

# Deaf Studies Links

A Newsletter for Resource Teachers of the Deaf in the Central and Southern Regions of New Zealand

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## THANK YOU TO KAY PINION

Working as the SRT for Visual Communication during 2009 has been an enjoyable experience. Developing resources, working with Preschool families and children visiting for assessments has kept me busy.

I would like to thank the Specialist Resource team for their wonderful support this year.

Kay Pinion



## WELCOME BACK ANITA BOON

With the Teacher of the Deaf Course at Auckland University successfully completed I have returned to VADEC. This was an intensive and very worthwhile year of study for me from which I have gained a great deal. I look forward to continuing to work in the Visual Communication role with the SRT team.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance in providing support and resources.

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## SENIOR KIT DAY WELLINGTON

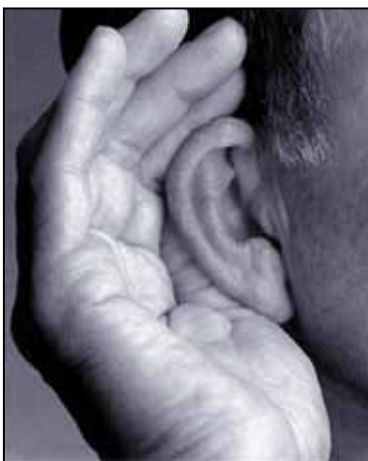
# Ears and Gears

In October we had a KIT day in Wellington for senior students. The KIT day was called Ears and Gears. Senior students spent the morning finding out about how ears work and how hearing aids and cochlear implants work. We looked at videos and pictures of ears and the students looked at each other's equipment.

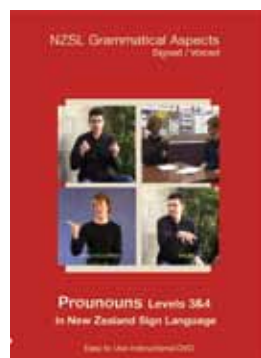
We talked about how we felt about wearing our hearing aids. We talked about different sound that we could hear.

After lunch we visited Deaf Aotearoa's office in Wellington. The staff at Deaf Aotearoa talked to us about what it can be like at work, Polytechnics and Universities for people who have hearing impairments. They talked about how they help people after they leave school with equipment and making choices about courses and jobs. The students asked lots of questions.

We had a really good day. We will be having more days like this next year.



## NEW RESOURCE



### PRONOUNS Levels 3&4

#### in New Zealand Sign Language

This instructional DVD introduces the student of NZSL to:

- Pronouns and Syntax
- Use of the thumb as a pronoun
- Demonstrative Pronouns - Singular
- Demonstrative Pronouns - Plural
- Attributive Possessive Pronoun
- Multiple Referents

## FAREWELL TO OUR DEAF RESOURCE PERSONS

On Thursday 3rd December, we sadly farewelled our three Deaf Resource Persons, Pam Witko from Wellington, Jacki Davidson from Palmerston North and Michelle Sinclair from Dunedin, at a morning tea function held at the Centre.

Staff and students from around the regions will miss this dedicated team of professionals, as they have accomplished an amazing range of roles in different areas including deaf language, culture, history and identity.

We wish you well in whatever the future brings you.



*Pam, Jacki, Tess, Michelle and Paul.*



*Tess, Jackie, Michele, Pam, James, Michele, Paul, Anita, Evette*

*Paul, Anita, Tess & Kay would like to wish you all a  
very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*