



Wellington College at the World Scholar's Cup Preliminary Round, Beijing, 17th-18th March 2012

Despite having only been open since August 2011, Wellington College entered two Junior teams in the preliminary round of the World Scholar's Cup, held at International School of Beijing on Saturday, 17th March and Sunday, 18th March. Each team is composed of three members. The World Scholar's Cup is composed of team and individual competitions in debating, creative writing and knowledge, based on mastering several briefs in topics as varied as art, poetry, science, current affairs, urban development and films. The



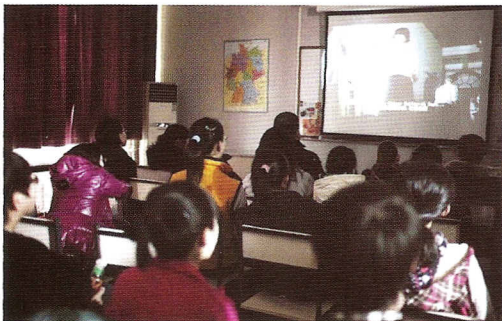
Wellington teams were composed of Katie Cook (Year 9), Ada Chen (Year 8) and Ally Kim (Year 7); and Jaehyun Kim (Year 9), Jan Janeczczek (Year 8) and Nicholas Thumiger (Year 8). Katie Cook participated in last year's World Scholar's Cup final

in Kuala Lumpur where she put in a very impressive performance, becoming the Junior debating champion. None of the other Wellington students had taken part in the event before.



The Wellington teams were the only representatives from any Tianjin international schools and they carried the flag for the city admirably against a wide range of Beijing schools, both international and Chinese. Both teams qualified for the world final, due to be held in Bangkok in late June, while the girls' team won medals for being the third placed 'rookie' team and the second debating team overall. Katie Cook came second in the individual debating, as well as seventh overall in the whole competition. Now it is on to Bangkok for the two Junior teams. Meanwhile, the College plans to enter more teams, at senior and junior level, in the next regional preliminary round in Hong Kong in May.

Film Session at the Goethe-Language Centre Tianjin



On Sunday afternoon, March 18, the Goethe-Language Centre Tianjin in cooperation with the French Alliance Francaise presented the Austrian film "A Breath of Heaven", directed by Reinhold Bilgeri. More than 30 students, teachers and friends of the German language watched the feature film with English and Chinese subtitles and were gripped by the enthralling and truthful account of the most violent avalanche catastrophe in the history

of the Alps: the destruction of the village Blons on January 11, 1954. Wrapped around is the love story of 40-year-old noblewoman Erna who decides to open a new page of her life in Blons after her father passed away and Eugenio who tries to do something against the threatening avalanches.

Theater Night of the Goethe-Language Center Tianjin

On Saturday, March 24, the Goethe-Language Center Tianjin organized a big theater night at the Western Shore Art Museum at Youyi Beilu. Almost 100 guests, among them students, teachers, and representatives of the German and French Chambers of Tianjin, saw the play "The Rainbow Fish" by the "Little German Theatre" of the Goethe-Language Centre and a modern version of "Cinderella", performed by the theatre group of the TFSU



Binhai Institut German Department. After a short welcoming speech by the Goethe-Language Center's German Director Karin Benkelmann-Zhang the "Little German Theatre", most of whose members have only learned German for less than a year, enthused everyone with a self painted stage design, colorful self-made costumes, musical interludes and an amazingly clear German pronunciation. Thus, even beginners in the audience could easily understand the plot. The male cast of Cinderella and the female cast of the Prince then elated the audience with their humor and charme and managed to hold the three evil sisters at bay very well. Flowers, words of gratitude and last but not least the unique atmosphere in the renovated church made the evening a true highlight this spring season.

