



## January 2010

I trust that you have all had a restful break and my best wishes to you all for 2010.

### Website – [www.socialstudies.org.nz](http://www.socialstudies.org.nz)

At the ANZFSSA AGM at SocCon09, it was decided that a new website would be advantageous to facilitate communication and the sharing of ideas among teachers of social studies on a national basis. If you would like to have the opportunity to meet with other teachers of social studies in your region or engage in local or regional Social Studies events, please contact the person listed for your region (see Regional Contact List on the website). If you have ideas or information for the website, including resources to share, please contact Daniel Wise [dwise@kerikerihigh.ac.nz](mailto:dwise@kerikerihigh.ac.nz)

### Social Sciences Online <http://ssol.tki.org.nz/>

This MoE website was launched at Soc Con 09 and has replaced Social Studies Online. This website covers all of the social sciences. The social studies section covers all curriculum levels. The Years 1 to 10 section includes curriculum, teaching and learning, and useful links. Senior social studies includes curriculum, assessment (including links to NZQA), and resources. Also on this website are PDF's of the 'Building Conceptual Understandings in the Social Sciences' (BCUSS) series. This series includes:

- Approaches to Social Inquiry
- Belonging and Participating in Society
- Being part of Global Communities
- Approaches to Building Conceptual Understanding

The first three titles in this series have been sent out to schools in hard copy over the last 18 months and the fourth is only available electronically. Also on this website is a Social Inquiry Interactive Planner - go to <http://socialinquiry.ssol.tki.org.nz/>

### The New Zealand Curriculum Online <http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz>

This website has a wealth of information to support you to both understand and implement the NZC. If you look at the right hand side of the home page you can see where you can sign up for automatic monthly updates. Two sections of this website worth noting at this time of the year are 'Secondary Middle Leaders' and 'Senior Secondary Guides'. On the home page of 'Secondary Middle Leaders' is a section titled 'Archives'. Within this is a heading, 'Creating a Supportive Learning Environment'. Here you will find some strategies for 'Knowing the Learner'. In the 'Senior Secondary Guides' section you will find guides to support teachers of senior social studies in planning for the alignment of standards to *The New Zealand Curriculum*.

## Soc Con 2011

An initial scoping meeting has been held and Soc Con 2010 has been set for 18-20 July 2011, with Te Papa provisionally booked for the event.

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