

## Three nations, three stories— shooting for the stars

On Wednesday 26th October the South Learning Centre hosted “3 nations, 3 stories: Shooting for the stars” a video conferencing event which is a wonderful example of how technology is enabling true collaboration for students and teachers beyond classrooms and borders. Working with [Green Cross Australia](#) and by using [Polycom's](#) communication solutions, Cashmere Primary students have shared their ideas about a greener future with these other cities which also experienced natural disasters.



As part of my Special projects role I organised this video conference which supports our school customers to give a more global dynamic to their learning programmes, linking with classrooms, teachers and experts all around the globe. Media picked up on this event and thus ChCh City Libraries’ Learning Centres was featured. TV One news captured this experience listen here: <http://tvnz.co.nz/national-news/chch-school-Uses-technology-share-quake-experience-video-4485373>

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## Welcome to our new staff!



**Gabrielle George**  
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*What's been happening in the Learning Centres...*

## Global Village

The Horizons Global Village programme ran Term 3 with students from St Peters and Opawa Primary School. This was 6 week course where students became epals with students from New Delhi India, Michigan USA, Arizona USA and Osaka Japan.

The students exchanged emails that looked at personal interests, the school day, local geography and culture. The students had a great time and were excited to have this unique global learning experience. Students had challenging times explain things like Netball to our American friends and Matariki celebrations to our Japanese friends. Unfortunately due to time differences we could not have our Skype sessions we had hoped for. The course ended with wonderful student presentations via power point, which can be seen on the epal website and also on our own SLC website.

- ❑ My pen pals name is Hardick and he lives in Sonepat, India.
- ❑ He goes to Rishikul Vidyapeeth Sonepat.
- ❑ He has 1 little sister who is 3.
- ❑ Hardick likes to go to parks and his favourite colour is red.
- ❑ His favourite foods are samosas and rice.
- ❑ Hardick's school finishes at 2pm and his favourite things to do in his spare time is play computer games and play foot ball.
- ❑ At school his favourite subjects are English and evs.



Some pics of what we have been up to...



## Coming up — Summertime Reading Club!

<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Kids/SummertimeReading/>

Join the Summertime Reading Club in 2011. This very popular summer activity starts again on 16 December and runs to 20 January 2012.

Get in the reading habit and you will be ready for the new Winter Reading event coming your way mid 2012.

### How the Summertime Reading Club works

- Get your reading log from your local library, this website, or the Summertimes booklet.
- Read six books of your choice.
- Get a parent, caregiver, teacher or librarian to register your reading online and be one of the first 500 to pick up your prize pack from your local library. All registrations go in the draw for the premier prizes.
- Visit the kids' blog for more reading news and weekly prize draws: <http://christchurchkids.wordpress.com/>
- Keep an eye on the library website to see if you are one of the lucky prize winners.
- Happy reading!

### Information for parents and teachers

Children aged five to 13 years are invited to read six books, register their reading on the library website and go in the draw

for book prizes and an iPod Touch.

The six books must come from at least three of the following categories:

- Sport or craft
- Action/adventure
- Funny/humorous jokes, poems or stories
- Magic, mystery or scary stories
- Another place, time or world
- True story

(Please note: some books can be classified in more than one category.)

The first 500 registered also receive a prize pack from their local library with a bookmark and badge or magnet. Reading is fun and they can also share their summer experiences on the exciting kids' blog: <http://christchurchkids.wordpress.com/>

See our Frequently Asked Questions for more information weblink: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Kids/SummertimeReading/FAQ/>



Check out our website: <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/>

