"App is short for application software but is frequently used to mean mobile applications" - Wikipedia.

I often get asked what apps I recommend for HPE teachers and its funny how I always seem to come back to these 3 apps. There are thousands of apps for teaching and learning, and I still stick by my two mottos when deciding whether an app is worthwhile: How will it improve teacher efficiency? How will the integration of this app foster learning?

As the teacher, you don't need a one-to-one classroom (one device for every student) to integrate tablets effectively. Whether you have one iPad or ten, possibilities for teaching with them are endless.

3. Google Drive

Three are hundreds of ways to incorporate Google Apps for Education into your classroom, from students collaborating with each other to create a group presentation, to using it to mark your roll. A number of iPad schools are switching to Google Apps for Education for students to hand in work and it also allow teachers to easily mark and correct the piece of work within the same document. +Becky Evans (Google+ username) has created a good guide to pitch 40 ideas to start using Google Apps in your class. You can find the document here:
http://tinyurl.com/m2n3p8l

Week 1

iMuscle 2
Fantastic app to use for anything ranging from anatomy, to learning to exercise and stretch specific muscles in your body. Our Sport Science class used this extensively last year.

Week 2

Fixture Maker
by Kuark Dijital.
Fixture Maker solves all your tournament scheduling and scoring problems. It allows for as many teams as you like and will even produce a live ladder on the fly.

Week 3

BaM Video Delay
An app I've been trialling towards the end of last year. Will discuss this app in detail next month, love it!

Week 4

TED
Using TED Talks to flip the classroom. It provides great discussion starters on a range of topics. There are numerous TED Talks on sport or health for the classroom.
Three Ring
This is an app that I use frequently for my PE prac classes. It provides a simple way for teachers to document a student's work. Once you have set up your classes on their website (simple cut & paste) of your class list, its as simple as clicking on the student or students' names and deciding on the type of documentation to upload. You can take a photo or video, or record a voice memo on the particular student. I also use my school's photocopy machine as a scanner and scan all of my students' written work and tests. That way, I can easily search and retrieve the work for parent teacher interviews or report writing.

Socrative
Socrative is by far my most used app for 2013. It is a real time student response system that allow teachers to quiz students and get immediate feedback. Teachers can create quick quizzes by combining multiple choices, true or false question or short answer questions. The cool thing about this app is that it allows teachers to email a report of the responses to themselves afterwards. I use this in combination with my flipped classroom approach. Students view a video I set for them as homework, and when they get to class, their first task is to log onto Socrative and answer a series or quick questions for me to gage their understanding and modify my lesson that way.

Discovery 2014

PEAK Phys Ed Discovery Conference 2014
Australian Physical, Health & Outdoor Education Conference
Melbourne Cricket Ground and National Tennis Centre
Friday 28 February, 2014

I'll be presenting 2 sessions on incorporating ICT into HPE at the Discovery conference in February this year. For more information, goto PEAK Phys Ed’s website and check it out! It promises to be a fantastic day of learning and networking.
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