

## School Safari website aids excursion planning

A website designed to help schools to research and book excursions has been launched at [www.schoolsafari.com.au](http://www.schoolsafari.com.au). The process starts with a simple form that selects suitable field-trips by Region or Venue Name; Level, State; Subject and activity with drop down menus to refine searches.



A wide search for >Sydney found seven destinations, while >Science found 32 destinations and 40 programs. More selective searches narrowed the results: A search selecting >Sydney >Level 7-8 >Science >Excursion found The Botanic Gardens and Uneath Ed with one program offered by the former and a choice of five at Uneath Ed linked to an excursion booking form.

Natasha Keller, Community and Communications Manager said: “We are adding new destinations and excursions day by day and expect School Safari to become the first place to go when planning a local or interstate field trip.

“Many of the venues include a direct link to their bookings and enquiries page so schools can choose their destination and make a booking at the same time.”

## Dorothea Mackellar competition for young poets

The Dorothea Mackellar annual poetry competition for school aged children is a unique national project, giving Australia's youth a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature.



Last year's competition attracted 10,000 submissions from 655 schools Australia wide in the nine categories.

The 2016 competition opens on March 1st and closes on June 30th. This year's optional theme is 'Waiting', to give poets' imaging freedom to roam far and wide. Waiting for what, For whom?

Winners will receive their awards at the Annual Awards celebration in October in Gunnedah, NSW.

This year's sponsors are Gunnedah Shire, Multicultural NSW, National Literacy and Numeracy Week, and the Children's Book Council of Australia

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## New Snowflake version released

**N**uiteq released ver 4.10 of their award winning Snowflake MultiTeach® educational software. MultiTeach is a suite of collaborative learning games specifically for touchscreens used in primary classrooms. It comes with over 25 inbuilt apps plus the ability for teachers to create their own lessons.

The MultiTeach community page was also launched in December. This is a resource for teachers to share lessons that they have created. They can post their own lessons or find appropriate lessons created by others to use. There are now over 130 lessons on the page.

New features in Ver 4.10 include a new creation interface in the Lessons app. Two new creatable lesson types, Einstein and Geometry are now available. Two prebuilt apps, Drums and Snowdoku have also been added. Drums can be used in Zones, in combination with Piano to create music. Snowdoku has been added to the Maths category. It is now also possible to make annotations on top of content in the Presenter app, which is ideal for teachers to make highlights on display.



The new upgrade is available for free download to licenced owners of MultiTeach as the software has a lifetime licence with free upgrades and no subscription fees.

MultiTeach software is available from A Brighter Image Pty Ltd (ABI) and also comes as a complementary bonus with every one of their AstralVision large format touchscreens purchased.

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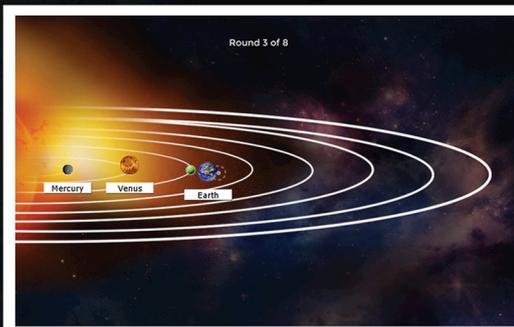
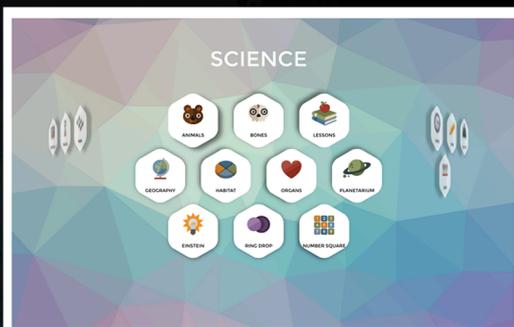
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A Brighter Image (ABI), the distributor of AstralVision touchscreens in Australia, has partnered with NUITEQ to bring awareness to the benefits of Snowflake software.

In a joint promotion, ABI is offering a bonus copy of Snowflake MultiTeach with each AstralVision touchscreen. Contact ABI on 02 9938 6866 or go to <http://www.abimage.com.au/snowflake.html> for more information.

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## Wakakirri 2016 Story Dance

**W**akakirri Story Dance is the search for the most inspirational Story Dance created by an Australian school. Great stories can be about anything and in 2016 the Wakakirri search is on again! Wakakirri is a creative challenge that is accessible and affordable for every school in Australia.



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## Future Schools Expo expects 1500



**T**he National Future Schools Expo and Conferences to be staged at Australia Technology Park in Sydney from 3-4 March is expected to attract up to 1500 educators.

Keynote speakers include Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, science communicator; Richard Gerver, international adviser to businesses, education and government; Dr Jane Hunter, senior lecturer and researcher in STEM education at UTS; and Ayesha Khanna, futurist and expert in education technology and urbanization.

There will be five streams: Future Leaders Conference; Class Tech Conference; STEN technology and strategies to assist children with learning difficulties; Young Learners Conference; and Teaching kids to code.

The exhibition will present products and services from 80 suppliers to the education sector.

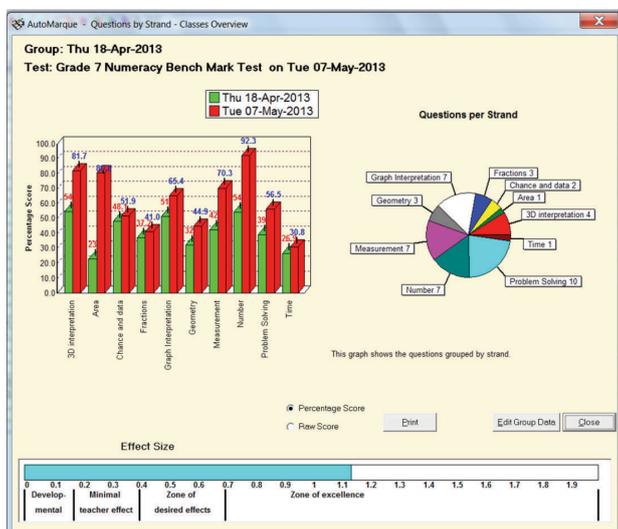
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