

## The walls are coming down!

**Renovations** required to enlarge the team's work space to accommodate the larger team is set to start on 19 February. We expect the work to take approximately two to three weeks. During this time the team will not be based in the Learning Centre.

**Entrance to the Lab & Sydenham rooms** over the renovation period will be directly into the rooms through the library green doors.

**Please note: do NOT use the usual entrances to the Learning Centre.** The green doors to be used are by the library music CD area and children's area.

### Bookings affected

There may be a need to cancel some bookings during the renovation period. Margot McKeegan will be contacting schools that will be affected. No new bookings over this period will be made.

**Temporary phone contact for the Learning Centre** through the Library Fingertip call centre p: 941 7923. They will transfer you to us.

## Breakie Meeting

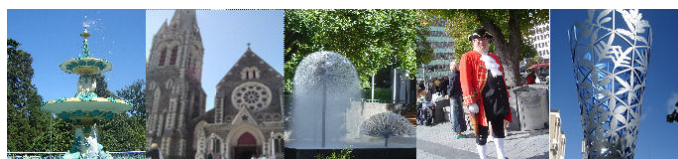
The new year 'breakie meeting' for Learning Centre coordinators has been deferred. An invitation will be sent out when we all have our feet settled behind desks again!

## Get *your* class involved in the 2007 Youth Heritage Competition

Looking for a unit of work in Term 1 or 2? Why not get your class to create an entry for the 2007 Youth Heritage Competition!

Using ICT to record an aspect of our local heritage, students are invited to produce a:

- movie
- powerpoint
- podcast
- poster, OR
- brochure



The competition theme is "**Remembering When - gathering memories of places, spaces, icons and identities**". The competition is aligned with Heritage Week and is a great way to get kids into Social Studies.

### For more information:

Check out the website: [http://www.slc.ac.nz/comp\\_details.htm](http://www.slc.ac.nz/comp_details.htm)

Or watch out for the information coming to your HOD Social Studies soon.

Please feel free to contact by email: [nina.whitfield@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:nina.whitfield@ccc.govt.nz)

## Farewell to Andrea...

Andrea Isitt and her family are on the move across the ditch to Brisbane. The feeling of 'time for change' combined with the desire for warmer weather could no longer be ignored.

Andrea's Christmas involved some rapid fire decision making. The house was sold within the week, the boys accepted into a school, the garage sale held and the cat found a loving home. David, Sam, Mitchell and Sheldon flew out last week and Andrea leaves us at the end of this week. She will fly across with the family's two dogs on 3 February.

Andrea has been working as the Administration and Programmes Coordinator at the South Learning Centre since the opening in September 2003. Andrea will be greatly missed for her enthusiasm, professionalism, contributions and networking in what has been a very busy four years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea for all her hard work and wish her and her family every success in this bold adventure.

Good luck to you all and  
God bless.



### A note from Andrea...

*Thanks to everyone for making my time at South Learning Centre one that I will always treasure. I've experienced the 'ICT learning journey' first hand and thankfully stayed here past the first week, when I felt completely out of my depth in a new technology world! Heartfelt thanks to Pat Street for being a truly awesome leader and to the wonderful team here. Cheers to great people, to the teachers and learners of this world and to new challenging experiences!*



Check out our website:

<http://learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz>

## Latest News from SLC

### New software available

- Photostory
- Neverwinter Nights
- Audacity
- itunes

### New 3D programme developed

Our first 3D programme, *3D Me!* proved both fun and successful over the January holidays. 3D Me is a fun new way of keeping a photographic record of your life! Students are taught how to take creative photographs and turn them into 3D anaglyphs. The resulting photographs are viewed through "funky" 3D viewing glasses created by the students, who have personalised their designs using Paint Shop Pro. If you would like to bring your class into South Learning Centre to learn about the wacky world of 3D in term 2-4, then give Nina a call on 941 5143 or email her at [nina.whitfield@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:nina.whitfield@ccc.govt.nz)



### 2007 Horizons Programmes

An overview of the 2007 Horizons programmes has been sent as a separate flyer with this newsletter. Or view the flyer as a pdf on our website:

<http://learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz>

Bookings p: 941 5140

### LAG meeting date

Minutes of the previous Learning Advisory Group (LAG) are being distributed to attendees. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 14 February in the Sydenham room at 3:30pm.

## Using the Learning Centres

### Bookings

- Please phone 941 5140 to arrange bookings for class visits or equipment loan. We recommend booking well in advance, up to two terms ahead.
- Please arrange a planning meeting with Learning Specialist staff at the Learning Centre prior to your class visit.
- Regular weekly school bookings will be under review after term 1 this year.

### Transport

- Each school is able to use four return trips to South Learning Centre during term 1, at no charge to the school
- Contact Advance Passenger Transport System directly to arrange bookings. Fax the request to fax: 385 2367. Please quote the purchase order for visits during February to April 2007, advised by email to LC coordinators.

### General Procedures

- Please access the Learning Centres through the main library entrance doors.
- The class teacher is responsible for the class in the event of an emergency and is required to have a class roll on hand
- Advise Learning Centre staff if any of the students have vision or hearing difficulties.

### Consent Forms

- Schools are responsible for ensuring their school internet policy has been outlined to and signed by parents, thereby visits to the Learning Centre will be covered under this Internet policy and a separate consent form will not be required.
- A new Memorandum of Understanding for 2007 will be distributed for Principals to sign. This is an annual procedure.

### Printing Costs at the Learning Centres

In situations where colour printing is required, students are able to print **one copy per student** at no cost. Any colour printing in excess of one copy per student, or surplus pages printed in error, will be charged to the school.

Our colour printing charges for classroom use are: A4 \$1.00 and A3 \$2.00.

## Community Programmes

*Please promote these in your school newsletter*

### Food for Learning

@ South Learning Centre

Monday 26 February, 7pm to 9pm

Good nutrition can improve a child's school attendance, behaviour and long term learning ability. Poor nutrition in early life affects IQ. Explore how your home or school environment can make the difference.

**Suitable for adults, \$5 session fee**



### Family Internet Tuesday: Homework Help

@ South, Upper Riccarton & Waitikiri Learning Centres

Tuesday 7 March, 6pm to 7:30pm

Frustrated with ineffective internet searching? Participants will:

- Learn effective research skills, eg search engines and refining your search
- Use the library website and resources to access information on your topic.

**For families with children 7 years+**

**Children under 14 years must attend with an adult**

**No charge for Family Internet programmes**



**For full programme information visit:**

**<http://learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz>**

**For bookings and enquiries phone: 941 7923**

Get **FIT**  
technologically  
with your family