

Secondary Social Science [Central North Island] newsletter

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

Kia ora koutou

We hope that you all had a restful break over the holidays, ready for the final busy term of the year.

Social Science newsletters will be sent out each term and will contain information of interest to teachers within the Social Science learning area. This includes teachers of Business Studies, Accounting, Economics, Classical Studies, Media Studies, Geography, History, Senior Social Studies, Religious Studies and Education for Sustainability. For Term 4 there is a separate Commerce newsletter.

We are very pleased to inform you that we now have three Social Science facilitators working in the Central North Island region supporting teaching and learning in the Social Sciences learning area.

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Steph and Elizabeth are based in Hamilton and Shirley is based in the Auckland Team Solutions office.

Some of you may not be familiar with the nature of the current Team Solutions contract. Facilitators' roles are quite different from those of advisors from past years.

Secondary Student Achievement Contract

The Faculty of Education, University of Auckland has the Ministry's **Secondary Student Achievement Contract** for PLD provision for secondary schools in the Ministry's northern and central north regions.

The PLD provision is aimed at middle leaders including HODs, HOFs and TICs. Teachers in Charge include all those teachers who are the sole teacher in their schools or the sole teacher of one of the Social Science subjects, whether or not your role is specifically recognised as such in your school.

The key focus of the PLD is on raising achievement for all students particularly for Māori and Pasifika students, and those with special education needs (including learners below their expected curriculum level).

Effective Pedagogy in Social Sciences: Best Evidence Synthesis (BES).



The MOE has recently published the following resource to support this. Leading from the middle: Educational leadership for middle and senior leaders (2012).



This resource describes the qualities, practices and activities middle and senior leaders need to lead ways that enhance learner outcomes.

These resources are available from:
Down the Back of the Chair
0800 660 662

For details about the SSA contract please follow this link:
[Secondary Student Achievement Contract](#)

Support will occur through workshops, clusters, focus schools and in-depth schools, and will be both face-to-face and online. We will not always be able to attend all cluster meetings, however, we will do all that we can to support lead teachers or co-ordinator's of these to ensure networks are strong and sustainable beyond the life of this PLD contract.

Resources to support teaching and learning

Curriculum Guides

(Previously known as Teaching and Learning Guides)

The curriculum guides for senior secondary subjects have been designed to help teachers create quality teaching and learning programmes. Included are sections on rationale, key concepts, pedagogy, connections, learning programme design, resources and achievement objectives.

[Social Science curriculum guides](#)

NZQA

This site has information for both the internally and externally assessed achievement standards. For the internally assessed achievement standards the Clarification of Standards flesh out the requirements of each standard. The Moderator Newsletters are now more frequent and provide information based on moderation.

[NCEA subject area](#)

Draft NZ Scholarship standards for 2013

The link below takes you to the draft standards for scholarship next year.

[Draft NZ Scholarship for 2013](#)

New Requirements for University Entrance (2014)

University Entrance (UE) will continue to be the minimum requirement to go to a New Zealand university. **From 2014**, there will be a change in the requirements. The most affected students will be those currently in your Year 11/Level 1 classes.

[2014 UE requirements](#)

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. Neither of these circulars relates to University Entrance Literacy. Information about this will be published later this year.

[SecQual S2012/020](#)

[SecQual S2012/019](#)

Literacy Online



A key component of our work is to embed literacy practices into all learning areas to help raise student achievement. Literacy online is a great resource when focusing on literacy with your colleagues. Literacy in Secondary School Contexts aims to assist secondary teachers to incorporate subject area literacy teaching and learning into their programmes of work.

[Literacy on Line](#)

NCEA on TKI

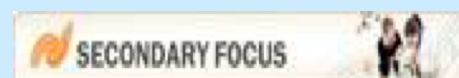


The TKI home page makes a very clear division between resources for the aligned standards and resources for the non-aligned standards.

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](#)

E-mail database

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.

For Accounting, Business Studies and Economics send the details to: Elizabeth Pitu, for Geography and Senior Social Studies to Shirley Beazley and for everything else send them to Steph Ashton.

PLD opportunities for middle leaders

This term departments/faculties will be focusing on designing programmes that suit their students based on curriculum level 8 using the aligned level 3 achievement standards. There are a number of online resources to support this as well as Level 3 alignment workshops being offered. These workshops will focus on effective teaching and learning practices for curriculum level 8 with an emphasis on:

- Unpacking the aligned level 3 achievement standards
- Planning effective programmes for level 3
- Exploring culturally responsive pedagogies
- Investigating effective literacy practices for level 3.

Geography Workshops

Taupo region

Tuesday, 13th November, 9.30am - 3pm
Held at Waioara House, 129 Spa Road, Taupo

Tauranga region

Thursday, 8th November, 9.30am - 3pm
Held at Bethlehem Motor Inn, 176 Moffat Road, Tauranga

Wakatio region

Monday, 12th November, 9.30am - 3pm
Held at Hamilton Airport Motor Inn, Airport Road, Hamilton

History Workshops

Whakatane region

Friday, 9th November, 9am - 3pm
Held at Opotiki College

Hauaki Plains region

Monday, 12th November, 9am- 3pm
Held at Hauraki Plains College

Rotorua region

Wednesday, 14th November, 9am - 3pm
Held at Rotorua Girl's High School

Tauranga region

Thursday, 15th November, 9am -3pm
Held at Tauranga Boys' College

Waikato region

Friday, 16th November, 9am - 3pm
Held at Hamilton Girl's High School

Raising Maori Achievement



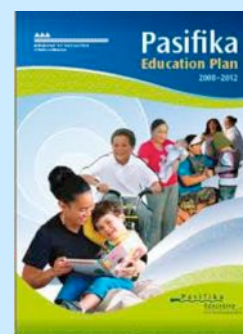
Te Kotahitanga is a research and professional development programme that:

- Supports teachers to improve Māori students' learning and achievement, enabling teachers to create a culturally responsive context for learning which is responsive to evidence of student performance and understandings;
- Enables school leaders, and the wider school community, to focus on changing school structures and organisations to more effectively support teachers in this endeavour.

The Te Kotahitanga website has some great resources and readings on how to raise achievement for Maori.

[Te Kotahitanga Project](#)

Raising Pasifika Achievement



The Pasifika Education Community section of TKI has resources for engaging with Pasifika parents, families and communities and effective teaching practices for Pasifika students. There is also a section on the findings from the 2009-2012 Pasifika Education Plan.

[Pasifika Education Community](#)

Taupo region

Thursday, 22nd November, 9am till 3pm
Held at Tauhara College

History Clusters

Gisborne Cluster

Tuesday, 27th November
Held at Gisborne Boy's High School

Hawkes Bay Cluster

Wednesday, 28th November
Held at Napier Boy's High School

Media Studies Workshops

Waikato Area

Friday, 23rd November
Lead by Dave Warring
Venue TBC

Tauranga Area

Tuesday, 27th November
Lead by Dave Warring
Venue TBC

A flyer and e-mail will be sent out to you individually with more specific detail about each of these workshops and clusters. There is no cost for these workshops; morning tea will be provided, but you will need to provide your own lunch.

Workshops are currently being finalised for **Classical Studies**. They are being planned for Term 4 and schools will be notified via email with further details.

We wish you all a successful term.

Nga mihi

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Social Sciences Online



Social Sciences Online is the website for teachers of social sciences in New Zealand. It contains really useful information on the NZC, assessment and social inquiry in the social sciences.

[Social Sciences Online](#)

Team Solutions Social Science Wikispace



The TS wiki has all their resources we use at our workshops and clusters as well as useful Social Science links. If you have something you think would be worthwhile sharing on the wiki please let us know.

[Team Solutions Social Science Wiki](#)

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/>