How to find items in the

School Journal

Overview

The School Journal is a magazine-style series published in three parts for New Zealand school children in years 4 to 8. The School Journal has two major uses:

- As a magazine children can read for their own interest and enjoyment
- As a classroom resource to support the teaching of reading and as a reference source for many curriculum areas.

The School Journal is published in graded parts and contains material appropriate to the interest and experiences of the age groups shown below:

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Level 2 is published four times a year; Level 3, five times a year; Level 4, twice a year.

The Reading Year Level (RYL) of any particular story or article will vary within each School Journal. To find the RYL of the contents and to search for specific topics you will need to use the online catalogue, Journal Surf, which is explained overleaf. School Journals published since August 2011 show the RYLs of the content on the inside front cover.

Journal Surf indexes the School Journal as well as the following:

- **Junior Journal** is an instructional reading series for students who are working at early level 2 in the New Zealand Curriculum and reading Ready to Read texts at Purple and Gold. It bridges students’ reading from individual instructional books to the format of the School Journal. The Ready to Read colour wheel is on the back of each Junior Journal.

- **School Journal Story Library** is a targeted instructional series that provides additional scaffolds and supports for teachers to use to accelerate literacy learning for students in Years 5–8 who are reading 1–2 years below expectation.

- **Connected** is published in three issues each year, aligned to curriculum levels 2, 3, and 4 for students in Years 4–8, and promotes learning in science, technology, and mathematics. Each journal is theme based and contains four to five high-interest, non-fiction articles and is available in English and Maori. They are shelved in Non-fiction at 500CON.

- **Children as Authors** are collections of children’s work published in a similar format to the School Journals. These journals are not RYL graded. They are shelved as either Journal of Young People’s Writing or Journal of Secondary Students’ Writing.

Many School Journals are supported by teacher support materials (TSMs). Some older TSMs can be found alongside the journals on the shelves but all can be found online at TKI under the title School Journal Teachers’ Notes. These can be adapted to use with similar texts that may not have specific TSMs.

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How to use Journal Surf

To find material from the School Journal on a particular topic, for a particular reading level or in a particular curriculum area, use the School Journal online catalogue, Journal Surf. This online catalogue is available through Library Search on the University of Waikato Library website.

Access to Journal Surf

- Go to the University of Waikato Library website www.waikato.ac.nz/library
- Click on the Databases tab.
- Type Journal Surf in the search box and click Search.
- Click the hyperlinked title Journal Surf.
- On the next page, take note of the email address and password under the Journal Surf heading, then click Access Journal Surf.
- Click on the Login button and sign in with the username (email address) and password from the previous page.

Search Hints

- Enter your search term in the search box e.g. co-operation.
- The results are sorted by relevance. To change to sort by date, click the drop down menu.
- Refine the search by using the filters on the left, e.g. Reading level, type (articles, plays, poems), curriculum areas, keywords, genre, language features, key competencies, Big Ideas – English, the Arts, Health & PE, Science, Social Sciences, Technology etc.
- You can select more than one filter at a time. If you no longer want a filter, click the ‘x’ beside it at the top of the search menu.
- See more information about the item by clicking view details.
- Print a record of the item from the view details page.
- Some records have associated resources available i.e. Teaching support material.

School Journals are found in the Teaching Resources Library.

Connected is found in the Non-Fiction section under 500CON.