

## Latest News from SLC

### Welcome Heather Bates



Welcome to our new part time Learning Specialist. Heather comes to us with a strong background in

IT and a recent teaching diploma. She is looking forward to teaching classes here and sharing her IT skills and knowledge with you.

### Swine Flu Pandemic

In light of this problem, we will have hand sanitizer available in the Learning Centre computer labs for all children to use before using keyboards, and ask that any child who is showing flu-like symptoms does not attend classes at the Learning Centres at the present time.

### Microsoft Office 2007

We are currently reviewing the software program we use at the Learning Centres, and need some information from you. Could you please email Gill at [gill.gratton@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:gill.gratton@ccc.govt.nz) and let her know whether your school currently operates with Microsoft Office 2007, we appreciate your help.

## Horizons Programmes - coming up in Term 3

### VANDALISM

**Open Year 7-8, Fri 11-12.30 from 31 Jul-28 Aug, \$30**

Define what is vandalism; view local examples via a field trip and investigate the consequences from both sides of the fence! Develop possible solutions and ways you or the community can help reduce vandalism. Skills will include digital photography, internet research, investigation and presentation of solutions.

### NUMERACY EXTENSION - MATHS IS COOL

**Gate Year 4-5, Thurs 9-10.30 from 30 Jul-25 Aug, \$25**

Develop problem solving skills for a variety of problems – Number, Geometry, and Measurement. Students will gain learning extension involving a range of mathematical strategies.

### CITY DESIGN

**Gate Year 7-8, Tues 9-10.30, from 11 Aug-22 Sept, \$25**

Students will look 35 years into the future at what is planned for urban spaces around Greater Christchurch and use 3D modelling programme Sketch Up to create their own interpretations of the South West Area Plan (SWAP), a part of the Greater Christchurch Urban Design Strategy.

### LITERACY EXTENSION - BLOG IT!

**Open Year 6-7, Fri 9-10.30, from 14 Aug-18 Sept, \$30**

Learn how to create your own blog site. Have you got a lot to say? Then come and learn how to set up a free blog account using blogger.com. Once the set up is done you have time to personalise your blog and write postings for it. Literacy skills will include analysing other people's blogs, making constructive comments and linking to useful websites based on your blog topic.

## Connect Programmes

Connect Programmes available for the next two terms include:

**Term 3** - Information Literacy (Study Zone)

**Term 4** - Library Literacy (Making the most of the Libraries Kids Pages)

In addition to these two programmes, any of the programmes from Terms 1 & 2 may be used, these include: Citizenship, For the Love of Reading, Music to My Ears and Information Literacy (Beyond Google). Please remember limit of one Connect programme per class per term.

## Our Invoicing System

In order to clear up any confusion, the following information outlines how our school invoicing works:

**Booking Estimate:** by week 5 of each term we will send out a booking estimate sheet to every school that has made payable school bookings for that term. This is just an estimate, to give the school an indication of the costs they will incur that term, and is not to be paid at the time.

**Tax Invoice:** at the end of each term, the school will receive a tax invoice from Christchurch City Council that shows the services used at the learning centres during the term and amount to pay. On receiving this invoice, payment should be made by 20th of the following month.

## Linwood College E-Quiry

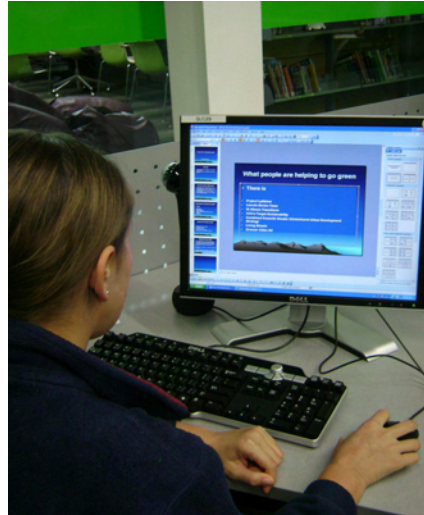
Students from Year Nine at Linwood College worked on a special project with the Learning Centre staff. Their Inquiry topics involved them exploring how to combine web 2 tools with their social studies research projects. The class has its own wiki and each research group has their own page.

Some of the students embedded glogster posters, some did pivot stick animation and others presented their findings as a photostory. Their ideas were as varied as the presentation styles.



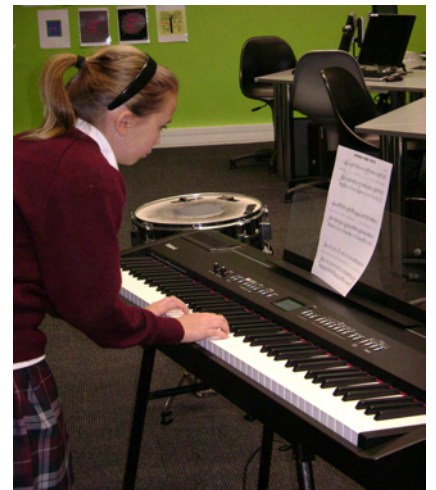
## Highlights from Horizons Term 2

Check out what our Horizons students have been up to this term:



On the left you can see one of the students hard at work constructing her PowerPoint presentation for Horizons Sustainability. Students investigated what a Post Oil Christchurch would look like, including a visit to Project Lyttleton. They created Wikis, looking at the consequences of dwindling oil supplies.

On the right is one of our students from Horizons Sibelius performing her composition that she wrote during this course. Students brushed up on their sight reading skills, using the computer program Sibelius and some tutor examples to create their own original sheet music, which they then performed for the group.



## July School Holiday Programmes

We have some great programmes to coincide with KidsFest this July, these include:

Trick Photography, Treasure Island Chase, Junk Jives, Wicked Web Cams, Wild and Wacky Online Tools, Music Mania, Glogsters Online Poster Design & more.

There are classes for ages 6-15 and all levels of ability, to book or for more information phone Gill on 941-5140.

Keep an eye out for our July School Holiday Programmes brochure, available now from your local library and on our website:

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Community/Holidays/>

