Digital Learning News

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Hi everyone

Welcome back, I hope you all had a great holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready to take on another year!

Yesterday was Safer Internet Day which is an annual, global event to promote the safe and responsible use of digital technologies, for children and young people. More than 18,000 Victorian students came together online to share ideas and commitment to *Building a Better Internet Together,* hosted by the Sandy Phillips - Digital Learning Team, and presented Greg Gebhart - ACMA.

Students chatted and shared their knowledge and ideas with each other during the session and continued throughout the day to use the online resources located in FUSE and the Global2 Blog.

The fact that this global event occurs at the start of our school year is a great opportunity for our schools to establish policies, programs and protocols for the year ahead. A school online checklist has been prepared for schools to prepare safe, responsible and smart digital learning policies and programs.

This week's blog post: Everyone can be an inventor with MaKey MaKey by Marc Blanks Digital Learning Team

Remember when using technology in the classroom was exciting, experimental and creative? The MaKey MaKey uses a USB cord to connect its circuit board to your computer. The circuit board takes over the functionality of certain key on your keyboard or mouse, like the space bar or the mouse click. By simply using alligator clips -for beginners- you can connect the space bar function of the MaKey MaKey controller to the end of a banana, or a pencil line, or a piece of Play-Doh, and make that object the keyboard or mouse input. Just touch your "home made key" and you control the functionality of the space bar and more on the computer. Find out more

Professional Learning and Student Opportunities

- ABC Splash – Live Event for Students
- Live webcast 2pm Thursday 20 February 2014
- Join Kayne Tremills as he braves the world of dinosaurs and mega beasts to discover how ancient fossils are used to unlock the secrets of extinct creatures.
- Ask your questions live online and meet the experts who study fossil evidence from 200 million years ago.
- For more information go to ABC Splash or follow #ABCSplashLive on twitter

ACMI Hothouse program for students, focusing on animation

- Hothouse 2014 will hand pick 10 talented Victorian students in Years 10, 11 and 12 for an intensive workshop in the July school holidays.
- The animation focus ties in with Dreamworks Animation: The Exhibition – ACMI's historic collaboration with the studio behind *Shrek, Madagascar* and *Kung Fu Panda,* which will have its world premiere at ACMI in April 2014.
- Successful applicants will be mentored by industry professionals and ACMI educators, gaining hands-on production experience, industry insights and information on tertiary pathways. It's all free of charge – and students in regional areas are eligible for additional assistance with travel costs.
- 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 to download the Application Kit and find out more.

DEECD Online Professional Development Recordings

- On Tuesday 28th January, teachers participated in online conferences using Blackboard Collaborate from locations across Victoria.
- Topics included AusVELS, 21C Learning, Virtual and Blended Learning, Student Leadership and Online Learning.
- Recordings and supporting resources are available in FUSE (teacher login required) via the Digital Learning News blog.

DLTV Professional Learning Events

- Flipping Your Classroom: Strathcona Baptist Girls Grammar School. Various dates – see website for more details
- VCE IT, VCE VET ICT & VCE VET IDM Forum: Friday 28th February – RMIT.
- South Eastern Primary School Study Tour will visit three schools that are demonstrating excellence

and innovation in teaching and learning: Monday 3 March

On 1 Jan 2014 ICTEV and VITTA became DLTVic [More information](#)

Check out our [Professional Learning page](#) – it has heaps of information, links to providers and details about virtual conference sessions.

Resources

Many of the eBookboxes have been aligned to **AusVELS** and are available to Victorian Government teachers with your login via **FUSE**.

AusVELS: Mathematics – Science – History – Indonesian – Chinese – Japanese – Italian

VCE: Physical Education – Health and Human Development – Chemistry - Physics – Biology – Environmental Science - Mathematical Methods – Specialist Mathematics – General and Further Mathematics

For access – go to FUSE, log in using your edumail number and password and search for eBookboxes.

New! Geography resources

ABC Splash now has an entire section devoted to the new Geography curriculum including video, animation and audio resources.

DEECD Mail:

S504-2013 New sexting resource 'So you got naked online' a resource that offers children, young people and parents advice and provides strategies to support the issues resulting from sexting incidents. Go to webpage.

Have a great week
Cheers
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