



Awards Recipients 2012

SLANZA encourages and rewards excellence in school libraries, recognising the success and achievement of those working in and with school libraries, with a series of annual awards.

These are the recipients of the 2012 awards:

- **Award of merit for literacy and enjoyment of reading**
 - **Desna Wallace of Fendalton Open-Air School Christchurch**
Nominated by Wendy Marshall & Liz Jones, for her dedication to “matching the right child to the right book” and for her willingness to embrace innovation in new ways to promote reading.
Although initially a reluctant blogger her blog *booktrailers4kidsandya* has inspired others and she is generous in sharing her knowledge. Last year her school book club “The Faultline Fictioners” helped the group come to terms with the earthquakes and the stresses they were living through. She loves being a school librarian and pours every ounce of her creativity into her work, which has many lasting benefits.

- **Certificate of appreciation**
This award is given to all retiring members of the National Executive of SLANZA to formally recognise their contribution.
 - **Retiring National Executive and Regional Chairs**
 - Past President: Senga White
 - Southland: Donna Watt

- **Certificate of recognition**
 - **Carole Gardiner and Karen Carswell**
Nominated by Miriam Tuohy and Bridget Schaumann
Carole Gardiner and Karen Carswell have contributed long hours sorting and editing lists, gathering information from the school library mailing list and formatting it to fit the wiki. This is no small task.
As their skills have developed the wiki has become stronger. Both have agreed to continue their work with the next version and SLANZA will be richer for their contributions.

- **Principal's awards**
 - **Tony Mabin, acting Principal, Queenspark School Christchurch**
Nominated by Saskia Hill
Tony has demonstrated sustained support of innovation and excellence within the library team and as well significantly raising its profile and promoting the importance of the library team to student learning outcomes and to the school in general. He has shared new ideas around school librarianship with other schools and the wider community, fostered high morale in the library team, and forged strong links between the library, students, staff and the school community.

 - **Peter Ross, Principal, Wakefield School Nelson**
Nominated by Shona Rees and Kathy Ameen
The library is the hub of Wakefield School and the community. Peter encourages Plunket, kindergarten, playschool and home school parents to use the library. He has supported additional staffing, is actively involved in the running of the library, considers library funding a priority and funds ongoing PD. He embraces change with up to date technology. Peter's approach is an ambassadorial example for rural primary school libraries.

- **Award of merit for promotion**
 - Not awarded in 2012

- **Award of merit for research**
 - Not awarded in 2012

- **Award of merit for library assistant**
 - Not awarded in 2012

- **Award of merit for information literacy**
 - Not awarded in 2012