

PPTA Curriculum Support Days 2009

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Stop press!

CSD resources go live on our website:

<http://www.ppta.org.nz/index.php/resources/curriculum-support>

Registrations update

We can no longer accept registrations unless they are accompanied by facilitator nominations (at a ratio of one facilitator nomination per 10 staff registered)

Understanding how the CSDs work...

We would very much appreciate it if you could speak with your colleagues about the nature of the CSDs – and about our need for local facilitators. We have developed some fantastic subject resources for teachers to use, and the day is largely an opportunity for teachers to meet, talk and work collaboratively on developing current good units to ensure they continue to be relevant and effective in the context of the New Zealand curriculum.

The CSDs do not offer “an answer” or any kind of “expert view” on what to do. Rose Hipkins of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) stresses that there is not one correct way to adapt work or to implement the New Zealand curriculum.

“The opportunity to talk and reflect – with the support of the process exemplars we’ve developed – will help teachers to meet the challenge of writing units/schemes that are meaningful and put the “front end” components of the curriculum into practice,” she says.

Teachers will find the CSD more productive if there is someone to guide them through the process and to keep everyone on task. This is really all we are asking of local facilitators. School Support Services advisors are working with us as far as they are able, we have developed a facilitators’ toolkit, as well as the subject specific resources, and we will be offering (optional) two-hour training sessions, prior to each local CSD.

Currently, we are well short of our target of one facilitator per 20 teachers. It is likely that, even without a prepared facilitator, teachers will be able to get positive outcomes from the day. But there is no doubt that a person who is prepared to lead their group through the day will ensure better results.

For this reason we are asking that each school nominates some staff to facilitate one senior and/or junior session – to ensure better outcomes for all teachers and schools on the day. We would be more than happy to accommodate teachers who want to facilitate in pairs or teams.

Special interest groups update

ESOL, Careers/Transition, Guidance counsellors, Learning Support and SMT/curriculum design groups WILL run.

Unfortunately no one came forward to develop integrated approaches materials, so this group will not be offered at any CSD.

Venues

We are still looking for host schools. If you believe that we have missed your school out, please contact us. Also, we are still looking for more host schools in a number of places.

Here's how it's coming together ...

Date	Location	Venues & Subjects
18 May	Nelson	Nelson College for Girls, Waimea College, Nelson College – see details of subject distribution and facilitators on our website.
19 May	Greymouth	Greymouth High School
21 May	Christchurch	Papanui High School (PE, Health, Te Reo Māori and Outdoor Ed), Middleton Grange (English and Media), Burnside High School (IMT/COM), Hillmorton High School (Careers/Transition), Marian College, Shirley Boys' High School, Avonside Girls' High School, more to be confirmed.
27 May	Tauranga	Tauranga Girls' College, Otumoetai College (Technology and Music), more to be confirmed.
29 May	Rotorua	Rotorua Girls' High School, more to be confirmed.
29 May	Palmerston North	
2 June	Cromwell	Cromwell College.
2 June	Dunedin	Otago Girls' High School, more to be confirmed.
4 June	Invercargill	James Hargest College.

8 June	Masterton	
11 June	Hutt Valley	Upper Hutt College, more to be confirmed
12 June	Hamilton	
15 June	Gisborne	
19 June	Wellington	Wellington Girls' College, St Mary's College, Onslow College, more to be confirmed.
23 June	Whangarei	Whangarei Girls' High School, more to be confirmed.
24 June	North Shore	Birkenhead College, more to be confirmed.
25 June	Central Auckland	St Cuthbert's College.
26 June	Blenheim	
28 June	New Plymouth	
31 July	Wanganui	Wanganui High School.
4 August	Henderson	Kelston Boys' High School (PE, English, Graphics and ESOL), more to be confirmed.
6 August	Manurewa	Rosehill College.
28 August	Hastings	Hastings Girls' High School.



WANTED

More local CSD facilitators

Are you:

- enthusiastic about your subject and the new curriculum?
- prepared to work with a group of about 20 teachers on the day?
- able to communicate with other facilitators and PPTA before and after your CSD?

We offer:

- a facilitators' toolkit.
- a package of junior and senior materials, developed by subject association nominees, with Rose Hipkins (NZCER).
- online resources.
- networks to communicate with other facilitators, via email and online forums.
- a two-hour, face-to-face, training session (usually the day before your CSD).

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