



# Wellington Weekly

14th June 2024



## Master's Voice

Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to the penultimate Wellington Weekly of the academic year!

As we enter the final lap, with the end of Term 3 on Thursday 27th June rapidly looming, my central message to all in the WCI Pune community is really very simple – it is a very heartfelt Thank You!

Thank you to all parents and pupils, and colleagues, for embarking upon this journey with us and for being so loyal as we navigate through the educational pathway. It is remarkable that we are nearing the end of our foundation year and, as per usual, I have spent some time this week reflecting upon the status of the school a year ago, in June 2023. Suffice to say, in every single regard we have collectively made exceptional progress, be it academically, pastorally, structurally or socially. Yes, we have much work ahead but equally we must be proud of all that's been achieved and look confidently to the future. I can feel that progression in every nook and cranny (great English idiom!) of the school, and experiencing the excitement of the Year 6 pupils in their Celebration today reiterated that sense of accomplishment.

The final two weeks of Term 3 usher in a variety of events across all Schools, from swimming galas to film nights, with dancing also thrown into the mix! I should also record my appreciation for the outstanding Juniors' Dance Show from Friday 7th June – whilst I was sorry to be away from school that day, video testimony illustrated the splendour and joy of the event and very well done to everyone who organised and participated in the extravaganza! It is wonderful to have so many quality and enjoyable experiences for the pupils (and dancing parents!), especially as I know how hard everyone across the whole school has been working for recent academic assessments. Well done to all the pupils for their academic endeavours.

As befits the end of an academic year, there is much more to highlight but I will incorporate further details in my end of Term 3 parental letter – it promises to be a very positive summary indeed! We will also provide more details on any end of Term 3 events shortly, such as specific arrangements for the final days of Term. Please do inform the relevant Head of School / Coordinator if you are aware that your child will be departing from school before Thursday 27th June.

For the present, I wish you all a very happy weekend and we have much to look forward to in the final fortnight of Term!

Thank you and best wishes,

Dr Murray Tod

# Early Years Coordinator

Dear Early Years Families,

As the end of the year approaches, we find ourselves amidst a flurry of events, celebrations, and a mix of emotions. Our team is busy creating detailed reports in preparation for the upcoming parent-teacher meetings next week. As we reflect on the children's journey, we swell with pride at the incredible progress they have made. Each child has grown remarkably, demonstrating newfound skills and confidence that assure us they are more than ready for their next step. We look forward to sharing these achievements with you and celebrating the hard work and milestones of our pupils.

We are thrilled to announce that our end-of-year celebration has been scheduled for 25th June. I will be sharing the details of the timings with you soon. The children have been working hard on practicing dances with Ms Jordana from each of our children's home countries, honouring their cultural heritage and fostering an inclusive environment. They have also been rehearsing songs and rhymes for the occasion. We're excited to host you for this celebration of learning and creativity. As Maria Montessori beautifully said, "Music and movement combine to make the child a joyous, active learner." We look forward to sharing this joy with you.

Reports should have already been shared with you, and we hope you have booked meeting slots for the Parent-Teacher Meetings next week. We're excited to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements with you. Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this year. We look forward to ending the year on a high note together!

Best wishes,  
Rashmi Dixon

## Head of Junior School

Dear Parents,

Our Fridays have been very busy these past few weeks! Thank you for joining our Sharing Learning Assembly two weeks back. It was great to see the children's enthusiasm to show their favourite topics from this term.

Last week's Dance show celebrated the amazing work done in CCA and also the hidden talents of our staff and parents! Thank you so much to everyone who joined in or came to support and made it such a fantastic community atmosphere. Get ready for next term's Garba!



Today we celebrated our Year Six pupils, who will soon be transitioning to Senior School. A year has gone by so quickly and it was a poignant moment to reflect on how much pupils have grown and developed. They are more than ready for this next step in their education. They have so much to look forward to!



It's another busy Friday next week (21st June) with the first Inter House Swimming Gala. Parents are encouraged to come and support their Houses. Extra points for House colours / symbols, banners and cheers!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,  
Katie Byrne

# Head of Senior School

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are well. It has been a busy week with the end of year assessments and the Senior School students can be very proud of all their efforts. They have approached their studies with diligence and determination, and they have undoubtedly made some excellent progress during the course of the year. As they receive their assessment papers next week, I am sure that they will get their just rewards for their consistent work habits. Of course, there might be a few disappointments along the way but it is imperative that they re-conceptualise any setbacks as growth and learning opportunities, enabling them to develop greater resilience over time.

As the academic year nears its close, there are still a number of events to look forward to, including the swimming gala next Friday where all Junior and Senior School students will take part in the House competition, with parents welcome to attend. The Student Council have also helped organise another film night for Senior School and this will take place on Thursday evening, 7:00pm - 9:15pm, which promises to be another entertaining event. And then finally, we have the end of year celebration from 11:00am -12:00 on Thursday 27th June – the last day of Term. More details will follow shortly.

I hope that your sons and daughters enjoy a well-earned rest over the weekend and I am looking to hopefully seeing you at the upcoming events in the final two weeks of Term.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Iain Sutcliffe

---

# Event Gallery

## ET Annual Education Summit Event: Thursday 6th & Friday 7th June

For any new educational establishment, in any country, achieving 'marketing outreach' is an important aspect of the school's foundation. Indeed, on a recent trip I experienced this very 'outreach' whilst perusing an in-flight magazine article on WCI Pune - photographic evidence below!



However, one's 'brand' will only go so far – it is important to be on the map and part of the wider discussion. It was a great delight therefore to be invited to speak at the Economic Times Annual Education Summit in Delhi, on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June. It was a super conference, blending elements of Indian and International practice, and it was magnificent to have Wellington College Pune as part of the national educational debate. Presenting on the theme of 'International Schools in India and the Culture of Wellington College', and to return to my theme in the opening commentary, I enjoyed highlighting to the audience how far we have come and what, in my view, the future holds for Pune, Maharashtra and India in this regard. I am proud that Wellington is now involved in this level of dialogue and outreach - long may it continue!



## Early Years KS1 Information Session: Friday 14th June

We were delighted to welcome Reception and Year 1 parents to the school on Friday 14th June, to attend a presentation on the arrangements for next academic year. Thank you to all parents for their involvement and insights, and it was a very fruitful dialogue. We look forward to working with all parents in the academic year ahead. Rashmi Dixon, our Early Years Coordinator, spoke about our exciting new KS1 unit, emphasizing peer learning and collaboration, enabling children to learn from each other. She also discussed the end of KS1 learning goals, which will guide our project-based learning, ensuring a holistic and engaging educational experience. She shared her enthusiasm for the exciting adventures that lie ahead for our Year 1 and Year 2 children, promising a dynamic and enriching learning journey. Thank you again to those who attended the session.



**Connect with us**



**Realise**  
your **potential**