

John Marsden @ the South Learning Centre Today the writing began...

The air was filled with inspiration and good writing advice when John Marsden came to visit. John spent time talking with five quake affected Christchurch schools, communicating via video conferencing.



The programme included a writing workshop followed by a question and answer session about his books. The students were involved in writing about themselves using only 14 words – a good way to engage and share the writing process in a clear and concise way. John was impressed by the creativity and wished the students well with their future writing.

Thanks to John Marsden for playing a part in the Christchurch rebuild by sharing his creativity and passion for writing and for young adults.

Welcome to our new staff!



Clare Newton
Learning Specialist

Clare has moved into the exciting role of Learning Specialist and schools liaison. She brings with her a passion for creativity and developing close partnerships with Christchurch schools.



Margaret Clune
Learning & Events Co-ordinator

Margaret joined us at a very busy time with Kidsfest and other holiday events in full swing! She comes with a wealth of experience in libraries and customer service.

GCSN Update

The Greater Christchurch Schools Network team have been actively supporting teachers and schools post quake; collecting online resources, providing teacher PD in the creation of online courses and supplying technical support at shared sites with IT equipment needs.

RAFFA course for teachers and schools

This Moodle course supports teachers in leading curriculum change. See the GCSN website under [Professional learning](#)

Video Conference

Video Conference Units in Christchurch offer exciting opportunities, including Green Cross global video conference between Christchurch and Australian schools and Scholarship VC mentoring .

Contact Margot: margot.mckeegan@ccc.govt.nz

Schoolathon4canterbury

GCSN is pleased to support the work of Schoolathon4Canterbury, an organisation working to help school children after the quakes. The project aims to bring together young people from all over New Zealand, from Pre-School to Primary, Intermediate & Secondary Schools and give them an opportunity to support the children of Christchurch, contributing to or fund-raising for their future. [Read more](#) on our website.

Matariki at SLC



South Learning Centre offered a fantastic new programme for Matariki this year, with more than 340 students attending during July/August.

The focus of the programme was the traditional clothing of the Māori, including the meanings inherent in kowhaiwhai patterns.



We looked at the concepts behind the designs, and students got creative with colours and patterns!

Holiday Programmes: Cupcakes, Posters & Scrapbooking!

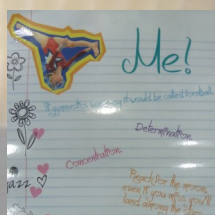
Thanks to all the children who took part in our programmes in July, and the Learning Specialists who helped make them such a success!



Design a Poster



Cupcakes & Computers



NCEA Study Boost

Free support for NCEA students

Study Boost

Study pressure is increasing, but there is still time to find out about good library resources, both online and on the shelf.

Students are welcome to bring assignment queries.

Tuesday 13 September 5.15-6.45pm

Free but bookings essential

Phone: 941 5140

Email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz



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Snacks and drinks will be provided!!

We recommend...

[Christchurch City Libraries Kids page](#)

A one-stop-shop for information, homework help and educational games!

PLUS: Students can [share their earthquake stories](#) or [explore the kid's blog](#).



Profiling Library Resources:

BergFashionLibrary



This new resource covers all regions of the world, with content from pre-history to the present day.

A fascinating resource for students of art history, fashion & textiles, design, theatre & cultural studies, and an impressive treasury of insights into people and cultures all over the world.



Updated at least three times a year to keep up with contemporary changes in fashion.

Students can access this at any Christchurch City Library or use their library card & pin number through [The Source online](#).



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

Options for schools

2012 Planning

We are aware syndicates often meet early in Term four to plan their 2012 programmes. If we can assist you in any way, attend a planning meeting at your school or you wish to discuss options for 2012 bookings, please do not hesitate to contact us: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz or 941 5140

Horizons Programmes

Horizons caters for specific children's needs by offering themed programmes each term. Schools can select up to four students to come along and practice team work in a dynamic technological learning environment.

For more information on specific topics for next year please visit : slc.ac.nz/horizon

Term 4 Horizons course:

Let's Re-build! Google Sketchup

Students will use 3D modelling programme Sketch up to create their own design for a student learning space or playground.

Age GATE Year 5-7

Where South Learning Centre 5 Sessions

When Fridays 9-10.30am, 4 November - 2 December

Cost \$25 per student

Specialised Class Programmes

All schools have the opportunity to use our Learning Centres purpose built computer lab and supporting technology. Bookings are not limited to pre-planned courses. If there is a topic that you would like to explore with your class, our staff would be happy to work with you to create a tailor made programme to suit your own class needs.

Classes are normally 1.5 hours at a cost of \$60 (which is approximately \$2 per student for a full class). All costs are discussed and negotiated at the initial planning meeting.

Connect Programmes

Our aim for connect programmes is to encourage children in developing life-long learning habits for the digital age through an introduction to our library resources.

These free programmes are one off sessions lasting 90 mins, and can be delivered for any level of ability and for up to 30 students. Bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis and one Connect programme per class, per term is available.

Focus areas include :

- Digital literacy
- New technologies
- Developing a love of reading
- Online study resources

Professional Development

Small group, syndicate or whole class professional development sessions are available by negotiation with our staff. These sessions can be tailored to meet specific ICT requirements or act as technology tasters, introducing teachers to new tools and demonstrating examples of how these tools can be integrated into classroom learning.

Sessions may include:

- Literacy or Numeracy and Technology
- Using digital cameras/video cameras in the classroom
- Extending the boundaries of Microsoft Office programmes
- Designing Web Quests
- Exploring Web2 Tools

For more information please phone the Learning Centre on 941 5140
check our website: www.slc.ac.nz
or email: learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz

