

Check this out!

<http://kidshub.org/kids/kids.cfm>

This great interactive site covers online learning activities for:

- Language, eg story scramble, compound words game, spelling
- Maths, eg multiplication, fractions, tangram puzzles
- Science, includes great links to websites on animals, solar system, kids health
- Social Studies with USA focus

KIDSHUB.ORG
Online Learning Activities

Weaving a Web for the Canterbury Museum



Term one Horizon's Programme has been a huge success ending with a formal presentation evening by the students to the staff and CEO of the Canterbury Museum, parents and teachers of the students.

The student's mission was to plan and design a children's component for the new Canterbury Museum website.

One student's feedback to their teacher after the first Horizons Workshop was, "**it was scary, hard and exciting**". After six sessions, with some students coming back after hours to do finishing touches, the students were able to dazzle the adults with their accomplishments in web knowledge and design.

Due to the success and high demand of this programme the South Learning Centre is offering another Weaving a Web Horizons Programme in term 2, commencing 31 May. Please ensure two students from your school are registered by phoning 941 5140.

Term 2 Programmes

Horizons

Full information has been sent directly to the GATE co-ordinator at each school. We are pleased to offer three programmes during term 2, for two students from your school. Places are limited so enrol your students now!

Young Inventonz: Wednesdays, starting 5 May, 1pm to 3:30pm for five or six sessions

Weaving a Web: Mondays, starting 31 May, 1pm to 3:30pm for five sessions

Using Music Technology: Thursday 6 May or 13 May from 9am to 3pm



Technology Tasters

ICT and Learning Workshops for teachers

Wednesday afternoons 3:30 to 5pm

- **Publishing children's stories:** 5 May and 2 June
- **Virtual field trips:** LEARNZ on 12 May Rotorua Museum on 9 June
- **Literacy & technology (middle school):** 19 May and 16 June
- **Designing Web Quests:** 26 May and 23 June

Student Open Lab

It is proposed that we cancel this Friday morning session due to the lack of use and instead open the time for class bookings. Please provide us with your feedback.



Introducing Andrea Wylie

Stunning Andrea (McDowell) and Neil Wylie were married at Tai Tapu Church on 5 March 2004.

Check out our website:

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



GlobalNet & Astro Report Back

Around the World with Astro

Astro from GlobalNet is touring the world visiting **World Heritage sites** for his latest Quest.

He is visiting a site a week for four weeks. Children from around New Zealand and the USA have been sending in answers to the clues posted on the website www.globalnet.org.nz

Astro thought you might like to read some of the comments with the entries.

"We looked at the clues, key words, and then we looked them up on the internet."

"With the clues you left us we did a web search on Emperor Hadrian and we found out where Emperor Hadrian's wall was located."

It's great the students are using the internet to research the clues!



There are over 2000 World Heritage sites in the world. We have three in NZ. **This World Heritage site is the only one on the mainland. What is it called?** Email your answers to Astro at astro@globalnet.org.nz Correct answers receive a prize!

Thorrington School trial PC Tablets

The South Learning Centre in conjunction with Thorrington School's Room 15 (Year 5/6), and their teacher Raeleen Payton, are trialing a biodiversity programme involving the use of Compaq's PC tablets.

The small and portable tablets feature:

- wireless internet connection making them ideal for use in and out of the classroom.
- windows journal, a piece of software that allows students to enter information by directly writing and drawing upon the computer's screen.
- the ability to convert handwriting to text.
- voice recognition.
- separation of the compact screen from the keyboard. This maintains full use of the computer, without the keyboard, through use of the tablet's pen.

Students have been using the drawing features of the tablets to explore species

diversity and adaptation by creating 'designer animals' which they design and draw directly into the computer.

Thorrington's students are also discovering genetic diversity using digital still cameras, tablets and Paintshop Pro to mix and match the facial features of their class mates.

Ten PC tablets are available for loan to schools from the South Learning Centre. The teacher's library card is required for issuing the tablets.



Venue: South Learning Centre

The South Learning Centre is hosting many education based meetings and professional development workshops for teachers and is being used as a successful venue.

Our wish list includes a dishwasher, however at this point we ask that:

- **All users of the South Learning Centre that have a drink to please wash their own cup and/or glass.**
- **The group is responsible for ensuring that the room used and the kitchen are left in the same state as they were on arrival. Any additional clean up needs to be attended to at the end of the meeting.**

Thank you, we appreciate your assistance in sharing this workload.

Meet Amelia Davis

Amelia has recently been appointed as South Learning Centre's Community Education Facilitator. This position exists to source and maintain community education programmes at the South Learning Centre.



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