

Secondary Social Sciences newsletter - Commerce

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

Introduction

Kia ora koutou

It is a pleasure to sending a newsletter specifically for teachers of Accounting, Business Studies, Economics, Financial Literacy/Management, and the many other variations of 'commerce' that are taught. Until the creation of the Commerce Facilitator role, Shirley Beazley did a wonderful job overseeing our range of subjects, initiating cluster groups and creating wikispaces in her capacity as Social Sciences Facilitator. I thank Shirley for serving us so well. I will be working with Auckland and Northland schools. Elizabeth Pitu, based in Hamilton, will be working with schools in the central north region. We are both contracted until the end of 2013.

All of our subjects on the TKI website fall under the umbrella of Social Science. Each term you will receive a Social Sciences newsletter with a section dedicated to Commerce. Between newsletters I will use the email database to communicate with you.

Some of you may not have been on the mailing list for Shirley's newsletters so may be unfamiliar 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 commerce teachers who are the sole commerce teacher in their schools or the sole teacher of one of the commerce 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 and particularly for Māori and Pasifika students, and those with special learning needs.

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

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

Useful links and resources

Social Sciences wikispace

This Team Solutions wiki is a work-in-progress. A number of unit plans and resources have already been posted for Business Studies, thanks to professional learning groups co-ordinated by Shirley Beazley. Material for Accounting and Economics will be made available as it is developed. If you have something you think would be worthwhile sharing on the wiki please let me know.

[Team Solutions wikispace](#)

Draft standards

The TKI website now has final draft level 3 planning standards (follow the link below). There are some changes in wording for [Accounting](#) and [Economics](#). The registered and standards should be the same or very similar to these final drafts. Teachers interested in the new 2.5 standard (topical accounting issue for decision making should use the Level 2 assessment resources link under [Accounting Level 2](#).

Literacy/Numeracy standards

The following links take you to the lists of standards that will meet literacy and/or numeracy requirements for Level 1 NCEA.
[Literacy/Numeracy in Accounting](#)
[Literacy/Numeracy in BST](#)
[Literacy/Numeracy in Economics](#)

Our Google Groups

If you haven't already done so, sign up on the groups for Accounting and Economics teachers.

[Accounting teachers' forum](#)

[Economics teachers' forum](#)

If there is a similar group for Business Studies please let me know.

Term 4 workshops

I will be offering Accounting/Business Studies workshops in the week starting 12 November (in that wonderful period we call "after the seniors leave"). To enroll you must click on the appropriate session on the link below, though feel free to contact me about the workshops if you need further information or if you intend coming for only one of the sessions on the day.

The 12 November one in Auckland is full. This day will be repeated on Tuesday 27 November.

[Tuesday 27 November in Auckland](#)

[Wednesday 14 November at Kawakawa](#)

[Thursday 15 November at Whangarei](#)

The first round of workshops planned for early 2013 will be senior Economics with a focus on the Level 3 internals. Do get in touch with suggestions for future workshops that will help to raise senior secondary achievement.

To keep up-to-date with all future Team Solutions workshops, bookmark and refer back to the following link.

[Team Solutions commerce workshops](#)

Cluster Groups

For those of you interested in support for establishing, re-establishing or joining a cluster group in your subject/region, in particular with a focus on raising student achievement, please let me know and I will endeavor to help you get started, continue and have a sustainable future. I am also available to work with Commerce or Social Science cluster groups that focus on literacy and teaching/learning to raise student achievement, particularly for Maori, Pasifika and Special Needs students.

Professional learning for middle leaders – Leading from the middle: Educational Leadership for Middle and Senior Leaders

The Ministry has recently released a new resource to support middle and senior leaders. This describes the qualities, practices, and activities middle and senior leaders need to lead in ways that enhance learner outcomes. The resource is enriched by a series of case studies.

[Leading from the middle](#)

Moderators' newsletters

Are you in the habit of regularly checking the NZQA site to read updates from subject moderators? These newsletters guide teachers in making appropriate judgements for internal assessments. The latest newsletter for Business Studies answers frequently asked questions, and the Economics one directs teachers to clarification documents for each of the internals.

[Accounting moderator's newsletter](#)

[BST moderator's newsletter](#)

[Economics moderator's newsletter](#)

Regards

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Asia:NZ Online - Business Studies activities

The Asia:NZ Foundation website has [NCEA teaching and learning resources](#) in a number of subject areas to encourage the use of Asian contexts in teaching and learning. These resources are all aligned to the NZC. The [Level 1 Business Studies resource](#) provides a comprehensive coverage of the Marketing Mix focussing on exporting to Asia. There are 21 sections so make sure you view all of them. Level 2 Business Studies is in the pipeline. The [Asia in the curriculum section](#) of the website includes some classroom activities for [Level 7 and 8 of the Business Studies](#) curriculum. It is suggested that these may also be useful as extension activities for Level 1.

NZCETA

[NZCETA](#) continues to provide up-to-date resources, including trial exams, and PLD for commerce teachers.

SocCon 2013

This Social Sciences conference is to be held at Hamilton Girls High School from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 July next year, with a theme of *Inclusive and Sustainable: Social Sciences Shaping the Future*. Commerce teachers will be catered for in the programme. Our voice on the conference organising committee is Denise Weren from Hamilton Boys High School. Denise is happy to be contacted if you have ideas for the programme or wish to suggest speakers, sessions or workshops. Contact dweren@hbhs.school.nz. Alternatively, you could leave feedback for the committee on the conference Facebook link [SocCon Facebook page](#)

Financial Literacy

There are many wonderful sources of teaching/learning materials on the web for use in junior programmes, to weave into other commerce courses or to create (as I did at Birkenhead College) a semester long Year 13 Financial Management course. Perhaps the best starting point is:

[Financial Literacy Org. NZ](#)

Even if you do not offer the unit standards listed in the Tertiary section of the site, check out the very useful resources.