

Digital Learning News

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Hi everyone

I hope report writing is going well. We have heaps of information and events for you this week including PD with Gary Stager (Maker Movement). There is also some great online Music PD for primary teachers and Science activities for students that are run via Polycom, but can also be accessed by schools who do not have a Polycom unit.

This week's blog post

Too Many Elephants: on 21 May in North-Western Victoria we had over 240 students from 14 small rural schools and heaps of elephants reading together via Polycom as part of National Simultaneous Storytime. [Find out more](#)

H.O.T.T. Team (Helping Others Through Technology): A team of Years 5-6 students are helping younger students further develop skills in using technology and give the teachers more experience for future classes at Horsham West and Haven Primary School. [Find out more...](#)

POLYCOM NEWS

The Law of the Land – Troopers, Trackers and Bushrangers for Grade 5-6 students

- Sydney Living Museums is pleased to offer this engaging virtual excursion about troopers, trackers and bushrangers in the gold rush era. This educational history videoconference is available to primary schools across Australia and around the world and allows your students to interact live with our mounted trooper presenter.
- This 1 hour session cost \$120 for a class of 30. Includes downloadable support material for the teacher and students. Schools with small class sizes may be eligible for reduced rates
- More information:
<http://sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/education/programs/law-land-troopers-trackers-and-bushrangers>
- Victorian Teachers book through Electroboard.

Also check out below the sessions from Questacon and the Sydney Opera House!

[Electroboard](#) offers session for students (primary and secondary) and teachers. Most sessions are free.

Polycom Videoconferencing Introductory Workshop - The Basics

Schools are invited to attend a one hour workshop that takes you through the basics of how to use the Polycom unit. This session provides a useful introduction to get teachers and Principals started confidently with tips and tricks on how to use video conferencing provided by experienced coaches. A series of follow up sessions are planned to drill down for specific uses such as attending virtual excursions, delivery of curriculum including language and VCE studies and pedagogical techniques for delivery. Assistance can be provided for those who have not dialled into a Polycom session before.

- Monday 14 July - 3:45pm
- Tuesday 15 July - 3:45 pm
- Wednesday 16 July – 1:00 pm and 3:45pm
- Thursday 17 July - 1:00pm and 3:45pm
- Monday 21 July - 3:45pm
- Tuesday 22 July - 3:45pm
- Wednesday 23 July - 3:45pm

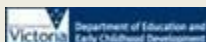
Contact Gary Schultz
schultz.gary.r@edumail.vic.gov.au to register or get more information

Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities - see our [Professional Learning Calendar](#) for a full list of events

- [Inclusion Online](#) Free courses in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia, Speech and Language, and Hearing Loss

Hands On, Minds On! A range of topics available for P-12 students via Virtual Conferencing

- [Interactive Science](#),



offer 20 hours of professional learning over 10 weeks. Register for Term 3.

- [Using Digital Tools in the Classroom](#) – places still available for social media and mobile devices
- [Virtual Conferencing](#) – DEECD has seven virtual conference coaches who can provide professional learning and support to schools on using Polycom, Blackboard Collaborate, Lync and Skype.



[Technology and Maths workshops with Questacon](#)- The National Science and Technology Centre

- 60 minute workshops, plus teacher resources.
- Monday to Friday: 9.30, 11.30 and 13.30
- For more information contact digitaloutreach@questacon.edu.au
- If you don't have a Polycom, you can connect using MS Lync – contact Joanne Tate tate.joanne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au for VC support

[Invent to Learn with Gary Stager](#): Making, Tinkering and Engineering in the Classroom



- 17 June: Statewide Resources Centre, Carlton (NWVR)
- 18 June: Warrnambool College (SWVR)
- 19 June: Mirboo North Secondary College (SEVR)
- 20 June: Ringwood Secondary College (NEVR)
- Suitable for teachers of all year levels and subject areas.



[ABC Splash live online events](#)

- Secondary Students – Music Jam with Triple J (26 June)
- Primary Students – Lets Draw with Graeme Base - Tomorrow (12 June)
- Following the success of [Games from Scratch](#), ABC Splash are inviting students to send them games, animations or mods they are making for a change to **win** a high-definition camera and Good Game prizes.



[Teaching Music in the Primary Classroom](#) for primary teachers

- A fantastic PD for either generalist or specialist music using Video Conferencing with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and Sydney Opera House
- Attend one 2 hour workshops: 4-6pm between 21-24 July
- If you don't have a Poycom, you can connect using other methods
- Contact acarewreid@sydneyoperahouse.com to register



[ACMI School Programs](#) for P-12 students

- [DreamWorks Animation](#): The Exhibition Education Program – choose from exhibition visits, film screenings, workshops, talks and videoconferencing sessions.
- [Screen Worlds](#) – The Story of Film, Television and Digital Culture



- [DLTV 2014 Conference](#): 25-26 July Swinburne University
- [The DLTV events](#) page has heaps of online and face to face events
- [Digital Learning Showcase](#) – A free event for P-12 students, teachers and parents. 24 July, Swinburne University, Hawthorn



[Scootle Live Webinar Series](#) for teachers– Wednesday's at 4:00pm

- 11 June- Science resources and programs
- 18 June – History resources
- 25 June – Community MeetUp
- [Archives](#)

Conference and Events

- [DLTV 2014 Conference](#): 25-26 July Swinburne University
- [ITEC 2014](#): Interactive Technology in Education Conference, 9-10 July Sydney
- [ACEC 2014](#): Innovation Education: Now its personal, 30 Sept – 3 Oct, Adelaide
- [National ICT Careers Week](#): 28th July to 3rd August 2014
- [Music Technology in Education](#): 3-4 October, Caulfield Grammar

Resources:

[The Conversation](#)

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DEECD Mail:

- S192-2014 **ICT Leasing Facilities for schools**: Equigroup has been contracted by the Department as the preferred provider of ICT leasing facilities for schools.
- **Ongoing support and evaluation of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation eSmart Program**: The Alannah and Madeline Foundation is offering additional support for all Victorian schools to continue their eSmart journey and become an eSmart school. As part of this process the Foundation is seeking participants for an independent evaluation of the eSmart Framework.
- **Paper Cuts 2014 book trailer and cover design competition is open now**: *Paper Cuts 2014* is a great opportunity for creative students to get inspired by books, using the vast array of technological tools available to create a book trailer or book cover. There are great prizes so [enter](#) now!

Feel free to pass this on. If you are doing something you would like to share, please contact me.

Cheers
Rachel