



EDITORIAL

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Welcome to this edition of Polyglot. We hope you enjoy the range and breadth of articles on learning and teaching we have assembled for you.

This year we welcome our new President Adele Scott, who speaks out about the new curriculum in her President's address and looks forward eagerly to the National Conference in 2008 – make sure you note this in your diary and your budgets!

We are privileged to be able to bring you two significant articles on recent research which we believe will give every teacher considerable food for thought regarding the structure, content and approach to language teaching in their school.

In this edition we have also made a point of showcasing Information Technology with an extensive section on various approaches to computer assisted language learning which we feel will give many of you the boost needed to get into podcasting, wikis, audio technologies and frequent use of the TKI digital learning site.

Finally, the inclusion of the languages curriculum in Years 7 and 8 is having a significant effect already in traditional classrooms and it is pleasing to see the Prime Minister encouraging students at this level to seek a foreign language in her address at the opening of the Waiuku Primary School hall.

For those who are new to language teaching and those who have not already taken the plunge, there are articles on scholarships and grants available to assist you to broaden your professional development and teaching horizons.

So we wish you all an excellent 2008. See you at Conference!

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