

## Digital Learning News

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Hi everyone

Hope you are having a great week, two great blog posts for you this week and some great professional learning opportunities.

### This week's blog posts:



[Opening learning to parents](#) is a great post by our guest blogger Anne Mirtschin. Anne outlines how digital technologies can open up home-school communication and gives some examples that she has seen in use.



Google



[The Australian Curriculum: Technologies](#) describes two distinct but related subjects – Design and Technologies, and Digital Technologies. It is anticipated that schools will begin to report against the new achievement standards in these additional learning areas from 2015.

To support **Primary** schools with the new Digital Technologies curriculum, a free online course has been developed by the University of Adelaide and Google to explain the fundamentals of digital technology and computational thinking. The 8 week course is fully online and begins on 22 March 2014. This is a great opportunity for all Primary teachers to get their head around this new curriculum in preparation for next year. [More information and details about how to register](#)

## Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities

### Virtual Conference sessions for teachers

- [ACCE Learning Network via Google Hangouts](#) is a weekly series of 30 min live education broadcasts from Australia hosted by Amanda Rablin and Roland Gesthuizen. The shows are recorded live each Monday evening (9:30 pm) and feature an international panel of guests. Past topics have included: Skilling teachers with TL21C; Creativity in Education: can it be taught; Intercultural Connections: making learning together. Archives and more information [ACCELN Wiki](#)
- [Scootle LIVE – Community Meet Up](#) are a fun and informal professional learning event aimed at building on the professional learning networks developed within Scootle Community. Thursdays in March 4pm.



### [DLTV Professional Learning Events](#)

- Flipping Your Classroom: [Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School](#). Various dates – see website for more details
- 2014 Conference: 25-26 July Swinburne University  
*On 1 Jan 2014 ICTEV and VITTA became DLTVic* [More information](#)



### Manor Lakes P-12 Conference [Under ONE Umbrella](http://underoneumbrella.com.au/)

- 14-15 March
- Exploring inclusion, equity and diversity in Australian primary and secondary schools
- More information <http://underoneumbrella.com.au/>

### Student opportunity



### [ACMI Hothouse program for students, focusing on animation](http://www.acmi.net.au/hothouse)

- Hothouse 2014 will hand pick 10 talented Victorian students in Years 10, 11 and 12 for an intensive animation workshop in the July school holidays.
- So if you know a student with a flair for animation who is ready for the experience of a lifetime, please encourage them to apply! Head to [www.acmi.net.au/hothouse](http://www.acmi.net.au/hothouse) to download the Application Kit and find out more.



### [TeachMeet Melbourne@ESA](http://www.esa.vic.gov.au/teachmeet)

- March 27<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm, ESA offices, Level 5 440 Collins St Melbourne
- TeachMeets are meetings/un-conferences where teachers share good practice, practical ideas and personal insights into teaching with technology.

Check out our [Professional Learning page](#) – it has heaps of information, links to providers and details about opportunities for your classroom.

## Resources

### [Scientists do amazing things](#)



Get involved, intrigued and inspired by science during Education Week from 18-24 May 2014. Find ideas for school and early childhood activities, promotional resources and helpful information about how to explore and enjoy the fascinating world of science during our week-long showcase throughout Victoria.

Plenty of organisations are taking part in this year's fun including Victoria's six science and mathematics specialist centres, galleries, libraries, farms, museums, performance groups, research centres and universities. Places are limited and bookings essential. See: [Calendar of Free Events](#)

### DEECD Mail:

[S078-2014 Celebrate science during Education Week, 18-24 May 2014](#) Education Week will be held from 18 – 24 May 2014 in Victoria. Schools and early childhood services are encouraged to engage their students, staff and parent communities in this year's [science education](#) and careers theme

[S051-2014 New eduSTAR software available to schools](#) The eduSTAR software image provides teachers and students with access to over 80 educational software titles for Windows and Apple devices. An improved eduSTAR software image is now available to schools.

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

Cheers  
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