

Secondary Social Sciences newsletter - Auckland/Northland

Information and resources for leaders of Social Science in secondary schools | Term 4 | October 2012

Kia ora koutou

It is a pleasure to send a newsletter to Social Science middle leaders and teachers as part of the Secondary Achievement contract. The key focus is on raising achievement for all students and particularly Māori and Pasifika students, and those with Special education needs. The latest information on PLD contracts, professional development in your area, contact details and newsletters are available on the following link.

[Secondary Student Achievement Contract](#)

This professional development will be in the form of e-newsletters plus regional workshops and clusters focused on effective teaching, learning and assessment (including standards alignment) and in school support for those schools selected by the Ministry of Education for in depth professional development.

We now have four facilitators covering Social Sciences. Shirley Beazley, who has been the social sciences facilitator for Auckland/Northland, now provides support for **Geography** and Social Sciences across the Auckland/Northland and Central North Island. Stephanie Ashton is the new facilitator who provides support for **History** and Social Sciences across Auckland/Northland and Central North Island. Sue McVeigh and Elizabeth Pitu are the new **Commerce** facilitators. Shirley and Sue are based in Auckland. Stephanie and Elizabeth are based in Hamilton. Contact details

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Commerce teachers will have received a separate newsletter with workshops and clusters for term 4, 2012.

SecQual S2012/020 and S2012/019

These two circulars relate to Level One literacy. S21012/019 explains a change that sees students needing Level 1 literacy and numeracy in order to be awarded Level 2 NCEA from 2013 and Level 3 NCEA from 2014. S21012/020 includes the list of standards that can be used to attest to Level One literacy. This now includes Level 3 standards for 2013 and beyond.

SecQual 2012/26

From 2014, new requirements apply for University Entrance. Students must meet a new literacy requirement to enter into university-level programmes from 2015. This publication explains the requirements.

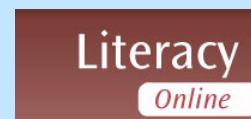
[SecQual Publications](#)

Useful links and resources

Social Sciences Online

www.ssol.tki.org.nz

This site has been developed to support Social Science teachers. Included are PDFs for the Building Conceptual Understanding series and BES in the Social Sciences. On the Home page there is now a direct link to Literacy Online.



<http://literacyonline.tki.org.nz>

Secondary Education Portal

www.secondary.tki.org.nz

This portal includes information, resources and guidance, to support secondary teaching and learning. From the Home Page there are links to the Curriculum Guides, NCEA and NZQA.

New Zealand Social Sciences Conference (SocCon) 2013



The conference theme:

**Inclusive and Sustainable:
Social Sciences Shaping the
Future**

Date: 15-17 July 2013

Venue: Hamilton Girls' High Centre
of Creativity and Performance



[Facebook page](#)

Further details can also be found at:
<http://www.soccon.net.nz/>

Workshops and cluster groups

We have enjoyed meeting and working with you in both the alignment workshops and cluster groups in the Auckland and Northland area. Thank you to the subject associations, lead teachers and host schools who are helping towards clusters having a sustainable future. For those teachers who are not linked into cluster groups and subject associations contact us so we can link you in. For those of you interested in establishing a cluster group in your subject and region, in particular with a focus on literacy and teaching and learning to raise achievement, particularly for Māori, Pasifika and Special education needs let us know. We can support you to get you started.

This term the focus will be on reviewing current programmes and planning for the aligned level 3 achievement standards. The following workshops and clusters can support you.

Term 4 workshops

Programme Planning for Geography

Thursday 16th November, Team Solutions, Whangarei
9.30 am to 3.00pm

Geography Levels 1 to 3 Programme Planning

Monday 19th November, Kohia teachers Centre
1.30 to 3.30pm

Level 3 Alignment in Social Sciences: History

Tuesday 20th November, Whangarei Girls' High School
9.00am to 3.00pm

Media Studies Level 2 and 3

Monday 5th November, Kohia Teachers Centre
9.00am to 3.00pm

Tuesday 20th November, Kamo High School

9.00am to 3.30pm

Both led by Dave Warring

Clusters

Geography

These will be North Shore, Central Auckland, West Auckland, East Auckland and South Auckland.

History

North Shore Tuesday, Week 5, at Westlake Girls' High School

Senior social studies

Clusters will be held in both North Shore and South Auckland.

Classical Studies and **Psychology** are planning clusters.

Dates and venues will be advertised via the list serves when details are confirmed.

If you know of any other clusters let us know.

We wish you well for the rest of the term.

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Please pass this email on to other teachers of social science in your school.

Most communications from us will be by email. Please ensure we have your correct email address. If others in your school are not receiving this newsletter please encourage them to send us their e-mail details.

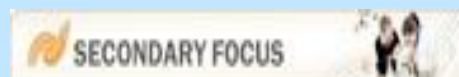


The TKI home page makes a very clear division between resources for the aligned standards and resources for the non-aligned standards.

The planning drafts of the Level 3 standards developed to align with The New Zealand Curriculum (2007) and the draft internal and external assessment resources are available on this site, which may be used for planning purposes in 2012 and implementation in 2013.

[NCEA on TKI](#)

Secondary Focus



The education gazette Secondary Focus page keeps you up to date with current resources and effective practice in schools.

Secondary Focus Education Gazette

The Asia NZ Foundation website has a number of [teaching and learning resources](#) for level 1 and 2 to encourage the use of Asian contexts. These resources are all aligned to the NZC and aligned achievement standards. Resources are available for Geography, History, Senior Social Studies, Media Studies and Business Studies.

The National Library

Have many resources to support teaching and learning.

<http://www.natlib.govt.nz>