Masterchef in the Making

Year 12 student, April Pederson, is currently on work placement in Sydney at the restaurant of Adriano Zumbos.

Adriano Zumbos is a patisserie, renowned for his unique culinary skills, particularly in the area of desserts. His popularity has increased since being involved in the TV series, Masterchef.

April went through a vigorous application process to secure her place and needed to write a 250 word essay detailing her experience and why she wanted the position in his restaurant.

EXCITING LESSON FOR KYOGLE ENGAGEMENT AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAM STUDENTS

Another highly educational and enriching lesson was organised for our KEEP students at the end of last term by our very own Ex Science Teacher Mr Jeff Marriott. Mr Marriott gave up his time to deliver an exciting program alongside Science Teacher, Ms Lindy Ruangsri, that included both practical activities alongside meaningful discussion. The class, that now includes Years 5, 6 and 7, was fast moving and covered a multitude of tasks, including distillation as a means of separating substances and various microscope activities with the inclusion of written activities.

The students were supported by Year 10 Peer Support Leaders, which provided yet another primary to high school transition experience.
**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

I hope all our mothers and grandmothers out there had a lovely Mother’s Day. The Roxy Gallery Mother’s Art Exhibition shows the compassion of all the women in our community.

This week students in Year 7 and Year 9 sit the NAPLAN tests. Thanks to all staff for helping prepare our students and to Jenny Densley for her organisation.

Year 10 are out and about in the area completing their work experience. This is an opportunity to taste the world of work and encourages students to see beyond the school.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students on completing the Half Yearly Exams. Kyogle High School works hard to ensure that students are receiving the best education possible. We also want to do our best in ensuring students are safe at school.

Parents and carers play an important role in this. If your child has a diagnosed medical condition, we need to work together to develop Health Care Plans in the event they need support at school. Students who suffer asthma, epilepsy, anaphylaxis, diabetes or allergies are just a few of the students who need to have current Health Care Plans in place. There are many other reasons to have Health Care Plans and we need to ensure that these are current and understood by staff. Over the next few weeks, parents and carers may be contacted to ensure that these are completed and signed off by their local GP.

Cyber bullying is a concern in all communities, especially with our young people. It is against the law to threaten, abuse, or belittle another person. Facebook is a platform for this to occur. I urge all parents and carers to be aware of what their child is saying on Facebook. If a matter is brought to my attention, I pass this on to the police. If parents or carers have any concern, please do the same.

We have been working hard on tackling any episodes of bullying in our school. During this term, Kim Mewing, the NSW Police Youth Liaison Officer will be talking to our students and we will become involved in the “Stop Harassing Me” Program which sees NSW Police and School working together to ensure students stay safe, especially in the area of cyber-bullying.

If your child is coming home and saying there is an issue, please contact the Year Advisor so that we can implement our Anti-Bullying Policy.

**Year Advisors**

Year 7 Brad Rasborsek
Year 8 Tony Page
Year 9 Bobbie Sharpe
Year 10/ Boys Advisor Ben Harper
Year 11 Lindy Ruangsri
Year 12 Jason McKee

Deputy Principal: Gae Masters
Head Teacher Welfare: Janet Andrews
Girls Advisor: Rachel Rasborsek
Learning and Support Teacher: Sonya Soulsby
Student Welfare Teacher (Mon/Tues): Lyn Duncan
School Counsellor (Mon/Friday): Janelle Jeffery

*Mrs Janeen Silcock – Principal*

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**NAPLAN 2013**

NAPLAN for Year 7 & 9 is this week. Students have been given a detailed timetable. Friday will be catch up day for those students who are absent.

All students need a calculator for Thursday. NAPLAN does not run all day students will be attending Sport and some normal classes.

Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions
Wednesday 15 May – Writing
Thursday 16 May – Numeracy

*Mrs J Densley*

*Head Teacher English*

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**From the Deputy’s Desk**

**What is NAPLAN?**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

**Why do students do NAPLAN tests?**

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

**What will be tested, and how?**

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. The content of each test is informed by the National Statements of Learning for English and Mathematics which underpin state and territory learning frameworks. Questions are multiple-choice or require a short written response. The Writing task requires students to write a persuasive text.

**How is NAPLAN performance measured?**

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has ten bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

*Mrs Gae Masters-Deputy Principal*
COMING EVENTS

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‘Mother World’ - a celebration of mothers in art, is an exhibition currently showing at the local Roxy Gallery and features 5 of our very own teachers. From Left Ms McDonough, Mrs O’Meara, gallery curator Ruth Tsimibinis, Miss Curtis, Miss Peisto and Miss Alleva. The gallery opens Tues-Frid 10-4pm and Sat 9.30-12 noon and should be on your list of to do’s.

Over the last school holidays I was lucky enough to be chosen among 50 girls from New South Wales, ACT and Victoria to travel down to the UBS Young Women’s Leadership Academy at Sydney University. UBS is a huge investment bank and financial business who operate in over 50 countries around the world. I flew down to Sydney on the 15th April and spent the next 5 days going to lectures and workshops to develop leadership, public speaking and presentation skills at UBS and The Women’s College, Sydney University. We got to meet with women who worked in all kinds of areas from show business to politics, gaining valuable insight and experience into the financial world as well as practical life skills. The Academy girls were billeted out to college students and being part of college life was fun and insightful. Overall, it was a fantastic experience and one that has equipped me with new tools for a variety of practical areas.

Emily Muirhead Year 11 student

Excursion—WAR HORSE
Drama Theatre Production-QPAC—Brisbane
This excursion is open to all students and but in particular would enhance learning for those students doing history. It is on in the next school holidays.

Cost : $55.00
Date : Tuesday 9th July
Transport : Bus– departing 12.00 midday and returning at approximately 2.00am.
Limited seats left. Preference will be given to those who pay first. Notes are at the Front Office.

Ms Bobbie Sharpe—Coordinator

RUGBY LEAGUE NOTES
BUCKLEY AND UNIVERSITY SHIELDS
These notes must be returned to the Front Office by Monday 20 May 2013. No late notes will be accepted.

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The Canteen is always looking for more volunteers. If you can help out please phone Faye Rose (Canteen Supervisor) on 6632 1300.

Term 2 Vaccinations
Tuesday 28 May 2013
Second dose of vaccinations for Year 7 and 9 students. If any students missed out on their vaccinations last term, or if parents/carers have any further questions they can contact me at the school.

Mrs Rachael Rasborsek—Coordinator

P&C Uniform Shop
Opening Wednesdays (until further notice)
8.30 am to 9.30am

New everyday polo shirts have arrived.
$25.00

Community Liaison Officer

P&C Meeting will be held this Thursday 5.30pm in the Staff Common Room.
Come and support your child’s education

Everyone is welcome.

Mrs Sue Landers—Community Liaison Officer