YEAR 10 FOOD STUDIES REPORT

NOVELTY CAKE PROJECT

The two classes of Year 10 Food Studies students concluded their year with not only a written exam but a final practical challenge. The Novelty Cake Project is often a highlight of the Year 10 Food Studies course which encourages students to be as creative as possible in their design and decorating of a special occasion, novelty cake.

Students are briefed in various icing and decorating techniques as well as researching many classic cake designs to gain ideas for their own project. Each year the level of enthusiasm and fine craftsmanship impresses me.

All the cakes this year were placed on display for students and staff to view. Congratulations to all the students for their efforts and especially Mrs Sue Hawood, Mrs Ann Lovell and Mr Ben Shaw for the support of this project.

EXCURSION TO TASMANIAN BAKERIES/NATIONAL PIES

Last week, students concluded their Food Studies course by visiting the factory site of Tasmanian Bakeries/National Pies in Patrick Street, Hobart. The excursion allowed our students the opportunity to observe and gain an insight into the operation of a commercial kitchen and business.

As it was a real commercial kitchen, there were strict health and safety regulations that students adhered to, to enable us to participate in the tour. We were extremely grateful to our guide, Mr Jim Bellamy the Production Manager of Tasmanian Bakeries for the generosity of his time and terrific knowledge of the site.

The students and I were amazed by the sheer size of the operation, the focus of the staff, the technology and the cleanliness of the premises and, of course, the great taste of the locally sourced, Tasmanian products.

Jim was knowledgeable and very welcoming to our students. While many companies look upon visiting school groups as a chore or a waste of company resources, it was refreshing that National Pies has the vision to see the importance of assisting students in their education about food technology and operations; the potential benefits of direct marketing to a new generation of consumers and the power of word of mouth about local products and operations.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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M. Scott Peck The Road Less Traveled

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At the conclusion of the project Kirby Block will be demolished and the area turned back to open space.

Obviously, capital works at such a large scale will result in some disruptions, including the vacating of certain parts of the building over the life of the project. We will be working closely with the builders to ensure that disruptions are kept to a minimum. However, we are very excited about the end product, which will include contemporary learning and teaching spaces and places for the student body to go during inclement weather.

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November 22 and 25, and will complete the student requirement for taking the next step in their education. During these two days students will be given the opportunity to follow an area of interest. This could be gaining their Responsible Serving of Alcohol Certificate, participating in the “Save a Mate” program or gaining an insight into the world of work. On the Monday morning we have invited two keynote speakers Tanya Ahmed, Director of Sharuka and Alfonso Giusti, co-curator of Cugini to talk to our young people about working and living in the 21st Century.

START TIME
As we come to the end of term we are all becoming a little tired. However, I would like to highlight our firm expectation that students arrive at school on time. The first bell for the start of the day goes at 8.25 am and students should be in Home Rooms by 8.30 am. The Home Room time is an important way for students to start the day as messages and absentees are done at this time.

MEDICAL INFORMATION
All of our Year 9 students will be going on camp in the first week of December. All permission slips and up-to-date medical information needs to be returned to the College as soon as possible. Any student not returning the correct permission slip will not be able to go on camp.

FOCUS ON THE ACADEMIC YEAR

In Year 10, the College will be offering a new group of Japanese students the opportunity to participate in the 2013 annual Japanese Speech Competition. With help from Sullivan sensei and Hardman sensei the Year 7s and 8s memorised a speech to recite, while the Year 9s and 10s memorised a speech and answers to 18 questions. Everyone arrived excited and nervous at the speech contest venue and immediately began frantically practising. Year 7s kicked off the day and Year 10s concluded it. On the day we enjoyed sushi and milkshakes. Both were delicious, but only some game people actually ate the pickled ginger. Everyone should be commended for their hard work and courage.

Congratulations to every member of the 2013 Japanese Speech Contest team. Their skills and commitment to their Japanese language studies truly is commendable. It was wonderful to see our students willingly take on the extra work and effort required to prepare for this challenge. MacKillop Catholic College students have regularly enjoyed success in this competition and this year was no exception. We returned to the College tired, but elated, our ears ringing to the sounds of beautifully recited Japanese and the praise and commendations of competition judges and event staff. It was an honour for both Ms Hardman and I to work with these students in this endeavour. Special congratulations go to:

- Ellen Noye
- Miriam Boulton

- Meg Francis
- Honourable Mention in the Year 7 category
- Claire Callan
- Honourable Mention in the Year 8 category
- Lia Visentin
- Honourable Mention in the Year 8 category
- Amy Gadd
- Honourable Mention in the Year 10 category

On Monday, November 11, the Year 10 Japanese class travelled to the Medieval Japanese Café in North Hobart. At the café students were served a taster course that included well known Japanese dishes such as, sushi, sashimi, tempura, gyozas and karaage. Students made the most of the event all trying at least a bite or two of each dish. Karaage, marinated, deep fried chicken was the dish of the day. Sashimi, raw sliced fish proved troublesome for some. Fortunately there were a few sashimi fans present to help out.

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