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Budding chefs whip up a win

Gourmet Girls flavour of the day with judges

by Emily Fan and Alice Wu

A delectable dish designed by the Gourmet Girls tantalized the tastebuds of the judges in the first round of a national cooking competition held last term.

The self-selected team of Year 7 girls from Belmont Intermediate School, who call themselves the Gourmet Girls because of their passion for cooking, have wowed the judges with their creative cooking skills and their bubbly personalities.

Three of the girls are former Hauraki School students. Emily Coyle (second right) is only too familiar with the sweet taste of success. Last year her team won the 'New Zealand Herald's Design the Front Page' competition.

The 11-year-old masterchefs have put their toques together and crafted a scrumptious recipe, called ENSANE chicken, using the initials of their first names.

The dish is a clever arrangement of chicken pieces rolled in salsa, flavoured mash decorated with a cheese wafer, and complemented with an immaculately tied bundle of steamed green beans.

The idea to enter the MAGGI Kitchen Showdown competition came from Amber Freebury. Amber loves spending time in the kitchen, creating her own favourite dishes. She cooks twice a week for her family and it is no surprise she dreams of becoming a successful chef and owning her own restaurant.

"When I heard about the competition I wasted no time in gathering some friends!" exclaimed Amber enthusiastically.

"... and after revealing that I could cook noodles, I was immediately accepted into the team," laughed Shannon Williams.

When a camera crew came into the school to film the girls, Nina's main



YOUNG CHEFS COOK THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS : Amber Freebury, Nina Minogue, Emily Coyle and Shannon Williams (left to right). PICTURE / E. FAN

thought was "not to muck up because our group had made many mistakes in the practices, and there was so much pressure on us to do our best".

The students are coached by teachers, Mrs Alyson Wingrove and Mrs Emma Harper.

"The Gourmet Girls have worked really hard to create their signature dish. They have experimented and tried different combinations, enabling them to be critical and constructive of their own work," Mrs Harper explained.

The girls have scooped a place in

the Auckland Regional finals and will fly to Christchurch on Wednesday, September 1 where they will compete for the grand prize of a starring role in the Erin Simpson Show and \$5,000 for their school.

Meanwhile the talented troupe of food technicians will be spending more hours in the kitchen perfecting their winning recipe which they hope will drive the judges 'ensane'.

To view a video of the Gourmet Girls going for gold in the kitchen, visit www.maggi.co.nz.

Mathletics maniac

by Beatrice Everall

Cries of joy could be heard from the O'Reilly household when Matthew O'Reilly, a Year 4 student from Hauraki School, learned that he had placed third in the world and first in New Zealand for Mathletics.



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"The more you go on it, the more you learn."
Matthew O'Reilly

With a staggering 13,664 points, Matthew has joined the Mathletics Hall of Fame.

He enjoys spending every spare minute solving maths problems.

"Mathletics got me hooked on Maths, so I just keep going on," grinned Matthew shyly.

"The more you go on it, the more you learn," he said.

The Mathletics programme is a fun, online learning resource for all ages.

Small Whites in the spotlight

by Caitlin White

Young footballers, Nicolas Barker, Sam Collinson and Trent Walker are hooked on soccer. They love watching the All Whites for inspiration and hope someday to be just like them.

They all play for the same soccer team, the Under 10 North Shore Saints. Both Sam and Nicolas play in the defence and Trent is goalkeeper.

Trent, aged 9, already has a collection of awards for his contribution to the sport.

Sam's most memorable experience was scoring a goal for his team and being named 'player of the day'.

Soccer is not the only thing these three boys have in common. The sports enthusiasts are also good friends who are in the same class at Hauraki School, and they all play for the same cricket team.



PUTTING HIS BEST FOOT FORWARD: Nicolas Barker, with team mates, Sam Collinson and Trent Walker. PICTURE / C. WHITE

Nicolas developed his love for soccer at the age of five and remembers kicking the ball around in his backyard.

"Last year I was selected for a North Island tournament in Whangarei. Our team came third and we brought home a plate for the club and each player received a bronze medal," announced Nicolas proudly.

New Zealand World Cup hero, Winston Reid, is an ex-Hauraki student whose success in soccer has brought him international fame. Could these three talented lads be following in his footsteps?

EDITORIAL

Reading: A matter of fact

by Emily Fan

Have you ever experienced a day in your life without reading something? Probably never, I think.

Reading is an essential life-skill and is fundamental to functioning in today's society. Everyone needs to be able to read, no matter what his or her age, occupation or culture.

Ten-year-old Jacqui Lynch loves reading and believes reading is important. She recently received an 'Encyclopedia of Animals' for her birthday and explains, "I have gained new knowledge from reading all the interesting facts about animals and I have learnt new words and meanings". For Jacqui, reading is clearly a fun way of learning.

Hauraki School's Deputy Principal, Mr Christopher Pipes, shares the same sentiment on the importance of reading. He says, "If anybody wanted to make their way successfully into the world, reading would definitely be the answer. Reading has provided me with the knowledge, communication skills and confidence I need in my chosen career."

While many people choose to read for different reasons, reading is necessary because it affects our whole lives and everything we do.

Young children learn how to communicate through reading. They acquire language and new knowledge. Seeing words in different contexts gives them a better understanding of how words are used to convey meaning.

Teenagers develop new skills and learn about the world through reading. Reading is everywhere – at bus stops and on billboards, in supermarkets and in cinemas. Everyday activities such as using a mobile phone, emailing a friend or chatting online requires the use of language and words.

Knowing how to read is important in building a good self-image. A child who learns to read from an early age is more likely to succeed in school, avoid anti-social behaviour such as drug or alcohol abuse, complete tertiary education and earn a living wage.

Poor readers, on the other hand, feel lonely and isolated because they cannot read, so they tend to 'give up' on themselves and ultimately on life.

To have a successful career or be a model parent, adults need highly effective literacy and communication skills. The absence of reading and writing skills can make simple day-to-day functioning frustrating and unpleasant. A housewife or househusband who cannot read will struggle to follow a recipe, shop for groceries, pay the bills, or simply relate to others. To fulfil the basic demands of his or her job, an accountant would need to have strong reading skills in order to interpret graphs and reports as a daily routine.

With fierce competition in the workplace, and the increasing stresses of life, we need to continue forward in this fast-moving and ever-changing world.

However, one fact remains clear – the art of reading is a necessity of life and cannot be taken for granted.

Reading develops your character. It opens the door to your imagination in a way that the TV or computer couldn't possibly do. With reading, a person can go anywhere in the world. They can be a king or an adventurer, or even a princess. The possibilities are endless. Sadly, non-readers would never know the full extent of this magical journey.

"So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray, go throw your TV set away, and in its place you can install a lovely bookshelf on the wall" – a quote from the well-known children's book, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', written by Roald Dahl, internationally acclaimed author – emphasises the importance of reading for young children.

A group of 44 Year 6 students from Hauraki School were surveyed on how reading has benefited them. The result was an overwhelming support for, and love of, reading. The reasons they gave varied – some students read for sheer enjoyment, others wanted to increase their vocabulary and understanding of words, while most students were keen to improve their spelling.

I believe that reading is important because it enhances your life emotionally, spiritually and socially.

So, you ask me, is reading an essential life-skill or a dying art? Is reading really necessary? I'll let you weigh up the facts... but remember...

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

WHY WE READ

Year 6 Students at Hauraki School

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BENEFITS OF READING	NUMBER OF STUDENTS
Entertainment	
Extends vocabulary	
Improves spelling	
Understanding	
Information	

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