

# School Journal

Library/Te Whare Pukapuka

## 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 below:

NZ Curriculum Level	Interest Level	Previous <i>School Journal</i> sequence
Level 2 (Year 4)	8-9 year olds	Part 1
Level 3 (Years 5-6)	9-10 year olds	Parts 2 & 3
Level 4 (Years 7-8)	11-13 year olds	Part 4

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 on page 2. School Journals published since August 2011 show the RYL of the contents on the inside front cover.

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

- **Junior Journal:** 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:** 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.

Many *School Journals* are supported by teacher support materials (TSMs). Some older TSMs are alongside the journals on the shelves at the Teaching Resources Library, but all can be found online on TKI's [Instructional Series](#) page.

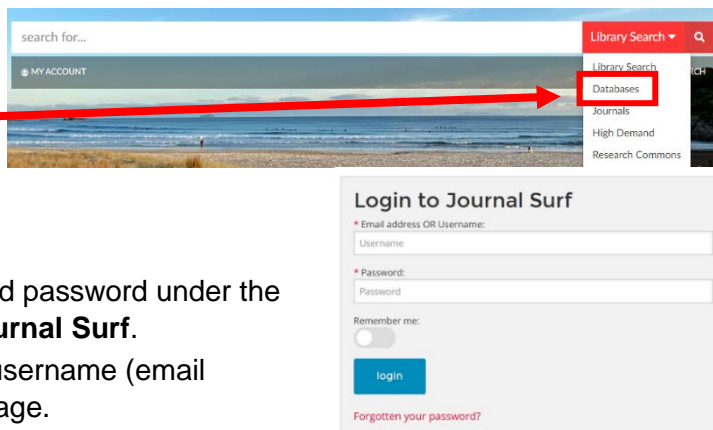
Entering 'TSM' in the search box will bring up all titles which have support materials, and the filters beneath the search box can be used to narrow down to the desired level or type of resource. The materials can also be adapted to use with similar texts that may not have their own specific TSMs.

## 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.

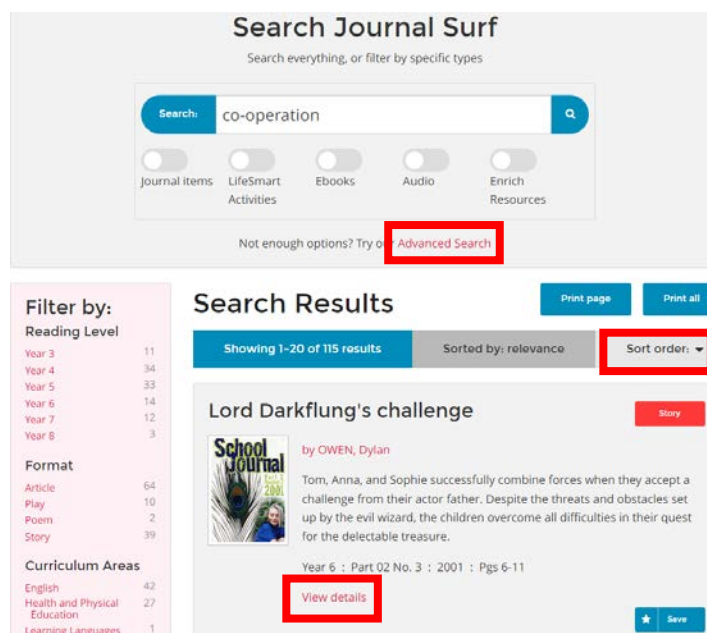
## ACCESS TO JOURNAL SURF

- Go to the Library webpage [www.waikato.ac.nz/library](http://www.waikato.ac.nz/library)
- Click on Library Search menu and select **Databases**.
- Type **Journal Surf** in the search box and hit enter or click the magnifying glass.
- Click the hyperlinked title **Journal Surf**.
- On the next page, see the email address and password under the Journal Surf heading, then click **Access Journal Surf**.
- Click 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 **sort order** drop down arrow.
- Refine the search by using the filters on the left, e.g. Reading Level, format (articles, plays, poems), Curriculum areas, keywords, genre, Key Competencies, Big Ideas – English, The Arts, Health and PE, Learning Languages, Science, Social Sciences, Technology etc.
- You can select more than one filter at a time. They will display under the **Current filters** heading. If you no longer want a filter, click the 'x' beside it.
- Use **Advanced Search** for a more targeted search.
- 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.



Print copies of the School Journals are in the Teaching Resources Library and the Tauranga Campus Library. You can access digital copies of School Journals and their teaching support material via TKI at [instructionalseries.tki.org.nz](http://instructionalseries.tki.org.nz).