

The Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) Language and Literacy Special Interest Group (SIG) in conjunction with the Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI) proudly presents:

# Digital Literacies Come to School

## Uses and impacts of mobile touch screen devices on early literacy teaching and learning

Friday 17 July, 2015  
9:30am- 4:30pm  
Level 3, 550 Bourke St  
Deloitte Building  
Melbourne Corporate Centre  
Deakin University



Hosted by Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) Language and Literacy Special Interest Group (SIG) (Co-Conveners Dr Sue Nichols, University of South Australia and Dr Jo O'Mara, Deakin University) and Deakin University Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI) (Director, Alfred Deakin Professor Jill Blackmore).

### Preamble

Touch-screen mobile devices such as iPads and smart phones have made computing technology easily accessible by young children. Seeing young children using these devices has now become commonplace in Australia, and primary schools have been enthusiastically incorporating them into the early years literacy sessions. In this one day research symposium we take stock of what is happening with digital literacy in the early years—What are the uses and impacts of these devices on early literacy learning and teaching? We will consider how young children are using the devices, what skills they might be developing, the implications of this for early literacy teaching, learning and policy, how the integration of devices both fits into and disrupts early years teaching and learning practices and the implications of all this for teacher education.

The day will be structured to enable discussion between all participants. Speakers will provide a prompt for discussion and give some examples from their own work, with the aim of stimulating conversation between all researchers participating in the day. Come along prepared to share, challenge and be challenged.

### Introduction

Alfred Deakin Professor Jill Blackmore  
Director, Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI), Deakin University

## Discussion leaders (Provocateurs) include:



Associate Professor Karen Dooley, Queensland University of Technology



Dr Michael Dezuanni, Queensland University of Technology



Associate Professor Linda Laidlaw, University of Alberta



Dr Julianne Lynch, Deakin University



Dr Sue Nichols, University of South Australia



Professor Nicola Yelland, Victoria University

## Registration

To register for this event click [here](#). (Please note only credit card payments can be accepted.) Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included in cost of registration. Please note any dietary requirements at time of registration.

Full registration	\$50
Deakin staff and HDR students	N/A

**Deakin staff and students must register via the link but are not required to pay to attend this event.**

## Further Information

For further information please email [lisa.angelini@deakin.edu.au](mailto:lisa.angelini@deakin.edu.au)

The **Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI)** is a Strategic Research Centre based within the School of Education at Deakin University. Research crosses all sectors- kindergartens, schools, universities, vocational education and training and community education. Visit the website <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/src/crefi/>