



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2016 NO 1

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Here is the newsletter for February containing information about the Australian Gifted Awareness Week 13-19 March and some upcoming conferences, seminars and workshops.

It takes a full day to send the Gifted Resources Newsletter out by email and I have been considering only posting on Gifted Resources website and not sending it out. However I know that many like to receive their monthly email and would probably not visit the home page unless they received the email prompting them.

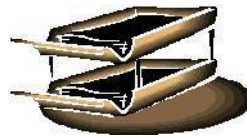
Recently there has been a problem with the subscription form for the newsletter on the website and when my IT guru, Jamie Tarling, notified the service provider he was told that they were aware of the problem (it did not just affect my site) and were working on it and to please contact them again if it was not remedied soon.

This has strengthened my consideration of the idea to only post the newsletter on the website. It would still be possible to read previous monthly newsletters back to 2005 in the archives section.

What do you think? Would you be happy to look for the newsletter on the website? Please let me know.



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 SUPPORT NETWORK Seminar
Dr Penny Round Identification and support of gifted and twice exceptional children
17 February 2016 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK
13 - 19 March 2016
For details of the events for the week see
http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1170

TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED 7th Biennial State Conference
No limits... Elizabeth College North Hobart
26-28 August 2016 [PDF FLYER](#)

AAEGT 2016 National Gifted Conference, Sydney
Beyond the Boundaries in Gifted Education
29 September - 1 October 2016 [WEBSITE](#)

WCGTC 22nd WORLD CONFERENCE Sydney Australia 20-23 July 2017 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK INC.

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern, western and north eastern regions 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
- * Regular email/Facebook updates on events/articles of interest to families with gifted children

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

BROCHURE [PDF BROCHURE](#)

News of activities see <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php>

Term 1 calendar

Details at [Gifted Support Network](#). **Please be sure to RSVP.**

Saturday, 30 January, 2:00 - 4:30pm: Minecraft Madness.

Monday, 8 February, 7:30pm onwards: Parents coffee evening in Hampton

Wednesday, 17 February, 7:30 - 9:30pm: GSN Seminar "Identifying and supporting gifted and twice exceptional children" by Dr Penny Round, Monash University

Saturday, 20 February, 10:00am - 12:00pm: Play in the park for the young ones

Saturday, 5 March, 2:00 - 4:00pm: Mini Golf in Dingley

Sunday, 13 March, 2:00 - 4:00pm: Tweens Board Games

Sunday, 20 March, 5:00 - 8:00pm: Family Dinner

Parents and teachers
Community Hall, Southern Community Church of Christ, 4 Chesterville Rd, Cheltenham
GSN Seminar Series
Wednesday 17 February 2016
7:30 - 9:30pm

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TOPIC: 'Identification and support of gifted and twice exceptional children'

This presentation will focus on a range of areas in the identification and support for gifted children. While the primary focus is for teachers and parents, other professionals will also be catered for. This will be an informative presentation, but practical elements will also be included, such as checklists and examples of differentiation.

Dr Penny Round is a lecturer at Monash University and has been working in the area of students with special needs for 25 years. Penny has qualifications in both special education and gifted education. Her primary research interests are Teacher Education, Students with special needs (including students who are twice exceptional) and Gifted Education.

Until recently, Penny was the Director of Support Services in an independent secondary school and prior to that she was the Head of the Integration Department at a large state secondary school.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members.

RSVP essential: Please text Louise on 0414 578 806 or email admin@giftedsupport.org

You may join GSN at the Seminar and receive the discounted entry price.

'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/>

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

Treasurer : Sue Bettanin

chipgeelong@gmail.com

VAGTC

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>

Contact VAGTC

Postal

P O Box 132

Caulfield South

Victoria 3162

Email: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

VAGTC Member Survey Questionnaire

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/news/2015/11/30/vagtc-questionnaire>

Job Vacancy

Administrative Assistant,

Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc. (VAGTC)

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons who are self-starters and willing to work from home, to fill the vacancy of administrative assistant of the above association.

The skills required to fulfil this role are many, but paramount are a positive attitude towards, and an interest in gifted education, and providing support for the teachers and families of gifted and talented children.

The successful applicant will be a person who is flexible; available via email and telephone; honest; have exemplary communication skills and a willingness to learn on the job.

Administrative work will include knowledge of basic desk top publishing, account keeping and the use of programmes such as Word; Excel, Web Management and associated administrative skills.

Remuneration will be paid at the current Government hourly rate, on submission of a daily log.

On average, on task time will be approximately 10 hours per week.

Applications to:-

The President, VAGTC ... pcmeehan@bigpond.net.au

Closing Date 14th February 2016



<https://www.nationalgiftedconference2016.arts.unsw.edu.au/>



13 - 19 March 2016

For details of the events for the week see

http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1170



Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc.

Call for papers

for the 7th Biennial State Conference of the Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc.

No Limits ...

seeking approaches to educational excellence and fulfilling potential

Submission details: Interested presenters are invited to submit a 150-word abstract for either a 45-minute paper/presentation or one and a half hour workshops or panel discussion, consistent with the title/theme of the conference. We will be seeking presentations suitable for teachers, parents and psychologists that explore educational as well as the social and emotional needs of highly talented and gifted students from across all years of schooling.

Abstracts along with a 50-word biography should be emailed to tasgifted@gmail.com or sent by mail to: Conference

Manager, Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc., PO Box 1942, Hobart, TAS, 7001 by January 31, 2016. Please include in your submission details of your media requirements. Any commercial interests in relation to your proposed sessions must be declared in your proposal. Submission of an expression of interest is your implicit agreement that, if you are selected to present you will provide a copy of the full presentation before the conference.

The abstract and presentation will be published on TAG's website. For further information phone 0488 291 497



TAG is a non-profit, parent-based organisation dedicated to sharing information and promoting awareness of the needs of gifted children.

August 26 - 28, 2016

The conference will commence on the evening of Friday, August 26

Elizabeth College, North Hobart

Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc
GPO Box 1942 Hobart Tas 7001

ABN: 97 898 651 769
PHONE 0488 291 497

EMAIL tasgifted@gmail.com

The deadline for the call for papers has been extended to 23 March 2016.

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)
<http://www.gfsg.org.au/>

For details of coming events and activities such as GEM and Mums' dinners see
<http://www.gfsg.org.au/index.php/whatson>



In Celebration of Gifted Awareness Week

Nominations now open for 2016
Professional Appreciation Awards.

In honor of Gifted Awareness Week-Australia, Gifted Families Support Group Inc. would like to provide the opportunity for individuals to recognise and thank the many professionals who make a difference in the lives of our gifted children and families. These professionals may include, but are not limited to, early childhood educators, classroom teachers, principals, librarians, university professors, psychologists and occupational therapists .

If you would like to nominate a professional who has made a difference in yours, or your child's gifted journey, please complete the slip below and return to: info@gfsg.org.au or PO Box 604 Moorebank NSW 1875. Nominations are open to all GFSG Inc. financial members, and residents of NSW. You are welcome to make more than one nomination.

Nominees will be invited to attend the GFSG Inc. seminar to be held in Gifted Awareness Week on Monday 14th of March, where they will be presented with certificates to acknowledge their support. In the case of regional nominations who cannot attend the presentation due to distance, certificates will be sent to them.

Nominations must be received strictly by 29th February, 2016 to allow for invitations to be sent to nominees.

Professional Appreciation Award Nomination.

I _____ would like to nominate _____

who is a _____ for a Professional Appreciation Award because:

I do/do not consent to my name being disclosed to the nominee. (Please circle to indicate consent).

Please provide your contact number and email address in the event GFSG Inc needs to contact you regarding your nomination: Contact Phone

Number: _____

Contact Email: _____

Please provide an email contact for the nominee to allow GFSG Inc. to advise them of their nomination and invite them to the awards presentation and seminar:

(Please sign to indicate your acknowledgement and confirm the nomination)





National Poetry Competition – 2016

The AAEGT (Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented) is holding a national poetry competition as part of Gifted Awareness Week 2016.

The Poem:

Submitted poems should be an expression of what giftedness means to the author. The poem can be any form or text type and should be suited to national publication. This includes, but is not limited to, state, territory and AAEGT websites, social media and written publications.

Age Categories:

1. 8 and under
2. 9 – 12 years
3. 13 – 17 years
4. 18 years and over



Judging Criteria

Poems will be judged on the expression of giftedness and the quality of expression, with recognition of both originality and creativity. State/territory winners will be chosen by the AAEGT affiliated association representing each state/territory. National winners will be chosen by the AAEGT and will be selected from the state and territory winners for each category.

Submission

Poems must be submitted to your AAEGT State/territory affiliation association no later than 8pm on Friday 26th of February, 2016. Details on the form below must be included with the poem submission. One entry only per person. The NSW State association is GFSG Inc. and the contact email for submission is vicepresident@gfsg.org.au.

Announcement of Winners.

Winners will be announced during Gifted Awareness Week 2016 via the AAEGT website and Facebook page.

AAEGT National Poetry Competition- NSW GFSG Inc. Entry form	
NAME: _____	DATE OF BIRTH: _____
PARENT CONTACT DETAILS (If under 18 years):	
NAME: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____
EMAIL: _____	
Please select the following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> I certify that the submission is the complete work of the entrant named above.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand judging and submission requirements outlined on this form.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I agree that my work may be published in association with Gifted Awareness Week events.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I understand that the judge's decision is final.	
SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: _____

FROM DR EDITH JOHNSTON



It was a great thrill to receive this gift of a sketch of one of my Persona Dolls surrounded by an array of De Bono's 6 Thinking Hats and De Bono's 6 Action Shoes from Dr Edith Johnston of How to in Life <http://www.howtoinlife.com/> who has been very interested, encouraging and supportive.

FROM WENDY STEWART

Dear Jo,

I just wanted to say thanks for putting your Gifted Resources Newsletter together! There's always something that I use to follow up further - information regarding the fascinating topic of giftedness.

So, congratulations!

Kind regards,

Wendy

Wendy Stewart

Gifted Advocacy and Counselling Services

stewart.wendy@bigpond.com

"Who dares to teach must never cease to learn" J.C. Dana, Librarian

FROM BRUCE WATSON

<http://www.froebeldecade.com/>

Dear Jo,

It is always good to hear from you.

I am pleased you have discovered the joys of Wordpress and a blog!

This year we celebrate 175 years of Kindergarten

<http://www.froebeldecade.com/175-years-of-kindergarten/>

and this week I added this post with a video

<http://www.froebeldecade.com/the-cube/>

Our new online shop with PayPal for Australia is:

<http://rainbowgifts.com.au/>

We are always happy to offer discounts to our friends.

Regards Bruce

Phone 9499 2161

TUNING INTO KIDS

EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING



A six session FREE parenting program for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 0 – 12 years

WHEN:

Wednesdays
17th Feb to 23rd March
9.30 – 11.30am

Bookings are essential as places are limited

WHERE:

Central Ringwood
Community Centre
Bedford Park
Bedford Road,
Ringwood VIC 3134

CONTACT:

Julia at Parentzone on
9735 6190 or
0400 866 495

Would you like to learn tips and strategies to:

- Be better at talking with and understanding your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your child?

Tuning in to Kids shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence. Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses



Parentzone
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🌐 anglicarevic.org.au/parentzone



CHILDREN, CHALLENGES & CHOICES

FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 12 YEARS



DATES:

Thursday's 3rd to 24th March 2016

TIME: 7pm to 9pm

VENUE:

Templestowe Heights
Primary School
265 High Street,
Templestowe Lower

COST: FREE

For more information & bookings
contact Kim Pedler 9735 6146 or
Primary School 9850 1796

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

- Do you want to develop more effective ways of talking to your children?
- Would you like to develop rules and consequences that work?
- Would you like to better help your children manage their strong emotions?
- Do you want to learn how to help your child develop resilience?
- Join with other parents to learn strategies and tips for achieving these and other goals.



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- twitter.com/anglicarevic
- facebook.com/anglicarevic



we're moving!!!



New Day!
New Time!
Tuesdays
8E/7C/6M/5P
(U.S.)
Wednesdays
1.00 (UK)
14.00 NZDT
12.00 AEDT

#gtchat on Twitter
<http://www.txgifted.org/gtchat>
the #gtchat blog
<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/>



#gtchat



OZeLIVE 2016

<http://australianeducators.ning.com/>

<https://www.smore.com/k0d42-ozelive-2016>

The OZeLIVE 2016 program planning is well underway. We have already lined up some Keynote potentials and wish to advise you that the Call for Papers/Presenters will be out in December 2015.

Add these dates to your diaries for 2016:

Friday February 26

Saturday February 27

Sunday February 28

Please pass on to your network this link to the Online Flyer for OZeLIVE 2016. You can keep in touch with news as the flyer will be updated on a regular basis.

Theme: Connected educators shine on the world stage

Please invite your network colleagues to join this community site in preparation for being a presenter or a participant in OZeLIVE 2016! Carole McCulloch (Coach Carole) on behalf of the OZeLIVE 2016 Team:

Ness Crouch, Anne Mirtschin, Junita Lyon, Shingo Gibson-Suzuki, Chris Smith, Michael Graffin and Lisa Dellaporte

Visit Australia e-Series at: http://australianeducators.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2016/01/11/global-gtchat-powered-by-tagt-in-2016/>
<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2016/01/20/the-many-faces-of-gifted/>
<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2016/01/25/every-student-succeeds-act-and-gifted-education/>

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

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

Hoagiesgifted February Blog hop:

www.HoagiesGifted.org/blog_hop_other_achievement.htm

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2016/02/01/bachelor-of-bouncing-doctor-of-daydreaming/>

GHF Bloggers Blog Hops

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs/blog-hop/>

GHF January blog hop

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/educating-gifted-children-the-many-ways-we-approach-their-learning/>

Sprite's Site posts for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2016/01/18/flocks-and-shoes/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2016/01/23/flocks-and-socks/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

World Gifted Conference Sydney 2017

<http://www.worldgifted2017.com/>

AAEGT Conference 2016 Abstract submissions

<https://www.nationalgiftedconference2016.arts.unsw.edu.au/node/31>

State Library of Victoria e Bookshelf

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/search-discover/free-journals-databases-ebooks/ebookshelf>

The Age newspaper: some recent articles

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/disabled-children-shut-out-of-private-schools-20160120-gma5f9.html>

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/authors-new-arts-school-offers-later-start-times-to-reflect-teenagers-sleep-patterns-20160125-gmdlwk.html>

<http://www.theage.com.au/comment/the-new-school-year-can-be-a-time-of-dread-for-parents-of-kids-with-special-needs-20160125-gmduvk.html>

Laugh, Love, Learn: 7 Signs Your Child Has Psychomotor Overexcitability

<http://www.laughlovelearn.co.uk/2016/01/18/7-signs-child-psychomotor-overexcitability/>

Raising Arizona kids: What it means to be 2E

<http://www.raisingarizonakids.com/2015/10/what-it-means-to-be-2e/>

Beyond their years

http://thesunmagazine.org/issues/473/beyond_their_years?

Parenting deaf and gifted

<https://parentingdeafandgifted.wordpress.com/>

Thinking Outside The Box programs for next two years

<http://totb.com.au/for-parents/school-based-programs/about-the-programs/two-years-of-programs.html>

Artventure

<http://www.artventure.com.au/>

Cultural diversity

Cultural Diversity Week 12-20 March 2016

<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/>

<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/projects-and-initiatives/cultural-diversity-week/cultural-diversity-week-and-schools>

http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/images/stories/documents/2014/CDW_2015/8715%20vmc%20cdw%20teachers%20resource%20kit.pdf

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/cultures/Pages/default.aspx>

Scientific American Crows understand analogies

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/crows-understand-analogies/>

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You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), unsubscribe or change your subscription options, from this address.

If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email contributions@giftedresources.org

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