



# Western Metropolitan Region Macintosh Schools Network

Notes from our last Get-Together!  
31/7/03

Thanks to everyone, who came along to our meeting at Williamstown Primary School. Once again, rather than the traditional type minutes, I have jotted down the topics we discussed and tried to include as many of the web sites and resources people shared as possible. I hope the resources prove useful and we see you all again at our next get-together! Details for our next meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October are written below.

Thanks,  
Deb

## Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Glen Yates, Education Consultant (K-12) for Apple Australia, attended the meeting to share Apple's new software and hardware.

### 1. iLife Software Package

Released early 2003, iLife packages iPhoto 2, iMovie 3, iDVD 3, iTunes 4 all in one upgrade. It provides software for digital music, photography, moviemaking, and DVD Creation. Made for Mac OS X (v10.2.2 is recommended).

iMovie has been rebuilt in Cocoa and is now directly linked to iPhoto and iTunes. As well as new effects, sounds and transitions available, you can directly edit audio for individual clips. For more information visit:

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

Glenn spoke about Easyscreen - transition plug-ins for iMovie available from eZedia.

Download for \$49 (US) from:

<http://www.ezedia.com/>

### 2. Soundtrack Software

Soundtrack, released in mid-July, brings the art of music composing to everyone. With minimal cost and effort, you can produce custom music to your video, DVD or Web project. Originally bundled with Final Cut Pro 4, it is now a standalone program. Made for Mac OS X. Education cost around \$299 (inc. GST) For more information visit:

<http://www.apple.com.au/soundtrack/>

### 3. iSight Camera

iSight is a state-of-the-art video camera to video conference with your colleagues, friends and family over broadband. Cost around \$239. Automatically launches iChatAV. Requires ADSL Broadband or higher. For more information visit:

<http://www.apple.com.au/isight/>

### 4. Dot Mac

<http://www.mac.com/>

Glen spoke about the 60 days free trial offer, available at the web site. Membership offers all the Internet essentials for the Mac user. You can share photos, calendars and files, create your own homepage and access your email and files online from any machine. Virus protection and backup software support the site.

Take the tour at:

<http://www.mac.com/1/iTour/index.html>

### 5. Version Tracker

Glen suggested people use the Version Tracker web site to download updates for their software. The site has links to thousands of software programs for both MacOS Classic and X and will keep you informed and up to date.

<http://www.versiontracker.com/>

### 6. Lesson Plans

Glen gave out a package of P-10 lesson plans. Contact Mark or myself if you missed out and would like a set. He also reminded us of the online tutorials available at:

<http://www.atomiclearning.com>

Our thanks to Glen for his time, expertise and the resources he shared with us.

### 7. Microsoft VirtualPC

We discussed the benefits (or not) of Microsoft's Virtual PC for Mac.

It lets you run Microsoft Windows applications, access Windows networks, use Windows-only Internet applications, and share files with Windows-based colleagues. For more information visit:

<http://www.microsoft.com/mac/products/virtualpc/virtualpc.aspx?pid=virtualpc>

### 8. Freeware & Resources

As always, I am on the lookout for quality free software. Recently I visited the Edmark web site and downloaded their free demos. You may be familiar with some of their programs – Millie's Maths House, Bailey's Book House. Each download provides a fully workable module from the CD and is well worth downloading. I used the Kinetics Lab,<sup>1</sup> exploring gravity, friction, mass, and inertia by putting balls in motion across a customisable metal surface, with the grade 3/4s and they have loved it!

You can find the software at:

<http://www.edmark.com>

or

[http://www.riverdeep.net/products/downloads/free\\_downloads.jhtml](http://www.riverdeep.net/products/downloads/free_downloads.jhtml)

### 9. Multiple Intelligences Software Resources

Still looking for information on Technology and Multiple Intelligences, I found all the information I needed at:

<http://eduscapes.com/tap/topic68.htm>

## Next Meeting...

Robert Stojcevski from Apple (ComputersNow) will host our next meeting on:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
4pm – 5:30ish  
Computers Now  
64 Clarendon Street  
South Melbourne 3205



Computers Now have kindly offered to provide refreshments.

Joe Cox - Apple Systems Engineer will be running through:

1. Mac OS X Server running Workgroup Manager with an apple and PC connected and a Mac OS X client in action.
2. A preview of Panther, both client and server.

Please let either Mark or myself know if you will be coming along.

Thanks and Happy Surfing ☺

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