

Adèle's take on the New Curriculum



The launch of the New Zealand Curriculum for English-medium teaching and learning in years 1-13 took place on November 6, 2007 at Hutt Valley High School.

Do check out the article about the Prime Minister's visit to Waiuku Primary School (page 40 of *Polyglot*).

The inclusion of *Learning Languages* as a learning area in the New Zealand Curriculum ensures that this day will go down in the history of language education in New Zealand schools.

I am sure we all agree with the sentiments of the Prime Minister, who stated she was *'very pleased to see a greater emphasis there'*. As one of five writers of the *Learning Languages* area, I was delighted to be able to attend the launch and even more delighted to have an opportunity to promote language learning and indeed the NZALT cause further, through conversations with both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Education.

The arrival of the latest edition of *Polyglot* (the magazine of NZALT) the day before was very timely (thanks to Gayleen MacKereth, our new editor) and I was able to pass on a copy to both the Minister of Education and the Prime Minister.



NZALT President, Adèle Scott meets the new Minister of Education, the Honourable Chris Carter, at the launch of the new curriculum.

It's great to see the curriculum go live on the tki website. Check out the websites below regularly for updates

http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/the_new_zealand_curriculum

http://nzcurriculum.tki.org.nz/the_new_zealand_curriculum/learning_areas/learning_languages

For parents especially: <http://www.teamup.co.nz/WhatChildrenLearn/WhatDoTheyLearn/Languages+5+to+7+years+old.htm>

Ko tōu reo, ko tōku reo, te tuakiri tangata. Tīhei uriuri, tīhei nakonako

Your voice and my voice are expressions of identity. May our descendants live on and our hopes be fulfilled.