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Do we know our place in the world?

A year ago I had a minor accident which required A&E treatment and an overnight stay at the mighty Middlemore Hospital. Everything went well and all I have to show for it is a small scar on my hand. I made my way home on the bus.

I didn't think about the event again until recently. That was when other – somewhat similar – events occurred.

First reminder was the day after the family dog had his gelding operation. The call came on a Sunday morning. "I'm Suzy, the vet's nurse, and I'm calling to check how Samson is."

"You call on a Sunday to follow up on a dog?" Yes, they do.

Then a letter arrived. "It's six months since we serviced your car. We can give your car its treatment again next Monday so it gets a fresh Warrant Of Fitness. We have a loan car waiting for you to borrow, free coffee while you wait, magazines etc."

So now I know my place in the world. My car gets a full preventative maintenance check plus a fresh WOF and Rego. The dog gets post-operative care and concern. Meanwhile the human— supposedly at the top of life's food chain— comes a distant third!

Brian Morris, Principal

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Steven Butel – Photographer Dip Photo

Steve lives in Cromwell, right on the edge of the old Otago gold mining sites. His graduation portfolio included moody shots of small lakes with early morning mist rising. His calendar included a map of the old Bannockburn sluice mining areas, many just memories now. His photos captured the remains of sod huts, hand-built water races and other relics of our ancestors, the gold miners of Otago.

Steve's plan is to pursue a career in the NZ Armed Forces where he hopes to stay for a decade, while continuing to improve his photography skills. He plans to still take on freelance photography experience during this time. When he leaves NZDF he will take up photography full time.

Brian Morris, Principal

How to be your young friend's mentor

Sometimes I mention to certain people "You have what it takes to be a **business mentor**. This is a self-appointed role for people with maturity who take a special interest in a young person who shows promise. They might be a novice writer or beginner photographer. The mentor encourages them to make some plans for their future.

"One day I'll become a writer" is just a drifter's dream. Whereas having definite action steps with dates is a **plan**. The same thing applies to novice photographers.

Could YOU become someone's mentor? You'll be doing that person a valuable service. Usually there's no pay, but the intangible moral rewards are very worthwhile.

We're officially in SPRING. That's the BEST TIME to upskill yourself so you're ready to take full advantage of the economic upswing when it comes in 2010. What's your own plan?

Brian Morris, Principal

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Jean Drew, romance writer's course

We are working with Jean Drew, founder of the **Romance Writers of New Zealand** organisation. She is preparing a new course for romance story writers. It starts in January 2010.

New Zealand authors are rated highly by romance publishers like Harlequin Mills & Boon etc. This genre has a huge following worldwide. HM&B sell over 130 million romance books a year, into 109 countries, with translations into 26 languages.

If you would like details, call 0800-801994 for a chat.

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School leavers under-prepared for work

There's a real difference between writing school essays and the kind of writing employers want workers to do. However, 12 weeks of practical transition study between school and starting work can be worthwhile. Having a certificate in business writing will give job-hunters a distinct advantage.

This is also for anyone wanting to move into modern office work, such as women returning to work after child rearing etc.

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