

Latest News

Greater ChCh Schools project



Rosie Mamoe

New Learning Specialists

This term we are pleased to welcome three new Learning Specialists to the team.

Rosie Mamoe has been taking Book Club for us at Upper Riccarton since last October; we are delighted she has now joined the team as a full-time Learning Specialist. Rosie has experience teaching both here in NZ & the UK at Crossways Academy. Rosie is delivering both schools & community programmes.



Mark Burrows

Mark Burrows has previously experienced the Learning Centre from the other side of the coin, as a teacher bringing his classes to us. Mark has a number of years teaching experience and more recently an artistic move into digital photography, having started his own Art company.

We are pleased to welcome him as a part-time Learning Specialist.



Andrew Cowie

Andrew Cowie comes to us with strong ICT skills, and has already become our resident film expert. His experience includes working at a variety of Primary & Intermediate schools. Currently he is working part time at both SLC and a local intermediate school.

Andrew's specific focus as a part-time Learning Specialist in the team will be the Greater Christchurch Schools Network Project.

SLC is involved in a new innovative opportunity this year, working on the Greater Christchurch Schools' Network (GCSN) project. We have our new Learning Specialist Andrew working on this project which is linked to the MoE's ICT PD regional cluster programmes. This project is an alignment of a range of developments linked to the National Education Network and fibre capability (Enable networks). The vision is to encourage connected learning communities. Goals aim to promote and enable teaching and learning in a collaborative environment plus provide both students and teachers a range of learning opportunities which are not currently available. The programme has five key activity areas:

- **Innovations** - To promote innovative practices & ensure the network is kept "cutting edge"
- **Capacity building** - To make better use of school's funding by leveraging joint purchases & investment where appropriate
- **Digital content** - To promote the creation, sharing and use of digital content across the network
- **Professional learning** - to promote participation in professional learning and to leverage the experience of teachers across the network
- **Learning** - to increase and enhance the opportunities for learning for students across the network

Websites of interest are:

<http://www.gcsn.school.nz/>;

<http://karen.net.nz/nen-schools/>

Horizons & Connect Programmes Term 1 & 2 2010

The brochures for Horizons and our free Connect Programmes for Terms 1 & 2 2010 were posted out to schools last term. There are extra copies available in South Library, or alternatively if you need extras sent to you please phone Gill on 941-5140 or email: gill.gratton@ccc.govt.nz



Horizons Programmes Term 2 2010

We have spaces available in these exciting Horizons Programmes for Term 2:

Photographic Design School

GATE Year 5-6, Fri 9-10.30am from 23 April to 21 May (5 sessions), SLC, \$40

Learn the skills of taking and editing photographs. Use software such as Paintshop Pro, Photostory 3 or PowerPoint to produce clever visual images.

Comic Book Creation

GATE Year 6-7, Tues 11am-12.30pm, from 27 April to 25 May (5 sessions), SLC, \$20

Identify important features of the verbal and visual language of cartoons and use them to create particular meanings and effects. Take and manipulate photographs, create speech bubbles and use visual art to produce your very own comic book.

Film School

Open Year 7-8, Tues 9-10.30am from 29 Apr to 10 Jun (7 sessions incl. 2 full days), SLC, \$60

Understanding who we are in the present means delving into who we were in the past. With the aim of producing short, attention-grabbing film bites of local history, students will gain a practical understanding of the film process including researching, writing, filming using digital video cameras, and editing. Combining live footage with archival resources from the Library, students will learn the keys to keeping their audience tuned in and producing a quality, informative film.

Numeracy Support

Open Year 6-8, Tues 9-10.30am from 1 June to 29 June (5 sessions), SLC, \$20

For students requiring learning support across a range of mathematical concepts using a variety of strategies including multiplication and division concepts.

E-Coach

Open Year 6-8, Fri 11am-12.30pm, from 7 May to 18 June (7 sessions), SLC, \$35

Students will be up skilled in the use of various software and media tools and then trained to pass on this knowledge successfully as a coach to others (eg peers, teachers or parents). A school based project will be the context for students to enhance their digital library skills, internet research skills and online communication using web 2 tools..

For more information or to book places phone Gill on 941-5140 or email: gill.gratton@ccc.govt.nz

January 2010 Holiday Programmes

