

# Wired Newsletter

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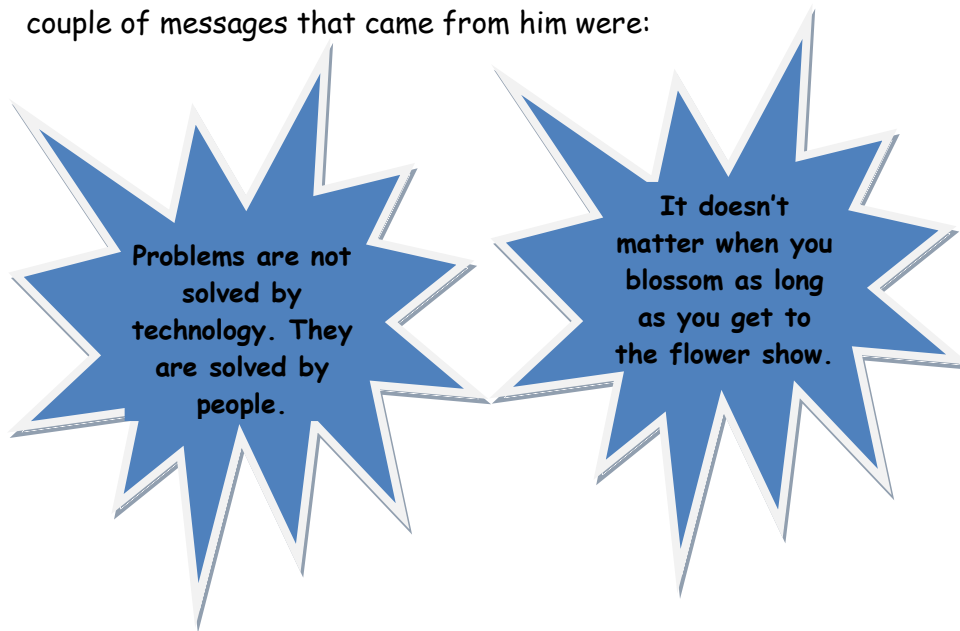
## Project News

Welcome to the first issue of the Wired newsletter. If you know of someone who would like to be added to the e-mail list, or have ideas for the newsletter then let me know.

## Wired Conference

On Friday March 27<sup>th</sup> Waihi cluster teachers came together to launch the project and examine the place of the new curriculum. This was a great chance to meet and network with other teachers in the cluster.

Mike Scaddan provided some thought-provoking keynotes. A couple of messages that came from him were:



Other key messages for the day were:

- Developing skills and attitudes for lifelong learning
- Technology supporting learning
- Positive attitudes and self-talk
- Having a vision and goal-setting
- Shift happens!

## Websites to Visit

Our cluster wiki:

<http://wiredwaihi.wikispaces.com/>

This wiki which has lots of ideas, information, links to useful websites and examples of classroom work utilising ICT and/or inquiry.

Anyone can view the wiki but to contribute to the wiki you will need to join. For details [email me](#) or talk to your lead teacher

For information and ideas on **inquiry** have a look at my website: [www.inquiringmind.co.nz](http://www.inquiringmind.co.nz)

The **ICTPD Online** site. See your Lead Teacher for the access code: [http://centre4.interact.ac.nz/spaces/space.php?space\\_key=382](http://centre4.interact.ac.nz/spaces/space.php?space_key=382)

Information, ideas and links relating to **IWBs**: [www.inquiringmind.co.nz/interactive\\_whiteboards.htm](http://www.inquiringmind.co.nz/interactive_whiteboards.htm)

**Ulearn Conference**

Website:

[http://centre4.core-ed.net/modules/page/page.php?space\\_key=22950&module\\_key=73611&link\\_key=52566&group\\_key=0](http://centre4.core-ed.net/modules/page/page.php?space_key=22950&module_key=73611&link_key=52566&group_key=0)

## Learning@schools09

A large contingent representing all the cluster schools headed for Rotorua to the Learning@schools conference, a great turnout for a new cluster. A wee issue with accommodation provided a somewhat shaky start, but was sorted out eventually and things ran more smoothly from then. Feedback indicates that everyone found something in the conference to take back to their schools. The importance of the key competencies and effectively integrating learning technologies to enhance learning, were recurrent themes of the conference.

Those who attended should check out the presenter resources at [http://centre4.core-ed.net/modules/kb/kb.php?space\\_key=21231&module\\_key=70381&ink\\_key=51056&group\\_key=0](http://centre4.core-ed.net/modules/kb/kb.php?space_key=21231&module_key=70381&ink_key=51056&group_key=0)

## Featured Programs

### Photostory

Introduced by Simon Turnbull at the cluster conference, this **free** software is a Windows-based slide show program. Your lead teacher or facilitator can give you a copy of the program or you can download it from

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=92755126-a008-49b3-b3f4-6f33852af9c1&DisplayLang=en>

To see (or add) examples of how it has been used in the classroom, have a look at these ideas

<http://wiredwaihi.wikispaces.com/message/view/Useful+Free+Software/9930094> and check out these two examples from Coroglen

School of a junior photography unit:

<http://penspace.wikispaces.com/Photostory+Examples>. The

program is very easy to use and excellent results can be achieved by students of all ages.

If you have Vista then you will need to follow the instructions on this page: <http://wiredwaihi.wikispaces.com/Useful+Free+Software> as it is designed for use in XP.

For Mac users **imovie 08** can be used in a similar way - see this explanation: <http://dgrice.blogspot.com/2008/02/imovie-08-photostory-for-mac.html>

## Coming Events 2009

### Lead Teachers Day

May 8<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3pm  
Waihi Central

### Management Meeting

May 22<sup>nd</sup> 11am  
Waihi Beach

### Peninsula Schools Cluster Conference

August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Whenuakite School

### Ulearn Conference

October 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Christchurch

## Featured Websites

### Cluster wiki

The Wired Waihi wiki <http://wiredwaihi.wikispaces.com/> is a collaborative website where you can find information, ideas and resources related to the cluster. Anyone can view the wiki but you need to be a member to add to it. Contact Jan-Marie or your Lead teacher if you want to join.

## What's Happening in Classrooms

This section will feature different schools each term, If there is anything your school or class is doing that you would like to share with the cluster then let your lead teacher know or [email me](#). If sending photos please re-size them first.

## Tips

### Word shortcuts

Ctrl c - copy

Ctrl v - paste

Ctrl x - cut

ctrl z - undo

### Firefox and Internet Explorer shortcuts

**Ctrl f** - find This one is extremely useful to quickly find something on a webpage. This is a good one to teach your students when they are looking for relevant information using key words on a website.

**Ctrl + (- or +)** Increase or decrease the font size, pressing '-' will decrease and '+' will increase.

**Ctrl + P** - Print current page / frame.

See <http://www.computerhope.com/shortcut/firefox.htm> for more Firefox shortcuts

See <http://www.computerhope.com/shortcut/ie.htm> for more Internet Explorer shortcuts

**Jan-Marie Kellow**

## Quotable Quotes

*"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered; the point is to discover them."*

Galileo

*"By doubt we are led to inquiry and from inquiry we perceive the truth."*

Pierre Abelard  
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*"Knowledge," in the sense of information, means the working capital, the indispensable resources, of [for] further inquiry; of finding out, or learning, more things. Frequently it is treated as an end in itself, and then the goal becomes to heap it up and display it when called for."*

John Dewey