

SLC Funding Update

At this time we are working on scoping a number of options for the future of SLC and consultation with stakeholders is underway, including local schools and Principals.

We have greatly appreciated the support of the schools and their respective communities for ensuring the issue remains a high priority and we will be advising principals, in the first instance, of progress and time frames. We are aiming to have a decision as soon as possible to enable schools to plan for the forthcoming year.

Term 4 Horizons Programmes

Book Now!

Please note that the times and dates of these programmes have changed since last correspondence was sent.

MATHS IS COOL: TESSELLATIONS

GATE entry, Years 4 & 5

SLC and WLC

Fridays, 19 October to 16 November
10.30am to 12.30pm

Students will have fun using tessellation sketch pad to develop simple tessellations then progress on to complicated examples. They will investigate tessellations outdoors, take photos for tessellation designs and then make a student ID card with tessellations as part of its design.

BOOK WIZARDS: FOR ESOL STUDENTS

Open Entry, Years 6 to 8

SLC

Tuesdays, 16 October to 4 December
10.30am to 12.30pm

Just the programme for ESOL students! In collaboration with others they will develop a book which will be suitable for instructional reading, helping increase vocabulary and understanding of the written text.

NOT JUST TEETH

Open entry, Years 7 & 8

SLC

Fridays, 12 October to 9 November
9am to 11am

Can it be true? The end of dental clinics? Reveal and document information about these special places and people so that their history will live on.

Staff Update

The great team based in the Learning Centre at South Library.

Pat Street – Programmes & Learning Manager

Margot McKeegan – Programme Design & Delivery Team Leader

Nina Boyes – (Formerly Whitfield) Learning Specialist

Ainslee McGill – Learning Administration Co-ordinator

Marie Porter – Learning Specialist (working part time on a Tuesday at SLC)

Dave Ruddle – Learning Specialist (working part time on a Friday at WLC)

Wendy Butcher – Community Learning Specialist

Alice Cruickshank – Co-ordinator of PD for the libraries.

Debbie Marriott – Co-ordinator of events throughout the libraries.

Bill Nagelkerke – Children and Young Adults Services Co-ordinator



Check out our website:

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

Highlights from Pats Overseas Adventure....

Snippets on Learning Centres and Second Life

Recently I had the opportunity of visiting two learning centres in the UK, attending an e-learning and LAMS conference at the University of Greenwich where Second Life was a 'hot topic' and visiting FutureLab in Bristol not to mention a few libraries along the way.



My first visit was to Abraham Moss learning centre in Manchester <http://www.clconnect.com/home.htm> It was great to look at the design of the centre and what services were offered to their local schools. The management of the services and the programmes offered were very similar to SLC. Pictured are two of the learning spaces at Abraham Moss. The long corridor is an area where these students are working collaboratively in designing their imovies.



Both upstairs and down are equipped with 30 computers and they also have equipment for loan like we do.



The other learning centre was at Wolverhampton <http://www.wolverhamptonclc.co.uk/> I was able to see a class visit the Art gallery in preparation for their work back at the LC. The project involved primary students studying Georgian Art in the Public Art gallery with the help of a PDA tour and a chance to dress up and pose for their own Georgian masterpiece.

I was also fortunate to see the newly finished second room at the LC which, will be leased as a form of income. Below is one of the designer modules that at the press of a button the unit disappears under the table to become a flat top worksurface for meetings. These computers are also linked to a data show for collaborative learning.



Second Life was a topic I heard lots about on a two day e-learning conference and had the chance to hear from three university lecturers how they had created an on-line learning environment for their students. This presents some interesting challenges to the staff on how they manage this on-line teaching environment, not to mention the wide variety of avatars (image of a person in virtual reality) that are created.



Bristol FutureLab was awe inspiring. I saw a host of new initiatives including the Fizzies – (Physical Electronic Energisers) Space Mission Ice Moon and the research related to Teaching with Games. All these projects and many more can be viewed with supporting documentation from www.futurelab.org.uk. The challenge for us is to look at what we can learn from these projects and what we could offer here at SLC.

Pat Street
August 2007

Check this out!

Photos from July Holiday Programmes at South Learning Centre.

Film School



Photos taken by the children for making a movie or an infomercial. The children discovered the steps of making a film using basic techniques.

Digital Travelling Stories



The children let their imaginations run wild and brought their own story to life using digital imagery, recorded narration and music. They then presented their story to an audience in the library!

What's happening during September School Holidays?

The Amazing Virtual Race

Find a partner and join us on a virtual race around the world. Your cyber travels will take you on a quest to locate interesting information about people, places and history from all over our planet. Decide who will complete the library roadblocks, who will take part in the online challenges and be the first to cross the virtual finish line!



Upper Riccarton LC 24 Sept 9:30am to 12:30pm
Ages 10 to 14. Course fee: \$6.00

Art Gallery Adventure

Visit the Christchurch Art Gallery Te Puna O Waiwhetu; explore, take digital photos and collect information to create a quiz about a key exhibit area. Return to South Learning Centre to download your images and design a brochure which takes people on a magical tour of our city's fabulous gallery.

Upper Riccarton LC 27 and 28 September at 9am to 3pm

Ages: 11-14 years. Two day session fee: \$20

Water Wise Poster Design

Help save lives by designing an eye catching Water safety poster. Visit our local Pool to learn about Water safety issues, take digital photographs of the safety tips shown to you and then back to the computer lab to design a colourful Publisher poster with a powerful publicity message.

Waitikiri LC 25 September 9am to 3pm

(Includes a pool visit to QEII Leisure Centre)

South LC 4 October at 9am to 3pm

(Includes a pool visit to Pioneer Leisure Centre)

Ages: 8 to 12 years. One day session fee: \$12

Junk Jives

One man's trash is another's musical treasure! Empty out that recycling bin, rummage through the cupboards for household junk and make music to jive to using Super Duper Music Looper. Take home a CD to share your musical creations.

South LC, 1 Oct 9:30am to 12:30pm

Waitikiri LC, 3 Oct 9:30am to 12:30pm

Ages 7 to 10 years. Course fee: \$6.00



Check out our website:
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For full holiday information

Community Programmes

Please promote these hands on learning technology based programmes to your school community in your next school newsletter

Family Internet Tuesdays

Get technologically FIT with your family in our monthly internet evenings. Suitable for families with children over 7 years.

No charge.

FIT: Your Family History

Does your family know its history? How far back can your family be traced and from where? Come and learn how to find more information and start your own family tree.

Upper Riccarton LC: 4 September 6pm to 7:30pm

Waitikiri LC: 30 October 6pm to 7:30pm

FIT: Great Reads for Young Children

Check out the popular books that young children will love and enjoy. Learn how to source books on the library website to get them into your home.

South & Waitikiri LCs: 4 September 6pm to 7:30pm

FIT: Pet Prowl

Bring down your family and pet/s, pose for a fun family portrait together and receive a colour copy. Learn about animal health and care, enjoy other families' pets, and check out recommended animal websites.

South & Upper Riccarton LCs: 30 October 6pm to 7:30pm

FIT: Personalised Christmas Cards

Bring along a couple of photos and learn how to digitise these to insert into your own unique, personalised Christmas card.

At South, Upper Riccarton & Waitikiri LCs

Tuesday 27 November 6pm to 7:30pm



Tuesdays 7 to 9

Tuesday 7 to 9 programmes are designed for adults to learn new skills using technology.

Course Fees: \$5 per session

Researching & Documenting your Family Roots

Are there skeletons in your family closet? This course will introduce you to a range of helpful local, national and international websites and to reference material available in the library. Learn how to use a home computer to record and collate material.

Upper Riccarton LC: 11, 18 & 25 September 7pm to 9pm

Waitikiri LC: 9, 16 & 23 October 7pm to 9pm

Personalised Family Storybook

Find out what makes a great picture book then make your own unique family story using photos or art work.

Waitikiri LC: 11, 18 & 25 September 7pm to 9pm

Digitise Your Histories: A Beginner's Guide

Preserve and enhance your heritage story by producing a simple digital presentation. Transform loose photos showing the history of your family, neighbourhood or home by scanning these and other memorabilia into digital images.

Upper Riccarton LC: 9, 16 & 30 October 7pm to 9pm

Newsletter Design

Learn the basics of good document design and the tools to produce spectacular newsletters.

At South, Upper Riccarton & Waitikiri LCs:

Tuesday 13 November 7pm to 9pm

Personalised Christmas Newsletter

Using Microsoft Publisher, produce a Christmas themed newsletter for yourself, your family, club or organisation

At South, Upper Riccarton & Waitikiri LCs:

Tuesday 20 & 27 November 7pm to 9pm

Bookings Essential for all Community Programmes

Phone: 941 7923

Looking for a great venue for your next Parent or Community Meeting?

The Sydenham Room and the Lab can be booked by the community.

Parents could experience some of the learning their child does in this great learning environment.

Email ainslee.mcgill@ccc.govt.nz with your enquiry or for further information.

