

Reflection piece #2

Thursday – I was feeling a bit panicked today as I was thinking...hmmm, no one has completed our requested tasks. Yikes. My original concern about this week was that it would be less community and more isolation – which is okay in some aspects but in others creates concern around the support networks needed for online learning to be successful. I was thinking that everyone was overwhelmed and had given up already and weren't doing their homework. Then I logged in to our Wallwisher site and couldn't see the background for all the posts....turns out I was just being a tad impatient with my 'gentle prod' email to get things moving. I guess that brings up another difficult aspect of online learning. You can create a thorough, interesting and methodical unit and then you have to let it go and wait to see how others respond to it. The waiting is the hardest part. Interesting that after reading the posts I felt much better, even though there are only two blog posts in so far. I guess time will tell how many people will take it seriously, but that part has been hidden from us (or at least from me) so far – I just assumed everyone was studiously working away at completing the courses. Perhaps not. Though I can relate with Ben R – I was on his website today reading his blog and noticed that he is preparing a wiki for next week's session....ah, I thought, he is bogged down creating his seminar – much like me last week missing out on a lot of the discussion forum questions because I was creating a website. I get it....