## **Digital Learning News**

20 November 2013



Hi everyone – two great reads for you on our blog this week.

# This week's blog posts

The use of iPads to support students with learning challenges.



Our guest blogger this week is Carly Toister from Cheltenham Primary School. Teachers here have been exploring ways to use iPads in conjunction with the SAMR Model to support students experiencing challenges when engaging with the curriculum. This blog post focuses on the use of iReadWrite app where they found improvements to students' motivation and feelings towards writing.



The sixth <u>eLearning Excellence Awards</u> of the eLearning Industry Association of Victoria was held last week. The K-12 sector had a great range of finalists worth checking out.

# Winner:

**Royal Children's Hospital Create, Explore, Learn App -** This app encourages children to create their own artworks, explore the vibrant

spaces of the RCH and learn about the artists, designers, zoo keepers and divers who all play a role in making the RCH a healing space and a learning place.

#### Other finalists K-12:

- **Fatigue and Recovery** an interactive program for PE that gives students an opportunity to be involved in an engaging story that draws out the concepts behind fatigue and recovery in elite athletes.
- Chinese Language Learning Space engaging modules to support teachers and students of Chinese Language.
- AITSL Illustrations of Practice video vignette showing authentic teacher practice drawn from particular Standard and focus area drawn from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.

#### **President's Award:**

• **Time Lens Museum Victoria** - takes would-be explorers on a scavenger hunt around Melbourne Museum to discover some of the treasured objects and hidden gems of the museum's collection, a great app for families and students when visiting the museum.

# **Professional Learning and Student Events**

### **Vikings: Live Student Event**



- Thursday 21 November
- Join Kayne Tremills from ABC3 as he presents an action-packed live webcast all about Vikings! <u>Watch</u> <u>live on Thursday 21 November at 2pm AEDT</u> and post your questions to be answered online or on air.
- <u>Join ABC</u> Splash for a moderated Live Chat and ask your questions on what Vikings ate for dinner, how they went to battle and which Viking Gods became superheroes!

#### **Bastow Sessions**



- Tuesday 26 Nov Stephen Heppell, <u>The Death of</u>
   <u>Schooling and the Birth of Learning</u>
- 5:30 7:00pm, \$55
- Too far to travel? Attend virtually via polycom.

#### This session will cover:

Standards.

- Future trends in education shaping teaching and learning – what is taught and why.
- Technology impact now and into the future what might it look like, how will students learn and where.
- How can teachers respond to these changes now and prepare for what is to come – changes in classroom practice.
- How can educational leaders create the conditions to enable effective adaptation to these changes – for staff and for the school community.
- The characteristics of education authorities and individual schools from around the world that will do well this century and how this can be applied to the Australian education setting.

# New resource for <u>Intel Teach Elements</u> courses: Courses have now been mapped to the Australian National Professional Teacher Standards (NPTS). A new NPTS Reference Guide has been published for each course detailing how specific modules, lessons and activities align with focus areas of the National

- All Australian teachers can use these NPTS Reference Guides to provide detail to their employer or accrediting organisation regarding PD undertaken through Intel Teach Elements courses.
  - Collaboration in the Digital Classroom
    how, where and when to integrate
    collaborative, online tools into learning,
    deepening students' understanding of content
    and developing their 21st century skills. View
    course

#### **Intel Elements**





- Assessment in 21st Century Classrooms:
   Discover new assessment strategies that transform teaching practice and stimulate student learning. View course
- Project-Based Approaches: Find out how to get the most educational value from projects and use technology to support and enhance project-based learning. <u>View course</u>

Perfecting the blend 2013
conference (DEECD/ACMI
conference)

• 10-11 December @ACMI

Melbourne Town Hall

- Join education leaders as they share the latest innovations in bended learning, virtual delivery and classroom video conferencing
- Home Economics Victoria
  Conference
- 28-29 November

ACHPER Conference

- 27 29 November
- University of Melbourne & Monash University, Victoria, Australia

Check out our <u>Professional Learning page</u> – it has heaps of information, links to providers and details about virtual conference sessions.

#### Resources



# **Geography Awareness Week, 17-23 Nov** FUSE ID: Q3P57Y



GIS Encyclopedic Entry



MapMaker Interactive Interactive Map



Investigating Your World With My World GIS Teacher Guide



Exploring Ecosystems Using GIS Activity

Celebrate geography this year with resources and ideas from National Geographic Education. Their collections focus on how geography enables us all to be intrepid explorers in our own way. There is an archive of past Geography Awareness Week materials, new resources and more.

Today is <u>GIS Day</u> (Geographic Information Systems) – here are some great interactive resources.

<sup>\*</sup> Remember to log into FUSE to access 'My Desk' and additional resources.

If you have found some great resources or doing something in your class that you want to share, please let me know. Please pass this onto anyone you think may be interested.

Have a great week. Rachel