



Rebecca Duncan, Stephen Ashby and James Chrisp line up a shot on a digital camera while (from left) Faye Le Cren, tutor of eTime, Mark Kelly, Speedi Color, and Julie Scandrett, teacher at Central School, look on.

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Gate open on digital cameras

ASPIRING Peter Jacksons of Gisborne have been studying the art of digital photography with eTime, an Education Centre from Christchurch.

Students from the Gisborne Gate Cluster Group — the Turanga-Gisborne Urban-Rural Gifted and Talented Students Project — benefited from a week of tutelage from eTime's Faye Le Cren, who showed them how to operate digital cameras, tripods, data projectors and laptop computers at Central School.

Karen Bush of Tairawhiti REAP (Rural

Education Activities Programme) said digital technology was not a natural part of "the teaching tool kit" for many teachers.

"It is important for centres like eTime to inspire and teach teachers and children to develop these skills. Gate was pleased to bring Faye Le Cren to Gisborne to extend children in the group."

The Gate programme was delighted to offer the digital programme, with Speedi Color supplying the cameras for the week.