



Wellington Preparatory School and College

NEWSLETTER 7

22 APRIL 2022

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Appointment of College Administrator

We are delighted to announce that Adrienne Bristow, who has been a parent at the school for many years, has been appointed as our College Administrator from 1 May. Adrienne will assist Heather and Kelly with admin tasks at the College. She will be on duty every school day until 1pm. Her email address will be: collegeadmin@wellingtonprep.college

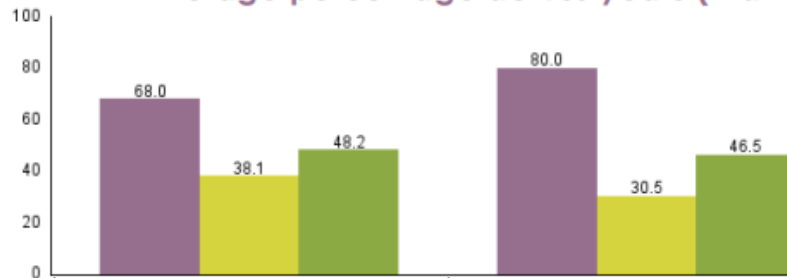
Parent - Teacher meeting dates

The dates for the individual parent / teacher meetings have been set for the start of the third term, on Tuesday 26 July and Thursday 28 July. Although we have no set dates for parent / teacher meetings this term, parents are welcome to set up meetings with their children's teachers at a time that suits both parties.

Systemic Test Results

Every year (where Covid has allowed it) the Grade 3, 6 and 9 classes write a set of academic tests in Maths and English. These tests are standardised for all schools and are set, invigilated and marked by the Department of Education. We have recently received our results for the tests written in 2021 and we are delighted with how well our children have performed. The graphs below show how we as a school have fared when compared to the rest of the province and other Quintile 5 schools. This comparison (with Quintile 5 schools) is particularly useful as it compares our school to schools that are very similar to ours (based on school fees charged). In all categories, we have performed above the average. Well done to all our teachers who continue to put academics first and to all the learners who tried their best.

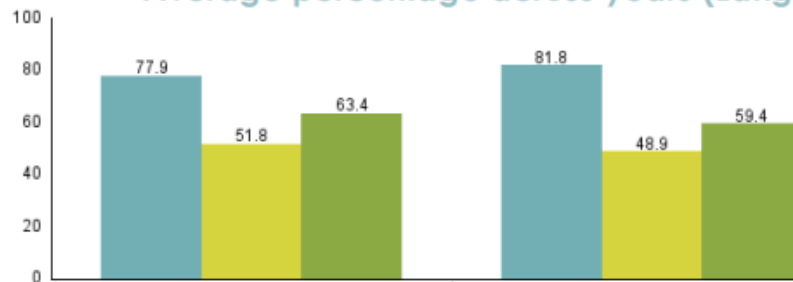
Average percentage across years (Mathematics)



	2019	2021
School	68.0	80.0
Province	38.1	30.5
Quintile: NQ5	48.2	46.5

Grade 9 Maths

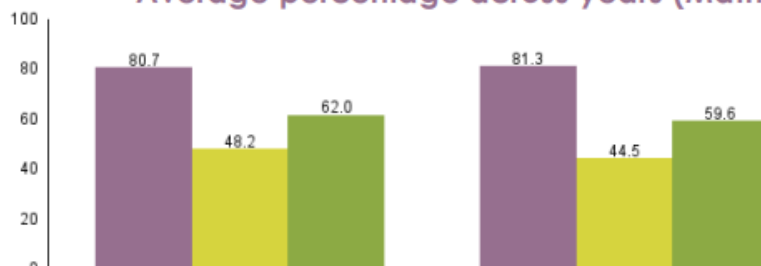
Average percentage across years (Language)



	2019	2021
School	77.9	81.8
Province	51.8	48.9
Quintile: NQ5	63.4	59.4

Grade 9 English

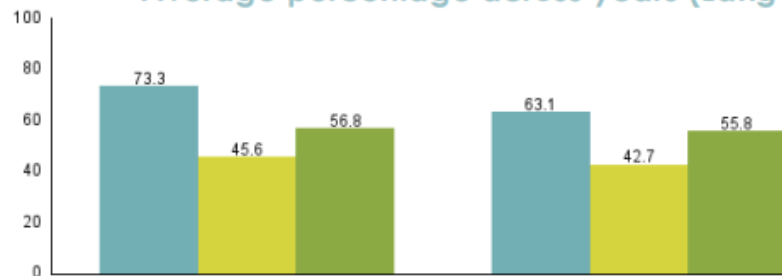
Average percentage across years (Mathematics)



	2019	2021
School	80.7	81.3
Province	48.2	44.5
Quintile: NQ5	62.0	59.6

Grade 6 Maths

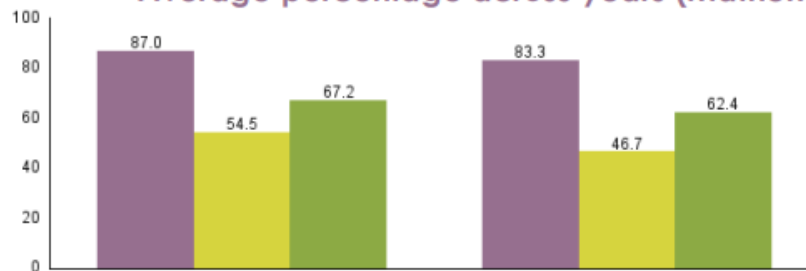
Average percentage across years (Language)



	2019	2021
School	73.3	63.1
Province	45.6	42.7
Quintile: NQ5	56.8	55.8

Grade 6 English

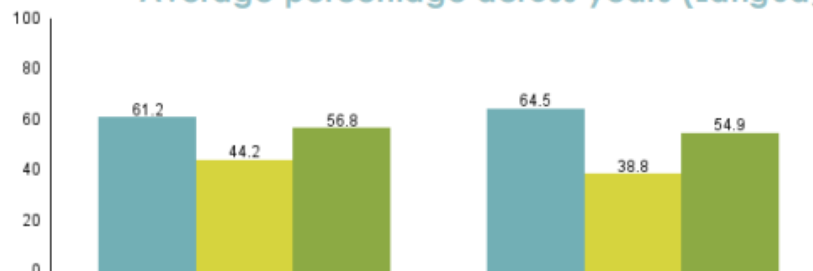
Average percentage across years (Mathematics)



	2019	2021
School	87.0	83.3
Province	54.5	46.7
Quintile: NQ5	67.2	62.4

Grade 3 Maths

Average percentage across years (Language)



	2019	2021
School	61.2	64.5
Province	44.2	38.8
Quintile: NQ5	56.8	54.9

Grade 3 English

Fundraising Finances

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we allocate all your hard earned Fundraising income to specific projects of direct benefit to the children. Following the outstanding R65000 we raised at the Global Food Fest, as well as other fundraising projects set for this year, we have decided to fund a number of smaller projects this year (rather than one big project

such as the netball/basketball court). Whilst we are still finalising the list, there are a number of projects we will undertake. These include:

- Repair and replace irrigation to make the school more 'green' again.
- Installation of a borehole
- New swings and outdoor play equipment for the pre-primary and Aftercare. If funds allow later in the year, we may also extend the section of artificial grass at the pre-primary.
- New whiteboards in classes and for individual children in the Gr 1 - 3 classes
- Upgrading of Science equipment for Grades 4 - 7
- New Science trolley for the College Grades 10 - 12
- Sponsoring a study methods course for Grades 8 and 9

The Manco meeting to discuss these projects had to be delayed due to load shedding, so the funding has yet to be approved in some cases.





INTERNATIONAL BOOK DAY

Saturday 23 April is International Book Day and this year we decided to make a concerted effort to celebrate the joy and wonder of books.

The Prep School children dressed up as a character from a book and were able to tell us about their favourite book. Those who were able to do so, donated a storybook which they no longer read, to our class library.

Outfits were planned and discussed for days and there was much excitement. This excitement grew upon entering the classroom and seeing the book display. We read stories and spoke about the value of books. We also spoke about different types of books and how to care for books. We all agreed that **A BOOK IS ALWAYS YOUR FRIEND!**

A book is a doorway to adventure!

“You can find magic
wherever you look.

Sit back and relax,

All you need is a book!” Dr Seuss



Thank you to the Grade 7 parents and learners for the festive and successful Easter egg fundraiser held last week.

DONATE TO S.P.C.A!

Dear Grade 1-7 learners and parents,

The S.R.C members would like to tell you about a charity project we are going to be doing this term. We would like to donate to the Wellington S.P.C.A. We would love and appreciate it if you joined in and donated dog and cat food and toys. Please bring your donations to your classroom.

There will be a box where you can put the food in.

Start date: 25 April

End date: 15 June

SOUP DRIVE

Wellington Prep & College

Butterfly House
Creating a Hopeful Future

Please support us by donating any non-perishable soup items (dried, canned, packet or the like by 17 June)

Let's all band together and support this worthy cause!

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We are excited to announce our **College Soup Drive** in support of

Butterfly House. Over 300 children between the ages of 2 and 18 are enrolled in their programme and our aim is to support their daily food initiative by providing much needed ingredients as the cold weather sets in. Let's make a difference in these young lives.



SOCCKER NEWS

WPS&C VS ST ALBANS 20 APRIL:

U/9:

All of our Under 9 players were very excited to play their first match of the season. It was a brilliant match to watch and everyone had a lot of fun. The support from parents was also outstanding and it created an atmosphere of excitement. All of the boys played their hearts out and the match ended with WPS&C winning 2-0. The players of the match were Matthew van Niekerk and Zeek van Breda.

U/11:

The Under 11 team was also excited for their first match. For many of the players, it was their first time playing a league match using the big goals. Our team was under a lot of pressure, but we were able to take the lead just before half time. Our defence was really tested in the second half with Tapiwa doing an outstanding job as goal keeper. WPS&C won the match 1-0. Player of the match was Tapiwa Nyanhete.

U/13:

Our Senior Prep boys got off to a flying start and soon led 2-0 within the first 10 minutes of the match. Unfortunately, St Albans was able to make a very strong comeback. Our boys gave their best in very tough playing conditions, but we lost the match 6-2. It was a tough start to the season for the U/13s but there is no doubt that they will bounce back strongly. Player of the match was Sebastian Korabie



The College hosted a very successful seminar in partnership with Michelle Duraan (one of very few registered career counsellors in South Africa in private practice) on Wednesday evening. The aim of the seminar was to engage with our Grade 11 and 12 parents and learners on the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for them after school.
