

Learning Centres

Pūtahi Akoranga

Kura Newsletter—Latest News

Term 1 - March 2015

What's coming up in the Learning Centre

Matariki

Each year Christchurch City Libraries offer a variety of events, programmes and craft activities to celebrate Matariki and to learn more about this important part of Māori culture.

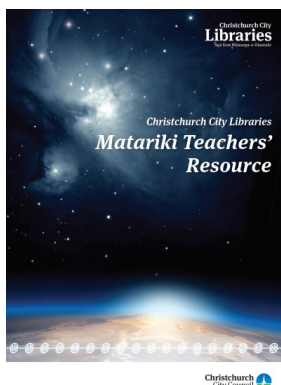
During term two the Learning Centres will be delivering Matariki Connect sessions. Students will learn about the Māori new year and the cultural significance of the Matariki star cluster. Matariki stories, celebrations and traditions will be explored.

This year at Christchurch City Libraries, the theme for Matariki is maumaharatanga - remembrance. Students will learn about the Māori New Year, explore images of historic Ngāi Tahu leaders and learn about the importance of understanding our past. Students will take part in an engaging activity using quality library resources and produce a unique artwork about maumaharatanga. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Te Ao Māori (The Māori world).



Our Connect sessions here at the South Learning Centre (South Library) run on the following days and times:

- Tuesdays, 9.00—10.30am
- Tuesdays, 11.00am—12.30pm
- Wednesdays, 11.00am—12.30pm
- Fridays, 11.00am—12.30pm



If you would like to find out more about Matariki, our library website has information for students and for teachers. It has ideas on how to celebrate, book lists and much more.

To have a look at how we can help you:

<http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki/>

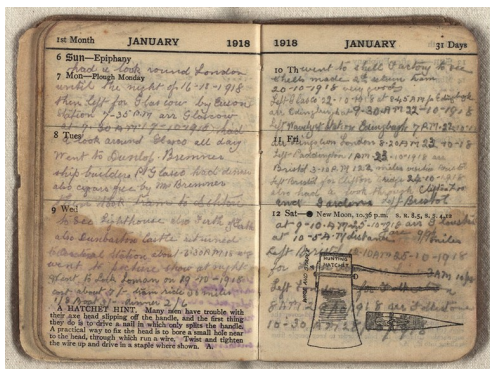
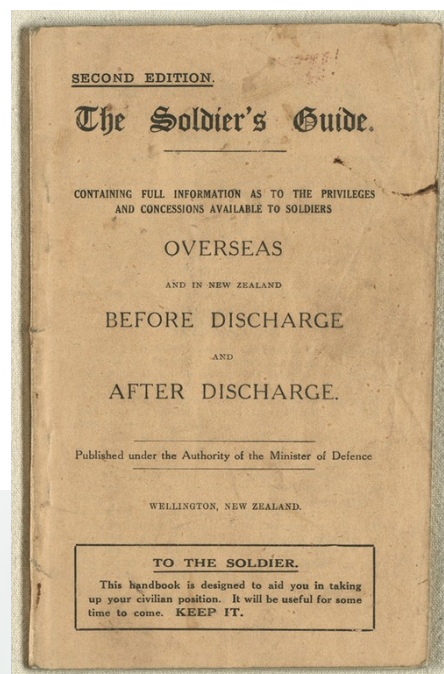
Check out our website: <http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/learning-centres/>

Celebrating Our Successes

Horizons: The First ANZAC Soldiers

With the remembrance of WW1, students researched and presented information about soldiers who served our country and explored what it was like to be an ANZAC soldier. Soldiers were selected from roll of honour boards, family or from Christchurch City Libraries resources. The course was introduced by Barry O'Sullivan – local historian and WW1 collector. This set the scene for the next five weeks for students to explore the life of a soldier before the war, at war, and after the war. Their findings were presented to the whole class through Powerpoint using images and maps.

Kim Slack—Learning Specialist



WW1 Teachers Resource

Christchurch City Libraries have produced a Teachers Resource that aims to raise awareness of the impacts and causes of the First World War. It is focused on Canterbury and Christchurch's involvement with the war from 1914-1919 and highlights some of the resources available through Christchurch City Libraries. This pack has been designed to be used with Years 7-10 students with information that could easily be adapted for other students.

If you would like to see how you can use the resource in your classroom, have a look at: <http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/ww100-teaching-resource/>



For more information please phone the Learning Centre on 941 5140, check our website: <http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/learning-centres/> or email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz

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Information Literacy - Any Questions

Any student, any topic, any question.

Book a session with Christchurch City Libraries to introduce students to the national online reference service for New Zealand school students, Any Questions. One of our librarians will visit your school, introduce students to important information literacy concepts and guide the class through a live demonstration with an online AnyQuestions librarian. Sessions are best tailored to suit a specific class enquiry topic. Students will come away with an awareness of quality online resources and greater confidence at evaluating websites and formulating search strategies.



This year we've run sessions at Aranui High, Aranui Primary and Rowley Avenue School.

Please be in touch if you'd like us to visit your Year 7 and 8 students. Sessions are available *Thursday mornings* at your school, between 9:30am – 12:30pm (Sessions run for 60 minutes and a reliable internet connection is required.)

For more information about Any Questions visit <http://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/homework-for-kids/> and click on the Any Questions link.

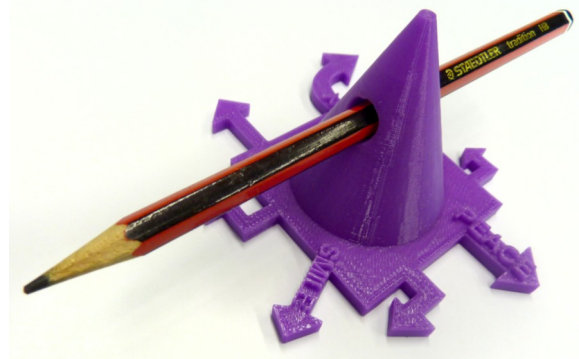
What else we have happening in term two 2015...

From 2D to 3D

This was very successful programme run with students from Opawa, Discovery 1, St Peters and Mt Pleasant schools in term four 2014. They learnt a lot and one student even wished that it ran all year—a sure sign of success!

Students will learn different aspects of 3D design: such as using Sketch Up to design key rings, Hama Beads to create their favourite characters, Print Craft to design their own buildings and 123D to design and print 3D items, as well as electronics to make a Redstone light.

Age: Open Year 6-8
Where: South Learning Centre
When: Fridays, 9.00—10.30am
8th May—12th June (6 sessions)
Cost: \$30 each



Numeracy Extension: Maths is Cool

Develop problem solving skills for a variety of problems—using coding software Scratch. Students will gain learning extension involving a range of mathematical strategies.

Age: GATE Year 4-5
Where: South Learning Centre
When: Wednesdays, 1.00—2.30pm
6th May—3rd June (5 sessions)
Cost: \$25 each

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