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For this month’s newsletter, I interviewed a number of our fellow HPE educators in Melbourne, Australia, to find some advice on how to engage our students with technology. Hopefully, this will be a feature in my future newsletters, so if you want to be involved, feel free to contact me via Twitter: @nerdyphyseder or email: michaelha@gmail.com.

In August last year, I floated the idea of building an online professional learning network (PLN), allowing us to collaborate, share lesson plans, resources, teaching strategies, and ask questions of each other.

Personally, I have been using Twitter, and have been able to build a fantastic network of friends that I can turn to for advice. And as my mentor teacher once told me, ‘why reinvent the wheel?’ With so many great educators around the world willing to share their experiences, why not tap into that and at the same time professionally develop ourselves.

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Week 1
iDoceo
This app is basically an all-in-one replacement for your teacher chronicle. It has tons of features and all within the same app. Jump on board!

Week 2
IceBreakers Games
A fantastic reference app created by @GraciousWolf_PE from http://educationisphysical.com/ Our faculty used a number of the activities in the app to great effect at the start of this year.

Week 3
TGfU Games PE
Another app created by @GraciousWolf_PE, and no I don’t get any commissions, this is another great reference app in teaching what we refer to as Game Sense in OZ.

Week 4
2048
Be warned! If you don’t want to be addicted, do not download! It’s the new Flappy Birds, but has mathematical educational values.
Corrie Barclay

Describe one of the most innovative and engaging activities that you use with students in Physical Education?

Senior Years Phys. Ed
Students Developing iBooks
for younger classes / students
based on the importance of
exercise and nutrition.

What apps/tools/resources I
can’t live without?
Nanopod, iBooks, iBooks Author,
IMovie

What’s the best teaching advice
you ever received?
Get to know your students as what
you see is not always what you
get.

Where can people find you
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Twitter - @CorrieB
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Kaaryn Goonan

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Having students watch from the
sidelines during gameplay and
then providing feedback to a peer
regarding technique/decision
making.

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“Join Twitter. It is the best place to share ideas, collaborate with other educators, seek answers and challenge myself to be a better teacher.”

Best teaching advice I ever received

Corey Aylen

Describe one of the most innovative and engaging activities that you use with students in Physical Education?

I love using iPad’s and technology in PE for specific skill development, but I still find the most engaging and enjoyable lessons are those where every student is actively involved. To achieve this I incorporate lots of modified games with small teams to ensure each student is participating and involved. I am a big advocate for maximising participation time in all lessons.

What apps/tools/resources I can’t live without?

Google Drive, Coaches Eye, Video Delay, Twitter

Where can people find you online?

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“Passionate”

One word that best describes you as a teacher

Edmodo, Rain? (app)

What apps/tools/resources I can’t live without?

Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School

David Halantas

Describe one of the most innovative and engaging activities that you use with students in Physical Education?

I did this one activity with my year 10 Strength & Conditioning unit where I had all pieces of sporting equipment spread out all over the gym. I got the students to get into groups of 4 and gave them a scenario each.

Each scenario was based on an athlete wanting to improve a certain fitness component in order to benefit his performance in his specific sport. Students were given 10 minutes planning time prior to picking up any equipment.

At the end of the lesson all groups presented their drill to the class. Other students had to determine what whilst the other students guessed what fitness component they were aiming to improve.

This simple activity was a very positive experience for me as I was able to watch the students really drive their own learning.