



# Western Metropolitan Region Macintosh Schools Network

Notes from our last Get-Together!  
26/2/04

Thanks to everyone, who came along to our meeting at the AppleCentre in Moonee Ponds.



Many thanks to Justin, his team and the speakers for providing a full evening's PD for us!! Once again, I have jotted down the topics presented to us and tried to include as many of the web sites and resources people shared as possible.

Details for our next meeting on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May are written below.

Thanks,  
Deb and Mark.

## 1. Digital Portfolios

Steve Palmer discussed the use of digital portfolios at Essendon North Primary School. At present the junior school (P-2) produce a class portfolio and the senior school (3-6) students produce individual folios. Students completed multimedia work tasks for their portfolio. Each piece of work included spaces for teacher comment and personal reflection from the student.

Steve introduced us to a digital portfolio program he has been working on: the Ed Cube. Although not quite finished, the Java application is a cross between a Browser and iTunes (? I hope I got that right!) and runs on http. Steve has offered to share the Ed Cube with the network at one of our meetings when it's finished.

## 2. Tech Support Software

Glen Yates, Education Consultant from Apple Australia, began with a demonstration of Apple's iChat and its interaction with AOL and mobile technology. He then took us

through a number of utility applications that would help us through most network administration tasks.

What utilities are appropriate for what tasks??

Tools	Situations
Carbon Copy Cloner	ad-hoc imaging
Disk Utility	setting up new Macs
NetBoot & NetInstall	rescue / repair
ASR	rolling out labs
NetRestore	maintaining a lab image

Carbon Copy Cloner:

Developed by Mike Bombich (now Apple SE in USA)

<http://www.bombich.com/software/cccl.html>

Worthwhile Utility/Resources web sites:

- <http://www.apple.com/server/documentation>
- <http://www.apple.com/support>
- <http://www.apple.com/developer>
- <http://www.macosxlabs.org>

### 3. RedBug

Matthew Tonkin from RedBug Professional Development Providers spoke to the group about the PD workshops they run. They currently offer professional development in supporting and using Mac OS X. The material in these workshops has been developed specifically for schools by Red Bug staff who have had experience supporting technology in Australian primary and secondary schools.

Two workshops are currently available:

- Mac OS X for Network Administrators
- Mac OS X for ICT Coordinators

For more details visit:

<http://www.redbug.com.au/>

#### 4. iLife

Tony Maguire, Education Consultant from Apple Australia, introduced us to GarageBand and the iLife package. “GarageBand turns your Mac into an anytime, anywhere recording studio packed with hundreds of instruments and a recording engineer or two for good measure. It’s the easiest way to create, perform and record your own music whether you’re an accomplished player or just wish you were a rock star. And GarageBand is the newest member of the iLife family, so you can add your original music to your slideshows, your DVD menus, burn it to CDs or score your iMovie projects.”

For more info visit:

<http://www.apple.com.au/ilife/garageband/>

Tony sang and played his guitar to us, demonstrating how easy it was to connect instruments to the Macintosh and produce music with Garageband. Justin further encouraged us to jump into the iLife applications by providing everyone with a free iLife 4 CD!!

Thanks, Justin!!

## Next Meeting...

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

4:30 - 5:30pm

Iramoo Primary School

Host: Peter Mills

