

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014 NO 1

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Gífted Resources News

I began writing this newsletter on 1 August. It was a very cold day – it snowed at Ballarat and Mt Macedon. It did not snow here but we had hail which stayed on the ground for about an hour.



So I am drinking hot chocolate and sending you warm greetings and hoping you will find plenty to interest you in this issue of the newsletter.

During last month I participated in RSCON 5 – I have included the link in the Interesting Websites section but have not finished writing the blog post about is yet and I have started a series of posts on Sprite's Site which I give links to in this issue also. Happy reading!



WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?

These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website www.giftedresources.org If you are not able to access the links here please go to the In Tray to access them.

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

GIFTED FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP INC Parent/ Teacher Seminar Rhonda Filmer 18 August 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.

Team Building event TBA at Highton Primary School (Hall) 31 August 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.

Music workshop event TBA at Highton Primary School (Hall) 14 September 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.

CHIP Forum with Dr Gail Byrne at location TBA 7 October 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.

Possible LEGO event TBA at Highton Primary School (Hall) 26 October 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.

End of year "Christmas Cooking" workshop at location TBA with Jenn Anderson from Little Wren Cookery School 30 November 2014

11th INTERNATIONAL DABROWSKI CONGRESS Canmore, Alberta, Canada 24- 26 July 2014 WEBSITE

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 3 Seminar with Penny Willoughby 31 July 2014 WEBSITE

GERRIC Parenting course 13-14 September 2014 WEBSITE

VAGTC Conference Melbourne Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice Practical ideas and effective teaching strategies for achieving student potential. 21- 22 May, 2015

OFF THE CHARTS! Columbus Group Symposium New Zealand 13 - 14 April, 2015

GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- "Mini Minds" activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- * Comprehensive members' library
- * Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at http://www.giftedsupport.org

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

All are welcome.

For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central:

Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street).

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN"S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise h@tpg.com.au

BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays Contact Heike Reich Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in Casterton and District area

Contact: Catriona Hill Phone (03)55812529 Mobile 0419008734

Email: antrim@netspace.net.au

Web: http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/

GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia Contact Victoria Poulos Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

CHIP GEELONG

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38 CHIP Family Support Group Geelong http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12

Future events for details see http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63

- Sunday 31st August @ TBA: Team Building event TBA at Highton Primary School (Hall)
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Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW) http://gfsq.org.au/

For coming events and activities see http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471

Upermine EFSE Events

Parent/Teacher Seminar



Rhonda Filmer speaking on:

Case Studies in Twice Exceptional Children: Mindset, Motivation and Underachievement

Rhonda worked in public schools as a primary school teacher for 12 years during which her interest in the underachievement of many of the brightest students became a focus and motivation for postgraduate studies at UNSW. She completed a master's degree while working at St Andrew's Cathedral School where she became the inaugural Gifted and Talented Co-Ordinator. In 2002 she began her Twice Exceptional Educational Consultancy to more effectively address the individual differences in learning needs of gifted students with learning disabilities, most particularly dyslexia and attention deficit disorder, at the individual, family, class and school levels. From here a major focus of her subsequent research has been the early teaching of reading since we know that if a child with a pre-disposition toward a learning disability is taught to read effectively in the K-2 years then the effects of that disability as an inhibitor of reading progress can be reduced dramatically. Rhonda is an advocate for more effective teaching of reading, early identification of children who are gifted and/or have a learning disability and for reform of university coursework in the pre-service education of teachers.

Monday 18th August, 7:00-9:00pm

St Luke's Church Hall 1 Beaconsfield Street Revesby Parking in school grounds or on the street

Cost: GFSG members \$20, teachers \$25 and other non-members \$30

For booking information closer to the time keep an eye on our website and facebook page.

NEWS FROM GERRIC

https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/

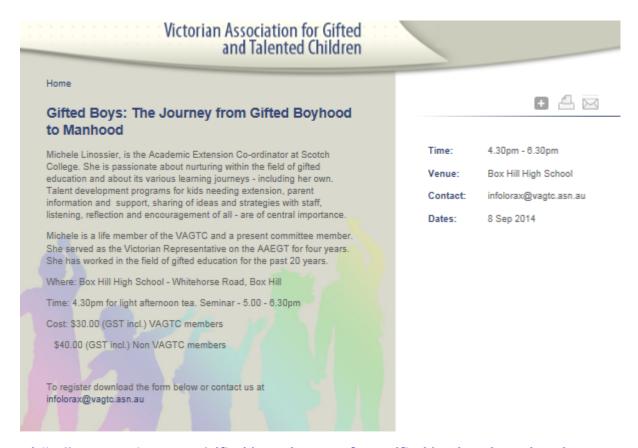
Advanced Parent Course Rescheduled!

We are thrilled to announce new dates for the <u>Advanced Parent Course</u>, now rescheduled for October 25-26, 2014. Parents who have previously attended our parent course and wish to delve deeper will have the opportunity to focus more specifically on the topics that matter most to them and talk to experts from a variety of backgrounds. Registrations are already flooding in for our next <u>Parent Course</u>, to be held the weekend of September 13-14.



VAGTC

http://www.vagtc.asn.au/gifted-boys-journey-from-gifted-boyhood-manhood



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Yvonne Perret Scholarships 2015

Two Yvonne Perret scholarships are being offered for 2015 - one for a student in an urban area and another for a student in a rural area.

Each scholarship is to the value of \$2000 and is to be used over a twelve month period to enhance the potential of a gifted child. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a talent, passion or skill in their chosen area of endeavour and have a potential for this activity (e.g. music, art, sport, educational achievements etc.).

The scholarship is not able to be used to pay for school fees or uniforms.

To apply please download the form below and send it to VAGTC - PO Box 132, Caulfield South 3162. Applications close 30th September 2014.

See http://www.vagtc.asn.au/yvonne-perret-scholarships-2015

NEWS FROM G.A.T.E.WAYS

TERM 3 JOURNEYS AND ON LOCATION PROGRAMS

G.A.T.E.WAYS is currently enrolling for **Journeys** programs for children in Years 1- 6 at Mill Park Heights PS, Footscray City PS, Fitzroy PS, Boronia West PS, Research PS and Donvale PS http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/journeys/host-schools-dates-and-current-programs-2014 **On Location** programs at the National Gallery of Victoria, Art Centre Melbourne's Digital Hub, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image are also enrolling.

Of particular interest is a wonderful program for highly able creative/artistic children at the **National Gallery of Victoria** on August 1st and 8th, '*Magnificent Masters*'

This program is based on artworks from the magnificent collection of the **Museo del Prado, Madrid**. This exhibition of over one hundred works presents a rich selection of paintings and drawings spanning 300 years of Italian art, from the early sixteenth to the eighteenth centuries. More than seventy artists are represented including Raphael, Correggio, Titian, Tintoretto, Carracci, Poussin and Tiepolo. The exhibition reflects the taste of the Spanish Royal Court whose Kings and Courtiers avidly collected Italian art. Many of these works are at the heart of the Prado's collection and have never before left Spain.

The program aims to develop children's knowledge and understanding of the lives and the artistic styles of these Italian masters. They will examine and discuss the art works across several themes, including religious stories, portraits, landscapes, historical and narrative and still life. They will learn about the importance of drawing from the figure and that artists sketched and re sketched the same sections of the body until they achieved perfection before they would they begin to paint.

Students will also participate in a series of workshops creating art works that develop and extend their ability to observe, draw and paint. Presenters will aim to teach skills in mixing colour, working with chiaroscuro, the value of symmetry and the relevance of foreground, middle and back ground as compositional devices. Each student will keep a diary to record their ideas and learning during the program. (Image from the exhibition: *Noli me tangere* by Antonio Correggio) http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/on-location/host-locations-dates-and-programs-2014 Participation in these programs is by teacher selection. For detailed information on all of these programs see www.gateways.edu.au

TERM 3 EUREKA - ONLINE TEACHER NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

When attending a day-long *Eureka* program, children participate in three hands-on workshops based on a theme. Next term the themes will be:

Lower Primary: Maths With A Twist

Upper Primary: HDSI - History Detectives Special Investigation

The following schools are hosting the Term 3 Eureka: Mentone Park PS, Mountain Gate PS, Brunswick South West PS, Tintern Schools, St Clement's PS in Bulleen, Toorak College in Mt Eliza. Schools In Sydney (Wenona, Ryde Public School), Canberra (Canberra GS, Harrison PS) and Brisbane (St Margaret's) and the Gold Coast (The Southport School) will also host the program. For program and enrolment details please see:

http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/eureka/current-eureka-program



Child & Youth Mental Health Service

2014 Community Seminar Series

An update on the assessment of children with suspected autism spectrum disorder

Each child is a unique individual and the assessment process needs to be tailored accordingly. This presentation will look at essential components to the diagnostic process and the complexities of assessment.

Specific case discussions and audio/video presentations will be included with a particular focus on girls.

The seminar will be presented by Dr Sian Hughes, Dr. Michelle Rowland and Vivien Williams from the Box Hill Child and Youth Mental Health Service.

Where: Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood 3134

Melway Reference 49 H10

When: Tuesday 26th August 2014

9:30am to 12:30pm (Registration desk opens 9:15am)

Cost \$80.00 (includes GST, seminar notes and catered refreshments)

Bookings: Pre-booking is essential. Please complete the separate registration form

and email to communityseminarCYMHS@easternhealth.org.au or fax to

03 9843 1299

Johanna McKenzie, Community Engagement Team

Phone: 9895 4069

Email: Johanna.mckenzie@easternhealth.org.au

All prices and dates quoted are subject to change by the Community Engagement Team. Seminar fees are kept as low as possible. Enrolled participants will be notified of any changes to advertised programs when necessary. Participants are not entitled to a refund unless written cancellation has been received at least 24 hours prior to the event. The CET reserves the right to cancel any scheduled programs when necessary and course fees will be refunded if course is cancelled by the Team.

www.easternhealth.org.au



Thinking Outside The Box Programs for Term 3, 2014

www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

Hurry! Early bird discount ends : Friday, July 18

Thinking Outside The Box programs are developed by Penny Willoughby, who is an experienced educator specialising in gifted & talented children. Penny has proven success in extending high ability children and has developed a suite of varied and stimulating programs. Children are challenged to work beyond their usual level and are likely to be surprised by what they achieve. Participants in the programs will develop more rigorous thinking habits and practise creative problem solving.

These programs offer a unique opportunity and are in high demand. For more information, visit: www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

How to register

- Select the program (please turn over) you would like your child to attend. (Please consult with your child's teacher as needed.)
 Enquire if there's a place a valiable by calling Sandra Dent on 0415 443 605 or emailing admin@thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au
- 3. Complete and send the Registration Form to:

admin@thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

Thinking Outside The Box Programs

P.O. Box 7005

Beaumaris, Victoria, 3193.

4. Your payment is due within one week of confirmation of a place for your child - payment instructions are below. Your child's place will be held for one week, pending receipt of your payment.

Places in the programs are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum and maximum class numbers apply.

How to know if your child is suitable

Any child who loves learning and shows high aptitude in the program subject may be suitable. You can talk to your child's teacher or call Penny Willoughby on 0418 520 023 to discuss your child's suitability for a program.

Transport to and from classes

Parents will need to arrange transport for their child to and from classes. You may wish to coordinate with other nearby parents to share transport. Please contact us if you would like to be put in contact with other parents for this purpose.

We are so confident in the quality of Thinking Outside The Box Programs that we offer a refund if you are not satisfied.

Full payment must be received within one week of registering for your child's place to be held.

purpose. (Not applicable if your child attends the host school.)

- If you with draw your child less than two weeks before the program commences, an administration fee of 20% may apply.
- Registrations received after a program is full will be placed on a weiting list and notified if a place becomes available.
- A minimum number of enrolments may be required for each program to go ahead. If there are insufficient enrolments, the program may be cancelled and you will be offered a place on another program (if there is a vacancy), or your payment will be refunded in full.

Once you have received confirmation that your child has a place on a program, payment is due within one week as follows: Transfer / de posit your payment to:

Account:	PENELOPE E. WILLOUGHBY	Bank:	COMMONWEALTH BANK
BSB:	063 414	Account Number:	1012 9126
Reference*:	CHILD'S NAME		

Mo ensure we can match your payment to your child, p lease include an identifiable reference such as your CHILD'S NAME, Please call us if you need a numorical rofor

2. Send a cheque or money order	r (please do <u>not post cash</u>) payable to Penelope Willoughb	
Registration Form		
Child's name:	M / F Parent's name is:	
Ohild's school:	Teacher:	Grade:
Programs:		Amount payable: \$
Postal address:		Home phone ;
Email address:		Mobile :
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□ Locald provide transport for oth	er children if necessary and I am willing for my contact detail	to to be given to other parents for this



Thinking Outside The Box

Programs for Term 3, 2014

www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

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Grades 1 & 2 Program

Venue: Upwey Primary

15 Darling Ave, Upwey Times: 9:00 am to 11:00 am Day: **Thursdays** (6 weeks)

Dates: 7,14,21,28 August,

4, 11 September

Venue: Tecoma Primary

1536 Burwood Hwy, Tecoma Times: 9:00 am to 11:00 am Day: **Tuesdays** (6 weeks) Dates: 12,19,26 August,

2,9,16 September

Early bird registration 18 July 2014: \$214

Regular registration 30 July 2014: \$238 *All prices include GST

NEW!

Illuminating The Mysterious Theia (Science) Upwey Teacher: Rhonda Ooi

Tecoma Teacher: Penny Willoughby

Teacher: Rhonda Ooi

Who was the mysterious Theia and what is her unknown story? What were all her talents and why was she the perfect wife of the Hyperion? How can the science of light and sound help us answer these questions?

To find out Theia's secret identity you will need to explore the science of light and sound and then solve darkly-hidden clues. Each week you will be enlightened by the fascinating qualities of light and sound. You will heed and reflect on your learning to help uncloak coded messages. Each message will reveal new aspects of Theia's character.

Will you be able to put all the evidence and science together to discover the story of Theia's life? Will you expose enough about her amazing qualities to envision her appearance? When you look back on this program, you will be transfixed with what you witnessed!

Grades 3 & 4 Program

Venue: Upwey Primary

15 Darling Ave, Upwey Times: 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm Day: **Thursdays** (4 weeks) Dates: 21,28 August,

4,11 September

\$238

\$214

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Regular registration 30 July 2014:

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Super-Steuth (Science)

In this program, there will be a mystery to solve each week. It could be a theft, a disappearance or some other type of crime. You will leam about CSI techniques that will help you investigate each incident. You will also be given clues and riddles to solve. Your job will be to use everything you leam to solve the crimes.

Do you have super-sleuthing skills? Will you be able to solve riddles, follow clues and deduce what happened? What scientific methods will you use to nab the culprit? If you are feeling curious and think you are up to the challenge, then this program is for you!

But there's an added twist! The perpetrator is one of the students amongst us! A traitor!! Can you work out who it is each week? This program will present a true challenge to your intellectual prowess and sleuthing skills.

Grades 5 & 6 Program

* * Last Grade 5 & 6 program in 2014 * *

Teacher: Penny Willoughby

Venue: Upwey Primary

15 Darling Ave, Upwey Times: 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm Day: **Tuesdays** (4 weeks) Dates: 12,19,26 August,

2 September

Early bird registration 18 July 2014:

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Renowned criminal, Professor Deklin Hyde, has committed another crime! Never before caught, Professor Hyde has the police baffled yet again. His secret is in the science. Every time he commits a crime, Professor Hyde uses science to fool the police.

But this time might be different. Can you find out Professor Hyde's science secret and solve the mystery? You'll need to conduct a range of science experiments then work out which one the Professor used to cover up his crime.

Apply, only if you're game!



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Dingley Primary School

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Teacher: Rhonda Ooi

Grades 1 & 2 Program

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Tuesdays (7 weeks) Dates: 5, 12, 19, 26 August, 2,9,16 September

Early bird registration 21 July 2014:

Regular registration \$208 30 July 2014:

* All prices include GST

Defeat the Maths Monster (Maths)

What would it be like if the Maths Monster was EVERYWHERE? If the only way to keep the Maths Monster away was to make up and answer heaps of maths questions? You might make up questions like: How long does it take to get ready for school if it takes 10 minutes to

get dressed, 15 for breakfast and 5 to brush your teeth? And how many cars do you see on the way to school if you see 7 red ones, 4 blue ones and 9 white ones? OH, NO! What if one of them is a truck? Then if the teacher puts everyone into 5 groups of 4, how many children are there? What if two children are away? How many groups could you have then? If the

answer to a question is 6 ice-creams', what could the question be? When you come to this program you will help to defeat the Maths Monster. The only way is to make up and answer as many maths questions as you can. There'll be a new theme each week. After a while the Maths Monster will begin to get tired. Can you help defeat him before

the end of the term? Let's hope so!

Grades 3 & 4 Program

Venue: Dinaley PS

Times: 3:45 pm to 5:45 pm Wednesdays (6 weeks) 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3, 10 September

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SPRITE'S SITE IN JULY

In July I wrote the first four posts in what could become a fairly deep series of blog posts about gifted children and ethical and moral issues but has already discussed other issues such as reading, asynchronous development and gifted friendship. Some of the posts have been part of Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops.

http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/07/15/donkeys-live-a-long-time/

http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/07/18/donkeys-live-a-long-time-2/

http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/07/27/donkeys-live-a-long-time-3/

http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/07/28/donkeys-live-a-long-time-4-giftedfriendships/

Kids Like Us

Kids Like Us in Sandringham is running the Tuning Into Teens program developed by the Mindful Centre at Melbourne University. It is a six week evidence based program for parents of 10-18 yr olds and runs 2 hours a week for 6 weeks. Through running this course in-house they are able to address the specific issues that arise with the emotions of teens who live with the challenges of twice exceptionality, learning differences and giftedness. Runs over six Thursday evenings from 24 July and costs \$300 per person or \$500 per couple. For more information, please email Catherine at enquiries@kidslikeus.org.au or phone 0430 817 659.

From Derrin Cramer

Hi Jo

The year is racing by and I hope you have all enjoyed the recent holidays. Winter is certainly with us, but when the sun comes out it has been lovely.

I have had quite a few people getting in touch lately asking what I am up to, so I thought I would let everyone know in one go what I am now doing, rather than continue to answer emails one at a time.

As you know I am no longer active in the gifted community. After taking a while to think about what I wanted to do next, I have been back learning...... I suspect it is a lifetime habit! And once again, I am busy passing on what I am learning here and there.

I have a <u>new business</u> now, one that builds on many of the skills I used and developed with Thinking Ahead but has a slightly different focus. I am still helping people make change in their lives, just in a different way now.

I have been able to combine my passion for helping people and sharing what I know, growing vegies, my textile skills and my change management skills (along with my coaching and mentoring skills) into one, in a way that allows me to spend more time at our farm and outdoors, at least when the weather is kind.

My new business is called *One Green Sheep.* While the <u>website</u> is still slowly coming together (expect the home page to change and develop over the next few months), there is now some information up there about the coaching I am offering and also the Retreats I am running. The first of these *On Solid Ground Retreats* will be held at the beginning of August, with others to follow in November and next February. They will be intimate weekends for just 4 participants, on our farm in the beautiful Chittering Valley. The personal development component of the weekend will be infused with creative activities. Amongst other things, you will be making your own eco dyed silk scarf which will not only serve as a conversation starter about barrier that get in the way of change, but also a luxurious reminder of your weekend. The creative activities are not taxing, they are more about 'creating' than art, and will be focusing on self nurturing. Time out with a focus on you, so that you can recharge and be able to then care for everyone else in your life. The company will be good, the food will be SLOW (sustainable, local, organic and whole) as far as possible. Some of it will come direct from my garden.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please have a look at the website or email me to find out more. You can still use my *Thinking Ahead* email, or you can use my new One Green Sheep one which is derrin@onegreensheep.com.au

If you know someone who might be interested, please pass the information on to them.

SOME INTERESTING BLOGS



GHF Bloggers Blog Hops

https://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs/blog-hop/

July Blog hop: Parenting

https://qiftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/qifted-parenting/

Doresa Key Destiny Academy Parenting children that do not exist Vlog http://kdacademy.blogspot.com.au/2014/07/parenting-children-that-dont-exist.html



Hoagies Blog Hops

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hops.htm

Hoagies' Blog Hop August 2014: Gifted Friendships http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog hop gifted friendships.htm

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

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GTChat Blog

Snappy answers to stupid questions

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Art therapy without borders http://www.atwb.org/

Amy Golden Harrington – My complex children http://giftedunschooling.com/mcc.php

Derrin Cramer One Green Sheep http://www.onegreensheep.com.au/

ECHA Conference Ljubljana Slovenia 17-20 September 2014 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ncsEg_54Dx4

Dr Linda Silverman and Bobbie Gilman on Blogtalk Radio

Part One: Twice-exceptionality through the lens ofdevelopment and asynchrony http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thecoffeeklatch/2014/04/17/the-whole-child-series--the-gifted-development-center

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Derwent Art Academy

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