

Opportunities for Professional Development

At the Principals review meeting the idea of releasing school staff, as part of paid Professional Development, to come and work alongside SLC staff for short and longer term projects was endorsed. The idea is for a teacher to have a period of time eg, half day or full days, to work alongside SLC staff to develop and implement a unit of work. This could then be trialed with the teachers class, refinements made and 'rolled out' across the syndicate.

This is a wonderful opportunity and we thank the Principals for supporting this. If you are interested please contact your school's SLC co-ordinator in the first instance to discuss your ideas and ensure relief is available.

Planning for Term 4 & 2005

Pondering on how to integrate ICT into learning?

South Learning Centre staff are able to assist with your planning both for visits at South Learning Centre and for classroom learning.

Set up a date to share in the knowledge that the teachers at South Learning Centre have developed.

Be inspired to use ICT in your classroom learning next term and in 2005.

Phone 941 5140

South Learning Centre's first birthday and review



The South Christchurch Library, Service Centre and South Learning Centre (SLC) are now one year old. As part of the birthday celebrations local schools contributed their 'piece' of decorated cake to assemble into an artistic cake mural displayed in the library. Events were held throughout the building during the celebration week with South Learning Centre hosting Classic Cars and Wine & Dine online evenings and a weekend Open Afternoon.

In addition to this, formal and informal meetings have been held as part of the review of the first year's operations. This involved a report to the Christchurch City Libraries leadership team where a summary of operations, programmes and data was presented. Interesting statistics from this report include, "The total number of people involved in the programmes offered through the South Learning Centre was 7852 as at the end of June 2004. To date the number of schools using the centre is 18."

A meeting with Principals from our local schools was held to review progress and outcomes in relation to the goals and guiding principles of South Learning Centre. In summary the feedback received was positive with the centre exceeding the expectations of the Principals. Ideas for new initiatives were tabled including ideas for maximising professional development, increased synergy with library, and holding a 'celebrating children's learning' open session for parents and children.. the concern of transport and the sustainability of this was raised and further action is required.

This meeting was followed by a meeting with the in-school SLC co-ordinators to review procedures and provide for informal feedback from their school's staff. Overall, schools appear more than happy with the programmes and visit sessions but there is a request to enable classes at the junior level access to the facilities. In response to the latter please note SLC was set up to meet the needs of year levels 5-10 however, if individual schools prefer to timetable junior classes for sessions this is quite acceptable.

In conclusion, the SLC staff would like to thank all schools, Principals, teachers and students for their on-going support. Having reached our first year milestone we are looking forward to continued growth and development in both programmes and relationships.

Video Conference with Minister of Education Hon Trevor Mallard

Seven students from Opawa school attended a video conference with Hon Trevor Mallard on 7 September.

Topics discussed were:

- Parliamentary systems and processes
- What an MP actually does
- The difference between the roles of Government MP and Opposition MP
- How to become an MP
- 'Free' education
- Closing schools
- The Minister's background

Feedback from the students after the VC included:

"It was great to talk with someone you wouldn't normally see. It was fun."

"There were lots of groups from schools around New Zealand asking questions. Our group asked two questions."

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Check out our website:

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



GlobalNet & Astro Report Back

Christmas Around the World

Celebrations are always dear to our hearts and we all love to have a reason to get out the 'best' whatever it is and have fun with family and friends. But most important are the reasons we celebrate... belonging, good health, peace, enjoyment and festive occasions.

GlobalNet is getting into the swing of the celebrations in October with a Quest looking at the way different countries celebrate **Christmas Around the World**. The customs, food and philosophy will all be covered in this four week series from the 11 October.

2005 is coming fast! Would you like to join our **e-buddies programme for 2005?** This TUANZ Education award finalist programme gives students the opportunity to explore issues with other students in a safe secure online environment. Groups of students or classes are connected across areas and countries. Get in touch with the GlobalNet staff Pat and Dorothy at SLC if you would like to know more.



What's on? Programmes not to miss!

Video Conference with SAFE

Two 2hr sessions on Tuesday, 5 October starting at 9am and 12:30pm



Share the World Animal unit

Year 3 to 5 students are invited to participate in an interactive VC including story time and dress ups.

The VC will involve:

- Story and discussion
- Share the world video
- My amazing animal fact file
- Show and tell time

Students are encouraged to bring: dress up clothing, photographs or pictures of their own pets or favourite animals, and poems or short stories.

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Technology Tasters for teachers – Term 4

Join us on Wednesdays, 3:30pm to 5pm at the South Learning Centre

6 October & 3 November: Publishing Globally – weaving a web

13 October: Using PC Tablets

10 November: Music Technology software - Logic

20 October & 17 November: Numeracy & technology (middle school)

27 October: Internet inquiry process

24 November: Internet research skills

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Community programmes

Please promote these programmes in your school newsletter

Family Internet Thursdays

Pet Prowl

Celebrate World Animal Day on October 7th at the South Learning Centre. Pose for a photo with your pet, learn with your family about its health and welfare, everything from breeding to grooming!
Thursday 7 October, 6pm – 7:30pm
All ages, no charge.

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Multimedia Design

Stretch your creativity with a ten week course on visual communication using digital technologies. The next module in Term 4 is **Digital Illustration and Document Design with Macromedia Freehand**. It aims to guide students through the design process, aid students in making design decisions, teach students the principles of digital illustration, design and typography.

For ages 15 years+. Contact SLC for further information p: 941 5140.

September Holiday programmes

September Holidays are fast approaching, and SLC have some fabulous new programmes in the holiday line up.

Tapa Design

The first week starts with a workshop on Tapa design. Using leaves, seeds and other scavenger finds, this five day workshop takes inspiration from the natural world around us to create the living art of tapa.
Monday to Friday, 20 to 24 September
9:30am – 12:30pm, Ages 8 – 14 years,
Course fee: \$45

Check out the other sessions on: **digital makeovers, talking books, claymation and Christmas is coming**, for something different during these next holidays.

For more information visit:
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