

# Auckland Social Studies Association Newsletter

**Remember to renew your  
membership to ASSA!!**

Term 1 2009

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## SUCCESSFUL & WELL ATTENDED 2009 AGM

The Auckland Social Studies Association's AGM was held at Diocesan School for Girls in November 2008. The AGM was very well attended—the largest group for a few years.

The Committee sadly lost long serving members John Pipe & Deb Crooke. The Committee would like to publicly recognise and thank them for their hard work and valued contribution to the Auckland and New Zealand Social Studies communities. The meeting also saw Shirley Beazley step down as President of ASSA after a number of years of service. We would also like to thank her for her contribution to the Auckland Social Studies and her valuable work for the New Zealand Social Studies community. Shirley will continue to contribute and work on the ASSA committee for 2009.

The AGM also saw a number of new people join the ASSA committee - which is fantastic. The new members of the committee are: Rob Wisnewski, Judith Morrogh, Dorothy Apelu, Sarah Scottham, Louise Strickland plus a Auckland Museum Representative .

AGM attendees were then very lucky to see a presentation from Dr Claire Sinnema & Michelle Spraggon (Grey Lynn Primary) on the Best Evidence Synthesis (BES) in Social Sciences. This presentation was very interesting and well received. All attendees were given copies of BES.

Please find the AGM minutes and the Presidents report for 2008 enclosed in this newsletter.

## RENEW YOUR ASSA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009

The new ASSA Committee is keen to continue the growth of the ASSA membership for 2009 plus develop and strengthen the support for classroom teachers. A new strategy this year is the request on the membership/ subscription form of e-mail addresses of all teachers of Social Studies in your department or school . This will enable ASSA to deliver information and newsletters directly to individual teacher's inboxes.

The 2009 Membership/Subscription form can be found on the last pages of this newsletter. We would really appreciate you sending the time to complete the NEW form in its entirety.



Aotearoa New Zealand Federation of Social Studies Associations



## RESOURCE WATCH.....

### Autobiography of Philomena Pinto



**Philomena Pinto**

Thanks to Kate Lambert I have been given the opportunity to inform you about my autobiography (as yet untitled!) which I intend publishing soon. I would sincerely like you to read it and encourage your students to read an immigrant's story

I am Philomena Pinto from Mumbai, India. My husband Stanley, our one year old son Clinton and I immigrated to New Zealand in 1968. My husband Stanley had travelled the world being a Marine Engineer. He had seen how the other half lived and wanted some of this for his family. We arrived at a time when New Zealand had a policy of looking after people from "womb to tomb". It was a culture shock for me who had never left crowded India. We had two more children Melina and Clive who are all adults with their own busy, active lives with families.

New Zealand gave the five of us an opportunity to study, have challenging careers, travel the world and meet many, many wonderful Kiwi's. We are united in our stance that New Zealand is one of the best countries in the world for lifestyle, community and natural beauty. Being very proud of our roots every few years we saved money and went as a family back to India to spend time with family and friends and to see the vast subcontinent. Each time we came back dead broke and had to start again! This has been a worthwhile investment for our children blending the best of east and west.

**"We are united in our stance that New Zealand is one of the best countries in the world for lifestyle, community and natural beauty"**

New Zealand over the past 20 years has become a multicultural country with over 150 ethnic groups. I have been working as a counsellor at a secondary school for the past 19 years. At my school we have over 30 ethnic groups and celebrate diversity. My confirmed belief in young people is that they are resilient, caring, creative and awesome. I love

my job. My degrees are in Philosophy and Psychology. I am not an English scholar hence my writing may not be prosaic, but rather is written from the heart. It is important for immigrants to write their stories to be read by those who want to understand and appreciate other cultures. Writing my autobiography has been a great challenge, taking me firmly out of my comfort zone. I have a publisher and am learning to market it myself. Everyone I have contacted has gone out of their way to assist. The Kiwi Spirit is alive and well!

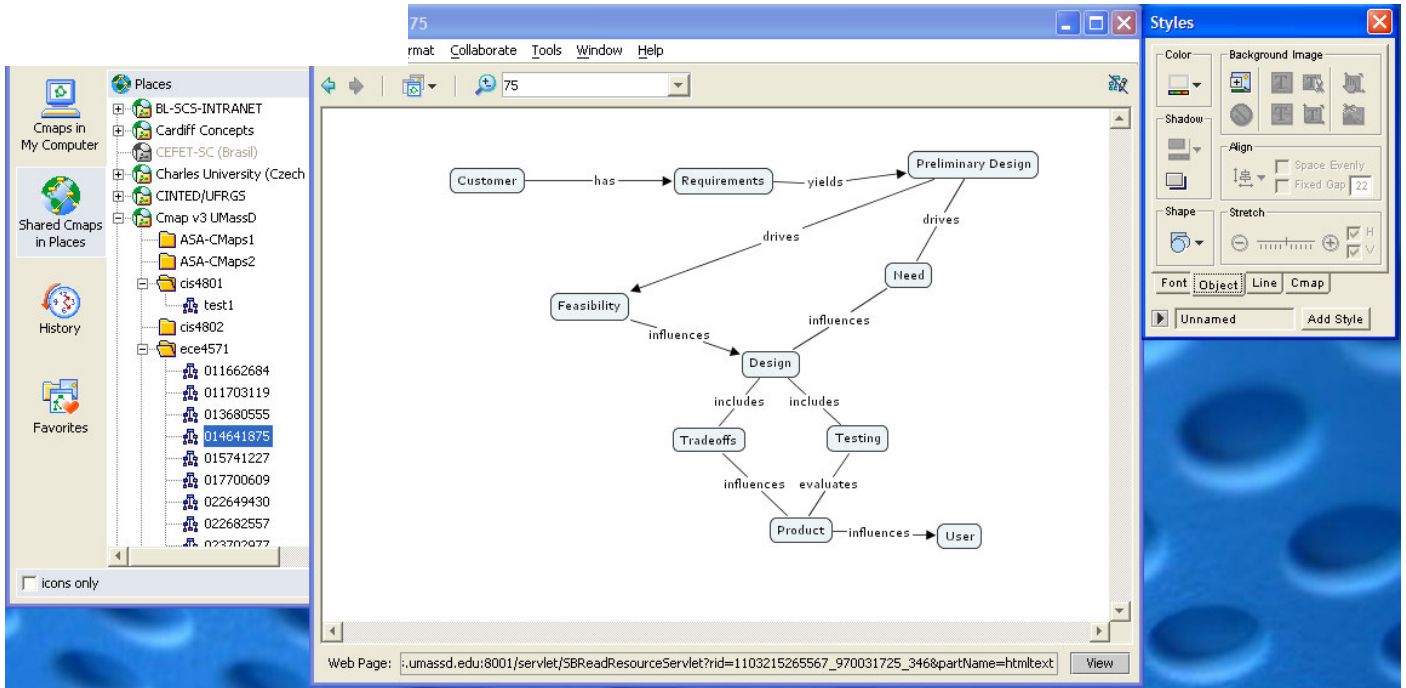
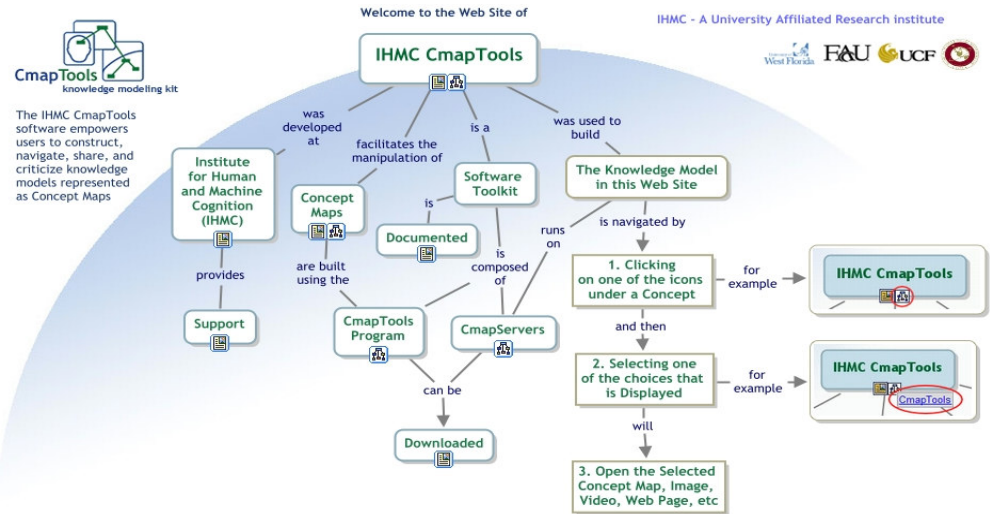
Teaching is a dedicated profession. I am sure that like me one of the reasons you are in it is to shape New Zealand's future through encouraging, stimulating and inspiring our young people to be the best they can be. I hope you enjoy an immigrant teacher's tale! Should you wish to contact me my email address is [philomena02@xtra.co.nz](mailto:philomena02@xtra.co.nz) I would love to hear from you.



# ALTERNATIVE TO INSPIRATION SOFTWARE

Cmaps, see the link below, may appeal to some students and teachers as an alternative to Inspiration.

The free software called cmap - <http://cmap.ihmc.us/> - is based around the mind/concept map idea.



## POPULATION EDUCATION

Teacher's resource out of Washington, America

This FREE bi-yearly newsletter for teachers features hands-on activities, resource reviews, and profiles of other teachers who are leading the way in population education. A great way to stay up-to-date! Visit [http://www.populationeducation.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=338&Itemid=10](http://www.populationeducation.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=338&Itemid=10)

### Current Issue:



Fall, 2008

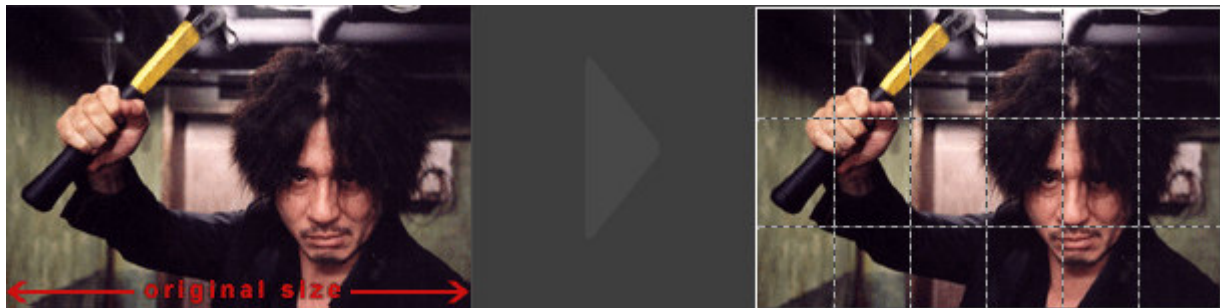
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The Giant Classroom provides Australia's largest range of online educational programs. Students love the design of the programs that are created to build their investigative skills in History, Geography, SOSE and Science. There are programs for both Primary and High Schools.

#### THE GIANT CLASSROOM:

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- Provides online reports for students, teachers and parents
- Can be used at school and home
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**THE GREAT RACE AND ASIA-WISE COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS!!!**

#### The Asia Wise Competition: Introduction

The Asia Wise Competition is the flagship of the GiantClassroom's social studies program. The Asia Wise Competition has been operating since 1992 and annually attracts over 20,000 students from throughout **Australia** and **New Zealand**.

#### The Great Race Secondary

The Great Race challenges your students to use their research, analysis and interpretation skills and library resources to race students from other schools all over Australia and New Zealand to answer questions related to the social sciences.

There are two forms of The Great Race - the Current Events Edition and the Syndicate Edition. Check out the website for details.

**Auckland Social Studies Association  
AGENDA  
Annual General Meeting held on 11th November 2008**

**Diocesan School for Girls Auckland at 4.30pm**

**Apologies:** Meredith Raukura, Rhys Kerapa, Heather Robertson, Dian Fisher, Aimee Breddy, Pamela Dawson.

Moved- John  
Second- Catherine

**Present:** Kate Lambert, Rob Wisnewski, Rob James, Nadia Bennett, Shirley Beazley, Judith Morrogh, Jill, Isabel, Catherine Palmer, Bridget Dowman, Florence Barbas-Voillume, Nicki Anderson, Alison Moncrieff, Diane Northcote, Diana Tregoweth, Claire Sinnema, Deb Cooke, John Pipe, Annaline, Diane, Anna, Paul, Leilani (Auckland Museum), Shirley Christie, Sarah Scottham, Tim Stewart, Dorothy, Anne

**Minutes** of Annual General Meeting held on November 2007

Moved – Nadia  
Second- Kate

**Matters Arising:**

Nil

**Presidents Annual Report:**

See attached

Moved – Catherine  
Second - Nadia

**Financial Annual Report:**

see attached

Nadia moved to keep the fees the same  
Second- Shirley

Nadia moved to pay ANZFSSA fees  
Second - Diana

**Election of Officers for 2009:**

*President- co-Chair Rob Wesinewski*

*Secretary- Kate Lambert*

*Treasurer- Nadia Bennett*

*Committee- Kate Lambert, Nadia Bennett, Catherine Palmer, Dianna Tregoweth, Rob Wisnewski, Isabel Browne, Judith Morrogh, Jill Murray, Annaline, Dorothy Apelu, Sarah Scottham, Bridget Dowman, Auckland Museum representative, Shirley Beazley, Pamela Dawson.*

Moved – Shirley  
Second – all in favour

**General Business**

Wiki – secured for ASSA – free for education organisation by Kate. This is an electronic place for discussion and resources.

Dianne Northcott - Auckland Museum has many temporary exhibitions that teachers will be invited to preview. There is a Memories multi-media exhibition on at the moment that is based on the lives of three people who were in WWI.

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**Best evidence Synthesis (BES)**

Dr Claire Sinnema

- Presentation and copies of BES for meeting attendees.

Meeting Adjured 5:40pm

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## Auckland Social Studies Association Presidents Annual Report, 2008

This is my last report as President. Overall I have enjoyed my time and it has given me the opportunity to work other teachers of social studies around the country. As I am now Social Science Facilitator at TEAM Solutions I consider it time for me to let teachers of Social Studies run their own association.

**Smorgasbord**

The annual smorgasbord was held in May at MOTAT, Western Springs, and once again offered its traditional mix of rich workshop opportunities for primary and secondary teachers. Once again the day went well and was well attended. A warm thanks go to the members of the Auckland Social Studies Association Committee who helped make this event so successful and a huge thank you to MOTAT for hosting this event and especially Catherine Palmer for her organising.

**Membership**

We have increased our membership from 2007, however we would like more members on the committee. This year work has been done to improve the database and this will continue to be work in progress. There is still a real need to establish a contact person in each school who is prepared to pass on information.

**Changes Magazine**

This year we have seen one Changes magazine. Our thanks go to a small group of committee members who have edited and produced such a quality magazine. The committee would be thankful for material that members would like to share as well as fellow teachers of Social Studies who are prepared to help.

**Tangata Tiriti – Treaty People**

This year we were approached by the Auckland Regional Migrant Services to sell their resource on the Treaty. These are \$45 plus postage and packaging. These can be ordered through the ASSA. I required cash or an order number. ASSA make \$5 from each sale.

**ASSA committee**

This year we have had a core of committed ASSA members who have formed the committee. We have had some very stimulating and interesting discussions. I would like to thank the secretary and treasurer for all of her work and the members of the committee. Thank you for having us all here today.

I wish the association well for the future

**Shirley Beazley**



# ASSA Financial Highlights

## Membership

- 66 Members this year.
- Increase of 21 members from 2007.
- 18 Primary Schools
- 3 Intermediates
- 44 Secondary Schools
- 1 Tertiary Institution

## Smorgasbord

- Costs
  - \$1019.41
- Profit
  - \$690.59
- Made less money than in previous Smorgasbords.
- Feedback generally positive but need to cater for a wider group of Social Studies teachers.

## Costs

- Financing the cost of ANZFSSA website re-design.
- Auckland Migrant Services
  - Books which we are going to sell on to make a profit.

## ANZFSSA

- The Federation resides with ASSA for the next term.
- We have been lending money to ANZFSSA to help finance a project for the Ministry and the money has been paid back in full.

## Summary

- ASSA is in a good financial position.
- We have \$13,903.50 in term deposits.
- We owe ANZFSSA 2007/2008 fees.

**Nadia Bennett**





## Auckland Social Studies Association Annual Membership Subscription 2008

There are two types of membership available.

**Standard Membership:** This entitles a member to copies of the **Changes magazine** produced by the Association, concessions on the cost of association events such as workshops and support for schools

- **Membership may relate to a school / organisation or an individual.**  
This membership incurs a \$10.00 levy to the ANZFSSA
- **Affiliate membership:** This membership is for staff members in an organisation that holds a *Standard Membership*. The cost of this membership is \$15.00 and entitles the member to copies of the Changes Magazine and concessions on the cost of Association events such as workshops.

Please note the ASSA is not GST registered

**To become a member** - Please complete the following subscription form and forward it along with your payment by **Cheque** made out to the **Auckland Social Studies Assoc.** to our administrator:

**Nadia Bennett**  
**ASSA Treasurer**  
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 Papakura, Auckland 2244  
[ASSA@rosehill-college.co.nz](mailto:ASSA@rosehill-college.co.nz).

## ASSA MEMBERSHIP 2008

TICK ONE	Type of membership	Cost
	School / Organisation (ANZFSSA levy \$10.00)	\$45.00
	Individual (ANZFSSA levy \$10.00)	\$30.00
	Affiliate membership	\$15.00
	TOTAL	

Contact Name for Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School / Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / PO Box No: \_\_\_\_\_ Suburb/ Town: \_\_\_\_\_

City / District: \_\_\_\_\_ Country (If outside New Zealand): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address for all department members or other teachers of Social Studies at your school/organisation:

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