

Digital Learning News



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Hi everyone

Reports are done and holidays are nearly here! We have been busy exploring the Maker Movement (see our blog post) and finding some great professional learning for you. Hope you all have a well-earned holiday.

This week's blog post



[Invent to Learn](#)

Last week teachers from 30 DEECD schools participated in a day of hard fun and problem solving at *Invent to Learn* workshops across Victoria led by Dr. Gary Stager. These workshops are based on the Maker Movement which is a really exciting way to engage students and embed learning. It will also be a great way to bring the Digital Technologies curriculum to life. See [post](#) for more information.

POLYCOM NEWS

Bastow Polycom Hub leaders

- Bastow is looking for senior regional officers, Principals, Assistant Principals and Directors of early childhood services to organise networks with other services, schools and related organisations in their area to form Hubs.
- The idea is that these Hubs can then regularly connect to Bastow evening events using the Polycom system.
- A one off fee provides rural and regional schools with access to Twilight seminars and Horizon Forums.
- Please find more information attached.

[S231-2014 Polycom Video Conferencing Introductory Workshop – Term 3](#)

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

Register online at: <http://bit.ly/1pmi6Ld> or contact Gary Schultz schultz.gary.r@edumail.vic.gov.au for more information

ACMI DreamWorks Animation Video conference Series

Bring DreamWorks Animation and ACMI Education into your classroom. Step behind the scenes of films to explore the creative process of animation. Meets the makers including Doug Cooper, DreamWorks Animation VFX Supervisor and Kendal Cronkite, DreamWorks Animation Production Designer

The videoconference series includes four sessions over two days.

- Session 1: The Creation of Worlds Tues 5th Aug 10am - 10.45pm
- Session 2: The Power of Sound and SFX Tues 5th Aug 2.15pm - 3.00 pm
- Session 3: Character Design Wed 6th Aug 10am - 10.45pm
- Session 4: Story Development Wed 6th Aug 2.15pm - 3.00 pm
- [Book a Videoconference](#) (\$25 per session per connection)

Survey:

A reminder that the Principal survey sent out yesterday needs to be completed before Monday 14 July. Click here to complete this short survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GZZMLT9>

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 offer 20 hours of professional learning over 10 weeks. Register for Term 3.
- [Virtual Conferencing](#) – DEECD has seven virtual conference coaches who



[ABC Splash live online events](#)

- Secondary Students – Music Jam with Triple J (Today at 2pm)
- 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-

can provide professional learning and support to schools on using Polycom, Blackboard Collaborate, Lync and Skype.

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 Polycom, you can connect using other methods
- Contact acarewreid@sydneyoperahouse.com to register.



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

- [Interactive Science, 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 Jo Tate tate.joanne.e@edumail.vic.gov.au for support.



- [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



[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



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: Science and Maths Interactives



Science and Maths Interactives (YDP)

- Login to FUSE to explore over 2000 new interactives from YDP.
- Click the 'Teacher Login' button, top right of your screen and use your eduMail login.
- Use the keyword 'YDP' to search for and browse the resources.
- Click [here](#) to start with a class activity about how light travels.

DEECD Mail:

- S224-2014 [Core Admin and Curriculum ICT Equipment in Schools](#) This is a reminder that core information and communications technology (ICT) equipment must be left powered on at all times of the day and night, including weekends, and during school and public holidays.
- [S231-2014 Polycom Video Conferencing Introductory Workshop – Term 3](#) Schools with a Polycom videoconferencing unit are invited to attend a one-hour workshop to learn the basics of how to use the Polycom unit.

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

Cheers
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