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Professional Development Activities for Term 3, 2013

Event	Date
Skill Power Workshops 1. 9.30-11.00 Setting up the computer for LV users - Lyn Robinson, SVRC 2. 11.30-1.00 JAWS with Word - Garry Stinchcombe, SVRC 3. 1.30-3.30 ZoomText - Trevor Boyd, Quantum	Wednesday 7 August
Term 3 VT “Special Interest Groups” Day – see attached program	Tuesday 13 Aug
Skill Power Workshops 1. 9.30-11.00 Getting the most from Duxbury & embosser - Lea/Garry, SVRC 2. 11.30-1.00 BrailleNote in the Classroom - Lea Nagel/Garry Stinchcombe, SVRC 3. 1.30-3.30 – Request a session!	Wednesday 21 August
Masterclass: Supporting Children with Sensory Impairments & Multiple Disabilities – Dr Jan van Dijk (to be held at VDEI) – see issue 9 for details	Wed & Thur 28 & 29 August
Skill Power Workshops 1. 9.30-11.00; 2. 11.30-1.00; 3. 1.30-3.30 – Request a session! (Lea not available)	Wednesday 4 September
Dot Power – for braille readers from pre-school to grade 3	Tues 10 Sep

The program for 2013 is available from this link: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/PL.shtml>

Term 3 VT PD – “VT Special Interest Groups” – 13th August

With assistance from VTs, we will be conducting a “VT Special Interest Groups” PD day this term.

In brief, the program will include an iPad session, a session on setting up for a braille student transitioning to secondary school, report writing, scanning with Pearl – and possibly more! If regions would like to conduct a **regional/statewide meeting**, space can be arranged.

And if there is anything that anyone would like us to offer – or a session that you’d like to facilitate, please let us know.

Please BYO lunch or order from Heatherwood School on the day (orders taken at about 9.30am).

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Student Competition 2013: "My Top Tech Tip"

Create an audio or video presentation featuring your favourite tech tip!

Source: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/ttt.shtml>

Victorian students with vision impairments who are eligible for support from the SVRC are invited to submit their favourite technology tip. We welcome tips on any access technology that makes life easier – electronic magnification, scanning, braille, phone, household or recreation activities ... surprise us!



Topic: My Top Tech Tip

Format: audio file or video

Length: absolutely no longer than 60 seconds

Maximum entries per student: 2 (so pick your very best!)

To submit: email svrc@svrc.vic.edu.au or send on CD or memory stick

Closing date: Friday 8th November 2013

Further information: email svrc@svrc.vic.edu.au or phone Deb Lewis on 9841 9242

Results: prizes will be awarded at the SVRC Expo (Monday 25th December 2013) and results published in The Bulletin

When submitting your entry, please provide the following information:

- Name
- School
- Year level
- Visiting teacher
- Name of technology being featured
- Technology that was used to create the presentation
- Whether the presentation was produced with or without assistance

Please note: entries may be used in training videos which will appear on the internet - if so, students will be identified by first name only.

Sport 4 Kids

Text and photos by Jeni Blake, SEVR Visiting Teacher

Sporting opportunities for students who are blind or who have low vision are developing. In May and June over 6 weeks, twenty nine students and their siblings participated in a goal ball, soccer, blind cricket and swish pilot sporting program. With each session lasting 90 minutes, that was a whopping 2,160 minutes of available sport. Students gained 10 points for every session they attended with sporting equipment given as prizes for students who achieved 100 points, which 75% of the students achieved. More than 25% of the students achieved 200 points out of a maximum of 240 points possible, the maximum achieved by 3 students. A special presentation was held on the final day to give students a certificate, medal, soccer ball and information for families and schools about sports for children with vision impairment. The biggest achievement was the skill level of the students whose confidence and ball skills soared and the students successfully beat the parents relentlessly in the parent versus kid's matches. The parents have vowed to fight back with a secret training camp.

Despite being designed to be a “come and go” event to fit around family commitments, the organisers were surprised by the tenacity of most the students who played 6 hours of sport and were still running strong. However the parents reported they were asleep or quiet in the car going home and all slept well that night.

It was wonderful to see the Goal Ball Association, Blind Cricket Association, Blind Soccer and Swish association work seamlessly together and mobilise more than 30 volunteers as coaches. Appreciation to the co-ordinators Michelle Baird (Goal Ball), Darren Moyle (Soccer), Rod Pritchard (Cricket) and Kim Black (Swish). Inspirational was the leadership shown by our four 17-year-old coaches – Caroline B (Goal Ball), Steve O (Soccer), Dan P (Cricket) and Lizzie S (Swish).

The parents pitched in and cooked and served the lunch which was gourmet and a great multi age fun environment ensured every Saturday was very enjoyable. The weather was great and the one morning of rain meant that our soccer became crab soccer which was fun for all. The sporting groups are now evaluating and planning for future events.

Photos (top to bottom) show goalball action, a group of almost 20 students who attended a soccer training session (top); and Steve O demonstrating some of the finer points of soccer.



Liverpool Soccer Clinic: 24/07/2013

Text and photos by Jeni Blake, SEVR Visiting Teacher

Opportunities come and go but great things happen when you least expect. This was the case when Liverpool Football club offered to run a soccer clinic for 30 of our students with low vision.

Under tight security, the event was by invitation only at Melbourne Grammar School, where 47 of our students had an exclusive 2-hour clinic. Sponsored by Charters Bank surrounded by cameras and soccer super stars, our students enjoyed every minute of the event.

With soccer legend Ian Rush, Liverpool coaches Karl Carney, Eddie Sullivan, Forbes Duff, Anthony Wright, David McParland and Scott Fowler and Melbourne Grammar soccer captains, our students were taught dribbling the ball, rolling the ball, turning and goal kicking with some exciting results. The day was truly amazing with many dads taking time off work to be with the kids, principals and schools jealous of the opportunity. Time flew quickly and our students received shirts, hats, certificate and a backpack of Liverpool gear to commemorate the day.

It was a day that will not be forgotten in the lives of those who were lucky enough to attend and everyone was up late watching a wonderful match that night at the MCG.

This event was supported by Visiting Teachers, Guide Dogs Victoria, Insight School, Blind Cricket and Goal Ball associations and appreciation is extended to Michelle Baird for the outstanding administration of all the enrolments and co-ordinating the volunteers and staff.

The Liverpool Football Club motto: **“You’ll never walk alone”** inspires us all to work together for all. Students and families can contact the coaches via Twitter and for the SBS segment of the low vision clinic on LFC website:
<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/1792246/Sight-no-barrier-for-young-Liverpool-fans>



Photos: Keil with soccer legend Ian Rush (top), and a group shot of the two older training groups.

Follow-up email to VT:

Dear Sam,

I had a great time at the Liverpool FC clinic today. I enjoyed meeting the coaches and kicking the ball around to practise my skills. Thank you very much for this awesome opportunity. Can you please thank the organisers for me.

Regards, H

Liverpool Football Club – Blind Soccer Clinic – Melbourne

By Rod Pritchard

As a parent of a blind son I have ended up travelling down many different roads and pathways I never either anticipated or dreamed I would. As is common with most parents, I became involved with the things my kids do. In my case, this has turned out to be other members of the blind student community and their families, their various support networks and blind sports.

As the Victorian blind student community is only 0.009% of the total Victorian population and 0.25% of the total Victorian Blind population where 97% are over the age of 60 with an average age of 78, there are currently limited sporting opportunities available to these students and currently no organised Blind Soccer activities are readily available in Melbourne.

With such low numbers in the blind student community the blind sporting bodies of The Victorian Blind Cricket Association (www.vbca.org.au), the Victorian Goalball Association (a Paralympics sport www.goalball.org.au) and Swish Victoria (Blind Table Tennis) joined forces to establish Vision Impaired Sports (www.visports.org.au) that has the specific aim to help children with a vision impairment to have fun, develop age appropriate sporting skills and learn to be part of a team where they experience success from a young age.

As many are aware, the Liverpool Football Club was in Melbourne recently to play a friendly against Melbourne Victory. What many may not be aware of is that Liverpool has a high community conscience and contributes substantial time and resources to programs for disadvantaged groups both in England and Internationally. The LFC carry out these programs via the Liverpool FC Foundation that has a goal to provide tailored programs that inspire positive change and build better futures for young people and adults.

Forty-six students from all over the Melbourne metropolitan and Victorian country and regional areas applied for a place at the Clinic. Normally it is the mums who bring the kids to these events but this time we had a record number of dads nominated. Gee, I wonder why that was?

D-day came and 3 months of planning and preparations would be put to the test. The VI Sports support volunteers arrived. The kids and guardians arrived and went through the final registration requirements including each student receiving their LFC tee-shirt, a mandatory piece of uniform in order to participate in the event. The LFC Foundation coaches arrived and after a quick briefing of both the VI Sports volunteers and LFC coaches, it was on with the show.

The kids were broken up into their pre organized groups (1 x under 9, 2 x 9 to 13 and 1 x 13 plus) and equipped with the audible bell balls the LFC coaches took over and did their stuff. The coaches were brilliant engaging all the kids in the various activities and drills, many of who had never played soccer before. LFC legend Ian Rush was there and spent time with almost every participating student. The enthusiasm of the coaches was infectious and it was absolutely amazing to see the kids undertake all sorts of basic soccer skills some of which can be very challenging when you are totally blind.

The 90 minute program seemed to end all too quickly and it seemed like no time at all had passed when Ian Rush personally presented each participating student with a certificate of participation, a signed LFC cap and a soccer ball.

While some may have made it to the “G” to see the game live and others watched on TV, for me, I had the privilege of seeing firsthand how LFC give so willingly and generously something back to

those less fortunate in the communities they come in contact with. The proof of the pudding was the smiles on the kid's faces which said more in itself than words could possibly express.

There are some photos of the event on the LFC web page <http://www.lfctour.com/photos/rush-and-lfc-foundation-visit-melbourne-grammar-school> and their facebook page https://www.facebook.com/?sk=welcome&email_confirmed=1#!/media/set/?set=a.211770275645504.1073741909.160708397418359&type=3

Learning Bonus for Blind Parents' Kids

Adapted from: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2013/04/10/3733265.htm> (with thanks to Blind Citizens News, July 2013)

Research has recently been undertaken into communication differences between young children of parents with and without vision.

The study children (children of blind parents) began using their voices to communicate with their parents more quickly than average, while with other sighted adults they used the usual visual communication techniques like eye-contact and pointing just as effectively as children with sighted parents.

“That’s showing that the lack of the mum’s eye gaze or visual skills isn’t putting these babies at a disadvantage, it’s actually perhaps helping them become kids who are a bit more flexible, able to change their social behaviour a bit better depending on the situation,” says Hudry.

“That’s a really nice finding for families who might be in this situation. Just because the parent can’t use their eyesight in the usual way, the child isn’t at a disadvantage.”

In fact, when they tested the infants’ more general learning faculties, such as memory and attention, the researchers were surprised to find that the children of blind parents often scored better than a group of children of sighted parents.

To read the article: <http://www.abc.net.au/science/articles/2013/04/10/3733265.htm>

New Victor Reader Stream Getting Started Audio Tutorial

From Ramona Mandy, Humanware

Humanware have a new audio tutorial aimed at helping users to get started with using the new generation of Victor Reader Stream. It is approximately 30 minutes, covering an orientation to the Stream as well as introducing the new user to all of the basic functions of the device. Visit:

http://support.humanware.com/en-australia/support/victor_reader_stream_new_generation/victor_reader_stream_new_generation_documentation

Clic Glasses (as worn by Stephen Fry)

For more information visit: <http://www.clicproducts.com.au/>

An alternative to traditional glasses, Clic glasses fasten magnetically across the bridge of the nose and hang around the neck when not in use. Clic glasses ordered from the website come with a free set of reading lenses, (choose the strength you want when ordering) or they can be easily fitted with your own prescription by your optician.



Brailliant and iPhone

Excerpt: Techstyle Newsletter, July 2013 <http://www.humanware.ca/web/en/Newsletter/496.htm>

“The iPhone has been extremely popular among professionals and, in particular, students who are blind or have low vision. But one thing is missing, or at least it was. The access to literacy. For a blind person who has learnt braille, and for whom it is second nature, listening to a novel or the news headlines via synthetic speech will never be the same as having the text (complete with correct spelling and accurate punctuation) under his/her fingertips, and the spoken word is not a replacement for reading clear and correct braille. Also, sending a text message on an iPhone really does have the propensity to be arduous because, if you aren’t working with an external keyboard, you’re again relying on speech to locate the right letter.”



The new range of Brailliant displays are compatible with VoiceOver on the iPod/iPhone/iPad and allow users to send SMS’s via the Perkins-style keyboard, control the iPhone via a number of braille key combinations, and read any text (books, news, weather or email) in crisp, high-quality braille.

For more information contact:

Sam Taylor (NSW/ACT/QLD): (02) 8094 1257 or

Ramona Mandy (NT/VIC/TAS/SA & WA): (03) 9686 2601

New Low Vision Consultant for Humanware

Tony Wu has recently joined the Victorian team at Humanware as the Low Vision Consultant. Contact details: tony.wu@humanware.com or phone: 0488 298 819 / 03 9360 5043.

Blind Surfer

Derek Rabelo of Brazil is a keen surfer. Watch a video created by young some sighted surfers who are inspired by his surfing abilities:

http://mobile.surflines.com/m_video_page.cfm?id=67693&sef=true

The Story of Louis Braille

Entitled, “Louis Braille – The Blind Reading the Blind”, this text version of the story includes “the world before braille”, “Who was Louis Braille” and the development of the system that is now used worldwide: <http://scheong.wordpress.com/2012/10/07/louis-braille-the-blind-reading-the-blind/>

There is also a great audio version of the story by Denise Probert available on the SVRC website: <http://svrc.vic.edu.au/media/CULouisbraille.mp3>

Ballyland – Now Available

Source: <http://www.ballyland.com/>

Sonokids Ballyland™ is a fun and educational computer game for all children, including children with special needs. The design specifically supports playful learning by children who are blind or have low vision. Ballyland’s Any Key Goes enables children to explore the computer keyboard independently, with engaging sounds, images, stories and songs. Five Key Games introduce one key at a time, with all other keys disabled. These Key Games can also be accessed with single switch. Individual user license: AUD\$49

SVRC Catalogues Updated

The SVRC produces materials in alternative formats by request for eligible students with vision impairments in Victorian schools. Dianne and Cam have recently updated the catalogues which are now presented as follows:

- Audio - mp3, DAISY, audio CD
- Braille - Lower Primary - Prep to Grade 3
- Braille - Primary
- Braille - Secondary
- Etext - Little ebooks (illustrated) for Lower Primary - Prep to Grade 3 (eg Powerpoint, ePub)
- Etext - Primary (eg Word)
- Etext - Secondary (eg Word, PDF)
- Large Print - Primary
- Large Print - Secondary

Please contact your Visiting Teacher in order to make a request for materials in alternative format – audio, braille, etext or large print. Requests must be made using an alternative format request form which are also available from the Catalogue webpage: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/Acatalogue.shtml>

Talking Vision – Braille Music Camp 2013

Issue 173 (22 July 2013) of Talking Vision – a weekly audio magazine is now available.

Stephen Jolley, Vision Australia's Client Communications Advisor, writes:

This week, Talking Vision features audio articles including “the joy of music and fellowship at the National Braille Music Camp. At the end of June each year, young students of music come together for a week that’s so good, they keep going back to it. A camp organiser, tells us about the event with the DELIGHTS of music and braille. Three students talk about their music experience and we hear performances from the camp choir. Also, visitors from Fiji give us their impressions of the camp experience.”

You can hear:

- Jordie Howell, blind musician and braille trainer, one of the organisers of the event;
- Brother and sister attendees, Thanh and Thien, from Footscray in Melbourne;
- Micaela from Rutherglen in Northern Victoria.

To listen to this issue, visit:

http://cp166026.p1.videos.viostream.com/1917_152678_52691_mp3high.mp3

For Talking Vision back issues, visit: <http://radio.visionaustralia.org/programs/program/talking-vision>

Free Keysoft 9.3 Upgrade

Source and download: <http://www.humanware.ca/web/en/newsletter/2207131353.htm>

The new Keysoft for BrailleNote can now open and read docx documents saved in Microsoft Word 2007 or later. KeySoft will not strip out the primary formatting of a document, allowing you to understand how the document is laid out. View such formatting as heading styles, tables, footnotes and endnotes, and page alignment changes using both speech and Braille. Either view the document in KeyWeb using familiar navigation keystrokes or obtain a simplified version of the docx file in KeyWord for editing. There have also been improvements regarding web browsing.

MSSD National Partnership News from a School

Visiting Teacher Leigh Morrison supports twin girls in an inner suburban school in North-Western Victoria Region. Both girls are braille students and in class, they work primarily on their MSSD National Partnership funded BrailleNotes and Perkins Brailleurs. Leigh and integration staff, Josh and Mary, have supported the girls and the school for a number of years now and they have established a great work space.



Both girls have a computer monitor which attaches to their BrailleNotes allowing the teachers and aides to see the work that the girls are producing.

The photograph (top), shows the girls working on “ee” words with Mary. When their work is complete, they print out a copy on the printer beside them and paste it into their literacy books to hand to the teacher.

Their school recently received a braille embosser, also funded through MSSD National Partnership. Trevor Boyd from Quantum RLV installed the embosser (photo right) and offered some initial training. Leigh, Josh and Mary have also attended a workshop at the SVRC in making the best use of the Duxbury braille translation software and the embosser to support the girls.



Leigh comments, “The school is thrilled! It will make it so much easier as we need two copies of everything!”

More MSSD News – Transferring Equipment to a New School

For students with MSSD National Partnership equipment who are moving schools (eg making the transition from primary to secondary school), we are asking that the Visiting Teachers please discuss the loan of this equipment with the principal of the new school and arrange to have the relevant form completed.

The form, addressed to the Principal, states:

“The equipment listed above is currently on loan to the named student with a vision impairment who is enrolling in your school, for the time that this student is enrolled in a DEECD school and finds the equipment useful. The loan was arranged at the student’s previous school, and has been used to minimise the impact of the student’s vision impairment on their access to the curriculum. This equipment remains the property of the Statewide Vision Resource Centre and upon the student leaving the school or no longer requiring it, the equipment should be returned to the Centre. If this equipment is broken or rendered inoperable through misuse, the school or family may be responsible for the costs of repair or replacement.”

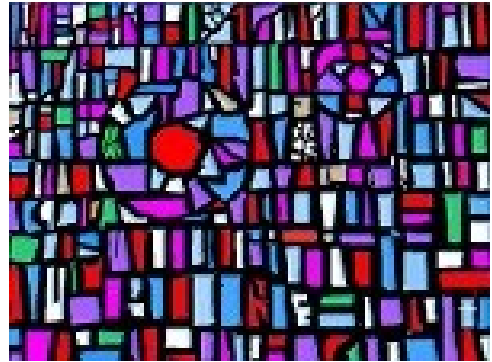
Links to the form can be found towards the bottom of the following website:

http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/Anational_partnership.shtml

The Pixel Painter

Artist Hal Lasko is 97 years old and has Macular Degeneration. He worked as a graphic artist back when everything was done by hand. His family introduced him to the computer and Microsoft Paint long after he retired. Now, he spends ten hours a day moving pixels around his computer paintings. His work is a blend of pointillism and 8-Bit art.

Thanks Michael Donnelly for this link to a video showing Hal and some of his work: <http://vimeo.com/70748579>



VISCON: PD Opportunity in NSW

RIDBC Renwick Centre offers a range of continuing education opportunities as well as their Masters in Sensory Impairment qualification. One of their annual offerings is VISCON which will be held this year in November.

When: Thursday 21 and Friday 22 November 2013

Where: RIDBC Renwick Centre, North Rocks, NSW

Speakers & Topics: Professor Ike Presley along with a cast of local specialists in the field of vision impairment including Greg Alchin, Michelle Knight and Paul Pagliano, on a range of topics including vision impaired students with additional impairments, career education, PE and sport, stereotypic behaviour, digital content and literacy, support to rural and remote children and families, NDIS, iPad and social capital.

For further information please contact: Trudy Smith (02) 9872 0302 or trudy.smith@ridbc.org.au

Veronica's Radio Station Visit

Helen Caldwell's student Veronica had a very exciting experience recently!

On Monday the third of June, my class went to visit Fox FM. We went there because we were doing a radio show at school and the visit would be good for us to experience what it is like in a recording studio. I was really looking forward to the day.

When we were at the studios, we had a tour. We were shown around and had a look at some of the equipment. Next we did some recording in the studio. It was really fun because we had a pair of headphones each and spoke into microphones.

The day was already exciting, but something else happened. We met Hamish and Andy. It was a complete surprise! I was so excited to meet them that I was star struck! We had a group photo and we were given show bags. Over all the day was awesome!

Veronica is shown (right) with Hamish.



Space Camp 2013 – News

Dan Oates, organiser of SCIVIS – Space Camp for Interested Visually Impaired Students – has indicated in a recent email that a record number of students will be attending this year’s program!!! He writes:

“Today I registered the 204th student for SCIVIS! That is approx. 50 more than last year! New teams from the Indiana School for the Blind, Costa Rica, and Ontario, Canada are coming. The Wisconsin School for the Visually Handicapped is returning this year.”

We wish Dan and his team and all the participants a wonderful time – and we hope to send a Victorian group next year. It sounds like we’d better get organised early!!!

Missing Jumbo Brailier

Does anyone have a Jumbo Brailier with the Serial Number H8655? It belongs to Vision Australia and they would like it returned. A Jumbo Brailier has dots that are slightly further apart – and is therefore not really suitable for children in any case. Many thanks!

SVRC Freebies

There are a number of 2010 NAPLANS for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in large print at the SVRC that are available for VTs.

Vacancy in North-Eastern Victoria Region

- A position for a full time Visiting Teacher for vision and physical/health (expert teacher) is currently being advertised on Recruitment Online. The network office is in Wodonga and the start date for this ongoing position is 7th October 2013. For further information please contact Kim Foley on 0429 552 637.

Staff News

- Visiting Teachers **Denise Probert** and **Jenny Williams** have recently been enjoying some Long Service Leave – lovely! Denise spent time in Europe and had a fantastic time by all accounts!
- **Emily White** (SWVR Visiting Teacher/SVRC) and **Lea Nagel** (SVRC) are currently on leave.
- **Lyn Robinson** will be back from leave this week.
- **Braille Sue Sharp** from SVRC will be heading for sunny climes for a few weeks.
- **Rosemary Donald** AND **Nicole Woods**, both from Kurunjang Primary School in Melton have passed the SVRC Braille Course by Correspondence with flying colours – well done to Rosemary and Nicole!

Finally

And finally thanks to everyone for their contributions to this Bulletin, especially Lea Nagel.

If you have something you would like included in “The Bulletin” please email Lyn Robinson lynrobin@svrc.vic.edu.au

To read The Bulletin online: <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/Abulletin.shtml>

Statewide Vision Resource Centre
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Visiting Teacher “Special Interest Groups” – Standards of Professional Practice

Tuesday 13 August 2013
9.30am to 3.30pm

The Statewide Vision Resource Centre aims to bring you up-to-date and relevant professional development opportunities which relate to the Standards of Professional Practice.

Time	Topic	Standards of Professional Practice
9.30-10.30	iPad with Lyn Robinson, SVRC BYO iPad	1, 2, 3, 6
10.30-11.15	Nystagmus and Q&A/Case Study with Annette Godfrey-Magee and Marion Blaze, SVRC	1, 3
11.15-12.30	Tactual Graphics: Duxbury/QuickTac/Embosser/Drawing Kit with Lea Nagel, SVRC	1, 2, 3, 5, 6
12.30-1.30	Lunch time – BYO	
1.30-2.15	Braille students in secondary settings facilitated by Heidi Littleford, SVRC HEIDI ASKS THAT YOU BRING YOUR IDEAS FOR BRAILLE-USING YEAR 7 STUDENTS	1, 2, 3, 5
2.15-3.00	Report writing with Heidi Littleford & Holly Beasley, SVRC HEIDI & HOLLY ASK THAT YOU BRING YOUR IDEAS AND EXAMPLES OF CURRENT REPORTS FOR A DISCUSSION	4, 7, 8
3.00-3.30	Scanning with Pearl Camera and OpenBook with Lea Nagel, SVRC	1, 2, 5

- Concurrent sessions can be conducted to offer a wider range of topics.
- If you'd like to suggest or facilitate a session, please be in touch.
- We can offer space if you'd like to meet as a region – or as statewide Visiting Teachers.
- Please BYO lunch or order from Heatherwood School on the day (orders taken at about 9.30am).
- Registration by Friday 9 August by email pd@svrc.vic.edu.au.



Statewide Vision Resource Centre

presents

Expo 2013

featuring best practice in access technology options for students with vision impairments

When: Monday 25th November 2013
10.00am - 2.30pm

Where: Statewide Vision Resource Centre
370 Springvale Road, Donvale

in the grounds of Heatherwood School
(please park in the **lower carpark** at the Sports Centre next door)

Displays and demonstrations of the latest in access technology for students with vision impairments.

Come and see and try: enlarging and talking computer software, electronic magnification, calculators, talking books, optical equipment, braille technology, sports equipment and more.

The day is open to teachers, teacher aides, parents, students, mobility instructors, rehabilitation workers or anyone with an interest in access technology for students with vision impairments.

Competition: My Top Tech Tip (audio or video) – prizes on the day
For entry details see <http://www.svrc.vic.edu.au/ttt.shtml>

Plan to spend the time to try out something new!

Cost: Free (and no need to register)

For further details: phone 9841 0242 or email svrc@svrc.vic.edu.au



Parking

There is no parking available at the Statewide Vision Resource Centre or Heatherwood School. Please park **in the lower carpark** behind the Donvale Sports Centre - the building beside (to the north) of the SVRC. You can then walk through the double gates and the Statewide Vision Resource Centre is to the left.

Public Transport: Bus and train

The nearest and most accessible train station is Nunawading. Trains on the Belgrave and Lilydale lines run through this station. A bus also runs from Box Hill Central which also has good train access.

The Statewide Vision Resource Center is serviced by **3 bus routes**.

- 902 Smart Bus, Chelsea to Airport West
- 271 Box Hill to Ringwood
- 273 Nunawading to The Pines

The 902 and 273 both leave from the Nunawading station. It is only an 8 minute trip to the SVRC.

