



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News

Bubbling over!

Sprite was literally bubbling over!

"And it was called BubbleMedia and they have only just come to Melbourne but they have been in Western Australia for years. And they asked a question and I got it right and I was the first one to go inside the bubble.

And I talked to Andrew afterwards and he didn't say 'Sit down and be quiet, Sprite!'

And we talked about surface tension of bubbles and physics and chemistry and colours and art and numbers in nature and geodesic domes and creating universes and imagination and ... and...

And they use Zome and make dodecahedra and bucky balls and make bubbles with them and...

And they teach at primary schools and secondary schools and even universities and businesses and conferences and they also do parties and clowning and edutainment shows.

They don't have a Melbourne office yet but you can look at their website at <http://bubblemedia.org/index.php/bubmededu.html>

Or email them at bookings@bubblemedia.org or phone Andrew on 0439 016 822





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 The links in the newsletter are not live – 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

MENSA GIFTED CHILDREN'S GRANTS [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Call for expressions of interest in a weekend course for parents of G&T children in Melbourne [LETTER](#)

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 [FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

NDCO Accessing the future Assistive Technologies forum Sydney 19 August 2009
Newcastle 21 August 2009 [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#) [FLYER 3](#)

CBCA CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK Book Safari 22- 28 August 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

SUE LARKEY Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome
4 September 2009 [FLYER](#)

SUE LARKEY AND TONY ATTWOOD WORKSHOP DATES [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 3 Guest speaker Dr Leonie Kronborg 10 September 2009
[FLYER](#)

LIVING LAUGHING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE [WEBSITE](#)

WISEONES 12 Annual Conference 'Know thyself' 16 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

NSWAGTC Conference 1-2 November 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#)

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

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

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

TERM 3 GUEST SPEAKER

"Identifying Gifted Students at Home and in the Classroom"

presented by Dr Leonie Kronborg on behalf of Gifted Support Network

Discussion will cover the characteristics of gifted children, a range of identification procedures and the implications of why gifted students need to be identified early and for their talents to be developed. Dr Kronborg will also report on the latest research presented at the 2009 World Council for Gifted and Talented Children conference in Vancouver.

7.45 - 9.30pm, Thursday 10 September

Southern Community Church of Christ,

Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members bookings essential

RSVP admin@giftedsupport.org or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

For further information about Gifted Support Network please refer to the website www.giftedsupport.org.

Carolyn Priest

Secretary

Gifted Support Network Inc

Phone: 9576 5137

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A group for parents of gifted children in the Western region of Melbourne

We meet for coffee and a chat at:

Brown's Bakery

28 Pratt Street

Moonee Ponds

On the first Monday of each month at 9.30am

(Public and School holidays excluded)

Anyone interested is welcome to attend and if anyone has queries they may contact

Tina McCarthy tina@tinamccarthydesign.com

or Sally-Ann Free

sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au Ph: 0425 779 829 **Note New email address for Sally Ann**

We are a small group and look forward to welcoming you.

BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB

Mini/Primary Minds group

For details contact

Melissa Conley Tyler

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mobile 0409 765 787

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

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

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

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

PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Email: activeminds.au@gmail.com

Website www.activeminds.org.au

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 orgadvan@bigpond.net.au

Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire, Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area

Megan Leigh would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire.

Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area who would be interested in getting together for a network

Contact Megan Leigh

PO Box 906

Cowes, 3922

Phone (03) 5672 3336

Mobile 0411 469 759

email indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au

Casterton and district area

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the 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

Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children

For information contact

Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913

Phone: 02 60215913

Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>

VAGTC presents:

2009 CONFERENCE - DIFFERENTIATION FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

The **Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children** is proud to bring **Carol Ann Tomlinson** to Melbourne for their forthcoming **2009 Conference**. Carol is an outstanding teacher whose practical approach to differentiation is powerful and inspiring.

Prof. Tomlinson's career as an educator includes 21 years as a public school teacher, including 12 years as a program administrator of special services for struggling and advanced learners. Currently, Prof. Tomlinson is a Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Virginia, where she was named Outstanding Professor in 2004. She is also Co-Director of the university's Institutes on Academic Diversity.

Special interests throughout Prof. Tomlinson's career have included curriculum and instruction for struggling learners and advanced learners, effective instruction in heterogeneous settings and encouraging creative and critical thinking in the classroom. She works throughout the U.S. and abroad with teachers whose goal is to develop more responsive heterogeneous classrooms.

Date: **Wednesday, 12 and Thursday 13 August 2009**
Time: 8.45am start Wednesday (Registration opens at 7.30am)
Location: CQ Function Centre, 113 Queen Street (cnr. Little Collins St)
Cost: VAGTC/AAEGT Members \$450.00 - Non Members \$495.00
All prices include GST.

Registration for the 2009 Conference is now open. Further details, and registration forms, are available from the VAGTC at PO Box 132, Caulfield South, Vic, 3162 - or via email at conference@vagtc.asn.au.

PARENTS OF G&T CHILDREN - Call for expressions of interest for a weekend course in Melbourne

Dear GERRIC friends,

Is Your child: more able academically, ... more intense, ...more demanding than others of the same age? Do you suspect, or have you been told, that your child is gifted? Are you feeling unsure about how to be an effective parent to your gifted child?

For several years now GERRIC has successfully delivered its parenting course in NSW. We now want to extend this great opportunity to parents of gifted children in Victoria. Would you like GERRIC to deliver a two day weekend course for parents in Victoria in 2009?

PLEASE REPLY with your expression of interest by Monday 29th JUNE 2009, and indicate if you would like to attend as a SINGLE OR DOUBLE participant.

Fees, further details and brochure: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt_yrch.html

Kind Regards,
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GERRIC: Meeting the educational, social and emotional needs of gifted children and adolescents by conducting and fostering research and by providing services to these children, their families and schools.

Don't miss out on the Challenge of the year!

We invite schools to enrol teams of gifted and talented children in 'The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge 2009'.

What is it?

It's a team event created to challenge, extend, excite and encourage primary school students.

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge:

- Stresses teamwork over individual performance
- Encourages team members to interact in an efficient and cohesive manner
- Is about problem-solving - recognising and negotiating obstacles and finding solutions
 - Challenges the participants across the curriculum
 - Provides all participants with opportunity for leadership
- Practises the fundamental skills necessary for competent performance
- Gives satisfaction from the activities themselves as well as the outcome
 - Emphasises having fun with learning

Find out what is in this year's Challenge on www.gateways.edu.au or by emailing jenny@gateways.edu.au

Where and when is it?

'The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge' will be held at a venue near your school in Term 4.

Follow the links on our website to 'The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge 2009' to see where and when.

How do you get involved?

- Firstly, read the documents on our website 'Advice to Schools' and 'Advice to Teams and Parents'.
 - Read up on the challenges and check for the venue and dates that suit you.
 - Schools register teams by phoning, faxing or emailing G.A.T.E.WAYS.

What happens next?

- If places are available, teams complete application forms and forward with payment within 7 days.
 - Read the relevant 'Preparing for the Challenge' documents on our website
 - Teams start practising!

And then what?

- On the day, teams will participate in practice workshops followed by competition sessions.
 - Each member will be team leader of a specific challenge.
- Each team member will be presented with a Challenge badge and a Certificate of Participation.
- A Presentation Session will be held at 3.10 pm and teachers and parents are invited to attend.
 - The two top teams at each venue will receive trophies
- The two top teams from Years 3 – 6 at each venue will be invited to the finals on 9th December.

Sound like lots of fun? Then register now! Places are limited!

For more information:

Ph: 03 9894 2116 Fax: 03 9894 2117 Email: jenny@gateways.edu.au Web: www.gateways.edu.au

FROM DEBI TOMAN AT NDCO

Hi Jo -

It was great chatting with you!

I've attached a document which explains the role of the NDCO - it's NSW based, but might give you an idea of our program.

The DEEWR website which has all 31 contacts is www.deewr.gov.au/ndco

ADCET has all the NDCO websites and many of the resources we've developed on it.

www.adcet.edu.au

http://www.adcet.edu.au/Practitioner_Resources/NDCO_Websites.chpx

My program, hosted by UWS has the following online resources:

www.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready (A web resource for people with disability considering university)

www.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure (A web resource for people who need to explore the issue of disclosing their disability at work or post secondary education or training)

Kind regards,

Debi

Debi Toman

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The National Disability Coordination Officer Program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010

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For full details see the Flyer in the InTray and the Online version of the newsletter on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

**SUE LARKEY Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome
4 September 2009**

For full details see the Flyer and Registration Form in the InTray and the Online version of the newsletter on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives



WiseOnes

12th Annual Conference

Friday

16th October

2.30 – 9pm

Includes Dinner

**Waverley
RSL**

Coleman Pde,
**Melways Map
71, C2/3**

4 hr Parking to 6pm
across the street .

\$ 75 pp

Register by
September 19th

Ph 03 9794 8258

Certificates for
teachers' VIT
points.

"Know Thyself"

"Before we can understand others, we need to understand ourselves".

Come and find out, in full privacy, facts about yourself that you had not realized before. It's for teachers and parents;. Get a baby sitter for this and have a divergent afternoon and night out.

Session1 2.30-4pm

Who am I?

We will use a range of instruments to help you find out and self mark, in privacy, your own results. Find your IQ range and what it means, your personality and what it means. We'll model teaching the gifted child.

Afternoon tea 4-4.30 in the room

Session 2 4.30-6pm

Recognizing Our Instinctive Behaviours

Guest speaker Elinor Meney from Instinx

Dinner 6-7.30 pm

Included in the registration and caters for sensitive systems and vegetarians. Have time to talk to others. Drinks at own expense.

Session 3 7.30-9pm

Implications for Teaching the Gifted Child.

Workshop style learning.

**Register by email with name and address to
patwise@tpg.com.au.**

then

EFT \$75 pp to **WiseOnes**, Bendigo Bank 633000 Account
121096531 with **name** and code **WC12** or deposit cash into
that account at any Bendigo Bank.

Cheques to Suite 17, 245 Thomas St Dandenong 3175

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

New Hampshire homeschooling curriculum resources

<http://nhhomeschooling.org/curriculum>

My gifted girl

<http://www.mygiftedgirl.com/main.php>

Bubble Media

<http://bubblemedia.org/>

Eide Blog Look away to think

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/07/eye-contact-look-away-to-think-and.html>

Smartpen

<http://www.smartpen.com.au/home.php>

ADCET

http://www.adcet.edu.au/Specific_Impairments/ADHD.chpx

NDCO Get ready for Uni for students with a disability

<http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/ndco/getready/>

NDCO Disclosure –its your choice

<http://pubsites.uws.edu.au/ndco/disclosure/index.htm>

NDCO

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/training_skills/programmes_funding/programme_categories/special_needs_disadvantage/ndco.htm

Investigating systems

<http://www.marionbrady.com/2008/10/investigating-systems-course-of-study.html>

Michael Schneider's website

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

2E newsletter Blog <http://2enewsletter.blogspot.com/>

Looking up autism - Articles

www.lookingupautism.org/Articles

Living laughing and learning

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

Downunder Literature

<http://www.downunderlit.com/home.html>

The truth about grit

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/ideas/articles/2009/08/02/the_truth_about_grit/

Some sites which give ideas on starting points for maths and art

<http://www.mathcats.com/explore.html>

http://plus.maths.org/issue33/features/dartnell_art/

<http://php.indiana.edu/~mathart/viewpoints/lessons/>

http://www.intel.com/corporate/education/emea/eng/za/elem_sec/tools_resources/plans/tessellation/tessellation.htm

http://maths.wrightrobinson.co.uk/new_page_2.htm

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