

Highlights from the year of 2004

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Sunday 2 to 4:

Christmas Cheer & Craft

Participants from a diverse range of ages and computer skills each created original digital Christmas gift wrap using a mixture of photographs and clipart in Publisher. Gift bags were made and websites were explored to provide inspiration for Christmas craft and recipes. Living & Giving, The Warehouse, Mitre 10, Ballantynes and Rainbow Crafts kindly provided magnificent Christmas table settings.



Cashmere High School

Sixty Year 10 students attended a full day visit to South Learning Centre to set up a 2004 time capsule, to be opened in 2050. The students used digital photography and guest tutor, Vaemu Fidow from UltraLab South demonstrated blogging so that the students could produce an online journal (weblog) for the time capsule.



Horizons programme: Young Entrepreneurs

This was a programme designed to identify the procedures of creating a new business venture. Teams developed projects of worth and presented this to the whole group with the task of 'selling' their idea as the best, both from the creative and business perspective. Ideas were then chosen to conduct a feasibility study and present this back to the Craft World Manager Jo Prejza. Jo was enthusiastic and encouraged the group to continue with their concept of mirror fridge magnets to both production stage and to set up the booth at Craft World over Christmas. A small group of committed students, with parental support, have decided to continue with the project and meet Friday after school. All going well their booth will be up and running before the 19th December – so please support them with a visit and a purchase!



AUGUST TO DECEMBER



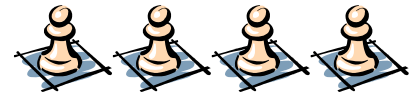
Check out our website:

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



Completion of the Outdoor area

Coinciding with our first anniversary, a highlight for staff and SLC users alike, is the completion of the outdoor area. Spanning the entire east side of the building, the courtyard provides a secure environment for users of the Learning Centre and South Library. The French doors of the Sydenham Room open out to an giant sunken chess board. Chess pieces and outdoor cushions have been ordered and are awaited eagerly! With seating for a class or good size community group, the outdoor area is another asset for SLC.



Astro's Highlights for 2004

- Finalist in the TUANZ Education Awards
- The growth in confidence and skills of children and adults with regular use of the GlobalNet resources
- The number of entrants in the GlobalNet Quests
- The actions taken by participants to help solve a global issue

Let me know if you want to be involved in 2005.

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Teaching & Learning Initiative

SLC is thrilled to have been awarded a one year research contract to work with two of our GlobalNet Schools Christchurch East and Waltham Primary School and supported by a partnership with Ultralab South. Teachers and classes at year six will venture forth into the unknown world of LAMS - a Learning Activity Management System where an on-line learning environment will be created for collaborative learning and teaching around a unit of work. The unit involves setting tasks to promote higher order thinking, using online journals and activities collaboratively within and across classrooms in the virtual environment. This is really exciting for everyone who is involved and we look forward with interest to the project reports and updates on this initiative.

For more info on our contract proposal see <http://www.tlri.org.nz/>
For more info on LAMS see <http://www.lamsinternational.com/>

The Workshop Club



During 2004 Workshop Club members have created an impressive array of multimedia resources in this after school programme offered to Year 7 to 10 students at SLC.

New members are welcome to enrol now for the Tuesday after school Workshop Club programme in 2005.

Membership is for up to two years and places are limited to 16.

Bookings p: 941 5140

Video Conferencing

What a range of discussions we've hosted with students through Video Conferencing!

Highlights have been talking with:

- Shark expert, John Montgomery
- Musicians from NZSO
- Save Animals From Exploitation
- Trevor Mallard
- Wellington Zoo
- Tall Black, Pero Cameron

and our latest VC with TV2 Squirt presenter Ryan Inglis and actor of Spike T. penguin, Katie Brockie.



Holiday Programmes

SLC's 2004 holiday programmes have been the shining light of the community offerings. Often fully subscribed, they have ranged from Claymation to Music to Digital makeovers. Holiday programmes exploring virtual reality are always popular; in fact the January 2005 Virtual Reality course is already booked out. Good news though, there are still a few places left on the Musical Mania and Video Making courses. See our website for more information.



The South Learning Centre team wish you all a happy and relaxing festive season.