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## From our President

Jock Laidlaw

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you all had a pleasant time over the Christmas period and let us hope that you can all look forward to a healthy and happy new year to come.

We at SeniorNet, are certainly looking forward to a busy new year and although we will not be officially open until early February we have been working hard over the holiday period putting together new courses and looking over all of our existing courses. As the new operating system 'Vista' and the new 'Office 2007' could play a major part in our course structure this year, it is essential that we have the manuals, discs and more importantly the tutors and

assistance to be able to present these courses in our usual professional manner. All of this will be in place by February the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Looking back over last year, the good news, in the computer world that is how the cost of PC's in particular Notebooks have come down in price. Just before Christmas, one of the local stores in town was advertising Laptops with Vista installed for slightly more than \$600. Admittedly, with fairly basic specifications but perfectly ok for beginners. This also applies for printers and scanners, once quite expensive items, now a tidy printer can be had for only \$70. One wonders, if this trend continues, how cheap they will eventu-

ally become. Remember, if you are thinking of buying and are not sure about what or where a call to SeniorNet could be worthwhile.

My intention just then was to cover some of last years events worthy of mention, but on second thoughts I will give that a miss, most of last year is better forgotten for me. However, I am looking forward to a much more productive and more memorable year to come and wish the same for all of you.

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Jock

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Course Coordinator



**Volunteers are needed  
for our  
Housekeeping team.**

Isn't it a delight to come to our fresh, clean rooms each week?

Don't we have just the Best cleaning team?

Can you help keep up our Numbers?

After giving their services freely for a year and more, some of our volunteers are taking a break and we would like to replace them as soon as possible.

**This is not a job for life !**

**And it is not every week.**

Speak with Val Fear if you are able to offer yourself for this work.

Val will be delighted to give you all the details

**Phone: 873 8445**

*Thank you*

*Our Course Coordinator writes:*



**Classes will start on the week beginning  
11 February this year, offering all our usual  
courses with the addition of new classes for  
those with Vista**

- \* a Beginners course for those with Vista**
- \* also a class for more experienced people who wish to up-skill to Vista**

*See page 3 for course enrolment form*

**It would be helpful if you could get your requests in early to help us sort classes**

*Happy New Year to everyone*

*Betty Porter*

**Our Course  
Coordinating  
Team  
Have spent  
Long hours  
Re-writing  
and preparing  
Manuals for  
Vista Classes.  
We thank  
them for their  
work.**

*Well done!*



## WORKSHOPS

**SKYPE:** Broadband required: You can talk to other users using headphones and microphone. You can also ring land lines anywhere in the world for 3c per minute. 1 wk \$5.

**MSN:** Similar to SKYPE but no land line computer to computer. Broadband not needed. This programme comes with Windows 1 wk \$5

**TRADE ME:** Showing you how to get into the biggest auction group in NZ 1 wk \$5

**ESSENTIAL E-MAIL:** 3 wks \$30  
An in-depth course covering all sections of email

**ESSENTIAL INTERNET:** 3 wks \$30  
covering internet only

**P C MAINTENANCE:** 2 wks \$10.  
Taking a look at maintenance with built in tools in the system

**WINDOWS XP:** covering tips and tweaks 4 wks \$27.50

**BUYING a COMPUTER:** Some things to look at before deciding which P C to buy 2 wks \$10

**DIGITAL CAMERA:** 4 wks \$30. showing basic steps

**SCANNING & O C R:** - an imaging programme  
We use *Paint Shop Pro* and *Abby Fine Reader* but you could already have programmes on your computer which will be compatible 2 wks \$10

**ANIMATION:** 4 wks using *Paint Shop Pro* \$30

**BURNING C D's WITH WINDOWS:** 1 wk \$7.50.   
A simple workshop using Windows XP

**COPYING L P's to CD:** 1 wk \$5

**As is usual practice, courses/workshops are run once a week, same day, same time, for the number of weeks specified. Thank you**

## COURSES

- **Word Processing One** 8 weeks \$55.
- **Word Processing Two** 8 weeks \$55.
- **Word Processing Three** 8 weeks \$55.
  
- **Microsoft Power Point 1.** 4wks \$27.50
- **Microsoft Power Point 2.** 4wks \$27.50
  
- **Microsoft Publisher** 8 wks \$55
- **Making Cards & Calendars** 2 wks \$10
- *Workshop Using Publisher*
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- **Spreadsheets— Excel** 8 wks \$55
- **File Management** 2 wks \$15
- **Intro to Email/Internet** 6 wks \$60
  
- **Keyboard Skills** Learn to type 8 wks \$55
- **Genealogy @ your pace** 4 wks \$30
- **Fun with Photos** 8 wks \$55
- using *Paint Shop Pro 9*
- **Vista for Beginners**
- **Vista for Experienced students**

**Disclaimer: Advice given to members with computer problems, or purchasing new machines imposes no liability on those giving advice, or on SeniorNet HB Inc.**

**Every effort will be made to accommodate your day of choice, but unfortunately this is not possible in all cases**

**Please return this page with your choices ticked.**

Our Course Coordinator will get back to you with details of times and dates when these have been collated.

Please print: *Name*..... *Phone*.....

*E-mail:* .....

*Specify if there is a day you are not available*.....

*The Last Word:*

The longest word in the English  
Language is;

“And now a word from our sponsor.”

A father is a person who spends several  
thousand dollars on his daughter’s  
wedding, and then reads in the paper  
that he gave the bride away.

The only problem with being a good  
sport is that you have to lose to prove it.

The more arguments you win, the fewer  
friends you’ll have

There must be a good reason Nature  
made ears to stay open and mouths to  
stay shut.

Education is what you get when you read  
the small print. Experience is what you  
get when you don’t

Duty: Something we look forward to  
with distaste, do with reluctance, and  
boast about for ever after.

*Keep safe till next time.*

*Betty Carding*