

# A dozen Huntly families reap rewards of Computers in Homes

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Twelve Huntly families graduated from their computer training last week and went home happy with a new computer, six months free Internet and virus protection.

Families all from Huntly Primary, a decile one school, received training from Te Wananga o Aotearoa tutor Karen Ichikawa on how to work their new home computer.

Training was the one condition to receiving a free home computer, proving that all were committed to up-skilling.

The computers are thanks to a \$25,000 donation from CA, one of the world's largest management software companies, and Computers in Homes.

CA wanted to give something back to families, who would not take it for granted and were willing to work towards the end product.

Lance and Judith King were delighted at being able to give their children the opportunity of having a home computer. Daughter Jodie was nominated by the school for all the hard work she puts into her work both at school and at home.

CA New Zealand Country Manager Stuart Preston says the sponsorship reflects the type of community involvement CA participates in worldwide.

And Computers in Homes national co-ordinator Di Das says: "Computer training and technical support is an important aspect of the Computers in Homes scheme. Training is provided for parents and workstations put into the school with six months' technical support so they can learn how to get the most out of the computer and also how to look after it."

Huntly Primary School acting principal Lorraine Bristol, says: "It's hard for well-off New Zealanders to imagine how limiting it is not to have computer or Internet access at home. This donation has brought 12 families up to a level that most other kids take for granted. It has bridged the digital divide."



**ON LINE AT LAST:** Jodie King is handed her new computer from CA Country manager Stuart Preston.