

# My Scholastic STORY

Across New Zealand there are so many wonderful schools, teachers and support staff going above and beyond to encourage learning and literacy among children. We want to celebrate these exceptional education professionals and to share their stories and ideas with you.

I started at Sherwood Primary in 2008 as a Teacher Aide, and in 2011 I took over the role of Librarian and Teacher Aide.

Until 2014 we had two Book Fairs annually, as well as promoting Club. Due to condemned school buildings and a lack of space, our reception area, meeting room and Management offices were relocated to the library.

Luckily we had a pre-fab classroom that I was able to use as a library, obviously on a much smaller scale. Despite the lack of space I was able to hold two Book Fairs annually in 2015 and 2016, as well as have Club up and running.



As our role grew I sadly had to move out of the pre-fab at the beginning of 2017 to make way for another class, this unfortunately meant that Sherwood Primary no longer had an operational library. Although we could not hold

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Book Fairs, we continued to have Book Club running and the response from the children and parents was amazing.

The new buildings / renovations are almost complete and all going according to plan, Sherwood Primary will have an operational library sometime in Term 2. I am looking forward to the day the container is opened and we can start restocking our shelves with all the library books.

Although we were not able to have Fairs, we still accumulated



Cheryl Stevenson: Librarian and Teacher Aide

rewards. These rewards have been used for reading resources by Jill Eggleton, as well as subscriptions towards Literacy Pro. We have been fortunate to have the involvement of the East Coast Bay Rotary Club for a number

of years assisting with a reading programme and this was especially helpful while not having an operational library.

As soon as our library is operational, we are hoping to revert back to holding two Book Fairs a year and will continue to run Book Club.

All teachers, staff, children and parents at Sherwood are always so supportive of Book Fairs and Book Club and I thank them for all their support and involvement.

*We want to celebrate exceptional education professionals and share their ideas and stories with schools nationally. If you would like to share your **My Scholastic Story** with us, please send your story to [mystory@scholastic.co.nz](mailto:mystory@scholastic.co.nz).*