



Wellington Weekly

12th January 2024



Master's Voice

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Wellington Weekly of 2024 and a very belated Happy New Year to you all!

A very warm welcome also to new parents and pupils at Wellington; thank you for joining our growing school community.

Like all teachers, I have always loved the arrival and excitement of a new school term. The buzz of pupil engagement, as they rediscover the rhythm of the day and their friendship groups, is truly wonderful to behold. And, after the utter novelty of Term 1 in September, it has been rather pleasant to return to some established routines and very familiar faces!

That said, Wellington pupils are renowned for embracing change too and it has already proved to be an insightful start to Term 2, with older pupils enjoying the space of the new Dining Hall and many eagerly awaiting the opening of other facilities (such as the swimming pool arena).

Similarly, it was also a great pleasure to meet with the founding members of the Friends of Wellington on Wednesday 10th January and to offer a brief tour of our Central Courtyard, West Cloister and Main Reception areas. I hope that parents were impressed and we are all looking forward to the final completion of these facilities. More details will follow in due course.

It is always customary in schools to start Term 2 with lofty and ambitious New Year's resolutions. Personally, as I openly recount to pupils, I harbour some misgivings on this, as I have so frequently failed to match the expectations of these resolutions (especially when it comes to physical exercise!). Nevertheless, as I will perpetually reiterate to the pupil body, I hope that all our Wellington students can embrace the opportunities of 2024 and simply aim to be the very best version of themselves. In my view, if they strive to achieve that ambition, and do so with overriding kindness to their peers, we can never go too far wrong!

I very much hope that 2024 will prove to be a superb and fulfilling year for everyone in the Wellington community.

With thanks, as always, for your support to the school.

Best wishes,

Dr Murray Tod

First Day of Term II

Back to school! Ready to learn something new!

Young Wellingtonians were delighted to return to school, on Thursday 4th January, to usher in the New Year with cheer and enthusiasm. Here's a glimpse into the first day of Term II.



Head of Early Years

Dear Families,

I wish you all a year full of curiosity and interestingness! It has been a delight welcoming back our children over the last week, hearing their stories filled with new words, seeing how much they have grown in themselves, and experiencing pure joy in being part of the excitement they have again brought with them back into our setting. Our Early Years are alive and buzzing!



As we continue our understanding of the different layers within our children, what motivates them, and how their fascinations have evolved, we are continually thinking about creating exciting learning experiences for them, by collaborating and offering different perspectives on the day's events. At the end of each day, our class teams gather together to talk about the day and what they observed.

In these sessions, teachers might pose research questions, such as 'What will happen if we move the blocks to the outside area?' or 'What enhancements have the most impact on involvement in the clay area?' or 'Are all the children's fascinations and interests clear and visible in the woodwork area?' or 'How can we provide opportunities for mark making in the water area?'

This informs the learning intention for the next day through teachers making small adjustments to invitations, creating new ones, and adding enhancements to the classroom or choosing particular stories to share with the class. It is therefore important that our partnership with you continue on the very strong foundations we have built so that we can ensure the learning we offer every day is relevant, important to our children, and holistic across their lives and not just in school.

Kind regards,
Conrad Botha

Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I trust you had an enjoyable break and are refreshed for Term 2.

This term we will be welcoming a number of new students and enjoying the opening of further facilities. We began this week with our new Dining Room. Pupils have been enjoying, in their words, the 'hotel buffet' style breaks and lunches! We have been developing the children's understanding of healthy choices and relationships with food, as well as food waste. I have been so impressed with their maturity and responsibility in this area. Today, we held our termly food committee for pupils, where all children gave input into what they wanted from the new menu. Their suggestions will be incorporated and a new menu will be introduced in the coming weeks.

An underlying theme for all year groups this term will be, who and which narratives are recognised and represented and which stories are omitted. Pupils will explore this as part of their History and Wellbeing units and will take part in a curriculum week on 'Hidden Figures' culminating in celebrating International Women's Day.

We have lots more to look forward to: New CCAs at both lunch and the end of the day, Sports Day, House Competitions and Poetry Performances. The term will finish with a three day Arts Festival involving work and performances from all children, as well as a range of visiting speakers and performers.

Please see below some dates for your diary, full information will follow:

Date	Event	Pupils	Parents
Monday, 8th January	Afternoon CCA's begin	✓	
Wednesday, 17th January	Pupils choose lunchtime CCA's	✓	
Monday, 22nd January	Lunchtime CCA's begin	✓	
Wednesday, 24th January	Parent Information Session: Our Teaching Philosophy (3 – 4pm)		✓
Thursday, 25th January	Class Exhibitions		✓
Friday, 26th January	School closed – Public Holiday		

Week beginning 29th January	Parent / Teacher Meetings		✓
Monday, 5th February	Parent Information Session: Maths Mastery: The WCIP approach to Maths and why it works (3 – 4pm)		✓
Monday, 19 and Tuesday, 20th February	School closed – Mid Term Holiday		
Wednesday, 28th February	Parent Information Session: Why loving reading supports learning – how we teach reading for skill and enjoyment 3 – 4pm		✓
Friday, 22nd March	End of Term 2 CCA's	✓	
Monday, 25th March	School Closed – Public Holiday		✓
Tuesday, 26th March	Term 2 Reports shared		
Tuesday, 26th, Thursday, 28th March	'Arts Festival'	✓	✓
Thursday, 28th March	Last day of Term 2	✓	

Kind regards,
Katie Byrne

Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are well and that you have had an enjoyable break over the festive period. It has been wonderful to see the students back at school, suitably refreshed and eager to learn. It is very evident that there is a really strong sense of community here within both the student body and the staff body, which is pleasing to see.

We have an exciting term ahead, building on the work from Term 1. Please see below for some key academic dates and more details will follow in due course. In terms of our strategic priorities, we are fully committed to ensuring that our academic enrichment programme helps foster intellectual curiosity and a love of learning in all our students. We have several academic enrichment activities planned including academic day trips, masterclasses, and academic competitions.

On the Co-Curricular side, we believe passionately in providing transformational opportunities for students to develop their interests and passions. Our aim is to develop our sports programme such that we can have regular fixtures in swimming, football, and tennis, and more sports in due course. Once we have confirmed fixtures/competitions, I will share these dates with you. We will also have an Arts Festival week in the last week of term, celebrating the unique role that music, art, dance, and drama play in developing well-rounded students at the College.

And, of course, on the pastoral front, tutors will continue to work closely with their tutees to support your children's intellectual and personal growth at the College.

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Iain Sutcliffe

Term 2 Key Academic Dates

Thursday, 4th January	Beginning of Term	Term Dates
Thursday, 11th January	Year 7 and 8 Parent Consultations	Reporting & Assessment
w/c Monday, 22nd January	Launch of Morrisby and 'Beyond Wellington' Programme'	Enrichment
w/c Monday, 22nd January	Enrichment Booklet home to Parents	-
w/c Monday, 22nd January	Beyond Wellington Parent Consultations	-
Friday, 26th January	Republic Day - No Teaching	Term Dates
Monday, 5th February	Parent Feedback III - Data Only	Reporting & Assessment
w/c Monday, 5th February	Maths & Computing Week Visit to Dr Nuresh Space Park, UK MT Maths Challenge	Enrichment
Tuesday, 6th February	IB Information Evening for Prospective Parents	-
Monday, 12th February	IGCSE Information evening	-
Monday, 19th February, Tuesday, 20th February	Exeat	Term Dates
Monday, 26th, Wednesday, 28th February	Science Festival 28th Visit to Science Park	Enrichment
w/c Monday, 4th March	Senior School Assessment Week II	Reporting & Assessment
Wednesday, 13th March	Parent Masterclass: Preparing for US and UK University Entrance: What to do now	-
Monday, 18th March	Parent Feedback IV, data and comments	Reporting & Assessment
Monday, 25th March	Holi - No Teaching	Term Dates
Tuesday, 26th March, Thursday, 28th March	'Arts Festival'	-
Thursday, 28th March	End of Term	Term Dates

The Opening Pooja of Block B

Starting the year on an auspicious note!

We began the year with blessings from the almighty to mark the opening of Block B, at our new Dining Hall arena. The Pooja marked a perfect beginning to the New Year!



Friends of Wellington

All Wellington Colleges have an active and involved 'Friends' and it is time to create our own chapter! The Friends of Wellington will provide a platform for parents to engage in discussions and organize social events throughout the year. It will also facilitate charity and service projects. The Friends of Wellington programme has been successful in other Wellington Colleges and will unquestionably have a considerable impact on the evolving school culture here in Pune. We were delighted to host our first, introductory, event on Wednesday 10th January and we look forward to another meeting very soon!



Sports at WCIP

In the inaugural week of the second academic term, students at WCIP initiated their Co-Curricular Activities (CCAs) by participating in tennis and football activities across both Junior and Senior School levels. Following these events, they subsequently engaged in cricket during their designated sessions, which were integrated into the Physical Education (PE) curriculum.



La Fête de Rois: **Senior School French Class Activity**

Pupils gathered to take part in the French tradition of la Fête des Rois, which celebrates the Epiphany with Galette des Rois - a delicious cake with a surprise! A lucky charm ('une fève') is hidden inside, and the person who finds it in their piece of the galette wins the crown and is the king or queen for the day. For French children, the Galette des Rois is a highlight in January.



Exploring the Wonders of the Solar System: A Hands-On Journey for Year 5 Students!

We're excited to share the latest adventure our Year 5 students have embarked upon - a fascinating exploration of the solar system in our learning village! This week, our budding scientists have been busy engaging in a hands-on project that brings the vastness of our cosmic neighbourhood to life.

In groups, students have been modelling the solar system using different-sized balls, allowing them to grasp the varying sizes of each planet. With measuring tape in hand, they've been meticulously scaling the distances between planets, gaining a real sense of the vast space that makes up our solar system.

One of the highlights of this project is the opportunity for students to experience the effect of the sun's gravity on the other planets. By physically observing and interacting with their scaled models, they're gaining a deeper understanding of the forces at play in our celestial dance.

Through this immersive learning experience, our young astronomers are not only comparing the sizes of the planets but also visualising and comprehending why the first four planets are relatively smaller than the last four. They're delving into the unique surfaces of each planet, fostering a curiosity that sparks a lifelong love for science.



Upcoming Events



Join us for an Information Session on

IGCSE and IBDP

Learn about the key differences between
MYP and **IGCSE**.

Join Dr. Murray Tod, **WCI Pune Founding Master** and
Iain Sutcliffe, **Head of Senior School** to
know the key advantages of Senior School
programmes.



Wellington College International Pune



Wednesday, 31st Jan 2024



10:30 am to 12:00 pm



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