



RAINBOW READING SEES CHILDREN "SUDDENLY CLICK"



St Peter's Rainbow Reading Programme is being seen as a really great success among children who have previously had difficulty grasping the enjoyment and value of reading.

The system is very structured and orderly, and especially with boys who have not yet developed an interest in reading, the use of new technology can suddenly spark them into the idea that reading is "cool", smart and full of interest..



Each child involved in the Rainbow Reading Programme is given a disk and a Walkman to help boost their at-risk reading skills, and usually the children work in 10-week blocks. It can apply to children of all ages, and its application is dependent on the motivation and interest of the child.

The system gives them a real boost, and teachers are often delighted to see how "everything suddenly clicks into place" and the child surges ahead.

It is particularly successful with boys, especially the older ones who are sometimes reluctant readers. The children are put into groups of a maximum of six, with each group overseen and run by Teacher Aide Gabby Byrne, with the individual programmes organised and set by teacher Denise Gordon, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO).

The Rainbow Reading Programme is a new literary initiative established in the school, and one which is already proving to be of enormous benefit to children and teachers alike.

BLOKES BREAKFAST

On the 31st May 2007, the boys in Years 5-8. of St Peter's Catholic School attended their first ever Bloke's Breakfast.

At the breakfast we had a speaker who talked about what they've done in their life. Our speaker was Paul Honiss, he spoke to us about rugby refereeing and his visit to Pope John Paul II. Of course the main attraction to the Blokes Breakfast ... the breakfast! We had eggs, bacon, toast, cereal and anything you might think about! We all enjoyed the Bloke's Breakfast and look forward to another one.



By Jozef Erece

OLD ICT SUITE IS MOVING OUT

The school's ICT suite is on the move - right out of the school grounds and away to a new home at the Chanel Centre in Hamilton.

This room is steeped in history starting its life on the property of Mr Panitierre who had it built as a room for his children to hold parties.



Mr Bill Wilkinson brought the section which the building was located on and had it moved to the school 10-15 years ago.

In its place we will be using our new Computer Suite which is part of our Mission Sisters Information Literacy Centre, as soon as we can get it properly and fully fitted out.

The old building was first brought to the school about 10 years ago, and was initially used almost as a shed. But about four years ago it was relined and refurbished before being set up as the Computer Suite. It has done sterling service since, with lots of children passing through its doors and learning all sorts of computer skills along the way.

Now we are just waiting for Resource Consent from the Hamilton City Council for the building to be moved to its new home, and as soon as that happens we will be adding a deck to the Music Suite and Learning Support Room. Yay! No more mud!

Bonjour, Guten Tag, Konichiwa, Kia Ora

Last Tuesday all of the Year 7 and 8s from all the rural schools travelled to Cambridge High School for a Language day because it was National Languages Week. We all had a chance to learn 4 different languages. They were German, French, Japanese and Te Reo Maori. We had a 30 minute time slot with each subject and then 45 minutes to prepare an item for our mini concert.



We also had a treasure hunt around the school at lunch time. It was really hard because the questions were written in all the languages that we learnt over the day. The winners got a mini Moro bar. It was great to see a group of St Peters Catholic School students win the treasure hunt and the teacher's prizes at the end of the day.

We all really enjoyed German with Frau Marshall. We had a great day and look forward to the next Rural Schools Day.

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