

Learning Centres

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Kura Newsletter—Latest News

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What's been happening with the Learning Centres...

Reading Crusade 2013

Christchurch City Libraries would like to thank the thousands of children and their teachers who participated in the Reading Crusade.

We were delighted with the results:

- Approximately 3500 children completed reading logs
- Children from 109 different schools completed reading logs, either individually or with their school/class
- The most frequently occurring age was 10 years
- 57 per cent of entrants were girls and 43 per cent were boys

Top schools:

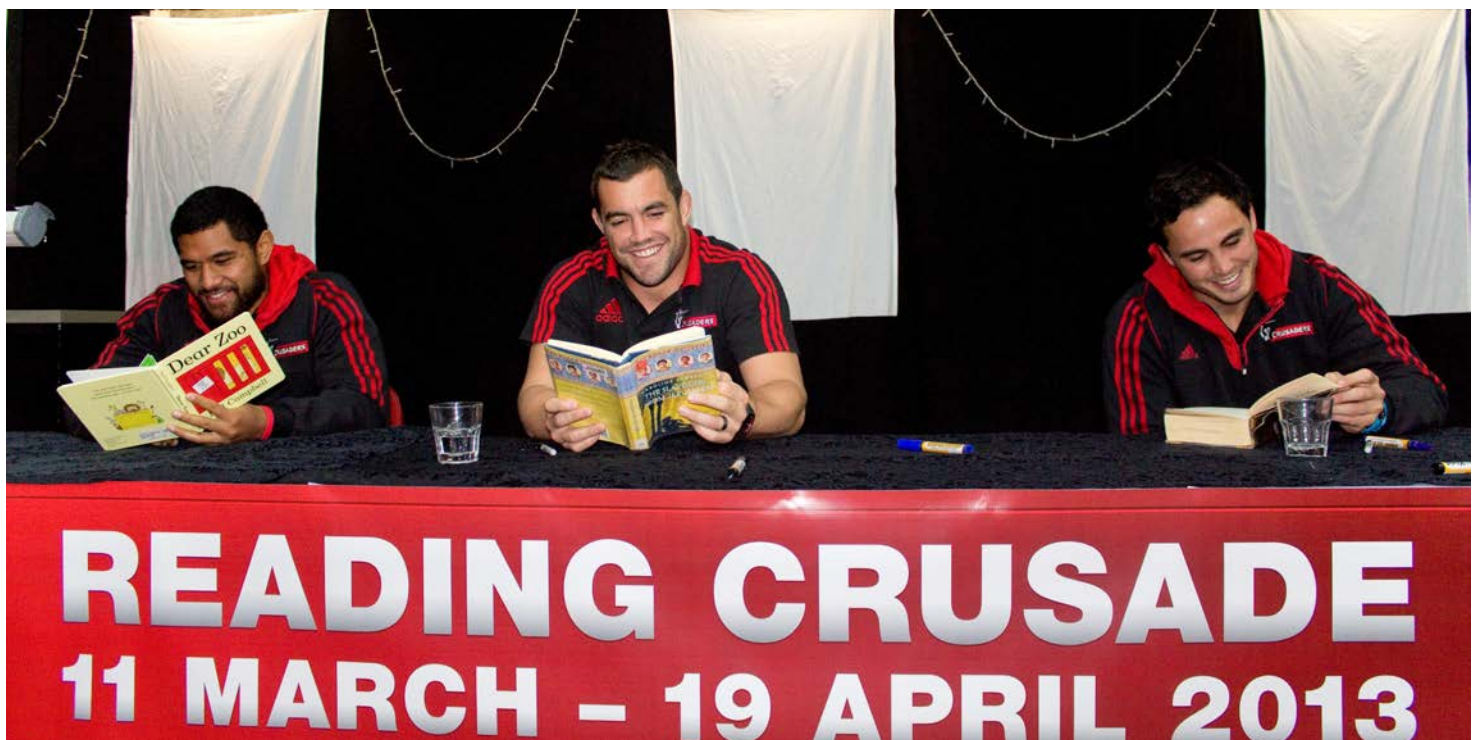
- Roydvale Primary - the school has a roll of about 260 but registered 426 reading logs
- St Albans Catholic school had 100% participation.

90% of the children who registered their reading said they

heard about it from their school/teacher and this shows the power of teachers in children's lives. It is no surprise that the teacher Trudi Browne from Roydvale – one of the winning schools – is the same teacher who pushed the Reading Crusade for the last two Crusades at Burnside Primary when they won the top school prize.

The prize giving was a truly feel good event and we were thrilled to have Zac Guilford, Corey Flynn and Jeremy Su'a from the Crusade squad to help us celebrate. 100 children and their caregivers attended and received fantastic goodie bags and the chance to win signed balls and jerseys in the spot prize draws. But, the Crusade is only possible because of the hard work done by teachers and we salute each and every one of you.

— Julianne Pask



Travelling Connect

During Term one and two 2013 members of the Learning Centre team led by Tai Sila have been going out to local schools and delivering our “Travelling Connect” programme where we introduce to the students some of the wide range of services the Library has available for them.

As part of the lesson we read them a story (old school style) and then got them to watch an eBook presentation (new school style) of another story. After that they use the iPads and an “app” called “puppet pals” to create their very own book review on the story they liked best.

As you can see from the photographs the kids are really engaged and have a great time. Having the

iPads to create their book review was just the icing on the cake for these students.

If you would like to see an example of a student book review (and don't mind the noise) click the link below:
<http://youtu.be/rvKtdMOccTI>

To date we have had 25 sessions with schools from the East, such as New Brighton Catholic, and to the west, like Hornby Primary. We would love to bring Travelling Connect to your school, so if your class has year 4-6 students, please be in touch if you are interested—ph: 941 5140 or email learningcentre@ccc.govt.nz

— Danny McNeil



Options for schools

We have a range of options that might suit your school:

- Free 'Connect' sessions that have an enquiry nature and fits with the Libraries core business (information literacy, reading etc.)
 - Horizons programmes with a specific focus (cost per child)
- Tailor made sessions according to your curriculum needs (cost per class)

To see details on the Connect and Horizons programmes, have a look at our brochure:
<http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/LearningCentres/Brochures/SchoolProgrammes.pdf>

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

Matariki



Matariki sessions proved to be very informative, creative and lots of fun. Students learned of the Maori New Year celebrations, the history of harvesting food and fruit for Winter and timing of the star constellation. Legends of Maui and The Seven Stars of Matariki created lots of discussions of place names: South Island—Te Waipounamu; North Island—Te-Ika-a-Maui; Christchurch—Otautahi. Ko Ōtautahi tōku wāhi pai—Christchurch is my cool place.



Students' wonderful brainstorming was then collated using Bubblus, and then their creative ideas shaped a postcard of Christchurch using a Paint program. Finally students experienced Christchurch City Library's interactive website, <http://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Kids/Te-Whata-Raki/>, a super resource exploring aspects of Māori culture.



— Audrey Campbell
Learning Specialist



Horizons — Fun with Film

During term two a group of students from St Martins School and Our Lady Star of the Sea School took part in a Horizons programme on filmmaking. The students worked on the Learning Centre PCs, iPads and MacBooks to create stop motion animations, movie trailers and their own original short films.

The process involved all aspects of film production including storyboarding, camera work, editing, making a film score and adding narration. The use of green screen technology added to the fun and transported the students to a magical forest, a school ball and even a taxi cab. It was wonderful to see the students so



engaged with their creations and developing key skills of creative thinking, problem solving and team work.

The programme culminated in a showing of the finished films and has hopefully inspired a future Peter Jackson!

—Helen Clear
Learning Specialist

Scratch Programming

South Learning Centre have begun to offer classes on Scratch, which is an educational programming language that is tile based and is an easy way to programme. Simple games can be made with it as well.

Scratch allows users to use event driven programming with multiple active objects called sprites. The ability to code computer programs is an important part of literacy in today's society. When students learn to code in Scratch, they learn important strategies for solving problems, designing projects, and communicating ideas.

We have worked with the Years 5-6 Team from Cashmere Primary to create a specialised programme for them. By integrating Scratch into their numeracy planning, the students created a game at the end of three lessons. We also offered a Horizons course called 'Maths is Cool: Scratch', where students from St Martins, Opawa and Cashmere Primary came to us for six sessions on programming in scratch.



If this sounds like something you would be interested in for you school, please call us to discuss. This would be a paid for class (\$60 per hour).

— Sarah Tiplady-Scurr, Learning Specialist



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