

Wired Newsletter

Term 3 2009

Project News

Welcome to the second 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.

Aberdeen Visit

The recent cluster visit to Aberdeen Primary was very successful. There was lots to see and think about relating to both ICT and inquiry-based learning. The next step is to think about what applies to your own situation and start to put some of it into practice.

What's Happening in Classrooms

Bookchat

Check out the Bookchats set up by Lizette and Simon on the Waichat wiki. These are accessible from the cluster wiki collaborative projects page.

<http://wiredwaihi.wikispaces.com/Collaborative+projects>

Fairytales <http://waichat.wikispaces.com/Fairy+Tales>

Greedy Cat <http://waichat.wikispaces.com/Greedy+Cat>

There is some great discussion already going on in these bookchats but no reason why your class or reading group couldn't do either of these in term 4.

If anyone has an idea for another bookchat or other collaborative project let me know or add it to the wiki.

Featured Programs

Google Sketch-up

Sketch Up is a free graphics program for creating 3D models. It enables the user to create 3D models of buildings, vehicles, or other structure. Available by download from

<http://sketchup.google.com/download/>

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

The ICTPD Online site.

See your Lead Teacher for the access code:

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

Ulearn Conference

Website:

www.core-ed.net/ulearn

Featured Websites

Cool Text <http://cooltext.com>

This site allows you to create cool headings, logos and buttons for your wiki or website.

Interface Magazine

If you haven't seen this great magazine then you should do so. One free copy comes to each school but you can order a copy per teacher for just \$1 per copy.

The magazine has a website which makes checking out the websites mentioned in the magazine really easy.

<http://www.interfacemagazine.co.nz/>

Tips

Shortcut Keys

Ctrl a - select all

Ctrl z - undo

Ctrl f - find

Double click - anywhere in a word selects the complete word.

Triple click - selects the line or paragraph of the text the mouse triple-clicked.

Firefox and Internet Explorer shortcuts

- Ctrl + (- or +) Increase or decrease the font size, pressing '-' will decrease and '+' will increase.
- Ctrl f - find
- Ctrl + P - Print current page / frame.

Jan-Marie Kellow

Coming Events 2009

Lead Teacher Day

October 30th Waihi
Central 9am - 3pm

Management Meeting

November 5th

Cluster Workshops

Venue: Waihi Central.

Powerpoint 2007 -

Intermediate level.

Check out the website for dates.

Ulearn Conference

October 6th - 9th

Christchurch

Quotable Quotes

It is not sufficient, and it may actually undermine our democracy, to concentrate on producing people who do well on standardized tests and who define success as getting a well-paid job.

Nel Noddings

We learn...

10% of what we read

20% of what we hear

30% of what we see

50% of what we both hear and see

70% of what is discussed

80% of what we experience

personally

95% of what we teach to

someone else

– William Glasser

“Teachers must be encouraged - I almost said 'freed', to pursue an education that strives for depth of understanding.”

Howard Gardner