



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER JULY 2015 NO 1

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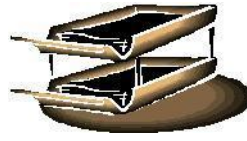
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## *Gifted Resources News*

Welcome to the July issue of the Gifted Resources News with the Winter Holiday programs newsletter included.



## 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](http://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](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

WCGTC 21st WORLD CONFERENCE Odense Denmark 10-14 August 2015 [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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

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### '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](mailto: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

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Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

[louise\\_h@tpg.com.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)

### **CHIP GEELONG**

[http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=38](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38)

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

[http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=12](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12)

Future events for details see [http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=63](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63)

Contact

Maura Donohue email [mauradonohue@aapt.net.au](mailto:mauradonohue@aapt.net.au)

### **GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)**

<http://gfsg.org.au/>

**For details of coming events and activities see**

<http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471>

Personas, profiles and portraits of giftedness

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

New post

Feedback sought <https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/2015/06/22/feedback-sought/>

I am participating in the Edublogs Teachers Blogging Challenge with this new blog

<http://teacherchallenge.edublogs.org/personal-blogging/>

## Associate Professor Michael S. Matthews - Free Public Lecture

**When:** 3 Jul 2015, 4:15pm - 5:45pm  
**Venue:** John Goodsell Room 119  
**Who:** Dr Michael S. Matthews (University of North Carolina)

### Why do gifted students drop out of High School?

If one conceptualises underachievement behaviours as falling along a continuum, dropping out of school forms one logical endpoint of such a scale (Matthews, 2006). Dropping out of school offers a measurable outcome, albeit one that is often manipulated for political purposes. In addition to being important in its own right, understanding the experiences of academically able students who drop out of school can offer a window on underachievement in general. With this goal in mind it seems relevant to ask, how do academically gifted students explain and attach meaning to their lived experience of dropping out of secondary school? This presentation considers these learners' qualitative perspectives on their dropout experience, raising issues ranging from family hardship and students' perceptions of the support provided by their school environment, to the desire for self-directed learning and (sometimes) students' successes later in their educational trajectory.

### About Associate Professor Matthews



Associate Professor Matthews is a recognised scholar in the field of gifted education. His visit to UNSW provides an opportunity to showcase his content knowledge and methodological expertise to the UNSW community including academic staff, HDR students, and other regional stakeholders in gifted education. He recently co-authored journal articles with Dr Jennifer Jolly including: Matthews, M. S., Ritchotte, J. A., & Jolly, J. L. (2014). What's wrong with giftedness? Parents' perceptions of the gifted label. *International Studies in Sociology Education*, 24, 372-393; and Jolly, J. & Matthews, M. S. (2012). A critique of the literature on parenting gifted learners. *Journal for the Education of the Gifted*, 35, 259-290. See A/Prof Michael S. Matthew's full bio [here](#).

All Public Lectures are registered at Professional Competence level with BOSTES and are followed by a Q&A session with the presenter and light refreshments.



Completing this workshop will contribute 1 hour of QTC Registered PD addressing Standards 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Highly Accomplished Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

## ATESOL: Strategies for Working with Gifted English Language Learners and Other Diverse Populations

**When:** 7 Jul 2015, 9am - 4pm  
**Venue:** Central Lecture Block, UNSW, Kensington Campus  
**Who:** Dr. Michael Matthews

How can we conceptualize and foster high-level academic abilities among the linguistically and culturally diverse student populations in today's schools? Join Dr. Michael Matthews of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in this workshop, where we will discuss and explore the theoretical, philosophical, and practical understandings that inform this important question. Topics will include second language acquisition, cultural differences, and how these may influence assessment outcomes and student motivation; the Advanced Academics model of gifted education; how social context influences the education of transnational students; and a variety of approaches that can be implemented within current educational systems to address student needs in these areas. Dr. Matthews is the author or editor of five books and over 30 articles in gifted education; co-editor of the *Journal of Advanced Academics*; chair-elect of the SIG-Research on Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent of the American Educational Research Association; and a board member of the U.S. National Association for Gifted Children.



### Presenter

Michael S. Matthews, Ph.D., is associate professor and graduate program coordinator for academically/intellectually gifted in the Department of Special Education and Child Development at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Dr. Matthews held academic positions with the Duke University Talent Identification Program and the University of South Florida before moving to the faculty at UNC Charlotte in 2008. Dr. Matthews is a former laboratory chemist and high school chemistry teacher who also has worked in a variety of summer program settings teaching science topics to students in grades 2–10. He is a board member of the North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented and a former board member of the Florida Association for the Gifted, as well as an active member of the Research & Evaluation Network of the National Association for Gifted Children and the Research on Giftedness, Creativity, and Talent special interest group of the American Educational Research Association. He has written two other books with Prufrock Press, as well as more than 15 peer-reviewed journal articles and a variety of book chapters and other publications related to gifted and high-ability learners. He is coeditor of the *Journal of Advanced Academics*, and

serves as an editorial review board member for three other gifted education journals. Dr. Matthews' research interests include content learning in science, mathematics, and second language acquisition; gifted education policy; the assessment and identification of learners from diverse backgrounds; and motivation and underachievement among gifted and high-ability learners. In his spare time, he enjoys teaching his children about nature and the history of technology.



Completing this professional learning will contribute 6 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing Standards 1.3.2, 1.5.2 and 5.1.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

# VAGTC

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness for 5 regional areas

Dates and venues are

Thursday 23 July 2015 – Geelong Northern Bay P-12 College

Monday 27 July 2015 – Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Friday 31 July 2015 – Sale Catholic College (Bishop Dillon Centre)

Monday 14 September 2015 – Ballarat Phoenix P-12 Community College

Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School

For all information about all these seminars see

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/vagtc-and-department-education-and-training-free-rural-seminars>

To register for the teacher or parent seminars

Email Sylvia Green at [infolorax@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:infolorax@vagtc.asn.au)

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## **A Seminar:**

Identification Seminar Taylors Lakes Secondary College

The VAGTC is offering a two hour seminar for parents and teachers on "Identification"

The seminar will take place on Saturday 18th July at Taylors Lakes Secondary College.

Parent Seminar - 1pm - 3pm

Teacher Seminar - 1pm - 3pm

Cost: VAGTC members \$10.00 (GST Inclusive)

Non VAGTC members \$25 (GST Inclusive)

## **AAEGT Annual General Meeting**

The AAEGT Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 26th July, 2015 from 3.00pm.

It will be held at Melbourne University, 234 Queensberry Street, Level 3, Room Q372, Carlton

On the day, entry will require participants to phone 0414 343 294 to gain entry.

To nominate for a position please download the nomination form at <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/aaegt-annual-general-meeting>

## **FROM PAT SLATTERY AT WISEONES**

Advanced notice that WiseOnes 18th annual conference will be held on 16 October 2015. More details in future newsletters.



## Programs for Term 3, 2015

[www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

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### **General Information**

*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](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

### **Program Descriptions**

#### **Grades 1 & 2 - Travel to Planet Yunan – (Space Science / Imagination)**

**Narre Warren**

##### **North/Tecoma**

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to get on a space ship and go into outer space? Well in this program you will get to design your own space ship. You'll also plan and take an imaginary trip to a 'newly-discovered' planet called Yunan. What do you think you'll find when you get to Yunan? You will be an explorer, collecting information about all the weird and wonderful life-forms you find.

To help you design your space ship and plan your journey, we'll use Mr De Bono's Thinking Hats to think about the trip in different ways. We'll find out what the facts are (White Hat), look for the good and bad points (Yellow & Black Hats), think of new ideas (Green Hat) and ask what we're feeling (Red Hat). But we've missed a hat! What about the Blue Hat? You'll have to come to the program to find out what the Blue Hat is for!

#### **Grades 3 & 4 – Sustainability Key (Environmental Science)**

**Narre Warren**

##### **North/Tecoma/Dingley**

In this program our job will be to find out who 'stole' the 'Sustainability Key'. First of all we'll explore what sustainability really is and how it might have been stolen. Then we'll look for clues, examine evidence, build a case and bring down a verdict. Finally, we'll decide what the guilty parties need to do to restore sustainability to our world.

During this program you will use some 'Thinking Strategies' such as 'Bums Up, Heads Down' and De Bono's 'Action Shoes' (they're a bit like the Thinking Hats). You'll also learn heaps about the environment and ways to protect it from being damaged. But most importantly, you will solve the clues to find out who really stole the Sustainability Key.

#### **Grades 3 & 4 – Maths Problem Solving Club (Maths)**

##### **Essex Heights**

Do you love Maths and want to be challenged? Are you excited by the idea of solving unusual maths problems and improving your skills? Would you jump at the chance to spend more time exploring interesting maths topics? Would you enjoy meeting other kids who love Maths? If you answered 'yes' to these questions, this club may be just for you. Whether you've been in the Maths Club before, or this is your first time, you'll love being immersed in a world of fun maths activities. In this club you'll tackle maths problems that are challenging and interesting. You can do this by yourself or with a partner and the teacher is there to help if you get stuck. You'll practise strategies for solving problems more efficiently and feel very satisfied with what you achieve. You'll also get to explore some unusual maths topics and play maths and strategy games.

Features of the Maths Problem Solving Club:

- **Weekly after-school** club
- Limited to **small numbers of students** to ensure personalised teacher attention
- Each child will be **challenged and supported** at their own level
- Participants will learn specific **strategies and skills** for Mathematics problem solving
- Students will explore **unusual Mathematics topics**
- Children will **think deeply** about Mathematics concepts

**Grades 3 & 4 Mysterious Stories** (Writing)

**Gembrook**

Do you enjoy stories that are mysterious or strange in some way? Do you love writing and would you like to write a story that makes the reader wonder, get goose bumps, or makes their hair stand on end?

In this program you will start with a set of wonderful illustrations that were found in mysterious circumstances. One of these illustrations could be just the inspiration you need to write an amazing, short story. You'll explore the genre of fantasy and how to write convincingly about the strange world or circumstances in which the characters in your story find themselves. You'll also try a range of writing techniques to help you write a story that captivates your reader so they won't want to stop reading!

At the end of this program, you will take away your short story to share with friends and family. If you'd like to be the author of a mysterious story, wonder no longer - book in to this program.

**Program Descriptions (continued)**

**Grades 5 & 6 - Global Power Sleuth** (Environmental Science)

**Narre Warren**

**North/Tecoma/Essex Heights**

Traditional power sources around the world are drying up and world governments are desperate to find new, sustainable and environmentally-friendly sources of energy.

Until recently Professor Powermoore has been travelling the globe investigating geographical features that could be harnessed to generate power. Unfortunately Professor Powermoore died before making any recommendations about potential power sources. Your company, Global Association for Supply of Power (GASP), has been called in to take over his mission.

When you complete your investigation you will be required to present a report explaining where and how the world will obtain its future power supplies. Your report will include available geographical sources of energy and how electricity will be generated without negatively impacting on the environment.

Despite Professor Powermoore's untimely death, he unwittingly left you some clues to help you with your mission. You have all the postcards he sent while travelling and if you can deduce where he travelled and what he saw, you will find some potential power sources.

During this mission you'll play the 'Global Geography Game' each week and you'll use creative thinking to come up with solutions to the world's future power needs. If you succeed, all world citizens will be forever grateful.

**Grades 5 & 6 - Let's Make History** (History)

**Gembrook**

While fiddling with a broken door handle one day, you suddenly find that you've travelled back in time. You've arrived in the place and time of a famous historical character. You can't return to the present until you understand this person and the time they lived in. You can only do this by living in this person's life as though you are him or her.

What is life like for you in this historical time? What do you spend your time doing and why did you do the famous things you did? What influenced and motivated you? What did you believe in and what was important to you? What did you hope for in the future?

When you understand this person and what affected him or her you will be free to return to the present and compare notes with the other students. You can also fix the doorknob so it never happens again!

**Venues and Dates**

<p><b>Narre Warren North Primary School</b> Registrations close 15 July 2015. \$297/program incl. GST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Grades 1 &amp; 2 – <u>Travel to Planet Yunan</u></b> <b>Wednesday</b> (6 weeks) 22, 29 July, 12, 19, 26 August &amp; 2 Sept</li></ul>	<p><b>Tecoma Primary School</b> Registrations close 15 July 2015. \$297/program incl. GST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Grades 1 &amp; 2 – <u>Travel to Planet Yunan</u></b> <b>Tuesday</b> (6 weeks) 21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18 August &amp; 1 Sept</li></ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4 – <u>Sustainability Key</u></b> Thursday (6 weeks) 23 July, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 &amp; 10 Sept</li> <li>• <b>Grades 5 &amp; 6 – <u>Global Power Sleuth</u></b> Thursday (6 weeks) 23 July, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 &amp; 10 Sept</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4 – <u>Sustainability Key</u></b> Friday (4 weeks) 14, 21, 28 August, 11 Sept</li> <li>• <b>Grades 5 &amp; 6 – <u>Global Power Sleuth</u></b> Tuesday (4 weeks) 21, 28 July, 4, 11 August</li> </ul>
<p><b>Essex Heights Primary School</b> Registrations close 15 July 2015. \$297/program incl. GST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4 – <u>Maths Problem Solving Club</u></b> Tuesday (6 weeks) 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August &amp; 1 Sept</li> <li>• <b>Grades 5 &amp; 6 – <u>Global Power Sleuth</u></b> Thursday (8 weeks) 23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20, 27 August, 3 &amp; 10 Sept</li> </ul>	<p><b>Dingley Primary School</b> Registrations close 15 July 2015. \$297/program incl. GST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4 – <u>Sustainability Key</u></b> Monday (6 weeks) 20, 27 July, 10, 17, 24 &amp; 31 August</li> </ul>
<p><b>Gembrook Primary School</b> Registrations close 30 July 2015. \$147/program incl. GST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4 – <u>Mysterious Stories</u></b> Wednesday (1 day) 9 September</li> <li>• <b>Grades 5 &amp; 6 – <u>Let's Make History</u></b> Wednesday (1 day) 5 August</li> </ul>	

#### How to register

1. **Select** the program (please turn over) you would like your child to attend. (Please consult with your child's teacher as needed.)
2. Enquire if there's a place available by calling **Barbara Vegh** on **0429 522 903** or emailing **admin@thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au**
3. Complete and send the Registration Form to:  
**admin@thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au** or **Thinking Outside The Box Programs**  
**P.O. Box 1389, Upwey, Victoria, 3158.**
4. Your payment must be received **within one week** of confirmation of a place for your child  
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.

FROM BETH CREGAN

Hi Jo,

I wanted to send through the program link for The Writer's Club at Oakleigh. The program is going to be wonderful - The Art of Writing - A Creative Journey of Self Expression through Writing and Art. The link provides all program information.

We have extended the time frame to 90 mins to allow time to reflect on the creative processes.

<https://weteachme.com/writeawaywithme/the-art-of-writing-a-creative-journey-of-self-expression-through-drawing-and-writing>

I thought it might make it for your July newsletter.

Best regards,

Beth Cregan

Director

Mob: 0407 770 154

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Read our blog: [www.writeawaywithme.com/blog/](http://www.writeawaywithme.com/blog/)

Check out our website for information about The Writer's Club and The Writer's Masterclass - Storytelling and Writing Workshops for Children

[www.writeawaywithme.com](http://www.writeawaywithme.com)

Outside the Square  
psychology



## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

### Bi-monthly Double Features. Introducing Saturday Workshops

Saturday 18th July: Double Feature:

Teaching Social Skills to Primary School Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Eating Difficulties. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 20 Banksia Street, Burwood

Cost: \$50 per workshop, or \$75 for both workshops on the same date

For more information:

ph:(03) 9808 3917 OR visit: [www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au](http://www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au)

# Parenting Children who Worry Too Much

for parents of children aged 2 - 12 years

Does anxiety stop your child enjoying life?

Come along to find out more  
about anxiety and strategies to  
help your child to worry less.



Thursday  
23 July, 2015  
6.15pm - 8.30pm

The Avenue Uniting Church  
Blackburn  
46 Blackburn Road  
(Cnr of Blackburn Rd & The Avenue)  
BLACKBURN

FREE

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Phone: (03) 9663 6733 or email: [enquiries@ds.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ds.org.au)



## Parent Information Forum MANAGING ANXIETY AND WORRIES (5-13 YEARS)

Parents play an essential role in helping their child manage anxiety and worries particularly in the pre-teen (8-13 years) stage of development where there is so much change and transition.

In this Parent Information Forum Michelle Graeber will cover what normal childhood and adolescent development looks like, how personality and environment contribute to well being, signs and symptoms associated with anxiety in young people, and practical ways parents can offer support and assist in building resilience.

Michelle Graeber is the CEO of the Anxiety Recovery Centre Victoria (ARCVic) and has more than 20 years' experience largely in the disability and mental health sectors.

Date:	Wednesday 15 July 2015
Time:	7.30pm-9.30pm
Venue:	Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Bookings:	Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online at <a href="http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Information-Forums.html">www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Information-Forums.html</a>
Further information:	Council's Parent Resource Officer Molly Block on 9262 6175 or <a href="mailto:molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au">molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au</a>
Cost:	\$2 gold coin donation payable on the night. Please note unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children in this forum.



## Keynotes

- Dr. Jonathan Plucker (USA): Critical Issues and Practices in Gifted Education: What the Research Says
- Dr. Ann Robinson (USA): Best Practices in Gifted Education: An Evidence-Based Guide
- Dr. Leonie Krohnberg (Australia): Teaching Teachers to Teach the Gifted
- Dr. Sylvia Rimin (USA): From Underachievement to Wondrous Achievement
- Dr. Margaret Sutherland (Scotland): A collaborative approach to building the bridges between research and practice
- Professor Eunice Alencar (Brazil): Theory and Practice of Creativity Measurement
- Professor Ching-Chih Kuo (Taiwan): Gifted brains: Studies of gender differences
- Dr. Shirley Kokot (South Africa), legacy keynote speaker: Planting a garden: A historical overview of experiences both in WCOTC and starting a South African school for gifted children

"To be of use to the world is the only way to be happy."  
- Hans Christian Andersen

## Welcome to Odense

It is with great pleasure that we welcome The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children World Conference in 2015. We consider our city to be one of the centers in Denmark when it comes to knowledge and education, and we support these in every way we can.

Odense has a bit of everything: City life and diversity but also a charming atmosphere and many green sites right in the middle of the city. The river flowing through the city connects the parks and offers unique opportunities to combine life with relaxation in beautiful green spaces.

See you in Odense!  
- Anker Boye, Mayor of Odense



## Important Dates

Registration opens ..... September 2014  
Early registration closes ..... April 30th 2015  
Regular registration closes ..... July 31st 2015  
Late On Site ..... August 1st -  
to Conference opening ..... August 10th 2015  
Abstract submission opens ..... September 2014  
Abstract submission ..... closes on March 19th, 2015



www.worldgifted2015.com



## 21st World Conference Educating Gifted and Talented Children - Turning Research Into Practice



10-14 August 2015  
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark



World Council for Gifted and Talented Children  
www.worldgifted2015.com



Dear Colleagues and friends,

The World Council for Gifted & Talented Children is really looking forward to meeting up with all our members and new attendees in Odense, Denmark in 2015. At the 21st WCOTC Biennial Conference, we can assure you that we will have a multilingual representation hour (English Line-Up). We will also be paying homage to our past with a keynote from our Legacy speaker.

We invite you to explore a diversity of viewpoints, research and practices from around the globe. The theme - Turning research into practice - will be a very useful thread and will run throughout the conference. The town of Odense will prove to be a truly magical venue and place to visit, especially in August. August is the month of festivals - The Flower Festival, The Smash Words Festival, The Hans-Christians Andersen Festival and last but not least, the Harry Potter Festival!

This conference will provide a programme with the highest calibre of presenters bringing together leaders in Gifted Education. These leaders will share their knowledge, expertise and practices from many cultures and countries. These leaders will include researchers, educators, practitioners, psychologists, and parents among others.

I would like to thank our Danish Conference Team for all their ongoing hard work as well as the Executive Committee that has been a constant support throughout the development of the conference. I would also like to invite you to encourage those you know as well as yourself to attend as it is going to be a good one. Hoping to see you all in Odense, Denmark, 2015!

Leslie S. Graves  
WCOTC President



www.world-gifted.org



The House of Hans Christian Andersen

## Focus of the World Conference

With the group of researchers and practitioners in the area of gifted and talented education being relatively small the need to come together on a global scale is essential.

This is why as the focus of this international conference we suggest working together in transforming knowledge from research into practical tools for teachers and other educators to use on an everyday basis. We will urge all participants to take part in this collaboration and networking in order for the gifted area to advance. We might even agree on a joint research project to be carried out on a global scale.

By facilitating a conference where we not only share information but process it through collaboration and cross-border networking, we have the potential to both increase the effectiveness of and validate previously isolated research cells, whilst also forging a much more tight-knit international community. This community is something we refer to as the "Global Village". Through it, we hope to reach a networking milestone from which we may continue to fully unfurl both our intellectual and creative potentials, ultimately securing a better future for gifted and talented children everywhere.

## The Strands Are:

### Turning research into practice

- Identifying the gifted and identifying the talented
- Educating and extending gifted learners
- Developing talents in the home, classroom and beyond
- Research on the gifted
- Conceptual frameworks for teaching the gifted
- Curriculum for the gifted
- Digital and Technological Applications and Practices in Gifted Education

### Giving gifted and talented children a voice

- Advocacy for gifted students
- Partnerships to enhance educating the gifted
- Creativity and socio-emotional development
- Creativity in mathematics
- Values education for the gifted
- Twice-exceptional gifted learners

### On-site collaboration

- Study groups
- Networking dinner groups

### Online collaboration

- Setting the stage for future sharing of information
- E-networking
- E-learning options

We encourage you to submit a proposal that fits one of these strands at [www.worldgifted2015.com](http://www.worldgifted2015.com)



<http://worldgifted2015.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2nd-announcement.pdf>

Worldgifted 2015 pre-conference workshops

<http://worldgifted2015.com/pre-conference-workshops/>



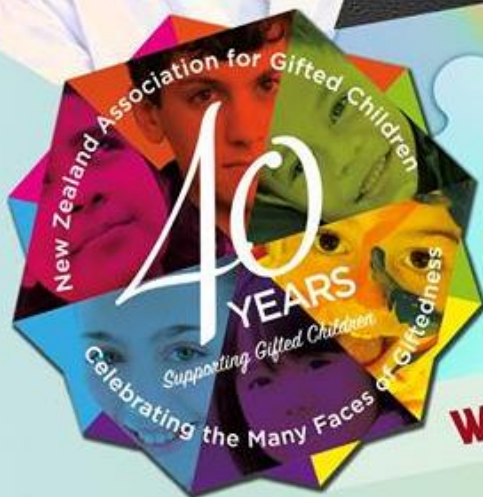
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Dyslexia & strategies for success  
Peak performance for smart kids  
The 8 key qualities of gifted Maori students  
Q & A with educational psychologists

## For kids - great holiday program

Fresh water forensics  
The amazing human brain  
Philosophy, Mindfulness  
NZ Mindgames Championships  
Robotics, Fossil Fun  
What's happening at Hamilton Zoo

**BOOK** [nzagc-40th-anniversary.org.nz](http://nzagc-40th-anniversary.org.nz) / [admin@giftedchildren.org.nz](mailto:admin@giftedchildren.org.nz)



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## INTRODUCING THINK CLUB AUSTRALIA

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***One day, hands-on school holiday workshops for the inquisitive, creative and capable primary school child.***

I would like to introduce you to *THINK CLUB AUSTRALIA*.

*THINK CLUB* workshops are intended for the inquisitive, problem-solving, creative and capable primary school child. Our one day hands-on workshops are enjoyable, fun and interesting. Typically, students who attend *THINK CLUB* workshops have been identified for enrichment programs at their school, or have strong learning abilities and strengths in particular learning areas.

*THINK CLUB* is committed to providing a quality experience, enabling 'Thinkers' the opportunity to explore and expand their minds, along with the opportunity to meet other like-minded children and engage in an exciting day of critical thinking, problem solving and exploration together. To achieve this, the number of participants in each workshop is limited to a maximum of 20.

*THINK CLUB* Workshop Leaders are all qualified teachers and/or experts in their fields who all have a passion for enriching and inspiring primary age students to reach their potential. All have completed the necessary checks for working with children.

- **THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015 | 9am – 3.30pm | AT SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**
- **The cost per child is \$85.**
- **Registrations can be made online at <http://www.thinkclubaustralia.com/register-now.html>**

It is anticipated that many of the *THINK CLUB* workshops will become full before the closing date of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2015. To ensure your school's students don't miss out, I would be grateful if you could publicise *THINK CLUB* to both your student and parent bodies and encourage them to register online as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your support and please contact me on 0408 282 010 if you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Samantha Fuller | Director | Think Club Australia

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## SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

### GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/04/self-directed-learning-documentation-and-life-stories-with-guest-wes-beach/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/11/best-online-resources-for-gifted-information/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/17/how-to-foster-critical-and-creative-thinking/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/22/best-ways-to-support-the-gifted-teen/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/06/30/coping-with-isolation-in-the-gifted-community/>

### Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

Hoagiesgifted July Blog hop: Gifted relationships

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog\\_hop\\_gifted\\_relationships.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_gifted_relationships.htm)

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/07/01/friends-and-relations/>

NZ Gifted Awareness Week blog tour

<http://giftededucation.ultranet.school.nz/WebSpace/1286/>

Sprite's Site post for NZ Gifted Awareness Week Changing the way you see us

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/06/08/changing-the-way-you-see-us/>

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

University of Canberra Disability Standards for Education

<http://resource.dse.theeducationinstitute.edu.au/>

Think Club Australia

<http://www.thinkclubaustralia.com>

Positive mindset – not mindlessly positive

<http://blog.sukiwessling.com/2015/06/positive-mindset-not-mindlessly-positive/>

Help shape the education state

<http://educationstate.education.vic.gov.au/>

Duke TIP The Challenges of Being Gifted in a Rural Community

<http://tip.duke.edu/node/842>

Gifted Phoenix

This post reviews the Sutton Trust's Research Brief 'Missing Talent', setting it in the context of the Trust's own priorities and the small canon of research on excellence gaps in the English education system.

<https://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2015/06/07/missing-talent/>

Hoagiesgifted Programming links

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.net/programming.htm>

GHF Rapid response Are all children gifted?

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/resources/parent-and-professional-resources/articles/are-all-children-gifted/>

The Age

The Melbourne teenager going to school while living under a bridge

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/the-melbourne-teenager-going-to-school-while-living-under-a-bridge-20150602-ghe4at>

Podcast 774ABC SPELD

<https://soundcloud.com/774-abc-melbourne/professor-keith-houghton-and-clare-carmody-from-speld-chat-dyslexia-with-richard-stubbs>

CEO Sydney Differentiation

<https://sites.google.com/a/syd.catholic.edu.au/professional-learning-modules/home/module-12-ii-science-and-technology-k-6/d7-avenues-for-differentiation>

CAST

<http://www.cast.org/>

Assistive technology

[http://www.assistivetechology.vcu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1864/2013/07/UDL\\_Placemat\\_Core\\_iPad\\_Apps.pdf](http://www.assistivetechology.vcu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1864/2013/07/UDL_Placemat_Core_iPad_Apps.pdf)

<http://www.cast.org/our-work/learning-tools.html#.VWXRBKqgko>

A Nation Empowered

[http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Nation\\_Empowered/](http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Nation_Empowered/)

Bridges Academy

<http://www.bridges.edu/welcome>

Free Spirit Free Professional Development Webinars

[http://www.freespirit.com/Webinars/index.cfm?utm\\_source=landingpage&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_content=webinar-series&utm\\_campaign=webinar-series&CFID=55187](http://www.freespirit.com/Webinars/index.cfm?utm_source=landingpage&utm_medium=website&utm_content=webinar-series&utm_campaign=webinar-series&CFID=55187)

How to help the impulsive disorganized child

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.co.nz/2015/06/how-to-help-impulsive-disorganized-child.html>

What can schools do differently to support children with dyslexia?

<http://www.dailylife.com.au/news-and-views/dl-opinion/what-can-schools-do-differently-to-support-children-with-dyslexia-20150629-gi0j0e.html>



UDL Tech tool wiki

<http://udltechtoolkit.wikispaces.com/>

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<http://www.100storybuilding.org.au/100-story-holidays/>

**AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION**

**School Holiday Camps Programs**

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

<http://www.auscamps.asn.au/activities/holiday-activity>

**ACMI AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE MOVING IMAGE Creative workshops**

<http://www.acmi.net.au/creative-workshops.htm>

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT**

**Holiday Programs**

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/visit/holiday>

**AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SYDNEY**

<http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/>

**BUBBLE DOME EDUCATION**

<http://bubbledome.com/index.php>

**CHESS KIDS CHESS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

<http://www.chessclub.com.au/holiday-programs.html>

**CHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

<http://www.chip.edu.au/holiday-program/>

**Rock on with CHIP Winter Holiday Program**

<http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1036141/26181516/1430273071657/CHIP+Winter+Holiday+Program.pdf?token=otLrkf1qpXKKpkKf%2FDQGqGFe2yw%3D>

## **EXTEND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

For full details see

Holiday programs

<http://extend.com.au/programs/school-holiday-programs/>

## **GASWORKS ARTS PARK**

<http://www.gasworks.org.au/whats-on/kids-holiday-program/>

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS**

Full details of programs can be found on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/>

PO Box 207, Blackburn VIC 3130 Australia

Phone 03 9894 2116 Fax 03 9894 2117

Email [info@gateways.edu.au](mailto:info@gateways.edu.au)

## **IMMIGRATION MUSEUM**

### **What's On Exhibitions**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/whatson/>

**Phone:** 03 9927 2700

**Fax:** 03 9927 2728

**Web:** <http://immigration.museum.vic.gov.au/>

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Robotics Holiday Program

Noeleen Vincent

Learning Enrichment Studio

Suite 214

19 Milton Parade

Malvern Vic 3144

Ph: (03) 9824 8135

Mob: 0448 064 738

[www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au](http://www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au)

<http://www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au/programs.php>

## **MELBOURNE AQUARIUM**

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

## **MELBOURNE MUSEUM**

<http://www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/>

## **MELBOURNE PLANETARIUM**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/planetarium/>

## **NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA**

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/programs-events/>

## **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA)**

<http://www.open.nida.edu.au/>

<http://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/Delivery/School+Holidays>

## **OAK HILL GALLERY**

Holiday Art Classes for children

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

**PARKS VICTORIA**

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore>

**POWERHOUSE MUSEUM SYDNEY****School Holiday Program**

<http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/whats-on/school-holiday-program/>

**PRIMESCI HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

The PrimeSCI! Spring School Holiday Program will be hosted by:

KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity and Sustainability Centre)

Building WK

Swinburne University of Technology (Wantirna Campus)

369 Stud Road

Wantirna South VIC 3152

(Campus Map: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/campuses/wantirna/documents/wantirna.pdf> )

For more information and to enrol online

<http://sciencecentre.monash.edu.au/shp/>

<http://www.monash.edu/science/schools/earth-atmosphere-environment/primesci/school-holiday-programs>

**RSPCA Holiday Program**

<http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education-and-learning/holiday-programs>

**SCIENCEWORKS MUSEUM**

<http://www.scienceworks.museum.vic.gov.au/>

**TECHKIDS**

<http://techkids.com.au/school-holiday-programs/>

**THE ART FACTORY School Holiday Programs**

<http://theartfactory.com.au/holiday-workshops>

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Zoo Adventures Holiday programs

<http://www.zoo.org.au/>

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