



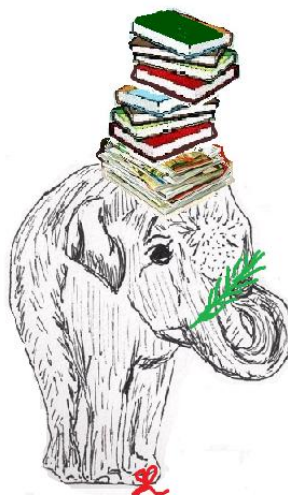
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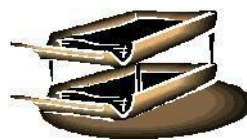
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Gifted Resources News

Tra la it's May! This year is passing so fast! This month we have news of the coming VAGTC conference and some programs being offered in Term 2 by CHIP and Thinking Outside the Box as well as other conferences and workshops and a booklet offered by Sue Larkey. The Memory Elephant warned me that he is booked up for several weeks.



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

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

[WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC Conference Parent Seminar 21 May 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

GATSTA Conference Friday 29 May 2015 Aim High [WEBSITE](#)

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

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is 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 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

jjgrant@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

Contact

Maura Donohue email 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>

VAGTC NEWS

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

Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thu 21 - 22 May 2015

The VAGTC is proud to host a two day conference for educators entitled " Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice."

The VAGTC Conference will be held on Thursday 21st May - Friday 22nd May.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS END 31ST DECEMBER 2014

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm
Venue: CQ Function Centre
Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Tools for Parenting the Gifted Child...Ask the Experts

21 May 2015

Whether you are the parent of a pre-schooler, or a primary or secondary aged gifted child this parent session will be ideal for you.

Come along armed with all the questions you ever wanted to ask!

This moderated session will include a panel of experienced educators from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary settings, plus an Educational Psychologist.

This session will give parents the opportunity to explore some common themes and issues in gifted education.

Time: 11.00am - 12.45pm
Venue: CQ Function Centre - 113 Queen Street, Melbourne
Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Raising Children Network

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

have requested the help of the VAGTC to get the details of families willing to participate in their research and give a summary of their story to help build up and share information about parenting gifted children. They would be interested to hear about challenges/delights of parenting and education measures which proved successful or disappointing

If you like to share your story or would like to find out more about this project contact the VAGTC president Carmel Meehan on pcmeehan@bigpond.net.au
RCN will then contact the people whose stories could be used as a written anecdote or maybe a short interview on a video

Parent Seminar - EXTENDED GIFTED SEMINAR (from previously advertised seminar)

Part 1 - As previously advertised.....

TOOLS FOR PARENTING THE GIFTED CHILD.....ASK THE EXPERTS

Cost: Session 1 only

\$25 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$30 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: Session 1 only

11.00am - 12.45pm Includes light morning tea

Part 2 - New.....

GIFTED AND HAPPY?.....INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPINESS MEANS FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Cost: Session 2 only

\$25 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$30 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: Session 2 only

1.30 - 2.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER: Stay for both sessions and enjoy lunch with conference registrants.

Cost: For sessions 1 & 2, including lunch

\$30 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$50 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: 3.00pm - 3.00pm

Venue: CQ Function Centre -
113 Queens Street,
Melbourne

Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Dates: Wed 17 - 21 May 2015

For full details see <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/parent-seminar-extended-gifted-seminar-from-previously-advertised-seminar-0>

The VAGTC has been contracted by DET to deliver teacher and parent half day seminars in 5 country towns in Victoria. VAGTC are writing an online resource for teachers to be placed on the DET website. DET are also a major sponsor for the May Conference

VAGTC EXTENDED Parent Seminar

THURSDAY 21ST MAY, 2015



The VAGTC is delighted to be able to invite parents to an extended parent seminar

PART 1 - As previously advertised

Tools for Parenting the Gifted Child

...Ask the Experts!

A Question and Answer Session - Come along with all the questions you ever wanted to ask and have them answered by the experts including an Educational Psychologist, and educators from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary settings.

Cost: For Session 1 Only \$25.00 (GST Incl) VAGTC members
\$30.00 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: 11.00am - 12.45pm
Includes light morning tea

PART 2 - New

Gifted and Happy?

Investigating What Happiness Means for Gifted Children

Presented by Michele Juratowitch, Director of Clearing Skies, Queensland

Michele Juratowitch provides services to meet the needs of gifted children, their parents and teachers. She provides counselling for gifted youth and their parents; has been a lecturer in the postgraduate course in Gifted Education at GERRIC, UNSW. Michele was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the counselling and intervention needs of gifted children.

Cost: For Session 2 Only \$25.00 (GST Incl) VAGTC members
\$30.00 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER: Stay for **both** sessions and enjoy lunch with conference registrants.

Cost: For sessions 1 & 2, including lunch \$30 (GST Incl) VAGTC members
\$50 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

For more information see the website at www.vagtc.asn.au

Registration Form

Tax Invoice – A.B.N. 93 904 346 898

I/we wish to attend: Session 1 only Session 2 only Session 1 and 2 with Lunch Session 1 and 2 without lunch

Name/s: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email Address*: _____

*Please provide a current email address as all receipts will be issued by email.

Payment Total: _____

Please make cheque payable to VAGTC Inc. and mail this form with your payment to: PO Box 132 Caulfield South 3162
or

I wish to pay by credit card – charge my Bankcard/ Visa/ Mastercard (Please circle)

Cardholder's Name (please print) _____

Cardholder's Signature _____ Expiry Date: _____/_____/_____

or

I wish to pay by Direct Debit: Bank - NAB; BSB - 083166; Account No - 12157 9485

Name on account - Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (please add your name to the bank payment)

Personas, profiles and portraits

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



Meet the gifted country kids Adam and Evelyn - the latest additions to my Persona dolls

<https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/2015/04/29/meet-the-country-kids/>

Uses of Persona Dolls

Persona dolls are usually developed by a practitioner/educator to enable children to gain an awareness and understanding of diversity of different backgrounds and lifestyles and to help children learn strategies for dealing with unfairness. The dolls each have their own story, personality, family and cultural background and likes and dislikes.

They are usually used in early childhood education but can also be used counseling and therapy.

I have a few extra purposes in mind for my group of dolls.

PD Cubed

One of my potential projects for these Persona Dolls is what I call PD Cubed.

One or more of the Persona Dolls with their personal stories and QR codes directing to sources of information can be set up in Perspex cubes which can be used in Professional Development either as visual aids for a speaker or as a static display.

Children of High Intellectual Potential (CHIP) weekly Classes in Maths are starting at Middle Park Primary School. There will be a four week trial beginning on May 28th. Millicent Henry (MEd in Gifted Education) will be facilitating these and they will run from 1.50 to 2.50 each Thursday. The classes will be held in the Library and engage selected students from years 3 through 6. Contact Mrs Karvouni for further details

Children of High Intellectual Potential (CHIP) weekly Classes in Maths and Language are starting at Middle Park Primary School. There will be a four week trial beginning on May 28th. Millicent Henry (MEd in Gifted Education) will be facilitating these and they will run from 4pm to 6pm each Thursday. The classes will be held in the Library at Middle Park Primary School. Costs for the four week trial will be \$95 per student. Enrolments can be made through the link on the website www.chip.edu.au and are open to all Primary and Secondary aged students. For further information, contact Millicent on 0448 880 331 or email mhenry@bigpond.net.au.

FROM SUE LARKEY

HAPPY Autism Awareness Day,

I am very excited to have collated into one easy to read document my top practical tips and forms to help make a difference. It also includes YouTube clips of me explaining the tip sheets and strategies. Click on the YouTube icon on the tip sheet to see the video.

Just Click the link below.

Best Wishes

Sue

PS: Please share the book with anyone who you think may benefit from the information.

http://suelarkey.com.au/media/Key_Tips_for_Understanding_ASD_-_E-Book.pdf

FROM PAT SLATTERY AT WISEONES

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

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 Kronborg (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 WCGTE 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



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 WCGTE Biennial Conference, we can assure you that we will have a multiblob representation hour (keynote 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- Christian 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
WCGTE 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 efforts, 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 unfold 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://worldgifted2015.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2nd-announcement.pdf>

Worldgifted 2015 pre-conference workshops

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

Scholarships

<http://www.world-gifted.org/WorldConf/Scholarships#top>

Parent Information Forum: Video Games and their Impact on Children and Young People

It is with great pleasure that the City of Whitehorse will be hosting our "Video Games and their Impact on Children and Young People" Parent Information Forum on Thursday evening, 11th June. Steven Dupon, founder of www.videogames.org.au and Manager of YMCA Youth Services will present:

- Both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology;
- How video games can be utilised as a positive contributor to a child's development;
- How to avoid video game addiction;
- How to keep kids safe online and;
- How to deal with the inappropriate content in some video games.

Date: Thursday 11th June 2015

Times: 7.30pm-9.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Centre (Rear of 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading)

I would really appreciate you distributing this email and attached flyer through your networks and to any parents, grandparents or carers who you think might benefit from this forum. Places are limited so booking early is recommended. Families can now book online through the Whitehorse Council website (link is provided on the flyer). They can also view the other Parent Information forums planned for 2015.

A \$2 gold coin donation per person is requested on the night which will be donated to a Child and Family service operating in the municipality to support their work.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 9262 6175

or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Molly Block

Parent Resource Officer (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)

Health and Family Services

Email: molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au



**GATSTA CONFERENCE
FRIDAY 29 MAY, 2015**

Conference for teachers of gifted and talented secondary students

The Australian Catholic University campus at Strathfield, Sydney

Keynote address: psychologist Fiona Smith on Creativity, and on how to use the Stanford Binet IQ test (SBS) to gain a greater understanding of the creative-divergent thinking often shown by gifted students.

Plenary session: Adam Spencer on teaching Maths to gifted students. Those who attend the session will receive a copy of his new textbook.

There will be 5 breakout sessions, each with five options, running through the day.

NSW BOSTES endorsement through the Professional Teachers' Council

REGISTRATION AND FURTHER DETAILS:

www.gatsta.wordpress.com

2015 GROUP PROGRAMS

FOR ALL GROUP INTAKE ENQUIRIES
e youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au
t 03 9871 1802



treehouse

Treehouse is a therapeutic play-based program for primary-school aged children, who need some extra support with social skills, self-esteem, managing strong feelings and developing resilience. Treehouse will run every term but with different primary school aged groups.

Time: Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4, after school. Different age each term.

REBOUND

Rebound is aimed at young people 13-15 years who are experiencing family issues which may put them at risk of leaving home, school disengagement and who have had some contact with the police.

Time: Terms 2 & 4. During school hours. 8 sessions.



Mankind is a fun, experience based program for young men aged between 13 and 16. It is a group for young men who might be having difficulty coping with complex feelings, poor self-esteem and/or managing relationships with family and friends.

Time: Term 3, during school time.



Shine is a therapeutic group for young women aged 14-17 who are experiencing symptoms of depression and/or anxiety that is having an impact on their self esteem and relationships.

Time: Terms 2 & 4, during school hours.



A number of parenting seminars will be offered during 2015, each will be targeted towards a relevant issue for parents of children and adolescents in the region. Contact the team for further details on the current topic.

Time: Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4. Topic will vary each term.

bringing up great kids

Bringing Up Great Kids (BUGK) is a Parenting Program using mindfulness and reflection to support parents as they review and enhance their patterns of communication with their children. The program is for parents/carers of children aged between 0-10yrs.

Time: Terms 1 & 4, BUGK can also be run in collaboration with your agency. Please contact for further details.

☎ 1300 00 EACH (1300 00 3224) 🌐 each.com.au





Thinking Outside The Box Programs for Term 2, 2015

www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

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

Program Descriptions

Grades 1 & 2 - Martian Maths (Maths)

Mardy the Maths Martian has reported some strange happenings in outer space. He's found a source of dark matter (something you can't see), the Zero has been sucked into a black hole, the citizens of Planet Jupiter have asked for a calendar and a giant space wormhole accidentally transported his mother-in-law to the Planet 51 Pegasi b which is about 50 light-years away.

Mardy is a troubled Martian and he's come to us for help. What are the Martians going to do without a zero? It takes 12 Earth years for Jupiter to orbit the Sun so what will the new Jupiter Calendar look like? How long will it take for Mardy's mother-in-law to get back to Mars if her spaceship is moving at 75,000 kilometers per hour? And finally, if Mardy uses dark matter to print the calendar, how will the people of Jupiter know what day it is?

In this program we'll be doing our best to solve some of these maths conundrums. Are you going to help?

Grades 3 & 4 - The Borrowers' House: Where did all the missing socks go (Maths)

Have you ever noticed that things go missing in your house? Do you always get the blame for losing them? Ever wondered where all the missing things end up? I'm talking about things like that pale green pencil, the last piece of cake, your favourite top, the car keys, hair ties and that piece of Lego you really need. Well I can tell you where they went. The Borrowers took them. Have you heard of the Borrowers? They are the little people (just 5 centimetres tall) who live in the walls of your house. Don't tell me you didn't know? Haven't you heard them scratching in the walls at night and scuffling across the floor just before you turn the light on? The Borrowers sneak into your home and borrow all sorts of things (and sometimes even give them back).

However the Borrowers are tired of living in your walls and want a house of their own. (And you wouldn't mind if they stopped keeping you awake at night either!) It's your job to design and build their new home. In this program you will use all sorts of Maths skills and maybe learn some new ones. You will use geometry, fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios and more. You will include unusual 3D shapes in your design and work out the right height for the ceilings. How inventive and creative can you be? Will your house be unique? Can you construct your 3D shapes? Most of all, can you convert your vision into a miniature house that is the envy of every Borrower?

Grades 5 & 6 - Impossible Problems (Maths)

If you love Maths and you're looking for a challenge, this program is sure to satisfy. You will be presented with a range of 'impossible problems' and your mission will be to solve them. You might work by yourself or with a partner. Sometimes you will work in teams. You will always be able to seek assistance from teacher when you get stuck.

"Are the problems really impossible?" I hear you ask. Well, not really. But they might take some thinking and time to solve. You'll learn and practice a range of tools and strategies to help you solve difficult maths problems. If you did the TOTB program about Herlock Shooms this program will add to your skills. You're sure to be surprised by how much you achieve in this program. You'll also realise that impossible problems are not so impossible after all.

Grades 5 & 6 - Maths Problem Solving Club (Maths)

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. 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 learn new strategies for solving problems more efficiently and feel very satisfied with what you achieve. You'll also get to explore some unusual Maths topics such as: Fibonacci in nature, how to create Maths tricks, unraveling the Mobius strip and solving secret codes. Other activities that could be included are maths and strategy games.

Venues and Dates

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| <p>Narre Warren North Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1 & 2 - Martian Maths (Maths) Wednesdays (6 weeks) 29 April, 6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 • Grades 3 & 4 - The Borrowers' House (Maths) Thursdays (6 weeks) 30 April, 7, 21, 28 May, 4, 11 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 • Grades 5 & 6 - Impossible Problems (Maths) Thursdays (6 weeks) 30 April, 7, 21, 28 May, 11, 18 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 | <p>Tecoma Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1 & 2 - Martian Maths (Maths) Tuesdays (6 weeks) 5, 12, 19, 26 May, 2, 9 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 • Grades 3 & 4 - The Borrowers' House (Maths) Fridays (4 weeks) 15, 22, 29 May, 5 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 • Grades 5 & 6 - Impossible Problems (Maths) Tuesdays (4 weeks) 5, 19, 26 May, 2 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 |
| <p>Dingley Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 5 & 6 - Impossible Problems (Maths) - After school Mondays (6 weeks) 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 1, 15 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 | <p>Knox Gardens Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1 & 2 - Martian Maths (Maths) Monday (6 weeks) 4, 11, 18, 25 May, 1, 15 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 |
| <p>Essex Heights Primary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 3 & 4 - The Borrowers' House (Maths) - After school Tuesdays (8 weeks) 28 April, 5, 12, 19, 26 May, 2, 9, 16 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 • Grades 5 & 6 - Maths Problem Solving Club (Maths) - After school Thursdays (6 weeks) 7, 14, 21, 28 May, 4, 11 June Registration 24 April 2015: \$264 | |



Thinking Outside The Box Programs for Term 2, 2015

www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

How to register

1. **Select** the program (see below) 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 **Sandra Dent** on **0415 443 605** 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 7005, Beaumaris, Victoria, 3193.**
4. Your payment is **due within one week** of confirmation of a place for your child – payment methods are shown 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. An aptitude assessment can also be arranged.

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.

Report on your child's participation

We are always happy to give you **verbal feedback** about how your child has responded to their program. Please contact the teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time. To purchase a **written report** at the completion of the program, tick the box on the Registration Form.

Guarantee

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

Important notes

- Full payment must be received within one week of registering for your child's place to be held.
- If you withdraw 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 waiting 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.
- The programs are offered as is and do not take into account any child's individual circumstances.

Payment methods

Payment is due **within one week** from when you receive **confirmation** that your child has a place on a program. Payment methods will be provided in detail at the time of place confirmation and are by **bank transfer, cheque or money order**.

Registration Form

Child's name: _____ M / F Parent's name/s: _____

Child's school: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Program: _____ Program venue: _____

Purchase a **written report** @ \$30: Yes No

Program cost: \$ _____

Report cost: \$ _____

Total amount payable: \$ _____

Postal address: _____ Home phone: _____

Email address: _____ Mobile: _____

- I prefer to receive emails (rather than mail to my postal address) for *Thinking Outside The Box* communications including **receipts, forms and reminders**. (If you provide your email address it may be used to communicate with you about *Thinking Outside The Box Programs* and activities, but it will not be disclosed to a third party without your consent or used for any other purpose.)

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GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/04/28/building-peer-support-networks-for-gifted-kids/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/04/21/gifted-unschooling-with-guest-amy-harrington/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/04/14/giftedness-across-the-lifespan-do-gifted-children-gifted-adults/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/04/07/guest-christine-fonseca-author-of-raising-the-shy-child/>

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum Blog Hops

April Blog hop: Gifted at Different Ages and Stages

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/gifted-ages-stages/>

Sprite's Site posts for this hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/04/20/do-you-grow-out-of-giftedness/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/04/24/on-the-ghf-april-2015-blog-hop/>

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

Hoagiesgifted May Blog hop: 2E kids

www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_2e_kids.htm

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/05/01/2e-is/>

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Raising Children Network

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

HEN new website

<https://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/Home.aspx>

Autism MOOC

<http://www.swinburne.edu.au/health-arts-design/schools/arts-social-sciences-humanities/departments/education-social-sciences/autism-mooc.html>

https://openededucation.blackboard.com/mooc-catalog/courseDetails/view?course_id= 192_1

GATSTA Conference Friday 29 May 2015 Aim High

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

Gifted Phoenix A digression on breadth depth pace and mastery

<https://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2015/04/22/a-digression-on-breadth-depth-pace-and-mastery/>

Toastmasters

<http://www.coachcarole.net/>

<https://www.toastmasters.org/About/Connect-with-Us>

<https://www.toastmasters.org/Membership/How-to-Start-a-New-Club/Gavel-Clubs>

<https://tmyouth.wordpress.com/programs/gavel-club/>

Dr James Deslisle on Differentiation

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2015/01/07/differentiation-doesnt-work.html>

Dr Gail Post blog post re Dr James Deslisle

<http://giftedchallenges.blogspot.com.au/2015/04/why-differentiated-instruction-fails.html>

GLD Australia

<http://australiangiftedsupport.com/ccmword/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/1371883953.pdf>

The Conversation

<http://theconversation.com/intellectually-gifted-students-often-have-learning-disabilities-37276>

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