



All C4K participating principal's at the SAOU conference this week must please remember to collect their gift from our stand.

We also wish the Computers-4-Kids delegates at the conference, all of the best!



To all the "Kantoor Tannies" – may you have a well deserved Secretaries day on Wednesday! It must surely be one of the important functions at any school and I am sure that you are appreciated.

Coincidentally(?), Wednesday, the 1st is also Spring Day.

Have a nice day.



e-Learner registration



A reminder that the last date for new e-Learner registrations is Friday **23 September 2010** and

the last date for writing exams is Friday **29 October 2010**

If you get stuck on the e-Learner admin system, please have a look at the details instructions @ http://www.e-learner.mobi/docs/eleader/assessment_instruction.zip All the information you require is listed in this document.



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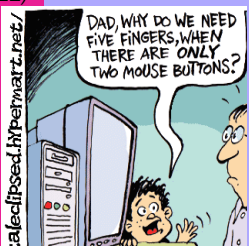
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Interesting Websites

e-Learner www.e-learner.mobi – for registration and administration to complete your learner's ICDL

www.computers4kids.co.za – news, free lessons, demo curriculums, teacher's admin and so much more

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com> – "Debunking email hoaxes and exposing Internet scams since 2003!"

This Week's Odds 'n Ends

Dates to remember

- 13 July – Tuesday - Schools reopen – 3rd term
- 09 August - Monday – National Woman's Day
- 01 September – Wednesday – Spring & Secretaries day
- 23 September – Thursday – Schools Close 3rd term
- 24 September – Friday – Heritage Day
- 04 October – Monday – Schools reopen – 4th term

The Mars Hoax... and others.

Yes, so we've been hoaxed. It came to our attention that the Mars e-mail we forwarded last week was a hoax (*a deliberate attempt to deceive or trick people into believing or accepting something which the hoaxer (creator of the hoax) knows is false. Interestingly though, the word **hoax** is said to have come from the common **magic** incantation **hocus pocus***). This hoax has apparently been doing its rounds and has reached some of our readers before.

Our apologies to anybody that was also embarrassed or inconvenient by this. I'd like to quote a comment made by one of our readers which reflect partially of what my sentiment was as well: "I honestly don't know what joy people get out of sending hoaxes like this!"

But alas, it was done, and as the way live goes, good things actually came from this as well.

Firstly, if you ever doubt if what you received (be it scams, bogus warnings, charity, celebrity or missing child or the continuous give-away hoaxes and chain letters, etc, etc) are the truth or a hoax, then have a look at the site

<http://www.hoax-slayer.com> (their logo: "Debunking email hoaxes and exposing Internet scams since 2003!")

Secondly, it shows how gullible people are and that we should be vigilant to information we receive, to (free) hand outs and other similar scams and hoaxes as this is often used by hackers or for other illegal activities to obtain information with the aim steal your hard earned cash in various ways.

Some hoaxes over the years were also the result of April fool jokes and some from people that wanted to enrich their own egos or pockets. There are groups of people that today still believe that the 1969 Moon landing was a hoax and that the current Global Warming scare is also a huge hoax for various militant and world domination reasons.

So the bottom line? Every hoax isn't a matter of "beleive". Lots of things can be proven wrong beyond any reasonable doubt. Hoaxes date back for hundreds of years, hundreds reach our ears annually and many more will surely still come. So be alert, be informed and keep yourself and your children educated on how to use the internet and e-mail safe and in a secure way to protect yourself and that what is important for you in your lives. (See: C4K lesson "6.22-Safety Measures" or "7.22-Easy e-mail" where your learners can SAFELY explore and learn about internet safety.

The Piltdown hoax is probably the most famous hoax in history. It has become so well known for two reasons: the attention it brought to the issue of evolution, and the length of time (over 40 years) that it took for anyone to discover it was a fraud. Piltdown Man is a famous hoax in which pieces of a skull and jawbone found in 1912 were believed to be the fossilized remains of an early form of human being. The specimen was officially given a latin name (*Eoanthropus Dawsoni*) after its collector Charles Dawson. In 1953 it was exposed to be a fraud consisting of the jawbone of an orangutan and the skull of a fully developed adult man



Head Office

News

Tokai,

Cape Town

– Russell

Pengelly

There are no news from head office this week due to Russell being overseas to visit current and prospective offices in inter alia Angola and Mexico.

Pointers from the past:

1. Just a reminder to please forward your school's website link to your local Computers 4 Kids office so we can link it to our website.

2. Our new website went live www.computers4kids.co.za. As it is a migration of our initial site encompassing 15 years of development, please understand if there a couple of links that initially is not 100% but it still have all the great info and freebies as always