



# The Premier Current Events Programme

DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
& ENGLISH CURRICULUM

“ My Year 7- and 8 students love *Extra!* and eagerly await the next instalment. *Extra!* helps to develop informed readers who are lifelong learners, by helping them to understand the importance of people, events and issues in the real world. Our students love the opportunities to debate issues that arise. *Extra!* includes a wide range of subjects/topics and covers all parts of the curriculum. Undoubtedly one of the highlights for my class is the publishing forum for their writing and the excellent writing models that we can use to support our literacy programme. ”

*Rachel O'Connell, Year 7 and 8 teacher, Clutha Valley School, South Otago*



Dunstan High School Year 9 & 10 - Damien Miller, Caleb Middendorf, Jake O'Malley

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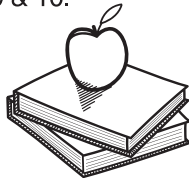
## From the *Extra!* Editor

*Extra!* provides you with a fun way of teaching current events by stimulating interest and creating discussion. It also provides a forum to publish your pupils' writing and opinions. It is a simple and cost-effective learning tool that will:

- ▶ Bridge the gap between the classroom and the real world for pupils from year 5 to year 10.
- ▶ Teaching notes and answers are sent to schools for each issue prior to publication.

Enclosed are the topics which will feature in the *Otago Daily Times Extra!* publication during 2017, highlighting their links to the curriculum.

Subscribing schools have free access into the four regional current events and spelling quizzes for pupils at years 5 & 6, years 7 & 8 and years 9 & 10.



## What is *Extra!*?

*Extra!* contains 16 pages of great content for your pupils including seven pages of social science activities, current events quizzes, New Zealand and world mapping and focus on current issues. Each month's current events are summarised for teachers in these pages. A single-page focus topic is also featured in each issue.

There are also eight pages of literacy-based material contributed by school pupils, such as letters to the editor, short stories, poems, book, movie and music reviews, school and class reports and events.

Photos of contributing pupils are also published with their writing. It is used by schools throughout the country



Avonhead School Year 5 & 6 - Cameron Mei,  
Larissa Laubach, Cassidy Mei



PICTURED ABOVE ARE SOME  
OF OUR 2016 QUIZ WINNERS

There is also a popular *Extra!* short story and poetry competition for pupils from years 5-10.

With the programme we have organised for 2017 we look forward to a busy and exciting year and hope you will join us in this rewarding programme.

Simply fill out the order form on the back page and return.

Ivan Behrnes, *Extra!* Editor

## *Extra!* Quizzes



There are four *Extra!* spelling quizzes staged during term 2:

- ▶ Canterbury Spelling Quiz in Christchurch
- ▶ Central Otago Spelling Quiz in Cromwell
- ▶ Otago Spelling Quiz in Dunedin
- ▶ Central South Island Spelling Quiz in Timaru

Four regional *Extra!* Current Events quizzes are also staged in these centres during term 3.

Last year more than 3500 pupils attended these very popular educational events.

Winning schools receive plaques, medals and book voucher prizes and all placegetters also receive book voucher prizes, courtesy of the *Otago Daily Times*.



## *Extra!* Short Story and Poetry Competitions



These are held during term 2 and cater for three levels: Year 5 & 6, year 7 & 8 and year 9 & 10.

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# 2017 Curriculum plan

## This year's *Extra!* topics

### TERM 1

#### Issue 1 – February 21

**Sea Week - Healthy Seas, Healthy People**  
Social Sciences – Place and Environment

#### Issue 2 – March 14

**NZ's endangered species**  
Social Sciences – Places and Environment  
Science – Living world

#### Issue 3 – April 4

**Anzac Day**  
Phyllis Ada Latour - WW2 Secret Agent  
Social Sciences – Continuity and Change

### TERM 2

#### Issue 4 – May 16

**Extra! Spelling Quiz Preview**  
**British Lions Tour to NZ**  
English – Listening, Reading and Viewing

#### Issue 5 – June 6

**America's Cup 2017**  
Social Sciences – Identity, Culture and Organisation

#### Issue 6 – June 27

**Heroism and Justice**  
New Zealand's Mary Quin  
Social Sciences – Continuity and Change/Identity, Culture and Organisation

### TERM 3

#### Issue 7 – August 1

**Current Events Quiz Preview**  
**Remarkable NZ Survivors**  
Mark Inglis, Philip Doole & Rob Hewitt  
Social Sciences – Place and Environment



#### Issue 8 – August 22

**Landmines in our world**  
Social Sciences – Continuity and Change

#### Issue 9 – September 19

**New Zealand Election 2017 Special**  
Social Sciences – Identity, Culture and Organisation

### TERM 4

#### Issue 10 – October 31

**Overcoming disabilities**  
Social Sciences – Identity, Culture and Organisation

#### Issue 11 – November 21

**Looking back at 2017**  
Social Sciences – Continuity and Change

### Spelling Quizzes:

Canterbury — June 7 | Central Otago — June 14 & 15  
Otago — June 20 & 21 | Central South Island — June 28 & 29

### Current Events Quizzes:

Canterbury — August 30 | Central Otago — September 6 & 7  
Otago — September 13 & 14 | Central South Island — Sept 20 & 21

### Short Story & Poetry Competition:

Runs from June 1 through until July 7, 2017

“ Once again we have been able to make use of this excellent resource. We use *Extra!* for all our junior Social Studies classes every month. Students enthusiastically receive it and look forward to the challenges, as do the teachers. It is a great group or individual activity. We can also rely on it for relief purposes. For students who have little interest in current events, *Extra!* offers a fun way to see who is in the news and what is happening where. We use it as part of our assessment programme as all students have used the same material. Our students get a huge buzz when they have their work published also. The themes each month are engaging for the students and they enjoy the debate and issues that they raise. *Extra!* is very useful, informative and relevant to our learners. ”

**Loretta Roundhill, Marlborough Girls' College, Blenheim**

## How to order *Extra!*

*Extra!* is curriculum-based and is an inexpensive resource that covers current events, reading and writing. By subscribing to a full membership of *Extra!*, your school is eligible to enter the Spelling and Current Events quizzes run in Cromwell, Timaru, Dunedin and Christchurch.

### Advantages of full *Extra!* membership

- ▶ A copy of the *Otago Daily Times* delivered each day to your school during the school year, worth over \$250 (home delivery areas only).
- ▶ Free access to the *Otago Daily Times'* digital archive. The archive contains a copy of every newspaper published since January 2, 2004, and can be electronically searched. This is a fantastic resource (worth \$460 per annum) for projects and day-to-day teaching.
- ▶ Entry to the *Extra!* Current Events and Spelling quizzes held throughout Otago, Central South Island and Canterbury.
- ▶ Certificates to print off to give to your class Champion Quiz Whiz and Most Improved each issue.

### It's easy to subscribe:

Simply fill out the order form at the back of this brochure and send it back. For more details or if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the *Extra!* team.

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That works out at \$7.70 per pupil for a year's subscription or \$8.80 if you are in the North Island. It is a great idea to add this to pupils' stationery accounts at the start of the year. (All prices are GST exclusive).

## Option 1

### Full membership\*

Full membership to *Extra!* is a pre-order of all 11 issues. Please enter in the box below how many copies of each edition you require.

### Copies per edition:

(Additional copies can be ordered for each issue during the year at the full membership rate)

**\*To be eligible for the full membership benefits, you must subscribe before February 10, 2017. Minimum copies per order apply - see above.**

#### Benefits of full membership:

- ▶ Access to the *Otago Daily Times* Digital Archive
- ▶ A copy of the *Otago Daily Times* delivered each day to your school (home delivery areas only)
- ▶ Entry to the *Extra!* Current Events and Spelling quizzes held throughout Otago, Central South Island and Canterbury.
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- Sept 19** - New Zealand Election 2017 Special
- Oct 31** - Overcoming Disabilities
- Nov 21** - Looking Back at 2017

## YOUR SCHOOL'S DETAILS:



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