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**DianneA:** Hello Aidalin, Anabell and Nuvia ...

**DianneA:** early birds I see

**DianneA:** . o O ( unless I am late again? )

**AidalinS:** no

**AidalinS:** just in time

**DianneA:** good ...

**DianneA:** then what sort of thing might we explore here today .. what is on your mind/s

**BJB2:** This group has been attending a lot of discussions, Dianne....

**BJB2:** I'd be interested in hearing their feedback on what they think of participating in text chat...

**DianneA** nods to BJ

**BJB2:** and if they feel they've gained anything from the experiences

**DianneA:** great questions BJ

**DianneA:** and the silence is deafening, but perhaps our crew for today is waiting politely for the starting time for the discussion so that 'no-child-is-left-behind'?

**DianneA:** Welcome to today's Teachers-in-Training session

**DianneA:** are you all members of Dr Brown's class?

**NancySal:** yes

**AidalinS:** yes

**NuviaS:** yes

**DianneA:** and have you been to a series of Tapped In sessions as part of a summer assignment?

**AidalinS:** yes

**NuviaS:** yes

**NancySal:** class sessions, yes

**DianneA:** then what Bj and I, as Helpdesk staff, and professional developers and wondering how to make Tapped In even better ...

**DianneA:** what we would like to know is ...

**DianneA:** how have you found these sessions

**DianneA:** what have you got out of these sessions?

**AidalinS:** a sense of knowledge

**DianneA:** how could we make these sessions better for folk like yourselves

**NuviaS:** more experience, technology wise

**NancySal:** learning to chat with peers

**AidalinS:** talk about things that are affecting us

**AidalinS:** well I mean future teachers

**NuviaS:** I wouldn't know but I see good so far.

**AidalinS:** things that we can utilize in the future when we start teaching

**NancySal:** I think that communication can be done in many ways, and this is an alternative form of communicating.

**DianneA:** One of the first things we do in a session like this is ask people to introduce themselves ... where they are from, and what area of teaching are they in or looking forward to being in ...

**DianneA:** so over to you ... where are you from?

**DianneA:** what area of teaching is your specialty or where do you hope to teach?

**DavidW:** I'm David Weksler. I help teachers learn more about educational technology.

I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

**DianneA:** I am from Wollongong Australia, and my area is professional development

**DianneA:** thanks David

**BJB2:** I teach communication and am in Pennsylvania

**AlexandrMB:** umm I am from Edinburg and I am hoping to teach 11th grade English

**DianneA** notes that the group might like to detach their chat area (click on Actions and on Detach)

**GregMar:** I'm from Weslaco, Texas and I plan to teach 11th or 12th in high school

**DianneA:** thanks Alexandra, Greg, anyone else for the introduction please

**AlexandrMB:** please just call me Alex

**AlexandrMB** smiles

**DianaG:** I'm from McAllen Texas, plan to teach elementary

**AidalinS:** yeah you could all call me Aida

**DianneA:** We thought we would take the opportunity today to look at your recent experience of Tapped In, as part of your preparation for teaching ...

**SylviaMe:** Thanks

**AlexandrMB:** ok

**CatherineZ:** sounds good

**DianaG:** ok

**DianneA:** in what way has Tapped In helped you feel more comfortable about teaching in the near future?

**AlexandrMB:** the tech, that goes with it it's preparing us for the future

**SylviaMe:** there is so much information that is coming from a variety of places

**DianaG:** yes

**DianneA:** can you elaborate with a bit more detail, Alex?

**AlexandrMB:** yes and the resources that we are exposed to

**DianneA:** is that helpful Sylvia?

**SylviaMe:** yes very much

**AidalinS:** it has helped me because I feel that I can express myself more than before

**NancySal:** I think that technology opens many doors, and this is a very good example of the things that technology can accomplish

**CatherineZ:** Yeah, I agree with Alexandra. Also, all of these chats give you valuable insight from experienced educators and professionals

**NuviaS:** it has gained me confidence with the classmates, because it's easier to ask a question or have a conversation.

**AidalinS:** plus it has taught me about technology and the presentations are great

**GregMar:** It's helped me to become more aware of how to post links, talk to other students, but importantly it has prepared me to involve the internet more with teaching

**MariaBa:** so do I

**DianneA:** so you are seeing, through Tapped In the potential to use the computer as a source of information for teaching?

**AlexandrMB:** ummm. it is because it is the future of classroom teaching

**CatherineZ:** Definitely, Dianne

**NuviaS:** presentations are very good and they are very understanding and easy

**AlexandrMB:** look at it right now .... tech. is already in play look at us now

**SylviaMe:** We have to stay one step ahead

**AlexandrMB:** we are holding discussion

**CatherineZ:** yup

**AlexandrMB:** just imagine a couple of years from now when we are teachers

**NuviaS:** yes

**CatherineZ:** technology is only going to continue advancing

**NancySal:** Yes, Nora

**DianneA:** Is there anything about Tapped In that has challenged you about your preparation for teaching?

**NoraEG:** yes I also agree

**DianaG:** yes I agree

**NoraEG:** I have learned a lot thanks to Tapped In

**AidalinS:** yes I also agree

**MariaBa:** yes

**CatherineZ:** I would say it has challenged my ideas or points of view. I've become a lot more open minded because of the chats and things that I learn

**AidalinS:** yes in the beginning

**NancySal:** I also, have learned as I've gone through the program

**DianaG:** I learn about so many resources and also from professionals

**AidalinS:** but now I feel more comfortable with it

**CatherineZ:** The Education program, Nancy?

**SylviaMe:** my challenges are being computer literate and I am surprised at the things I know and so are my kids

**NuviaS:** as a student it has, I think this program competitive situation

**NoraEG:** I agree with Nancy

**AlexandrMB:** yes it has because we are stepping out of the norm

**NuviaS:** yep

**MariaBa:** I've save a lot of resources that can help me to use technology in the classroom

**AlexandrMB:** the classic classroom setting

**DianneA:** what do you like most about the chat facility at Tapped In?

**CatherineZ** thinks maybe tapped in is "the program"

**SylviaMe**: the help

**CatherineZ**: the chat is always interesting. No matter what the topic....

**DianneA** thinks Catherine might be correct

**CatherineZ** smiles

**AnabellR**: Is something new for me and I learn new things

**SylviaMe**: I agree

**AlexandrMB**: it has allowed us to be more opened minded since tapped in is like a whole education world within itself

**NuviaS**: it's very convenient

**NancySal**: I like the fact that I can have a conversation such as this one, and not have to leave my home.

**AlexandrMB**: it leads to many places

**SylviaMe**: me too Nancy

**CatherineZ**: Convenient for sure.

**MariaBa**: and time goes so fast with technology

**AlexandrMB**: it is convenient

**AnabellR**: I agree with Alex

**CatherineZ**: Chatting is a lot more interesting than say a big group meeting

**DianneA**: what do you like least about the chat facility at Tapped In?

**AlexandrMB**: yes and u are not embarrassed

**CatherineZ**: Also, people tend to interact and engage themselves more in the conversation while chatting

**DianaG**: yes because everybody participates

**CatherineZ:** Perhaps more than they would in person

**AlexandrMB:** yes because it is a relaxed setting

**AnabellR:** and available at home

**NuviaS:** you don't get to see the person who you are chatting with

**MariaBa:** we can communicate about our assignments

**AlexandrMB:** it is like what some teachers say that a student can go through their whole college career and not say a word

**NancySal:** I am still learning about it and I am hoping to learn from it for future needs

**NancySal:** I agree with Nuvia as well

**CatherineZ:** The thing I dislike would be that there is no noise when someone adds a line in a chat. Like when you receive a private chat there is a little "ding" noise. I'd like the noise, that's how AIM and other chatting programs have it

**NoraEG:** I am also learning but it has being a challenge for me

**DianneA:** Nuvia, if you highlight my name under the HERE tab and click on the green I icon at the bottom, you can get to see me

**AnabellR:** I love to listen and learn

**AidalinS:** I was confused in the beginning but I am getting the hang of it now

**MariaBa:** when I first started my class I had no idea I would become a member of

**CatherineZ:** sees the picture of Dianne

**NuviaS:** ok

**NoraEG:** how can I see her

**DianneA:** grins to Catherine and Nora

**NoraEG:** I didn't know that was possible

**AidalinS:** I didn't know that either

**CatherineZ:** highlight her name on the HERE tab then click the green "i" icon at the bottom

**NancySal:** At the beginning I thought I would never get the hang of it either but it is not as hard as I thought it would be

**MariaBa:** Especially when we had to do presentations online

**AlexandrMB:** because there are people to help you

**DianaG:** yup is easier than what I thought

**AlexandrMB:** and they are nice

**NoraEG:** true

**NoraEG:** there is always somebody here to help me and guide me

**AnabellR:** Is good to see a face of the person you are talking

**DianneA:** Ok, then, taking the conversation to another area ...

**AlexandrMB:** no one is going to be cruel because we are all here to learn

**MariaBa:** they walk you through

**NuviaS:** wow I sure didn't know this

**AidalinS:** me neither

**DianneA:** what else about Tapped In besides the chat do you find most helpful?

**SylviaMe:** the calendar

**AidalinS:** turning in assignments to Dr. Brown

**AidalinS:** and the calendar and other features that are on here

**AnabellR:** posting web sites for presentations

**DianneA:** do you mean the transcripts Aidalin?

**AlexandrMB:** the resources it provides after learning the process

**AidalinS:** yes

**NoraEG:** I also like that

**CatherineZ:** I'd say it's easy to navigate. So, that makes it more useable

**MariaBa:** You get to communicate with educators all over the country

**AlexandrMB:** yes it is easy

**NoraEG:** the transcripts are very good and helpful

**DianneA:** and internationally Maria

**AidalinS:** wow

**MariaBa:** Wow

**NancySal:** What I find helpful is that if you have a question other students can help you out

**NuviaS:** Interesting

**AidalinS:** I didn't know that

**NancySal:** wow

**AlexandrMB:** yes because u ca go back and get whatever u need

**DianneA** looks out her window at a sunny winter's day in Kiama

**NoraEG:** very interesting

**AlexandrMB:** yes it is helpful

**MariaBa:** That's great

**AlexandrMB:** I never had a bad experience with tapped in

**NoraEG:** very great

**AidalinS:** yup

**MariaBa:** You all are so friendly and helpful

**AlexandrMB:** and how easily it is to talk to people across the world about topics, issues, education, and so on

**DianneA:** Let me show you all something else ...

**SylviaMe:** Where is Kiama?

**AnabellR:** I have the same question sylvia

**CatherineZ** wonders where Kiama is too

**NoraEG:** who is Kiama??

**NuviaS:** who is Kiama

**DianneA:** I am going to go to my office, where I have some pictures of Kiama and links to Kiama available

**NancySal:** ??????

**DianneA:** do you know how to follow me there?

**DianaG:** kool

**SylviaMe:** not really

**AnabellR:** no

**NancySal:** no

**DianaG:** not really

**MariaBa:** no

**CatherineZ:** I do, Dianne. I think

**AidalinS:** me neither

**DianneA:** when I go type /join **DianneA**

**GregMar** wonders about Kiama

**DianneA:** ready?

**NuviaS:** can you explain

**BJB2** stays to help

**DianneA:** thanks BJ

**DianneA** left the room.

**BJB2:** when you see Dianne leave this room

**NuviaS:** explain how can we follow

**NoraEG:** what is going on

**BJB2 . o O ( now.... )**

**BJB2:** type /join DianneA

**AidalinS:** yeah could somebody explain please

**BJB2:** make sure you type the / first

**AnabellR:** where?

**CatherineZ** left the room.

**BJB2:** in the chat window

**NuviaS** left the room.

**AidalinS:** join DianneA

**BJB2:** type /join DianneA

**NoraEG:** join DianneA

**SylviaMe** left the room.

**BJB2:** Aida, type the / first

**AnabellR:** join DianeeA

**BJB2:** Nora, type the / first

**MariaBa:** where

**AnabellR:** like that?

**BJB2:** Ana, spell Dianne's name correctly

**AidalinS** left the room.

**DianaG** left the room.

**NancySal** left the room.

**BJB2**: type /join DianneA

**NoraEG** left the room.

**GregMar** left the room.

**BJB2**: start with the / and then type join DianneA

**AlexandrMB** left the room.

**AnabellR**: join DianneA

**BJB2**: Anabell, almost perfect...

**BJB2**: now type /join DianneA

**AnabellR**: sorry

**BJB2**: see the / before join?

**AnabellR** left the room.

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: DianneA's Office

**BJB2** joined the room.

**NuviaS**: which is the main window

**NancySal**: where

**AidalinS**: where

**DianaG**: I see it too

**DianneA**: if you click on the file BOMBO POOL there, it should download another photo for you

**NoraEG**: I don't

**BJB2**: attach your chat

**CatherineZ** waves at Diana!

**DianneA**: the main window is the space above the chat Nuvia

**DianaG** waves back

**DianneA**: thanks BJ

**AnabellR**: I am lost

**CatherineZ**: Oooo. Lovely

**DianaG**: nice

**DianneA**: yes we might all need to reattach our chat

**SylviaMe**: that's such a peaceful picture

**AlexandrMB**: ummm nice

**NuviaS**: I see

**AlexandrMB**: looks relaxing

**DianneA**: let's all take a deep breath ...

**BJB2**: if you have detached your chat go to FILE in the top left of the chat and click on REATTACH

**NoraEG**: oh it does

**NoraEG**: I like it

**DianneA**: and tell us when you all have the chat at the bottom of your screen

**NancySal**: I like it too it does look very relaxing

**DianneA**: and a window of text and a photo of Kiama in the space above

**AidalinS**: it does look relaxing

**CatherineZ**: I have it back....

**NuviaS**: wow

**AidalinS**: wow

**NancySal**: wow

**NoraEG**: wow

**NuviaS**: Is it a relaxing place

**DianaG**: really nice

**SylviaMe**: yes I did it

**AidalinS**: I did it to

**GregMar**: it seems like an endless sky of beauty----I'm detached

**DianneA**: now at the left hand side of the main window are some menu items ... NOTES, FILES, LINKS ... got that?

**CatherineZ**nods

**DianneA** grins at Greg and lol

**DianneA**: click on LINKS

**CatherineZ**: ok...

**NuviaS**: ok

**DianneA**: and then click on the link to the KIAMA 1 Field trip

**AidalinS**: ok

**NancySal**: ok

**SylviaMe**: ok done

**NoraEG**: ok

**DianaG**: ok done

**DianneA**: that will open another window of another website for you

**DianaG**: k

**DianneA**: and if you are into teaching science to high school this might be a site worth

knowing

**CatherineZ:** Oooo. Gorgeous scenery!

**NoraEG:** yes very gorgeous

**NoraEG:** I'm impressed

**SylviaMe:** great pictures

**AlexandrMB:** Pretty! :)

**NancySal:** gorgeous

**AidalinS:** very pretty scenery

**AnabellR:** great pictures

**AidalinS:** I love it

**NancySal:** I had never seen nothing like this

**DianneA:** It's the basalt that makes the difference folks!

**AlexandrMB:** u must enjoy urself

**NuviaS:** This is very beautiful

**AidalinS:** yes I agree Dianne

**DianneA:** I do enjoy the scenery

**DianaG:** yup

**NancySal:** How often do you go there?

**SylviaMe:** But where is Kiama?

**DianneA:** I was involved in trying to make sure that not too much quarrying spoiled it all

**NuviaS:** Good question

**DianneA:** It is my home town

**NoraEG:** ok

**NancySal:** ok

**AidalinS:** wow ur lucky

**CatherineZ:** Those are lovely views that would be awesome to wake up to every morning!!

**DianneA:** it is 200km south of Sydney, in NSW Australia

**NuviaS:** wow

**AlexandrMB:** ummm that's cool

**SylviaMe:** Australia

**AidalinS:** very cool

**NancySal:** yeah lucky is the word

**NuviaS:** true Catherine

**CatherineZ:** how great!

**NoraEG:** how great

**DianneA:** I was appointed to teach high school science here in 1968 and I have stayed

**AnabellR:** super!

**SylviaMe:** really cool

**DianneA:** now let's try another link

**CatherineZ:** You loved it that much, huh, Dianne?

**NuviaS:** ok

**AlexandrMB:** k

**AnabellR:** ok

**NancySal:** k

**DianneA:** this time open the link KIAMA 3 the lighthouse

**NoraEG:** is education poor over in Australia

**NoraEG:** or are they at the same level as us

**DianneA:** no Nora, so far as I can see education is as good in Australia as it is in the US

**NuviaS:** who took these pictures

**NancySal:** Doesn't that look nice?

**NancySal:** because I think so

**AlexandrMB:** can u say tourist attraction

**SylviaMe:** very nice

**DianaG:** it's beautiful

**AlexandrMB:** beautiful

**NoraEG:** very beautiful

**AnabellR:** I love history

**DianneA:** very much a tourist area

**NoraEG:** ok that is good

**DianaG:** i c

**CatherineZ:** I think so too, Nancy

**AidalinS:** me too Nancy

**DianneA:** if you are a geography teacher then the field study web page asks you questions about landscape and tourism

**NancySal:** I would like to go and visit sometime

**NuviaS:** me to

**AidalinS:** me too, it seems like a pretty place

**AidalinS:** to go visit

**DianneA:** Now let me shift the discussion again ...

**NoraEG:** yeah I would like to go visit to

**AidalinS:** ok

**DianneA:** here in my office I have provided the links to resources for teaching

**DianneA:** other members of tapped In have done the same thing in their offices

**AidalinS:** ok

**DianaG:** ok ic

**NoraEG:** ok I see

**NancySal:** k

**NuviaS:** I see

**DianneA:** have you visited any other individual members offices or other group rooms?

**AidalinS:** no not yet

**NancySal:** no

**NuviaS:** no

**AnabellR:** no

**NoraEG:** no

**DianaG:** nope only Dr Brown

**NancySal:** only Dr. Brown

**CatherineZ:** I have....ummm...Sheryl's, I believe

**DianneA:** have you thought about using those resources, tapping them as it were?

**AidalinS:** yes but I am barely getting familiarized with the program

**CatherineZ.** o O ( not really...I should though )

**NancySal:** me too I agree with Aida

**DianneA:** OK BJ or Susan can we try your room now?

**BJB2:** you are welcome to visit my office

**DianaG:** k

**NancySal:** thanks

**DianneA:** let's follow BJ to her office then ..

**AlexandrMB:** where is that?

**DianneA:** off you go BJ

**NancySal:** let's follow

**AlexandrMB:** follow the leader

**DianneA:** I will bring up the rear

**AnabellR:** how?

**BJB2:** When you see me leave this room type /join **BJB**

**BJB2** left the room.

Room: Enchanted Forest

**BjB** joined the room.

**NancySal** joined the room.

**DianaG** joined the room.

**AnabellR** joined the room.

**SylviaMe** joined the room.

**CatherineZ** joined the room.

**AlexandrMB** joined the room.

**NuviaS** joined the room.

**CatherineZ:** Aw [www...Bear](#) Hug! Cute pic!

**BjB** cheers

**CatherineZ**smiles

**NoraEG** joined the room.

**AidalinS** joined the room.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**DianaG**: cute

**AnabellR**: bear hug, cute

**GregMar** joined the room.

**AidalinS**: VERY CUTE

**AidalinS**: I LOVE IT

**NuviaS**: This has me so impressed

**DianneA** joined the room.

**AlexandrMB**: it is like a little hangout

**NoraEG**: I love it too:)

**AlexandrMB**: I like

**NancySal**: I like too

**DianneA**: wow love that hug hugely!!!

**GregMar**: we're in the forest now, cool

**SusanR**: so cozy

**NuviaS**: it is a hangout

**AidalinS**: VERY

**BjB**: you can make your office your own private place and put in stuff that reflects you

**CatherineZ**: Me too, Dianne!

**SylviaMe**: bj can how do we put these offices in our fav. places?

**NoraEG:** a very interesting hangout

**NuviaS:** like following everyone around everywhere they go

**AlexandrMB:** me 2

**NancySal:** me 2

**BjB:** you can click on ADD TO MY FAVORITES at the top of the screen in green

**AidalinS:** me three

**BjB:** you will see that option in most of the offices and public rooms you visit

**SylviaMe:** ok did it

**AnabellR:** the boy in the picture is your son?

**AidalinS:** me too

**SandraFl** joined the room.

**NancySal:** is it your son?

**BjB:** my grandson

**NancySal:** ok

**CatherineZ:** He's too cute!

**AnabellR:** he is so adorable

**AlexandrMB:** I agree

**DianaG:** adorable

**NancySal:** he is so cute!

**SylviaMe:** cute

**BjB:** just imagine...he's one of the children that will be entering your kindergarten class when school starts!

**NancySal:** jajajajaja

**DianaG:** lol

**CatherineZ**smiles

**NancySal:** Nancy lol

**AlexandrMB:** I thought it was you in the pic w him

**NuviaS** smiles

**AidalinS:** right

**BjB:** no, Alexandra, that's my daughter

**NoraEG:** smiles

**DianaG:** I see

**MariaBa** joined the room.

**DianneA:** you have to check Bj's profile for her picture

**AlexandrMB:** umm haaha sorry!

**DavidW** joined the room.

**AlexandrMB** smiles

**DavidW** . o O ( good job, Maria )

**NancySal** smiles

**AlexandrMB:** no?

**AidalinS** smiles

**AlexandrMB:** puzzled

**SylviaMe:** Maria were u lost

**DianneA:** highlight BJB under the HERE tab and click on the green i icon

**MariaBa:** Thanks

**DianaG:** I see it

**MariaBa:** yes

**SandraFl:** I heard on a program on tv about the importance of physical contact...my daughter tells says its time for hugs and kisses when she sees I'm having a rough day!

**AlexandrMB:** ummm picture!

**NuviaS:** nice

**NancySal:** I see the picture

**NuviaS:** look familiar

**NoraEG:** no

**AnabellR:** my son is with me and he is imitating your grandson's pictures. he just kissed me.

**DianneA:** now try SusanR's picture, Susan is another key resource person for k-3 teachers

**DianaG:** aww cute

**NancySal:** ahahahahahahah

**NoraEG:** yeah very cute

**AlexandrMB:** I might add that u are a great teacher since I attended some of ur discussions

**NancySal:** yeah cute

**NuviaS:** okay

**AlexandrMB:** u gals are so full of life

**MariaBa:** I missed part of the discussion for being lost

**NuviaS:** thanks

**NancySal:** thank you very much

**DianneA:** I think what I want to say about Tapped In as your take home message for today ...

**NoraEG:** yeah

**NoraEG:** thanks

**AlexandrMB:** I'm listening

**NancySal:** listening too

**CatherineZ**listens closely

**DianneA:** is it is a great place, with great people, and well worth spending time to get to know better, and for talking about the serious things as well as the fun of teaching

**AlexandrMB:** thank you gals !

**DianaG:** nice to know

**AlexandrMB:** it was a great presentation

**DianneA:** consider joining a group as well as Dr Brown's and getting to know what other groups are discussing that is important to their teaching

**NancySal:** excellent presentation

**CatherineZ**applauds!

**DianneA:** it was your responses that drew these things out of us

**NancySal:** clapping

**AlexandrMB:** claps

**AidalinS:** yeah excellent presentation

**BjB** hopes that when Dr. Brown's class is over, we still see you occasionally in the Tapped In Discussions

**SylviaMe:** clap clap clap

**NoraEG:** yeah it was great

**MariaBa** Gold stars

**DianaG:** claps for everyone

**NoraEG** smiles

**AnabellR**: good job

**NancySal**: I hope the same thing too Bj

**AlexandrMB**: bye I have to go to another discussion

**SusanR** . o O ( still admiring the pics )

**GregMar** thanks the teacher for a very interesting presentation

**DianaG**: had a nice time thanks

**AnabellR**: thank you for your time

**MariaBa**: Thanks to David for bringing me back

**DavidW**: you're welcome, Maria

**NuviaS**: have to go guys

**DianaG**: bye thanks again

**AnabellR**: bye

**MariaBa**: Well I also learned how to get back to workshops

**NancySal**: I had a nice time as well

**BjB**: Thanks, Dianne

**DianneA**: same time same place next month?

**DianneA**: thank you BJ

**BjB**: nice conversation...they're a wonderful group

**DavidW**: Good discussion, Dianne

**DianneA** nods

**AidalinS**: thanks to everyone great presentation