Professional Learning Guide

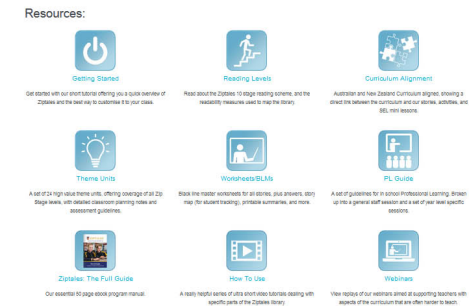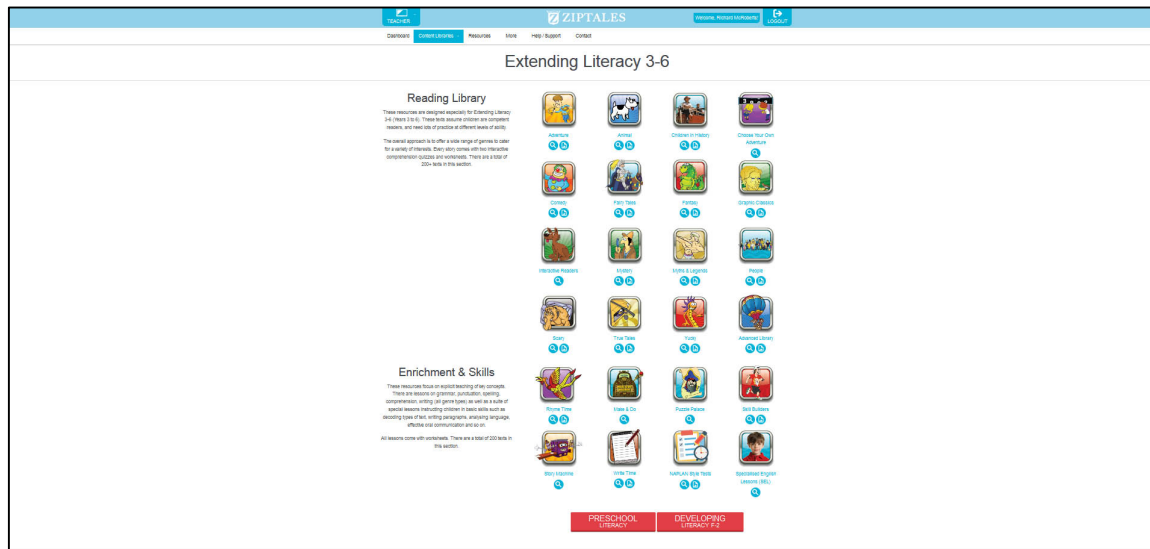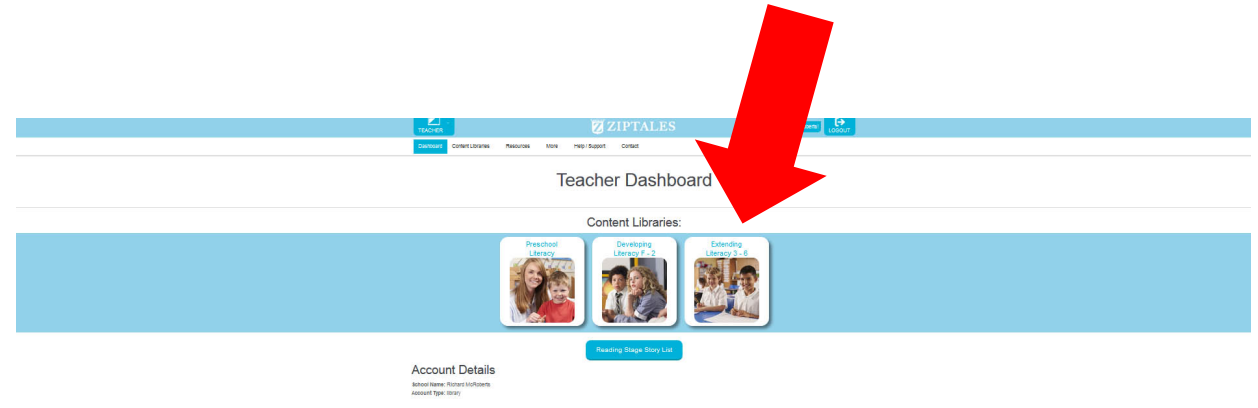## Years 3 & 4

ZIPTALES

Using Ziptales in Years 3-4

Log in to the **Teacher Dashboard** (via the drop down box in the top left corner).

Open the **Extending Literacy** content library.

Explore the major categories of content relevant to Years 3 and 4 students.

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Genre Stories – 14 modules (172 stories) with voiceovers and interactive comprehension activities.

View a sample story, then select the *Worksheets* link (under the icon) to browse the range of worksheets available.

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Graphic Classics – traditional stories told via graphic novel format. Each story comes with interactive comprehension activities and follow up worksheets.

There are also three full length documentaries on "The History of Comics", "Myths and Legends" and "The History of Fairy Tales".

Children in History – photo stories set during significant times in Australia's history (the gold rushes, the riverboat times, the First World War).

Each narrative shows real children 'acting out' the story in historically accurate detail.

There are follow up worksheets and background historical documentaries.

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Specialised English Lessons – using the red *Filters* button, select *Years 3/4*.

Use the *Reading*, *Writing* and *Oral Language* buttons to view the lessons written for this age group. All have voiceovers and follow up activities.

The lessons all take an explicit teaching approach, and use animations to make the instruction as visual as possible.

In this set (Years 3-4), there are no less than 54 different lessons, covering all the main teaching points of the English curriculum.

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You may wish to view the **Reading Level Test** (located on the Students' Dashboard). It enables teachers to diagnose a child's reading skills, in order to aid selection of suitable texts.

All information needed (including full scripts and explanations) is provided on the Teacher dashboard in the "Reading Levels" page.

On the basis of the test, you can fine tune what a child will be able to read.

If a child is recommended to read at Zip Stage 5, for instance, he/she can click on that level and choose a story to read.

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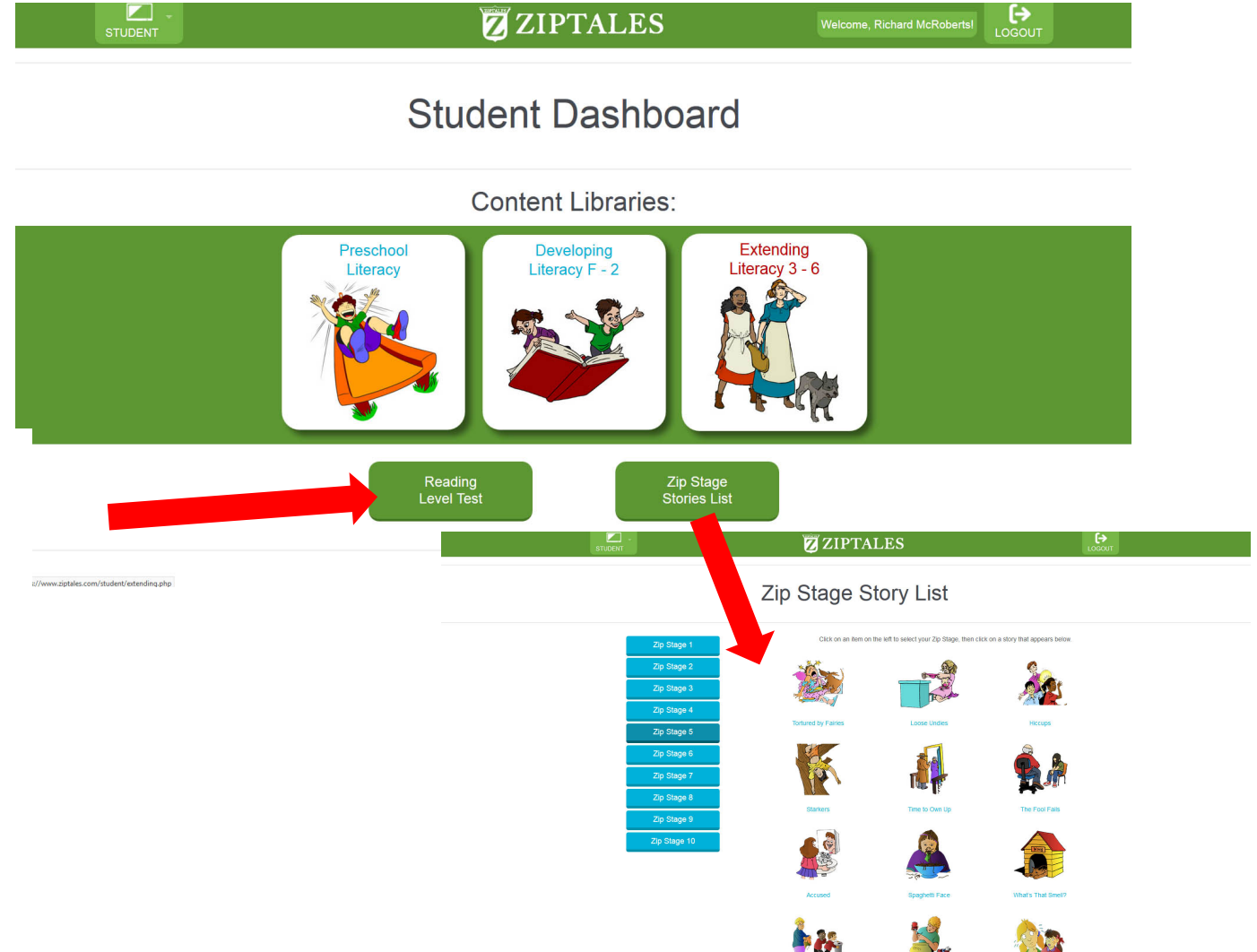**Skill Builders –** A range of 46 lessons on *Grammar, Punctuation, Comprehension* and *Spelling*. All use explicit teaching of key concepts, with animations and a voiceover.

All lessons have follow up worksheets for classroom use.

Write Time – instructional lessons on how to write narratives, recounts, informative texts, persuasive texts and more.

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Follow up worksheets are provided.

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NAPLAN Style Tests – online simulated tests for Year 3 Reading and Language Conventions. Students' results are emailed directly to the teacher on completion. Focus worksheets are also offered in the teaching areas of *Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation* and *Reading Comprehension -* to help students prepare for the NAPLAN tests.

Interactive Readers – high interest/low readability stories specifically designed for Learning Support and ESL students in middle primary. Interactive comprehension activities are included to motivate and reinforce reading concepts.

Story Machine – students are able to select characters, setting and plots to craft their own creative narrative.