

**Connections Publishing Releases New Zealand version of
*Making Classroom Assessment Work***

Courtenay, British Columbia, Canada – February, 2009 – Classroom Connections International announced the release of the New Zealand edition of *Making Classroom Assessment Work*, by Anne Davies and Mary Hill published by NZCER Press, 2009, ISBN: 978-1-877398-44-5.

Canadian author and researcher Anne Davies is well known in New Zealand. Her work has been adapted for New Zealand by education researcher Mary Hill, in consultation with schools. In simple and easy-to-follow steps, *Making Classroom Assessment Work* shows how teachers can use assessment to boost learning. When students know what needs to be achieved, are responsible for self-assessing, and receive feedback that shows the next steps for success, that's assessment *for learning*. The results are engaged, self-directed lifelong learners.

ABOUT MARY HILL, Ph.D.

Mary Hill, Ph.D., is a Principal Lecturer in the Education Faculty of The University of Auckland, New Zealand but is presently on sabbatical at UBC in Vancouver. She spent 18 years teaching in New Zealand elementary schools and was a Deputy Principal. Her Ph.D. investigated how elementary teachers understood and implemented assessment in self-managing schools. She has a particular interest in supporting teachers to use assessment *for learning* and has directed several national assessment professional development projects in New Zealand. Her next major research project will investigate how student teachers learn to use assessment *for learning* during their teacher education programs.

ABOUT ANNE DAVIES, Ph.D.

With more than 30 years of experience in all levels of education, a noted author, consultant, and researcher, Anne applies her expert knowledge of developing quality classroom assessment practices toward her mission to "increase the possibility of learning for all our students." Educators at every grade level throughout Canada, the United States, New Zealand and other countries benefit from the high-touch support she provides during professional development events and multi-year projects.

ABOUT NZCER PRESS

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