



## **August 2009**

I hope that your year has been going well and I look forward to seeing you at Soc Con in September.

### **Charities Commission**

ANZFSSA is now a registered as a charitable entity. An annual return needs to be sent in by the 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. Auckland Social Studies Association received notification that they have also been registered as a charitable entity this week.

### **Subject association forum organised by the PPTA**

This was held in Wellington on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> April at the Abel Tasman Hotel. At the last minute a representative from the ANZFSSA could not go. The next PPTA subject association forum is expected to be in the July 2010 holidays in Wellington.

### **Contracts of aligning the standards to the NZC and consultation process.**

Thank you to the members of the social studies community who responded to the consultation questionnaire. The aligning the standards contract has now been taken over by the Ministry. PPTA have put out guidelines to support subject associations if this type of work is to be done in the future.

### **ANZFSSA Website**

From the feedback received the website had not been fulfilling expectations so the website is now down. It is expected to be re launched following the ANZFSSA AGM with the aim of better meeting the needs of teachers in the Social Studies community. Watch this space following Soc Con.

### **Soc Con 2009**

A reminder that this is in Christchurch on the 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. The theme is *Connecting Communities: Social Sciences on the local & global stage*. We look forward to supporting it and hope that as many of you as possible can attend. A conference is a great opportunity to find out the latest developments and to network.

### **Associations around the country**

There is a huge variation between active and inactive associations. Due to concerns about membership and the difficulty some regions are having operating we will be looking at this at the AGM. On a positive note ASSA has over 60 members and the number of primary schools becoming members has increased. ASSA have developed a comprehensive wikispace to support all teachers and this is expected to be viewed at the AGM.

A huge thank you goes to all of those Social Studies enthusiasts.

I look forward seeing you at Soc Con and best wishes for the remainder of the term.

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