Season’s Greetings to all the Global LYNC participants! There have been some fantastic and creative link ups in December showing the power of the technology and the skill of the teachers in Korean and Victorian schools. I consider us all to be part of an international team. Thankyou for the support of the Australia Korea Foundation. Sincere thanks also to the Distance Education School of Victoria and to Macquarie University School of Linguistics. In 2016 I see the involvement of some virtual learning opportunities beginning with the Sydney Opera House adding value to the opportunities we provide for Korean and Victorian students.

Remember Scarlett welcomes your stories and comments in colourful newsletters she is producing monthly.

Thankyou to everyone who responded to the recent survey. We will be taking into account all of your suggestions in planning for 2016. Professor Ku is preparing a report that we will have available in the near future reflecting on the projects journey in 2015. Congratulations to you all for being a top three project winner in the Learning Impact Awards alongside a Tasmanian and NSW winner. In theory Global LYNCS now goes to the International Level competition in the USA in May, but with the new travel policy emerging in Victoria it is unclear if this will be possible. The award was testimony to the impact teachers are having on student learning through involvement with the project. It is always easy to present a topic one is passionate about regardless of the audience!

Finally we are thrilled to have Blair Williams featured in this month’s newsletter and blog. Blair is a Queenslander who is now a famous TV Celebrity in Sth Korea. He visited with us for a few days this week and meet Blinky the Koala and Hobby the Korean Tiger. He has posted a live Christmas message to help promote our project and in particular the Travel Diary literacy component. Although we have a Blinky blog, most of the Korean teachers are posting their classes adventures with Blinky to BAND (link will be up soon on the blog) - to see these you will have to complete the free registration. Sarah also has a nice idea.

Can I wish Ashley Flower, teacher from Arnold’s Creek PS all the best with the expectant birth of her new baby.

Once again thankyou for your participation in the global classroom in 2015 and we look forward to 2016!

Jo Tate (Australia) & Keong Yeun Ku (Sth Korea)

Third Place in the Australian Regional Finals of the 2016 IMS Learning Impact Awards!

We were very happy to yet again be part of the IMS Impact Learning Awards, and we achieved third place in the regional finals! Jo went to Melbourne to the ceremony, to present what great strides the project has been making in the field of education! We’re very excited to receive this award and we want to thank everybody involved in both the project and the awards.

The awards attracted delegates from across Australia.
in photos.

There have been so many great linkups over the past month, all covering a huge range of topics...here are some of the moments that were captured.
Sharing the beat!

Daegu Jisan ES and Arnolds Creek PS made a lot of noise when they shared a drumming class!

Daegu Hyodong ES and Mildura South PS linked up and shared some cultural knowledge, learning about traditional Korean bowing.

How to Bow: 101
We were thrilled to receive this congratulatory letter from the Australia-Korea Foundation, sending their best wishes to everybody involved in the project.

Mr Breston New
Principal
Distance Education Centre Victoria DET School
315 Clarendon Street
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Dear Mr New

On behalf of the board of the Australia Korea Foundation (AKF), I wish to thank you for the incredible job your team has done on the Global LYNCs project supported by the AKF.

The objectives of the AKF are to increase public awareness of Australia in Korea and of Korea in Australia; and to develop partnerships in areas of shared interest in the general fields of business, education, academia, arts/culture and society.

This pilot project successfully uses low cost and free technologies to support communication between sister school partnerships in Australia and Korea building on cultural and language understandings. The AKF board has been reading the project's monthly newsletter and was pleased to learn that a monumental Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the South-West Victoria Region of the Department of Education and Training, and the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education.

Wishing all of the Global LYNC teachers, students and project team a very Happy Christmas and a safe and wonderful New Year in 2016. Keep up the good work.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Coleman
Chair
Australia-Korea Foundation

New Global LYNCs Literature

We also are excited to announce that we have a great new bilingual pamphlet available with information about the project and what we've been doing, and also how to join Global LYNCs in 2016. It can be found on the Information tab of the blog, or by clicking here.

New Resources Available!

We also have a great new PowerPoint that has been added to our growing library of resources available to teachers on the blog. The latest addition covers the Australian take on Christmas, Boxing Day, and New Years Eve, with a great range of images and the option for students to write their own speeches explaining the images. It can be found under the powerpoints section of the resources blog page, or by clicking here.
Republic Of Korea - Victoria Exchange Program.

To broaden the range of overseas professional learning opportunities available to Victorian teachers, the Department has entered into a partnership with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea (MOE) to facilitate a reciprocal exchange program.

The Republic of Korea- Victoria (AUS) Teacher Exchange Program- Teaching Abroad for Global Competency Program aims to promote mutual understanding among participating countries through the exchange of teachers and to provide participating teachers and schools with opportunities to teach abroad and network with international schools.

The ROK-VICTORIA (AUS) Exchange Program aims to:

1. Foster teachers’ professional development through sharing of good practices of teaching, curriculum and school activities
2. Enhance teachers’ cross-cultural communication skills and promote education for international understanding
3. Promote mutual understanding between the two countries
4. Build the foundation for school-to-school partnership for future collaboration

How to apply?
Applications are currently being accepted from schools and teachers keen to participate in this reciprocal exchange program in 2015.

Participating schools would host a Korean teacher in February 2015, offering classroom observation and insight into school operation. In addition, schools must be able to release a partnering teacher for three weeks in July 2015.

Participating Victorian teachers would provide homestay for the Korean teacher in February and go on exchange to Korea for three weeks in July.

Interested Victorian teachers should email a completed application form to Daniel Yong at: yong.kean.k@edumail.vic.gov.au


New Blog Feature - we are now open for discussion!

This month we have added a discussion forum to the blog. Everybody is able to create a topic and post and respond to it. It's great way to share ideas and provide feedback. Find the forum on the blog, or by clicking here.

Season’s Greetings from everybody here at the Global LYNCS project.

계절의 인사!
Festive Linkups!

We’ve seen a lot of seasonal linkups this month, and despite there being snow in Korea at the moment, and 40 degree heat in Australia, everybody seems to be in the same festive spirit! Chelsea PS in blue and Arnold’s Creek PS and partners in yellow and green uniforms.
Blinky and Hobby News!

Blinky and Hobby have been very busy this month, here are some photos documenting their travels. Blinky and Hobby even made a new Australian-Korean friend! To see all the photos of Blinky and Hobby with their new friend Blair, visit the blog!

Chelsea PS and Daegu SaeRon (대구 새론).

Arnolds Creek and Daegu JiSan (대구 지산).

Laver's Hill and Daegu GamCheon (대구 감천).

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LYNCs features at KSAA Biennial Conference in Adelaide in November 2015.

Teacher Sarah Park presented about the Chelsea PS involvement in Global LYNCs project at the Korean Studies Association of Australasia in Adelaide. A number of flyers about the project were distributed and interstate delegates expressed an interest in receiving more information about the project in early 2016. Congratulations to Sarah on her paper and presentation. If you have had the opportunity of watching Sarah teach you will know how engaging she is and what a great ambassador for Global LYNCS she would have been during her time at the conference.

Victorian Korean Language Teachers Conference.

From Joanne Tate: “Last weekend I worked with around 25 wonderful Korean language teachers at a conference day in Melbourne organised by Insun Chang the Korean Language advisor for Victoria. Teachers continue to be surprised and what can be achieved with a basic camera and ZOOM. We demonstrated a live link to Scarlett who was situated in the Western District at the time. Thankyou to Sarah Park, Chelsea PS for hosting the very successful day. A number of enquiries regarding joining the project emerged. With the increased number of schools from Daegu in 2016 please spread the word with colleagues from neighbouring schools who might value a similar partnership through the project.”

Miner’s Rest PS Begins Telecommunications

Miner’s Rest PS students engaged in telecommunications and loving it! This partnership evolved after a visit from Sinmyeong in 2015 following a visit to Sinmyeong Elementary in Korea by Principal Dale Power and teacher Megan Manson.

Miner’s Rest PS has a Korean language program and recently hosted a wonderful cultural day for the school community with theassistance of Insun Chang, Victorian Korean language advisor. Years 5 & 6 spoke about what Christmas looks like in the two different countries and sang them a Paul Kelly classic “From little things, big things grow”, which has been the highlight of Miner’s Rest music topic, ‘Australian Folk’. The students from Sinmyeong had the lyrics in English and followed them as the students sang. The school aims to strengthen the partnership through the use of song to assist the Korean students to develop their English.

We look forward to the ongoing communication with Sinmyeong.