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| [**Digital Learning News**](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/)    8th October 2014 | | | | Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image003.jpg@01CF27E8.84172900 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hi everyone  This is my first issue of Digital Learning News. I hope I can live up to the high standard set by Rachel. I would love to have your input along the way, so if you have ideas on resources, school stories, professional learning opportunities, or would like to contribute with a guest blog, please let me know. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image001.jpg@01CFCDA7.DB415C40 | * This October is [**Connected Educator Month**](http://connectededucator.vic.edu.au/), an international event, connecting thousands of educators across the globe. * Victorian educators have access to a schedule of free online local and global professional learning opportunities. You are also invited to register an event of your own. * Search for events by country, audience, speaker or topic of interest. * Some of the events from Australia include:   + Technology in Australian Museums, Thur 9th Oct, 7:00am   + #CommunityChat - #CE14 Educator Professional Development & Learning, Tue 14th Oct, 11:00am   + Video Conferencing – Locating specialist content for your classroom, Tue 14th Oct, 1:00pm   + Video Conferencing for Victorian Schools – the basics, Wed 15th Oct, 3:45pm   + Launch of new Cybersmart *#GameOn* video series, Thur 16th Oct, 11:00am   + #CommunityChat - #CE14 Student Agency and Voice, Tue 28th Oct, 11:00am * Go to the [website](http://connectededucator.vic.edu.au/) to find out more and visit the [online calendar](http://connectededucators.org/calendar/) for an extensive list of events. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **This Weeks Blog Posts** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image002.png@01CFCC29.221A5430 | Guest blogger Carlin Grieve, Science Coordinator at Epping Secondary College discusses  how free schools licencing of Autodesk Inventor & Mudbox has benefited Epping Secondary School…[*read more*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cid:image011.jpg@01CFE2F7.4DD97490 | Autodesk Inventor offers many benefits with support tutorials and an easy to use interface, writes Renee Howell from Kyabram P-12 College…[*read more*](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Polycom News** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Upcoming events from Electroboard16 Oct: [All about eggs](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=7814&SessionID=8194&ActivityID=10877), 2:00 – 3:00, Foundation (various dates)23 Oct: [Sustainable Actions – National Water Week](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=7722&SessionID=8086&ActivityID=10745), various times F-229 Oct: [Persuasive Writing with the Day the Crayons Quit](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=7833&SessionID=8213&ActivityID=10899), 11:00 – 12:00, Year 35 Nov: [Creating Writing Workshop: Setting a Plot](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=7834&SessionID=8214&ActivityID=10900), 11:15 – 12:00, Years 5-612 Nov: [Exploring Character with Skulduggery Pleasant](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx?EventID=7832&SessionID=8212&ActivityID=10898), 11:15 – 12:00, Years 5-6*See the* [*See, Share, Shape*](https://www.seeshareshape.com.au/share/VC/virtualexcursions.aspx) *website for more Virtual Excursions* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities-** see our [Professional Learning Calendar](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/prof-learning/) for a full list of events | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image014.jpg@01CFC219.819350C0 | | * [Hands On Digital Learning in the Classroom](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/View.aspx?pin=SRXM9G): Sessions for Primary Teachers running Warranwood and Rowville. * [Inclusion Online](http://www.oltaustralia.net/news.asp?stateid=9&schooltype=1): These free courses in Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia, Speech and Language, and Hearing Loss offer 20 hours of professional learning over 10 weeks.  [Register](http://www.oltaustralia.net/news.asp?stateid=9&schooltype=1) for a Term 4 course via PD Online or by contacting your region’s Lead Tutor. * [iPads for learning, online short courses](http://diglearning.global2.vic.edu.au/2014/09/09/ipad-pd/) register now for October courses | | | | | | | Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image001.jpg@01CFCDA7.DB415C40 | [Connected Educator Month](http://connectededucator.vic.edu.au/)   * Go to the [website](http://connectededucator.vic.edu.au/) to find out more and visit the [online calendar](http://connectededucators.org/calendar/) for an extensive list of events. | | | | |
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| ***Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image002.jpg@01CFD26C.721E19F0*** | | * 16 Oct – 20 Nov: [Make Float Move](http://www.questacon.edu.au/outreach/programs/virtual-excursions/make-float-move-project) Virtual Excursion by  Questacon * Students gain experience in engineering and innovation by building a working, moving, floating crane. * Covers topics such as simple mechanics, motion, measurement and geometry. | | | | | | |  |  | | | | |
| **Conference and Events** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * [TeachMeet Sovereign Hill](http://teachmeetmelbourne.wikispaces.com/2014+-+Oct+18++%28Sovereign+Hill%29): 2:00 – 4:00pm, 18 October * [Meeting of the Minds](http://www.motmedu.org/), Unconference for Educators: 25-26 October, Ballarat * [Startup  Weekend Education Melbourne](http://www.up.co/communities/australia/melbourne-au/startup-weekend/4473), 31st October – 2nd November * [TeachMeet Wesley College](http://teachmeetmelbourne.wikispaces.com/2014+-+Nov+6th+Wesley+College): 4:30-6:30pm, 6th November * [Learn. Connect. Explore: Autodesk University Extension](https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/99778&internal=1): 10th & 11th November, Sydney * [TeachMeet ScienceWorks:](http://teachmeetmelbourne.wikispaces.com/2014+-+Nov+29+%28Scienceworks%29) 29 November * [Michael Fullan: New Pedagogies for Deep Learning – a Global Partnership](https://www.acmi.net.au/education/teacher-programs-resources/new-pedagogies-for-deep-learning/): 9:00am, 29 October, ACMI | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Resources** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cid:image018.jpg@01CFE2F7.4DD97490 | | Mental Health Week, 5-12 Oct   * Visit the Mental Health Week feature on [FUSE Teacher Resources](https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/Teacher.aspx) page and click 'View' to see resources and information to support Mental Health Week, including videos, stories, links and more. Click the Mental Health Week title to see how schools can support young people to achieve their goals, build relationships and cope with challenges. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cid:image019.jpg@01CFE2F7.4DD97490 | | Nutrition Week, 13-19 Oct   * The Nutrition Week challenge this year is to prepare healthy meals every day for a week. Help your students discover where their food comes from and how it gets to their tables with this teacher resource from ABC Splash. It includes different topics, videos and supporting materials. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **Research** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: Description: cid:image006.png@01CFD993.A3A54150 | | Children’s Rights in the Digital World.   * “…*In contrast to anecdotal beliefs, children articulated accountability and understanding of the consequences of what they did online, not seeing themselves as vulnerable victims but as sharing the responsibility for making the internet a safe place for themselves and their peers. It is therefore important to support digital literacy initiatives that encourage and empower children to take further responsibility for their online safety…”.* [*read more*](http://www.youngandwellcrc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Childrens-rights-in-the-digital-age.pdf) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **DEECD Circulars** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| * The new [Bully Stoppers: Speak Up Against Cyberbullying](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/S349-2014.aspx) campaign supports schools, students and families with tools and resources to deal with cyberbullying. * Access webinars, seminars and other professional learning opportunities as part of [Connected Educator Month](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/S333-2014.aspx) in October. Launched in the US, the event will extend to Australia and NZ this year. [Register online](http://connectededucator.vic.edu.au/) * [Two free online short courses](https://edugate.eduweb.vic.gov.au/newsevents/schoolbull/Pages/S334-2014.aspx)will be available in October for schools interested in learning how to use iPads more effectively in the classroom. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Please feel free to pass this on and contact Jill on [brown.jillian.k@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:brown.jillian.k@edumail.vic.gov.au)  if you have something you wish to share.

Cheers

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