

Latest News

Welcome to Danny McNeil

We warmly welcome Danny to the position of Programme Design and Delivery Team Leader. Danny is responsible for the team that delivers educational services to schools and community groups. Danny comes to us from Natcoll Design Technology where he was employed as the Short Courses manager. He brings with him a passion and enthusiasm for public programmes and has been responsible for the design and delivery of training to students, teachers, industry and the general public in areas of graphic design, web design, interactive film and multi-media software. We are pleased to have Danny on the team and he is looking forward to working with you and your students.



The Reading Crusade 2011 is in full swing!!

We will be visiting school assemblies during the Reading Crusade to encourage children and their schools to take part. Just a quick ten minute talk, with a few goodies to give away for inspiration! If you would like a library staff member to come along to your next school assembly please email us with preferred dates and times. Any questions or concerns? Contact us on :

ReadingCrusade@ccc.govt.nz

GCSN Update

The Greater ChCh Schools network team have been actively supporting teachers and schools post quake by collecting online resources, providing teacher PD in the creation of online courses and providing technical support at shared sites with IT equipment needs. Continuing into this term, we are offering workshops supporting teacher professional development including: NZQA assessment advice for teachers working with scholarship students; online resource writing skill development; video conferencing training and support for purchasing units via the GCSN group. Please sign up to the GCSN website for up to date information and contact details. www.gcsn.school.nz . To be involved and

informed about exciting developments in ICT opportunities, collaborate as part of the GCSN— 90+ schools working together to build a community of connected schools, teaching professionals and educational resources in the greater Christchurch region.



Matariki Sessions at SLC

South Learning Centre has a fantastic new programme planned for Matariki this year. The focus of the programme is the traditional clothing of the Māori, and a little about the meanings inherent in kowhaiwhai patterns. Early Māori in New Zealand

needed clothing to keep warm. We will look at how the Māori made a type of cloth from many different plants but most often Harakeke.

We will discover information about the types of clothing made, materials used and the value and importance placed on some types of clothing.

We will then look at some kowhaiwhai patterns and the concepts behind the designs. Students will complete a task where they use 'Paint.net', an image manipulation programme, to design a coloured pattern for a pari worn by a Māori cartoon character, and kowhaiwhai patterns for the rafters of her whare. This can be saved as a picture file and taken back to school or home for printing.

We have some free of charge sessions available at set times for school classes to complete this programme. To book phone 941-5140 or email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz .



Navigating Christchurch roads!



Learning specialist Mark Burrows finds the quickest way to get to work now for his sessions at the New Brighton Learning Centre is to pass on the inside lane. Much more time efficient than a council car!

Digiclub and Book Club at New Brighton are up and running on Wednesday afternoons. Bookings for these programmes, or school bookings at New Brighton Learning Centre can be made by ringing 941-5140 or email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz.

Note: Digi Club is a new club for teenagers. The aim is to have lots of fun with technology. No bookings required just turn up on the day, 4.45pm - 5.15pm on Wednesdays.

April Holiday Programmes

South Learning Centre was buzzing during April, with children eager to develop new skills and have fun taking part in the range of holiday programmes that were on offer. The majority of our programmes were fully booked from several weeks before the holidays started, as parents looked to provide entertaining activities for their children, and perhaps a temporary distraction from recent events.

We had the next generation of top designers creating digital Easter eggs and their own magnets. Technology abounded as children designed their own computer games, and developed their own mini movies using Claymation techniques. Budding composers came up with elaborate tunes in Music Rocks, and creativity came to the fore as children used Wordle to create their own t-shirts.

Thanks to all the children who took part in our programmes, and all the tutors who contributed to the success of these sessions.



Free NCEA Study Support Sessions

Julianne Pask, our learning advisor, is happy to run tailor made sessions at your school or at one of our learning centres for your NCEA students. We can cover topics including: what examiners look for; how to read an exam question; what makes the difference between E, M and A?; planning essays under pressure; how to use the library resources to help your studies; and many other helpful sessions. Contact Julianne Pask on 941 5145 or 027 2341415 for more details, or email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz.

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Upcoming Horizons/Connect Programmes for Term 2, 2011

We still have spaces available in this exciting Horizons Programme for Term 2:

Numeracy Support

Open Year 6-8, NBLC (6 sessions), Wed 1pm-2.30pm, 15 June - 13 July, \$20 per student

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

Other New Programmes

Writing for the Web

Learn how to structure your writing in a variety of genres for an online environment. Skills will include uploading to a blog and publishing a web news item. Blog about the Reading Crusade and have your resulting posts shared via the slc website and other appropriate online environments. This programme can be adapted to be suitable for Years 5-8, and would run for 5 x 1.5 hour sessions at a cost of \$20 per student, for 8-12 students from your school.

The above programmes plus any other Horizons programmes we have offered in the past can be booked for a group of 8-12 students from your school, subject to availability.

Term 3 Programmes - a flier will be sent out to your school with the details of our term 3 programmes; this is designed to be read in conjunction with the Term 1 & 2 brochure that you received early in term 1. If you need more Term 1 & 2 brochures please let us know and we will send some out to you.

Connect programmes are free, one-off 90 minutes sessions combining technology and library literacy. We have the following Connect programmes on offer in Term 2:

- What is a Library?
- Library Literacy - Making the Most of Your Community Library
- Cyber Citizenship - Me and My Class
- For the Love of Reading
- Music to my Ears
- Information Literacy - Beyond Google

For more information or to book places phone 941-5140, check our website:

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