

Welcome to Term 3 2014!

The weeks just fly by, don't they? It's expected that the **realignment** of school ICT Support services within NSW DEC will be **finalised this term**, so we'll be bringing you more details about that and any changes involved as they are delivered. Until then, former Sydney Region schools will continue to be supported by our team based at St Peters and Hurstville offices.

How Accessible is your School's Website?

The NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet have announced that by the end of 2014, **all NSW government websites** (including public school websites) **must conform to the Web Content Accessibility Guideline 2.0**. Accessibility involves a wide range of disabilities, including visual, auditory, physical, speech, cognitive, language, learning, and neurological disabilities. Sites running on DEC's School Website Service or Pario are already covered for accessibility, but **other custom sites produced by schools may not be**. DEC has published advice on the Intranet here: <http://tinyurl.com/decwebacc>

2014 Lenovo Base Desktop USB Issue

Some schools are finding a problem when using the 2014 Lenovo base model PC **with IWBs or Interactive projectors** when plugging the USB cable via the wall outlet. It appears that there is **insufficient power** to drive the connection and interactivity doesn't work. You may find that connecting a USB cable direct to the board or iProjector may work fine. Lenovo are looking into the issue. Apart from swapping the PC with another model, a solution is to use a powered USB hub like this: <http://tinyurl.com/usbhubpwr>

Inspire Innovate Conference Date Change

Back in issue 14, we let you know that the popular and **exciting Inspire Innovate conference** was back for another year, however there have been some changes and the date has been pushed back to its more **regular timeframe of March**. Full details in the new flyer - <http://tinyurl.com/inspire15>

Apple Configurator Backup

Schools that currently use **Apple Configurator** to deploy apps to iPads must ensure that they have a **backup solution** in place for the computer. This is to ensure that the database used by Configurator is backed up. If this database is lost for any reason, **all purchases made will be lost**. To ensure you have a suitable backup in place please log a service desk call.

Macs used for iPad Syncing

If a problem occurs with the computer used to manage your iPad, it is recommended that you contact the Schools ICT Services Unit **before returning to the place of purchase** for repairs or servicing. In many cases we may be able to rectify the issue and if we cannot, we can still advise on what needs to be completed before returning the Mac computer.

What to do with Damaged iPads

If your **managed iPad has an issue** and you believe it needs to be returned for warranty support, it is important that you **un-supervise the device** before returning it for repairs or replacement. Un-supervising the device will remove all apps and codes and return the device to the "Factory Default" state. A failure to un-supervise the device before returning it **may result in a loss of codes** if the device is replaced. If you require assistance with performing this, simply log service desk call.

IST and SDD Resources from Yass High

Nick Biddle is a Computing teacher at Yass High School with a passion for collaboration and open source teaching and he's put together a great resource to supplement the teaching of **all computing courses from years 9-12**. It offers links to relevant resources, access to multimedia projects and online learning assistance. <http://purplezeus.com>

The Solar System to Scale on your IWB

If we could shrink the **size of the Moon to just one pixel** on your monitor, how far would you have to scroll to get to Mercury from the Sun? What about to the other planets? Here's a **fun website** to answer the questions. <http://tinyurl.com/iwbsolarsys>

Education Week 2014

We're sure you already know, but Education Week **starts Monday 28 July (week 3)** and this year it's all about celebrating the 60th Education Week and "Lighting the Way to a Better World". Of course, technology fits that tagline down to a tee, so **how will your school incorporate ICTs into its Education Week celebrations?**

