



**WELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE COMPUTERS IN HOMES NEWSLETTER!**

*It is a pleasure to be sending you this Computers in Homes newsletter. This newsletter will provide up-to-date information on the Computers in Homes project and other useful information about ways you can utilise your home computer.*

*We are firstly celebrating hearing the fantastic news that our Wanganui programme has been granted NZ Government funding to continue for another 150 families/Whanau.*

*We hope you are still enjoying having your computer at home and are making the most of using it and thanks to everyone for all the support you have given our programme - here's to us making the most of it!*

[www.wanganuicomputersinhomes.blogspot.com](http://www.wanganuicomputersinhomes.blogspot.com)

*Alistair Fraser - Programme Coordinator*

## Digital Boost for Wanganui Families

**150 families from Wanganui will benefit from a Government grant to the Computers in Homes programme.**

The grant, which is part of the latest round of the Community Partnership Fund (CPF), was announced by Ministers Turia and Joyce on 8 July, and enables the Computers in Homes programme to reach more Wanganui families. Computers in Homes helps local schools provide computers, internet access and computer training to families with school-aged children but without access to a computer and the Internet in their homes.

The Government's Community Partnership Fund focuses on connecting communities and building the confidence of people in the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT).

Parents receive 20 hours of basic computer training including word processing, emailing and using the Internet. The training is aimed at empowering parents to become actively involved in their children's learning, as well as increase their own employment opportunities and confidence. The programme strongly supports the government's focus on literacy and numeracy, as computers and the Internet are now viewed as basic tools for all New Zealanders.

"It has been fantastic to see how school communities have responded so positively to Computers in Homes. Some principals have told us that of all the programmes run in recent years, Computers in Homes has had the most impact in engaging parents in their children's learning, and for some parents this is the first time they have even stepped foot inside the school," said Laurence Zwimpfer, 2020 Communications Trust.



For the full media release visit - [www.computersinhomes.org.nz](http://www.computersinhomes.org.nz)



## Adult Learners' Week/He Tangata Mātauranga 7-13 September – "Share your Stories"

Adult Learners' Week/He Tangata Mātauranga will be a celebration of many of the wonderful adult learning opportunities we have going on in Wanganui. Our local adult education providers will be organising special activities promoting their classes. There will be a lot more publicity about this in August.

Computers in Homes will be promoting our programme during Adult Learners' Week/He Tangata Mātauranga and we would like to hear from any parents or caregivers who would like to share their stories about how having a computer at home has made a difference for them. During the week there will be a celebration evening where learners give a short talk about their experience.

*Please contact Alistair Fraser on 06 348 9504 if you would like to participate, you can be sure you will have a fun evening.*



Congratulations to the 2020 Communications Trust and the Microsoft Unlimited Potential Foundation for implementing the Stepping Up programme. Wanganui has been chosen as one of the first 3 Regions in New Zealand to operate Stepping UP.

**Contact**

The Wanganui Learning Centre  
on Ph 06 348 4950 or call into  
the office 232 Wicksteed Street.

The Wanganui Learning Centre will be delivering our first pilot for 2009 families in 2009 and enrolments for classes have started already. The Stepping UP programme will provide a 'staircase' for our Computers in Homes graduates and other community members through access to more advanced digital training including with Microsoft Office Programmes.



## Clean up Wanganui's eWaste

Recycling electronic waste (e-waste) allows for the recovery and reuse of valuable materials and ensures toxic materials are not buried in our landfills - so it's better for our environment. eDay is a cars-only drive-through recycling event. Recycle old computers or mobile phones in an environmentally sustainable way.

Wanganui's eDay 2009 will be held on Saturday 12 September at the Laird Park car park. The organisers would like to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer as a helper, please call Alistair on 06 348 9504.

For more information about eDay visit the website  
[www.eDay.org.nz](http://www.eDay.org.nz)



The 2006 Census revealed that more than 100,000 families with school-aged children do not have access to the Internet from their homes.

This is a challenge to all New Zealanders, to ensure that no family with school-aged children remains disconnected.

Recommend a Family Member / Whanau or a Friend...have a family member or friend that would benefit from having a computer in their home?

Advise them to contact us on Ph 348 9504 to discuss available options.



## SEMESTER 2 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN NOW!

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## WIN YOUR VERY OWN IPOD NANO 8GB!

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### 'Computers In Homes Competition'

Include your name and phone number and send to  
[s.crafar@ucol.ac.nz](mailto:s.crafar@ucol.ac.nz)

Entries close August 21, 5pm. Entries accepted after this time will be void. The prize will be drawn Friday 28 August 2009 and winner notified by the phone number provided on the entry.

**This competition is open to all Computers in Homes registered users only. Terms and Conditions Apply.**



*Terms & Conditions - By entering the competition you are agreeing to receive further information about the computers in homes community project via email and post. Entries that do not state the entrants name or phone number will be void. This competition is only open to Computers in Home registered users. The judges' decision is final; no further correspondence will be entered into. The prize will be held until the 11 September. If the prize is not claimed by this date the competition will be re-drawn.*

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