The final menu chosen was a frame served in the one hour time how it could all be cooked and plate, as well as coordinating into the allocated price per costing the ingredients to fit restricted list of ingredients, creating a menu from the preparation for the event, The boys spent a lot of time in Showgrounds.

Showgrounds International Culinary Challenge, held at the Wayville

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Secondary School’s International Culinary Challenge

By Ruth Hicks

This term Aaron Jakaitis and Leo Penascoza represented Murray Bridge High School in the Secondary School’s International Culinary Challenge, held at the Wayville Showgrounds.

The boys spent a lot of time in preparation for the event, creating a menu from the restricted list of ingredients, costing the ingredients to fit into the allocated price per plate, as well as coordinating how it could all be cooked and served in the one hour time frame.

The final menu chosen was a crusted pork fillet on a green bean pilau, served with a tomato and onion relish. The judges were all head chefs from a range of restaurants in Adelaide.

They were very impressed with the organisation of the team, the effective communication between them and the efficiency of their service. One judge was so impressed he gave the boys his card and offered them employment when they were ready to leave school.

Marks were awarded for hygiene and safe food handling, mise en place and preparation, presentation and the all important taste test. The boys scored an impressive 87.33%, which equated to a silver medal.

Both Aaron and Leo were also awarded recognition of competency in five TAFE units which they can use if they choose to go on to further study in the industry.

Any senior school students wishing to find out more about participation in next year’s challenge are welcome to talk to Ms Hicks or Mrs Rowland.

Above: Leo Penascoza and Aaron Jakaitis serve up their menu.

Left: Leo Penascoza and Aaron Jakaitis discuss their menu with last year’s winner Saskia Davidson.

Dates to Remember

Friday, 3/7/09 – last day of Term 2 – 2.00pm dismissal

Monday, 20/7/09 – first day of Term 3

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - Merilyn Klem

As this semester draws to a close, it is time to reflect a little on the year so far and to look ahead to some exciting developments.

FORMAL

It was an exciting night. We all adapted well to John Dohler Hall and the change from the familiar Town Hall.

I especially wish to thank The Standard for the fabulous photographs published last week. Students and their families very much appreciate how involved The Standard has become with young people, their schools and community.

FUNABASHI VISIT

We have postponed the visit of students from Tokyo until March next year. Students were due to arrive in July but there is still too much uncertainty about Swine Flu, both here and in Japan.

FUNDING

It is hard to understand how in times of economic depression, funding for schools is ‘flowing’ at both State and Federal level. However, after a decade of severe cut backs in school funding and the running down of school facilities, we say ‘thank you very much’ and look to make the most of the opportunities present.

Let’s also be aware that behind all of the successes are many hours of research and application writing. There is also much work to do to re-develop the facilities for which we have been successful in seeking funding.

The following is a summary:

Lower Murray Trade Training Centre (Federal funding)

• For delivery of electronics.
• In conjunction with Coomandook, Karoonda, Tintinara and Meningie Area Schools and Mannum Community College.

Due to be built at Murray Bridge High School in 2010.

Trade School for the Future (State funding)

• This funding is for ICT equipment and infrastructure in the Trade Training Centre.

Digital Education Revolution (Federal)

• Approximately 150 new computers (a new computing room in Middle School).

Building Education Revolution (Federal National Pride)

• Upgrading of verandahs.

DECS (State funding)

• Lifts to each of the two storey buildings to enable access for students requiring wheelchairs.
• Infrastructure repairs (School Pride)

Language Centre (proposed)

• Establish 21st Century language learning facilities in language classrooms.

This all adds up to approximately $3.5 million. The proposed facility upgrades do give encouragement to the community. We are also endeavouring to manage the projects so that as much work is done by local people as possible.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SPORTS TRAINING ACADEMY

Rostrevor College and Para West Adult Campus in DECS are known for their Aboriginal Sports Academies. From July in DECS the program is being coordinated centrally and 6 schools are involved.

Murray Bridge High School is planning to offer the program in 2010 – an initiative of Joffre Pearce, our Aboriginal Education Transition Officer (ASET0).

The program offers a new VET pathway in the national certifies in Sport and Recreation.

More details will be published in a future Newsletter.

Murray Bridge High School currently has 90 Aboriginal students, the second highest secondary enrolment after Port Augusta High School.

The Aboriginal Education team are undertaking their Certificate IV in Training and Assessment to enable them to be involved in delivering the program.

There is much to look forward to as Murray Bridge High School consolidates its position as a very strong Regional High School, a comprehensive high school which caters for very diverse students.

Next term I am taking Long Service Leave. I am undertaking some study to keep my own qualifications up to date. At the end I am going to see Darwin for two weeks.

Mr Phillip Fitzsimmons, currently Deputy Principal, will be undertaking the Principal role.

I wish you a very productive term.
YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP DAY

By Helen Peake

On Thursday, 25 June the Murray Bridge High School Interact Club presented the 2009 Year 8 Leadership Workshop. With an array of distinguished speakers the students were exposed to a variety of thoughts about, and methods of, becoming leaders.

The workshop was opened by Dick Cuttle, the District Governor Elect for Rotary District 9520. He spoke about the role of Rotary in the community and enlightened the students about the various programs Rotary run for young people in our community.

Wayne Richards, Chair of the SA Variety Club Bash Committee then spoke about the work that the Variety Club do to help underprivileged and sick children in South Australia. He brought two cars with him – the central control vehicle and a bash car belonging to Jerry Wilson. Wayne showed a short video clip about the Variety Club then opened up the vehicles for the students to view.

After recess the students met Joe Hoad, originally from Barbados in the West Indies. Joe has had successful careers in both cricket and table tennis and has coached both of these sports at the highest level. He has a Masters Degree in Child and Sport Psychology and has worked in a motivational capacity with Australian Olympians and Paralympian athletes. Joe has given motivational talks to young people all over the world helping them to set realistic targets and to avoid the many traps that they will face in the modern world.

Our next speaker was John Di Candia, a Detective Inspector from SAPOL and currently working with the Drug Investigation Branch. John spoke about how he got to be where he is today, the decisions that he had to make and what prompted him to follow his career path. Again the focus was on leadership and the skills required to be a leader in his field.

In the final session before lunch our German International Student, Franziska Henke and Rotary Exchange student Pia Midttun Eie from Norway spoke about the reasons why they chose to come to Australia to study for 12 months. As they are both due to return home in the next couple of weeks they were able to draw some comparisons between their home countries and schools and what they have experienced in Australia. Franziska then entertained the students by singing three songs, backed by her band, all members of the school community.

The students were then treated to a lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge. Many thanks to Brian and Sue Foster, Don and Cameron McLean, Barb Elston, Graham Peake and ably assisted by Rotary Exchange student Pia Midttun Eie for providing the nutritious lunch.

After lunch the final session involved two local police officers, Sam Manfield and Jarrad Zadow. They spoke very briefly about their role as Police Officers in Murray Bridge then answered questions posed by the students for the next 25 minutes. The students certainly enjoyed the opportunity to ask questions ranging from how to become a Police Officer to the sort of equipment carried by an officer on their belts.

To end the day the Year 9, 10 and 11 students who were involved in the Fresh Bread Dance program with Katrina Lazaroff performed, followed by the Year 10 first semester Dance students.

On behalf of the students of the Murray Bridge High School Interact Club I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who were involved in the preparation and delivery of an interesting and worthwhile program.