

Latest News from SLC



Farewell to Ainslee and Danielle



Welcome to Gill and Clare

Interesting Websites

We have come up with a list of websites that are interesting and fun, why not check them out?

Reading Websites

<http://www.readkiddoread.com>

A site to help find age-level specific books that will turn children on to reading!

<http://www.flashlightworthybooks.com>

A site with book recommendations in a variety of categories.

Safety Website

<http://www.buster.org.nz/>

A fun site to help children know what to do in an emergency—it has puzzles, colouring pictures and more.

SLC Staff Changes

Farewell to Ainslee Stewart (nee McGill)

Ainslee's fantastic and varied skills have been utilised throughout her many roles she has had with us here over the past 2 years. Her calm, proactive manner ensured all tasks were completed to a high level with all customers receiving excellent service. As a team member she will be missed. She starts her next learning journey as a mum. Ainslee welcomed her special wee boy, Connor last Wednesday. Both mum and baby are well, and we wish her all the best for this new adventure!

Farewell to Danielle Marston

Danielle is also leaving on maternity leave (a very productive time at SLC). She has been a great member of our delivery team working with schools and community members. She has grown and developed many of our courses whilst introducing more use of web 2 tools. We wish her well as she looks forward to being a new mum in the next few weeks.

Welcome to Gill Gratton to the Learning Administration Coordinator role. We were very lucky to have Gill start with us early to help at a very busy time. Gill is a trained teacher with business skills in scrapbooking and she has efficiently taken on her new role.

Welcome to Clare Newton to our Learning Events role. Clare is a trained teacher with CPIT Events qualifications. She has hit the ground running with her first event Reading Crusaders, a chilly but great event.

Connect Programmes

Aim: Connect programmes are one-off, 90 minute sessions that utilise the libraries resources to develop lifelong learning habits for the digital age through a series of technology tasters.

Bookings: these are taken on a first come first served basis. There is a limit of **one Connect visit per class per term**, and teachers choose which Connect topic they would like their session to focus on. Term 2 topics are *Music to my Ears* and *Information Literacy—Beyond Google*, Term 3 is *Information Literacy-Study Zone* and Term 4 is *Library Literacy*. Further Connect visits may be available on a user pays basis.

Connect sessions are suitable for all ages, and fill up fast, so call Gill on 941-5140 to book your Connect session for Term 3.

Matariki

Highlights from April School Holidays

The yearly reappearance of Matariki signifies a time to prepare, to share ideas, to remember the past and celebrate the future. Matariki can be a time of change, and growth. During Matariki we acknowledge what we have and what we have to give. Matariki celebrates the diversity of life. It's a celebration of culture, language, spirit and people, of our past, present and looking to the future.

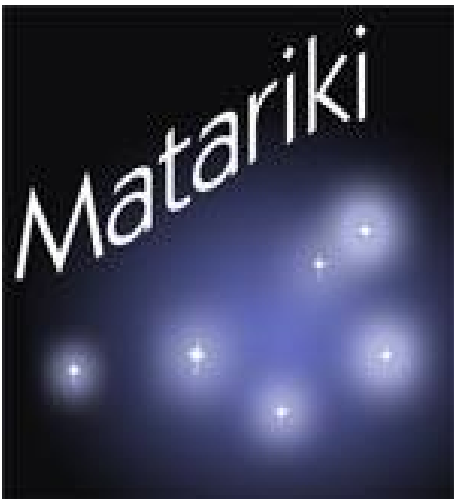
The Christchurch City Libraries Website has some great resources that you may find helpful when planning your Matariki sessions:

Audio files by local kaumatua RikTau- (Ngai Tahu perspective on Matariki) (there is a document as well if you don't have the right players to listen to the audio...)

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Maori/Heritage/Matariki/>

The Matariki Teachers Resource Kit.
<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Education/Matauranga-Maori/2008MatarikiTeacherResourcePack.pdf>

Written links and articles,
<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Reference/Holidays/Matariki/>



Our April school holiday classes proved very popular, with children enjoying designing their own t-shirts using Wordle, making their own Stylish Stickers and creating an interactive animation using Pivot Stick.



We had some very inventive witches, pirates, and cowboys on the loose for Treasure Island Chase, and children at South Learning Centre spent two days designing and bringing to life their own characters and scenes in a popular computer game. It was great to see so many children enjoying everything the learning centre has to offer.



Keep an eye out later in the term for our July School Holiday Programmes brochure.



Information Literacy Programme/Feedback

Cashmere Primary School years 5 & 6 came in last term for a series of Information Literacy lessons which included learning about the library layout, how to find a variety of Library resources and how to use the Dewey Decimal system and library catalogue. Information searching skills included effective searching on the Christchurch City Library website and discovering the <http://www.anyquestions.co.nz> site with online information searching help for homework topics. Finally internet searching skills involved key word searches on Google and other search engines e.g. www.clusty.com.

Since then parental feedback came in this term: "My child was independently searching for information using their new searching skills. They were online, with a National librarian from 'Ask Any Questions' giving them helpful tips on how to find the answers to their homework questions."

