

Check this out!

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/LearningThroughAction/>

Get your students out of the classroom and into the wonderful, wild and wasteful real world with a series of packaged visits and experiences available from the City Council's **Learning Through Action** environmental education team's website.

Based around these sites are some world-leading environmental and waste management programmes showing first-hand the management implications of urban life. Pick from curriculum-linked rich learning experiences: streams, rivers and wetlands, estuary, beach and shore habitats, biodiversity and geology.

Horizons

Term One 11 Feb to 10 March

GATE Programme

Christchurch Museum Website

The first Horizons five week programme has started and is held each Wednesday from 1pm to 3:30pm. A group of 26 children, from ten schools will be addressing the need for a children's section on the Christchurch Museum website. Both from the designer and user points of views, the group will:

- develop ideas suitable to meet demand
- design some pages in Macromedia, Contribute, and
- present these to the mentor involved.

Register two student's places, for the Term 2 programme now!



Programmes available in Term One

GlobalNet On-line Learning weekly session *for classes*

Book your class in to experience on-line learning through GlobalNet's interactive website. These sessions start on the 5 February and are available for class bookings each Thursday from 9am to 10:30am.

'Technology Tasters' Professional Development *for teachers*

Weekly themed workshops, Wednesday 3:30pm – 5pm

Starting 4 February, come along to our structured weekly workshops for teachers. These approach learning activities through the use of specific applications and equipment with the programme format repeated during March. Contact South Learning Centre (SLC) to confirm your place.

3 Mar: Digital still cameras in learning

10 Mar: GlobalNet/Living Heritage

18 Feb & 17 Mar: Numeracy and technology

25 Feb & 24 Mar: Inquiry Process/Research skills

A comprehensive Professional Development flyer has been distributed to schools outlining the programme for 2004. Please phone 941 5140 if you require any additional copies.



'The Open Lab'

Drop-in weekly sessions *for teaching staff*, Thursday 3:30pm – 5pm

Even if you have not got access to all the ICT gear at school, here is your chance to come and use whatever you need here... Download photos from digital cameras on to CD Rom, prepare PowerPoint presentations, digest and experiment with the new information from the Wednesday 'Technology Tasters' workshop and have your questions answered.

Weekly open sessions *for students*, Friday 9am – noon

An opportunity for an individual or small group from your class to come to the South Learning Centre for individual research. Students are required to come with a clear objective for their session. Please phone to advise the student's name, year and equipment required.

ICT Equipment to Go!

ICT Equipment for Loan from the South Learning Centre

The following equipment is able to be loaned for school use, by arrangement, generally for up to 24 hours.

- 1 Video Camera with microphone
- 2 Digital Cameras
- 1 Datashow Projector
- 10 Tablet PCs (we are still working towards these being ready for loaning out)
- 1 Polycom Sound Station
- 1 Portable Overhead Projector

Please contact us in advance to book all equipment and arrange a time for pick up. You are required to have your library card with you for equipment issue.

We are here to assist in the use of this equipment...please just ask!

Check out our website:

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



GlobalNet & Astro Report Back

Q: "What exciting stuff has Astro planned for the **GlobalNet** site?"

- An all new **Zone Machine** with authentic issues and activities to use in the class room or at home. These are suitable for groups or individuals.
- A new **Brain Bag** based on cultural and natural heritage values and ideas.
- A revised and more user friendly **eNews** with ideas for using **GlobalNet** and other relevant sites.
- An **e-buddies** programme where kids swap ideas, thoughts and reports on real issues via a private newsboard. Would you like to join in this computer based experience? Just let me know.
- Coming up! 1 March - A great **OE Web Quest** experience. Astro will be visiting **World Heritage areas** around the globe. Aimed at young people up to 16, there are weekly prizes.

Join in some or all of these great activities on www.globalnet.org.nz
For more information email astro@globalnet.org.nz



Using the South Learning Centre

Transport

- **Good News!** Bus transportation for class visits to South Learning Centre is at no charge for the first term of 2004.
- Contact Advance Passenger Transport System directly to arrange bookings. Phone 366 7236. For visits during February quote the purchase order No: 4500125382 and for visits in March quote purchase order No:4500125383.

General Procedures

- Please access South Learning Centre through the main library entrance doors.
- On each visit to the centre please bring your class roll list, ensuring any children not attending the visit are marked absent.
- Advise staff if any of the students have vision or hearing difficulties.

Consent Forms

- Master Consent Forms for the 2004 year have been distributed to all schools.
- Please ensure every child attending the centre has a signed, completed consent form. These are to be handed in to SLC at the time of your first class visit in 2004.
- Once a class set has been completed these are held on file at the centre for the entire year, avoiding the need to complete the forms for each visit.
- Any new students to your class, that attend throughout the year, will require a completed Consent Form for their first visit to the centre.

Printing Costs at South Learning Centre

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.

Colour printing is expensive! **Please encourage your students to select print with care.** Our colour printing charges for classroom use are: A4 \$1.00 and A3 \$2.00.

Storing Work Produced at the South Learning Centre

Work produced by the students at the SLC is maintained on our system for one week, or longer by negotiation. If required, class work is able to be stored on a CD Rom to be kept by the class teacher. The cost of saving work to a CD Rom is \$1.50.

Q: Are YOU receiving regular information about South Learning Centre?

If you would like to receive your own electronic copy of our newsletter, please let us know your email address. Our newsletter is distributed to schools twice each term.

Each Principal has nominated a teacher from your school as a co-ordinator for the South Learning Centre. The co-ordinator is our main communication channel into your school. So hunt them down, especially in staff meetings, for information!!

Visit our website for updated programme information at: <http://learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz>

Or phone us 941 5140 with your questions.

SLC Staff Team



Back left: Nick Ford, Pat Street, Andrea McDowell
Front left: Dorothy Haywood, Andrea Isitt

Nick Ford has joined our team as a part-time teacher at SLC. Nick will also be responsible for running The Workshop Club, our after school programme, each Wednesday, starting 12 February at 3.30pm.

Discover GlobalNet at

www.globalnet.org.nz