Editorial

Welcome to the September edition of our newsletter. Thanks to Scarlett for her hard work covering this month. In Korea - a special thankyou to Alex for assisting with all the Daegu pilot school linkups.

We are all on a learning curve with the project and the most important lesson so far has been the need for clear communication particularly regarding planning for online ZOOM links. Teachers should exchange mobile numbers with their partners for emergency text messages.

Congratulations to the schools linking for the first time in September and for the amount of preparation they have put into powerpoints for engaging student introductions.

It may be November now before Professor Ku can visit Victoria. We look forward to this time.

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

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Curriculum Idea:

I have created a first powerpoint following EAL principals around Waltzing Matilda. It includes historical context and a link to the music online. Feel free to use it with your partners. How about a role play once you run through the powerpoint? I will endeavour to get a similar one sorted focusing on a Korean folktale in the near future.

Resources can be found at http://globallyncs.global2.vic.edu.au/resources/powerpoints/

Profile: Aussie in Korea, Blair Williams, “Non-Summit”

Hailing from Brisbane originally, Blair moved to Korea in 2010, and currently works in Digital Marketing, and has been a panellist on popular variety show “Non-Summit”.

Do you think making partnerships b/n countries is important in today's world? Are schools a good place to start?

I definitely agree that partnerships between between countries is important. We live in a very globalized world, so the more connections, friendships, and partnerships we have across cultures and countries the better! Of all the places to start these, school is one of the best! Kids at a young age are receptive to new ideas and it's a great time to learn the importance of cross cultural communication and the value of difference.

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Dancing at Chelsea Primary’s Korean Day

Blink & Scarlett (Global LYNCs team member) snacking on Vegemite toast in Seoul.
Mildura South Primary School meets Daegu Hyodong Elementary School!

Daegu and Mildura linked up for the first time via Zoom this month, with both schools introducing their respective countries.

Daegu Hyodong students made sure to mention Korea’s love of spicy food, and when asked if everybody ate Kimchi every day, there was a resounding “YES!” While the students at Mildura South were at an impasse as to who was Australia’s favourite sportsman.

Both classes seemed very interested in talking about their partner school’s traditional foods, maybe this was because it was nearly lunchtime for both groups?!

The linkup went smoothly, with the students from Daegu presenting posters they had made, and the students from Mildura making use of Zoom’s screen-sharing tool to show a PowerPoint which they had put together.

**Tip:** During the meeting, we discovered that if presenting a PowerPoint while using zoom and screen sharing, it’s best to **use the slide show function** (the small image of the projector screen, found in the bottom right hand corner of your screen), otherwise the PowerPoint may lag and remain on the first slide.

Click here for happy presenting!
Jo Tate and Insun Chang attending a meeting with Mr Kang Suhwan (Director of Education from the Korean Embassy in Sydney).

Leigh Johnson from Boronia West Primary School meets Young Kim from Choup Elementary School in Busan.

The first meeting between the schools involved in the Daegu Pilot Programme. Ten Schools were represented in this meeting.

Boronia West PS and Choup Elementary link using Zoom. An excited Korean student at Boronia is looking forward to linking to her homeland.

Introducing Zoom to Boronia West, St Pat’s, and Laver’s Hill.

Boronia West’s Leigh Johnson connecting for the first time using Zoom.

Nicholas Joosten of St Patrick’s College learning the ropes of utilizing Zoom.

Tony Grayden from Laver’s Hill conducts a meeting through Zoom for the first time.
Arnold’s Creek Primary School links up with Daegu Jisan Elementary School.

In Daegu, the class split up into teams to explain aspects of their daily life in Korea. After the linkup, Jo Tate presented a powerpoint to Korea about the Australia song 'Waltzing Matilda'. This powerpoint is available as a resource on our blog.

**Did you know?**

In Korea and other parts of Asia, rather than using horoscopes as a personality indicator, blood types are believed to predict a person’s nature.

**Type A:** “farmers” Conservative, introverted, reserved, patient, punctual and inclined to be perfectionists. However, also obsessive, stubborn, self conscious and uptight.

**Type B:** “hunters” Animal-loving, creative, flexible, individualistic, optimistic and passionate. However, also forgetful, irresponsible and self-centered.

**Type AB:** “humanists” Cool, controlled, empathic, introverted and rational. However, also aloof, critical, indecisive and unforgiving.

**Type O:** “warriors” Ambitious, athletic, robust and self-confident. However, also arrogant, insensitive, ruthless and vain.

See more at: http://www.korea4expats.com/article-blood-types.html

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**BLINKY BILL - SHARE HIS ADVENTURES AND YOUR CULTURE**

Blinky Bill has begun his holiday in Korea. A special blog was created and all of the teachers in this activity now have a Username and Password and they can upload photos and text in blog posts.

All students look forward to watching activity on the blog and seeing what their Blinky Bill is doing. You can use English or Korean on the blog. We will arrange for some translations into English for the students here if we need to.

http://blinky.global2.vic.edu.au/

**COMPETITION!**

1 The partner schools who contribute the most to the blog will each win a special prize at the end of the year.

2 The most culturally interesting photo taken by a Korean and an Australian student will each win a prize!
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How do you think projects like Global LYNCs can improve understanding between countries?

One of my areas of study was culture, in particular cross cultural communication. What I learnt was, communication is at the core of everything and this is vitally important when doing business or any sort of relationship between countries. So projects such as these really help to break down the barriers that often disrupt communication between cultures/countries.

Do you think videoconferencing is useful for this/other purposes? Do you use it often?

Videoconferencing is a great tool to use in these instances. It allows people to meet, albeit virtually, face to face and have a real time conversation, despite being in different places. There is more emotion and interaction of video than a simple letter or phone call, which adds a more human element to the communication.

I use videoconferencing technology myself to keep in touch with my friends and family back home in Australia. It's truly a life saver and allows me to feel that much closer to home.

Speaking of feeling close to home, what are favourite snacks from Australia and Korea?

Red Rock Deli Salt & Vinegar Chips, and I'm loving the giant yakults [in Korea] at the moment!

More than a few sips in Korean yakults... (from Blair’s Instagram @talkativeblair)

Blair wearing a traditional Korean Hanbok. (from Blair’s Instagram @talkativeblair)

Blair and Scarlett using Skype, and Blair’s mum Leanne making a suprise appearance through Line!
Korean Day at Chelsea Primary

Feature Article By Sarah (Sae Rom) Park

At Chelsea Primary School, we had a lovely time celebrating our Korean Day. We had a wonderful day and all the students have been able to participate in such culturally diverse activities that will help to make our students more global citizens. Korean Wave Incursion was all supported by the Korean cultural centre and students enjoyed Tae Kown Do Demonstration, K-pop dancing (2NE1- I am the best), Bulgogi rice burger cooking and Korean T-shirt craft activity. We also welcomed our distinguished guests including the director of the Korean Language Education Centre, Mr Kang, director of the Korean Culture Centre, Mr Ahn, the Victorian Korean Language Advisor, Ms Insun Chang and Consul general, Honorable Cho.

Our Korean program is held in high esteem by the Korean government and we receive very generous support from both the Korean cultural centre and the Korean Education Centre.

We had a special moment with our sister school ‘Sae Ron Primary School’. Although our Korean Day, 1st of September, was their first day back at the Korean school, they beautifully wore Hanbok and celebrated our Korean day for us. Korean students joined our Korean Day assembly through zoom in the morning and performed ‘A Ri Rang’ for us. The whole school was very excited to meet our sister school through web-cam and it was a great present for our Chelsea Primary students. Thank you, Mr Kim for organising and Thank you, grade 6 students at Sae-Ron Primary for your outstanding A Ri Rang performance. We hope to participate in your school’s event and support each other.
Some photos from Chelsea Primary’s Korean Day