

Check this out!



Thorrington school, rooms 3 and 4 (Junior school) have been studying **Japan** and have discovered these excellent interactive websites.

Thank you Janet and Ruth.

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/bento/top.html>

Bento Lunch Box

<http://web-japan.org/kidsweb/virtual/kimono/top.html>

Virtual Kimono

<http://www.sover.net/~johnd/categories.html>

Including food, clothing and home

Free Transportation to the South Learning Centre (SLC)

Each South Christchurch school is able to use four return trips to the SLC during Term 2, and we'll pay the bill! Contact Advance Passenger Transport System directly to arrange bookings p: 366 7236 and quote the relevant order number for the month of your visit.

Tablet PCs ready for loan

Ten of our PC tablets are successfully being used out in schools and are available for loan. The teacher's library card is required for issuing the tablets.



Using Music Technology



Two full day workshops have been enjoyed by South Christchurch school students with a musical interest. Judith Bell led the workshops and The Rock Shop kindly loaned instruments.

A student's perspective:

On Thursday the 6 of May I went to the South Learning Centre to attend a computer music course. When I arrived at the course I went and sat at a computer. On the computer were lots of different music programmes that could be used to help make music.

I was introduced to one programme at a time and I could then use it to create music. My favourite programme was Super Dooper Music Looper because it had some really cool instruments that you could improvise with. My favourite instruments on this were the funky drumbeats. They had lots of really cool rhythms.

Band in the Box was a programme that I found challenging. With this programme I had to listen very carefully to a melody and work out what chords to put with it. I had to listen very hard to make sure the chords sounded right.

The Rock Shop brought in some midi instruments. These were linked to the computer and I could play them. The sounds went straight into the computer. During the day I had a lot of fun experimenting with different sounds, looping them and combining them in a variety of ways. This is how I composed my music.

At the end of the day I burnt my compositions and my friend's compositions onto a CD that I got to take home and play to my family and friends. They all thought it sounded very cool and I had a real sense of achievement in creating and sharing music that sounded so funky.

By Jordan, St Martins school

Professional Development for teachers

'Technology Tasters' weekly themed workshops, Wednesday 3:30pm – 5pm

Term 2 workshops are underway so join in our structured weekly workshops for teachers. These approach learning activities through the use of specific applications and equipment to help you to integrate ICT into classroom learning.

All levels of ability are welcome – so don't be shy! Contact the South Learning Centre p: 941 5140 to confirm your place.

2 June: Publishing Children's stories

- How other teachers are using technologies to publish students' work.
- The basics of using Microsoft Publisher to publish children's stories.

9 June: Virtual Field trip – Rotorua Museum

- Explore the website and learn how the specific programme is organised.
- How it can be used in your classroom and with limited resources.

19 May & 16 June: Literacy and technology (middle school)

- Strategies for integrating ICT into your reading programme.

26 May & 23 June: Designing Web Quests

- The principles of web quest design and how to produce a basic web quest.

Please remember: some workshops have waiting lists...if you book you are obligated to attend. Please give reasonable notice, by phoning 941 5140, if you are unable to attend. Thanks!

Check out our website:

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



GlobalNet & Astro Report Back

“Would have been great to have the whole day”

“So much to explore!”

These are comments from two teachers at the **GlobalNet in-service workshop** on the 7 May.

During this workshop teachers explored the site looking at ways it could be used in the classroom. Several teachers looked at ways they could involve their classes in the e-buddies programme.

You might like to think about using the e-buddies programme in your literacy programme. Through this activity kids can communicate with others in a safe digital environment to answer and ask effective questions about their community and their study themes.



Astro and the GlobalNet team are available to visit your school, class or staff meetings to talk about what GlobalNet has to contribute towards your class programme and learning.

Video Conferencing in term 2

ANZAC

29 April

Students from four schools attended a digital conversation with Jane Pierard, great, great granddaughter of the NZ war hero Col William Malone.

Two Kids, two cultures, one street

4 May

Rowley Ave students and teachers participated in a video conference with top comedy writer, Dave Armstrong. Dave spoke about the play he wrote about childhood friendship and Pacific Island migration.



Meet the Musicians

11 May

Today at the South Learning Centre we have been involved in a video conference with David Bremner, who plays the trombone and Kirsten Eade, who plays the flute. They both play in the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO). Four students from Cashmere High also took part in our group and some schools from the North Island participated. It was a question and answer session, with a few demonstrations as well. It took 1 1/2 hours, and it was a lot of fun. We used voice responding cameras and microphones. We would like to thank the South Learning Centre for this opportunity to meet some famous musicians. **By Harry and Jed, Opawa school**

Home Grown with Liz Barry

24 May

Students will find out about: Liz Barry's career as a broadcaster, how to kick-start a career in radio broadcasting, how to get your homegrown sounz aired on RNZ and the New Zealand music programmes on national radio. This Video Conference is full.

Community programmes

Please promote these Community programmes in your school newsletter

The Workshop Club

The Workshop Club is an after school programme for year 7 to 10 students at the South Learning Centre on Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm to 5pm.

Club members explore the exciting and creative world of technology and have an active involvement in planning and running the programme.

Movie making, creating web pages, music composition, creating animations, graphic design and desktop publishing are just a few of the activities the students have undertaken over the course of term 1.

The programme has proved so popular that enrolments for term two are now closed but please encourage interested students to call the South Learning Centre to get their name on our waiting list.

FIT evenings

Get technologically **FIT** with your family at the South Learning Centre!

Family Internet Thursdays on the first Thursday evening of each month. From 6pm – 7:30pm families can come down to the Centre and use the Internet free of charge. The next themes are: **Taking the Hassles out of Homework** on 3 June and **Moving Pictures** on 1 July. Bookings are essential **p: 941 5140**.

July Holiday programmes

Catering for 5 – 14 year olds, the holiday programmes cover designing magnets and digital scrapbooking; to the worlds of astronomy and music.

See the South Learning Centre website <http://www.learningcentre.christchurch.org.nz>

for full details and booking information.

Discover GlobalNet at

www.globalnet.org.nz