, Shot Put, Long Jump, High Jump and Dragon Ball Throw. Overall it was an amazing day. Both students and teachers enjoyed the competitions and the time spent at the sports stadium.

The spring carnival was held on 13 April at Gamuda. Events such as this provides a time for all KinderWorld schools to interact and communicate with each other. As with any event I encourage all parents to become part of your child’s school.

As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When parents and families are involved in their children's school, the children do better and have better feelings about going to school. In fact, many studies show that what the family does is more important to a child's school success than how much money the family makes or how much education the parents have. There are many ways that parents can support their children's learning at home and throughout the school year.

Here are some ways to be involved. Meet with your child’s teacher regularly either by coming to the school or keeping in touch with your child’s teacher by email or phone calls. Attend parent / teacher conferences at the end of each semester. Let your child know that you think education is important and that homework needs to be done each day. You can help your child with homework by setting aside a special place to study, establishing a regular time for homework, and removing distractions such as the television and social phone calls during homework time. Additionally, if something concerns you about your child's learning or behavior, ask the teacher or principal about it and seek their advice.

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Reading is so much fun.

Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read in short sessions and often so try to put aside some time for it every day. As with reading, try to make maths as much fun as possible - games, puzzles and jigsaws are a great way to start. It's also important to show how we use maths skills in our everyday lives and to involve your child in this.

Thank you for supporting SIS@Ciputra. Together both parents and teachers are helping to develop the leaders of tomorrow.

Mr. Dwayne Lehman, Principal

### **From the Deputy Principal:**

#### **Gamuda Carnival**

"Welcome one and all to the second annual Gamuda Carnival."

With the mouth-watering aroma of food vendors wafting through the air and activities, the excitement of the day was apparent as children and adults wandered around the carnival enjoying the events and food. Squealing voices of excited children and parents shouting encouragement could be heard above the music as they collected prizes, beamed with pride, and moved onto the next activity.

For the second year, the talented staff of Ciputra have provided carnival activities for this event. This featured stalls for Candy Guessing, Candy in a Cup, Ball on a String Toss, Paper Stars, Fishing with Magnets, Soda Bottle Ring Toss, and Plaster of Paris Figurines as well as our very talented choir. All provided either prizes or something special to take home.

Thank you to all of the wonderful staff of Ciputra for making this carnival such a huge success. Without them, none of this would have been possible.

#### **April Virtues**

Commitment and Optimism are the virtues for the month of April. The virtues are presented in the weekly assemblies as well as in the classrooms. Parents are asked to follow through at home as all virtues should be a part of every child's life both in and out of school.



A good time enjoyed by all at the carnival.



Children loved the playground.



Best friends.



Happy spring break.

Optimism is expecting the best in all things and that everything will turn out well. Optimistic people are cheerful and positive and tend to focus on the positive aspects of life making the best of situations.

Commitment is caring deeply about someone or something. A person who is committed gives all to friendship, a task or anything else they believe strongly in. Promises are kept and when started, all task are completed.

Ms. Bev Gerbase, Deputy Principal

**From Head of Studies:**

I hope you have all managed to have a wonderful relaxing Spring Break. It's hard to believe we are now into the final term of this school year.

We have our School International Week from 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May which will be a fantastic opportunity for our students to be immersed in learning about other countries and cultures. Being around people from different nationalities is one of the big bonuses for students and teachers in an International School. Let's celebrate this and enjoy a great week.

Of course SA2 exams begin June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Your child should be well aware of this and keeping up with both class and homework. If you have any questions regarding your child's school work please make sure you contact either their class teacher or myself. It is much better to sort any issues out now than the day before an exam! For the exams themselves students need to be rested and relaxed. A good night's sleep is just as important as study. Having a good sleep, a healthy breakfast and arriving on time are all important for giving your child the best opportunity to succeed.

Jo Weir, Head of Studies

**From WASC Coordinator:**

Greetings from the WASC office,

In my efforts to keep you posted of our WASC accreditation, I wanted to inform you that we are proceeding as scheduled. Our time frame for completion of all documents has been revised and we now have a new target date. Everyone has been contributing to the documentation and the data that we have been collecting has been extremely valuable towards our long term plans for SIS@Ciputra.



**WASC**

Many of you may be asking what the WASC documentation is. The documentation that is required is a detailed report on who we are as a school. It is a report that is detailed in all aspects of the school and covers everything from administration, staff and curriculum to how students feel about the school. The document is composed of 5 or more chapters each with several sub categories. The report that I have been working on grows every day as I add more data and at 172 pages, I have just started to get to the important details.

In weeks to come you may be asked to fill in additional surveys so that we may gather additional data. Your participation is greatly appreciated and as we proceed through this process, I may be asking for your input and advice.

Together we can make a difference in the lives of our students.

Mr. Gregory van Goidtsnoven, WASC Coordinator

**From Student Council Coordinator:**

Student Council representatives are busy, busy, busy! Currently they are negotiating ways in which to raise funds for their chosen charity. After looking at presentations from all Student Council members on various worthwhile charities they voted to support Animals Asia this term. All the students found this a difficult exercise as after looking at the presentations their co representatives had made, they wanted to support all the charities –this is a great indication of their willingness to help others.

Look out for some fun ways in which you can help our school encourage social awareness in all our students.

The second project that is keeping our Student Council members in discussions and sharing ideas, is the design of a new school mascot. We are voting on an appropriate new school mascot to encourage pride

Student Council Coordinator

Jo Weir



Animal Asia supports animal welfare.



Students working together towards success.

**From the Vietnamese Department:**

In April, students participated in many activities:

In the Vietnamese assemblies students participated in the: flag-raising ceremony, games about 30.4 (national

Reunification), additionally, we taught the students about the traditional of our country ....

We have now completed the mid-semester II exams. During the month of May we will then give the semester II final exams.

We would like to congratulate Dao Ngoc Lam, Ha Hoai Le, Nguyen Ngoc Anh, Pham Thao Hien and To Tuan Phong. These students were awarded the district Olympic English awards.

On 12 April Dao Ngoc Lam and Dao Phan Anh attended the city Olympic English finals at the History of Museum.

**Congratulations!!!**

Ms. Hoa (on behalf of Ms Thanh HOV)

**Important dates in May:**

5 May : Term 4 start .

From 12-16 May : International week

Friday 30 May : Children's day Celebration.

Saturday 31 May : KIK/SIS Book Fair

**In Integrated Program:**

The assembly of Vietnamese program about "Birthday's Uncle Ho". This assembly will be to instruct students on the traditions of Vietnam.

06 May Semester II test

15 May the Young Pioneers established.



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