

APPLE IPAD 2

www.apple.com

Apple unveiled the latest addition to their ever growing & ever popular line of gadgets with the iPad2 being available to the public on the 11th March. The iPad2 is the makeover of the previous version, and includes some significant improvements.

The speed of the device has been increased bringing it in line with some laptops & netbook computers. The device size has been trimmed down to a mere 8.8mm in height. Also included in the new version is the much requested front & back camera's which can also be used with Apple's Facetime video chat service.

The device now also comes in an option of black or white & the best thing about the iPad 2 is that the price stays the same as it's predecessor. Unfortunately no time line has been given as to when we will see the iPad in South Africa, but pundits are estimating an April/May launch.



DSTV DRIFTA

www.dstvmobile.com

Multichoice recently launched the Drifta device, which is a pocket sized device allowing you to watch selected DSTV channels while out & about.

Currently the device is designed to work on the iPad/iPhone as well as on any Windows computer. So if you at the office and want to keep up to date on the upcoming cricket world cup, the DSTV Drifta is the way to go. Channels on the device include 3 Supersport channels, a children's channels & ETV news amongst others. The downfall to owning the Drifta is that for it to work, you need to be inside the specified coverage area, which you can find on the DSTV website. The device costs R599 once off, and the monthly subscription, usually R39, will be included in your standard DSTV subscription till the end of April 2012.



NINTENDO 3DS

www.nintendo.com

Nintendo launched the latest portable gaming device last month, which will for the first time ever introduce portable entertainment in 3D - without the need for special glasses. The Nintendo 3DS system will be available in either Cosmos Black or Aqua Blue and includes two screens. The bottom Touch Screen makes use of a telescoping stylus that is stored in the unit itself. The top screen displays 3D visuals to the naked eye.

Also included in the new 3DS is a built-in motion sensor and gyro sensor that can react to the motion and tilt of the system, so whether players are twisting their systems side to side or moving them up and down, their motion-compatible Nintendo 3DS games respond instantly. No other system includes so many tools for game developers to create new and fun experiences for players.

The Nintendo 3DS is available at most electronic retails, like Dion Wired, with a starting price of R2799.



XBOX KINECT

www.xbox.com

With over 10 million units already sold since the launch of the The Kinect in November, this gadget has become a "must-have" on any gadget fans want list. The Kinect system is based on webcam technology, and simply plugs into your existing Xbox 360 gaming console, providing a unique controller free gaming & entertainment experience.

The system enables users to control and interact with the Xbox 360 without having to use any controllers. All actions are controlled with your body and makes the perfect home entertainment system for families & children, as it is totally interactive. A number of games including Kinect Sports, Kinect Dance & Kinect adventures, as well as numerous fitness based titles.

The Kinect is a must have for both adults & children alike, and will keep the kids (and Mom & Dad) entertained for hours. The unit is available by itself for around R1999 at most retail stores.