



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER  
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Welcome to the Gifted Resources Email Newsletter in pdf attachment format

- Einstein riding a light beam
- seams of socks
- physical effects of placebo and nocebo treatments
- listening to the harmony of the stars
- imaginary and imaginal worlds
- Dabrowski's overexcitabilities
- the cheetah analogy
- conceiving of world peace
- asynchronous development
- the rotating dancer figure
- what gifted students need from parents and teachers

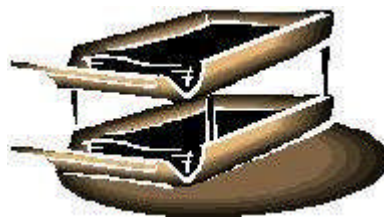
These are just a few of the topics of discussion during the Stephanie Tolan tour.

You can view photo albums, links to Stephanie's Radio National Life Matters interview, the transcript of Shaun Hately's introduction to Stephanie for the Public Lecture at Melbourne University and more on Stephanie's page of Gifted Resources website [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) Click on the photo of Stephanie and Jo on the home page and scroll down Stephanie's page till you come to the events. There is still more being added so visit often.

Stephanie's books are still available from Gifted Resources Order forms can be found on Stephanie's page.

**ROSEMARY CATHCART WORKSHOPS**

Details of all the events with registration forms can be found by following the links on the home page [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) and also in the Flyer In Tray and on Rosemary's page on Gifted Resources website.



## 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 would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

ROSEMARY CATHCART Workshops July 2008 [PDF BOOKLET OF FLYERS](#)

MINDFUL! Tuesday School Form [FORM](#)

MINDFUL! Felix the Rabbit [FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON FOR YEAR 7 [FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS [PDF FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM OCTOBER 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR Years 8-VCE 10 May 2008 [FLYER](#) [POSTER](#)

ALISON BROWN

Discipline with dignity Parenting Night 13 May [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 6-9 year olds May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 10-13 year olds May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

NEO Psychology School & Educational Psychologists Clinical Psychology Seminar Program for 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION 5th Annual Thinking and Learning Conference [PDF FLYER](#)

Giftedness Researchers' Support and Discussion Forum [NOTICE](#)

MONASH UNIVERSITY KRONGOLD CENTRE GIFTED SERVICES [PDF FLYER](#)

The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

### GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

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

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

For further information visit [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

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Email address is [gifted-support@hotmail.com](mailto:gifted-support@hotmail.com)

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php#event6>**

### MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday 7 May, 4 June, 2 July

If you have suggestions for family activities, guest speakers, etc. for 2007 please phone or email Jennifer or Louise.

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### ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL (was S.W.A.M.)

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria

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## ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR YEARS 8 – VCE

WHEN; Saturday 10th May 2008

WHERE; Warrnambool College Seminar Room, Grafton Road, Warrnambool.

WHO; Students, years' 8-VCE

WHY; To gain valuable Leadership skills, learn how to run an event & be empowered with terrific skills & knowledge

TIME; 10 am -2pm

COST; \$5.00 Members- \$20.00 non Members

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL; Due to limited numbers please Phone 0439364394

FOR A FULLER LIST OF PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS PLEASE SEE THE LIST ON GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE SERVICE LOCATOR

SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND DETAILS OF YOUR GROUP'S COMING EVENTS AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER AND/OR THE IN TRAY (NO COST INVOLVED)

**GIFTEDFAMILIES Email list** has been very active lately and seen some excellent discussions on giftedness compared to Aspergers Syndrome, acceleration versus enrichment, a new school in Melbourne, the conversations gifted children have, as well as lots of BTDT

See <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/giftedfamilies/>

For links to the articles they are discussing see the Some Interesting Websites section of this newsletter

### FROM DR SUSEN SMITH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Does your child have a passion for geology, a penchant for poetry or are they nutty for numbers? Would they enjoy the opportunity for some scientific exploration or to express their creativity in a variety of ways?

The UNE Enrichment Committee together with a newly established parent network group is working to develop a school holiday enrichment program for infants, primary and secondary students.

The program is proposed to run over two days during the July school holidays in Armidale and will cover a variety of subject areas - taught by experts, teachers, lecturers, parents or other community members.

To achieve this we need your input!

What would you like to see included in a holiday program and who would you recommend to run a workshop?

Contact Cherene Spendelove on 02 6775 1332 or by email [lorien19@bigpond.com](mailto:lorien19@bigpond.com)

Come to the UNE TalentEd Conference where there will be parent forums to discuss programs for your child. You can email [talented@une.edu.au](mailto:talented@une.edu.au) or go to the link:

<http://scs.une.edu.au/TalentEd/> for more details of the conference or see attached.

Kind regards

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## **FROM MARK BADE AT 2e NEWSLETTER**

This week is the debut on Voice of America of an Internet radio talk show called "Teach Your Children Well," hosted by Rich Weinfeld and Michelle Davis. Readers of *2e Newsletter* know Rich for his work with 2e children in Montgomery County, Maryland.

The first of the weekly shows, to be broadcast April 18th at 12 noon Eastern time, covers "great teachers," with guest Todd White of the National Institute for Excellence in Training.

The second show, April 25th, is scheduled to feature guest Jonathan Mooney, author of "Outside the Lines." Partner Linda and I heard Mooney last week at the AEGUS conference in Los Angeles; if you've never heard him give his perspective on what it's like to grow up gifted and LD, catch this show. If you tune in later in the show you might be lucky enough to hear yours truly, co-publisher of *2e Newsletter*, offer a few observations about what has happened recently in the world of 2e.

On May 2nd, the scheduled guest is Mary Ruth Coleman, past president of CEC. The week's topic: How to meet the needs of children with special needs, including both gifted and special education students.

Shows may be heard live as they're broadcast or as archives. For more information about "Teach Your Children Well," See

<http://www.modavox.com/voiceamericacms/WebModules/HostModaview.aspx?HostId=485&ChannelId=5&Flag=1>

## **SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

### **Stephanie Tolan on Radio National Life Matters**

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/default.htm>

### **Giftedness compared to Aspergers Syndrome**

<http://www.cec.sped.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=4171>

### **Brisbane ABC's Conversation Hour on Gifted children**

<http://www.abc.net.au/local/stories/2008/04/03/2206753.htm?site=brisbane>

### **SMH Article**

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/opinion/nerd-heaven--why-some-of-the-gifted-want-to-be-shifted/2008/03/31/1206850810821.html>

### **The Age article**

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/in-depth/einsteins-in-the-making/2008/03/31/1206850804793.html?page=fullpage#contentSwap2>

### **Herald Sun article**

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23350189-5011680,00.html>

### **The Age article**

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/two-new-selective-schools-to-target-brightest-students/2008/04/01/1206850910991.html>

## Keating College

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

## Schooling Central

<http://schoolingcentral.com/Forums/10-Gifted-and-Talented-Education/>

## Maths whiz to fight Uni cuts

[http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,23503892-12332,00.html?from=public\\_rss](http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,,23503892-12332,00.html?from=public_rss)

## Graphic organizers

[http://edhelper.com/teachers/graphic\\_organizers.htm](http://edhelper.com/teachers/graphic_organizers.htm)

## International Gifted Education Teacher Development Network

<http://www.iget-network.org/>

## Dr Joy Scott's Blog

<http://blogs.uww.edu/teachafrika/>

## TED Talks Brain researcher Jill Bolte Taylor discusses her own stroke

<http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/229>

## RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Gifted Resources is participating in the Ritchies IGA Community Benefits scheme.

I have not actually received any benefits yet but.....

To give Gifted Resources benefit every time you shop for groceries ask at any Ritchies IGA for a Community Benefits card and nominate **Gifted Resources Number 90417**

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<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>

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