Editorial

Hi Everyone,

Every month seems so frantically busy currently! The end of the year is always like this though in schools.

Interesting developments since the last newsletter include the official MOU signing (attended by Director Kang from the Korean Embassy in Sydney), a request from the Governor of Victoria to visit a Korean partner school and observe a linkup (this didn’t happen due to late notice), Professor Ku’s visit to Victoria and of course heaps of fantastic classroom activities between partner schools! Please keep checking the blog and we would love to hear some comments from your students about how they find the project.

We will be conducting an important feedback survey for teachers this month. Professor Ku and I jointly designed this and we have tried to make it quick and easy to respond to. We appreciate your cooperation in advance. Professor Ku thoroughly enjoyed her time her and endeavoured to visit as many schools as was humanly possible between meetings. Thankyou for your hospitality and ongoing support! Hobby the Korean Tiger has hit our shores and schools in the Blinky Bill project (not visited by Professor Ku) will receive Hobby in the mail shortly.

Feedback from the Korean schools encourages their Victorian partners to step-up and take the lead in the organisation and curriculum content of alternate classroom links. Remember the blog is there to share curriculum resources – you will find some useful power points starting to appear there. BTW I will be training a collective of the Victorian Korean Language teacher in virtual language delivery in December. Thanks to Insun Chang for organising this opportunity.

Kind Regards,

Jo Tate.

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Monumental MOU signed between the South-West Victoria Region of the Department of Education and Training, and the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education.

On Friday the 30th of October both the Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education and the SWVR of the DET met via Zoom to sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

In attendance at the Australian end, were Matt Dunkley (Director, South West Victoria Region, DET), Mr Soo Hwan Kang (Director of Education, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Sydney), Ms Lynn Davie (Director Digital Learning and STEM, DET), Mrs Marg Orme (International Division, DET), Jo Tate (Senior Project Officer, Digital Learning and STEM, DET), and a number of representatives from schools involved in the Global LYNCs project. The dramatic backdrop of Port Phillip Bay was an added bonus!

Representatives from South Korea included Woo Tong-Ki (Superintendent at Daegu Metropolitan Office of Education), Kim Young-Tak, Seo Jeong-Ha, and principals, students, and teachers from all six schools involved in the Daegu Pilot Program of the Global LYNCs project.

This exciting development was welcomed by Project Coordinators and participating schools. We thank Daegu office for compiling a wonderful video featuring some schools in the project engaged in telecommunication activities.
Getting Crafty at Yuille Park!

From teacher EJ Jang: “Some of the grade 3, 4, and 5 students at Yuille Park Primary have made wallets with koala faces for Yulgeum elementary school. We are still making more to post. We will post them all when we are done. Here are some photos of us enjoying making the wallets for Yulguem!”

Visitor Profiles!

A group of Korean students from the Daejon region are visiting Wellington SC this month have sent their profiles through to the school, and are looking forward to their adventure. It’s great to see partnerships that result in interactions like this!

Korean Traditional Games

PowerPoint resources in use.

Mildura South Primary School and Daegu Hyodong Elementary School used ZOOM to share a game of Yutnori and some insight into traditions. The students explained the gifts, taking turns to present and explain the slides, and ZOOM was used to share a movie and soundtrack effectively by using the SHARE tool. The PPTs used in this link have been kindly made available to the project, and can be accessed on our resources page: http://globallyncs.global2.vic.edu.au/resources/powerpoints/
Daegu Jisan Elementary School and Arnolds Creek Primary School.

Daegu Jisan ES and Arnolds Creek PS have linked up a few times using ZOOM lately, and have learnt about the Korean traditions of bowing as a form of respect. Everybody also was also able to watch a Taekwondo demonstration, and all the students have been thoroughly enjoying the classes!

**TIP:** For the clearest audio during a videoconference, make sure you mute your microphone unless you are speaking!
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 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 Resources Available!

We have been given access to some great new resources from GamCheon Elementary School. For a lesson about The Traditional Korean Mask Dance, there are mask templates, lyrics, and a link to the music, available under the powerpoints section of our resources page:


See these resources in use on the page 6.
Global LYNCs featured on television in Korea!

How exciting – a big thanks to Sarah from Chelsea Primary School for letting us know that the Global LYNCs Project has been featured twice on Korean television lately!

“The lesson we did with Saeron Primary was on the news in Korea. It is all in Korean, unfortunately no subtitles, but I am still sending it to you. It is a really big thing in Korea and the Global Lyncs lessons seem to have the biggest spotlight in Korean education industry. Enjoy the videos!

“The links are below, and show linkups between Victoria and South Korea.

First video: A Science lesson, explaining the reasons for time and seasonal differences between the countries.
http://daegu.kbs.co.kr/news/index.html?
seq=3428994&searchDate=20151026

Second Video: Learning about traditional music.
http://serviceapi.nmv.naver.com/flash/convertframeTag.nhn?
vid=F08A0D29A7773B08A55EA5765C84BC11DD99&outKey=V1210829772d4f6ef737326b89414a3ba20a4ee23361b4230eb1626b89414a3ba20a4&width=720&height=438

DID YOU KNOW?

The total area of South Korea is 100,210 km², which is roughly half the size of the state of Victoria (237,629 km²).
However, the population of South Korea sits at around 50 million people, which is almost 10 times the population of Victoria (5.79 million people).
Lavers Hill K-12 College and GamCheon Elementary using their great new mask dance resources.

Global LYNCs is a finalist in the Learning Impact Awards!

Global LYNCs has been selected to be part of the IMS Global Learning Impact Awards Australian Regional Finals.

The Learning Impact Awards recognise the most effective and influential uses of technology in support of worldwide learning.

The awards program, established in 2007, recognises outstanding applications of technology that address the most significant challenges facing the global education sector.

Jo will be presenting for 5 minutes at the NSIP Stakeholder Conference 2015 on the 18th at the Windsor Hotel in Melbourne.

More information on the awards can be found here: http://www.nsip.edu.au/learning-impact-awards-2016
Professor Ku visits Victoria

Professor Keong Ku came to visit Victoria for a week, and was able to visit some of the schools involved in the project, and to present some gifts from Korea, namely Hobby the tiger.

The students at all schools were very excited to meet professor Ku and to learn some more about Korea, and Professor Ku was very happy to hear how much the students and teachers are enjoying being part of the project.

We spoke with two students at Arnolds Creek PS, they explained that their favourite aspects of being part of the Global LYNCs project are that they now have the opportunity to experience different cultures in a way that many others are not able, and that they loved discovering the way that students overseas learn and study differently, about their differences in lifestyles, foods, clothing and their range of traditions.

They were excited to learn some greetings in Korean, and they noted that before the project they knew very little about Korea. Now however, they said that they would feel a lot more comfortable if they were to travel to Korea, as they have been able to develop insight into the people and the culture of another country, which differs from Australia in a myriad of ways.

Not only did we visit schools involved in the project, we would also like to welcome Mordialloc Beach PS and Lorne P-12 to the project for next year. The Korean teacher at Mordialloc Beach PS is Sarah, who has been working with the project at her other school, Chelsea PS.

Professor Ku also met with the Education teams from Sovereign Hill, the Art Gallery of Ballarat, the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka, and Christine from the Australian Centre for the Moving Image, and discussions are currently underway with the Sydney Opera House in regards to a virtual tour.

As well as all the meetings, Professor Ku managed to present a videoconference professional development lecture about international classroom technologies!
Would your school, or a school that you know, like to be a part of Global LYNCs?

We are looking for 20 new Australian primary schools to partner with schools in Korea for 2016. If you are interested, please contact Jo tate.joanne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

--Publication of images--
Schools/teachers participating in the Global LYNCs Project are fully responsible for distribution of permission forms at a school level for reproduction of images involving students in the linked classes in the monthly newsletter and on the blogs. From time to time images may be used for other non-profit educational purposes such as teacher training. For safety reason no student’s name will appear beside their image in a way that might identify them. Many schools already have a general process in place for students around publication of images.

The DET forms for distribution to students at a school level when you join the project are available here on the blog: