



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!

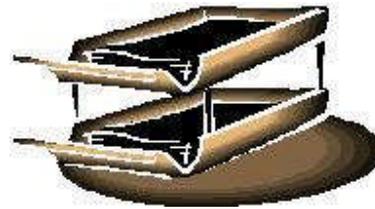
It is much easier to start in the direction you wish to proceed using the methods and resources which will be most helpful than to try to change direction and methods later.

This is the reason for the Springboard Days. Gifted Resources office will be open 10.00am – 2.00pm on January 20 -22 to give **teachers** the opportunity to investigate and purchase or order resources and services which could be useful for them this year. For more details follow the links from the Gifted Resources website home page www.giftedresources.org

By following the links on the About Us page you can see my attempt at an updated map of the location of Gifted Resources within Luther College since the extensive building that has taken place. It is not to scale and I hope to get a better map on the site soon but it should help in the meanwhile.

Please have a look at the Events page and the Teacher Education and PD in Gifted Education section of the Service Locator





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 would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

G.A.T.E.WAYS 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

STEPPING STONES TERM 1 [FLYER](#)

C.H.I.P. PROGRAMS Holiday Program [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES Holiday Program January 2009 [FLYER](#)

COGE Certificate of Gifted Education ONLINE 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

DEEWR Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Gifted Education Professional Development Package [WEBSITE](#)

REACH EDUCATION CONSULTANCY ONLINE Certificate in Effective Practice in Gifted Education [WEBSITE](#)

GTCASA Saturday Club @ The Mount 7-8 March 2009 Mount Gambier South Australia
Parent / Teacher Sessions [FLYER](#) Activities for Pre-school and Primary children [FLYER](#)

Reaching Forward : Achieving Sustainability in Gifted Education March 13 – 15 2009,
Rotorua New Zealand. [WEBSITE](#)

GTCASA From Gagne into the Future: Generating Change. Conference and a parent workshop
23 March 2009 Details available soon.

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

Advance notice VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) Call for Papers [WEBSITE](#)

**18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children
Promoting the Dream**
Vancouver Canada
August 3 -7th 2009.
<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)



On Tuesday 20, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 January 2009 the Gifted Resources office will be open **between 10.00am and 2.00pm** with an expo of resources and programs. It is an opportunity for **teachers** to visit during the week before the start of the 2009 school year to gain inspiration and purchase resources.

Each day there will be experts and service providers present who can help you plan your provisions for your gifted students The Springboard Days are still being planned and details will be put on Gifted Resources website as they become available.

Please note: there will not be any child minding facilities.

Cost: \$5.00

TUESDAY 20 January

Jodie Valpied of The Thinker's Bridge
Win Smith and Jill Lawrence of G.A.T.E.WAYS

WEDNESDAY 21 January

Jodie Valpied of The Thinker's Bridge
Pat Slattery of WiseOnes

THURSDAY 22 January

Jodie Valpied of The Thinker's Bridge
Psychologist Alison Brown
Psychologist Sally-Anne McCormack

EACH DAY THERE WILL BE DISPLAYS

Maxine Cowie of Starjump Visual Literacy Program
Brainy Days The 24 Game
Differentiation

EACH DAY RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM

Hawker Brownlow Education
ReadyEd Publications
The Updated version of the Gifted Resources Info Pack at Springboard Days price of \$20.00

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO INDICATE YOU WILL ATTEND

CONTACT JO FREITAG

Email jo@giftedresources.org or phone (03) 9724 2452 or (03) 9876 1349

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>

'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

sally-ann.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.

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

NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

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ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

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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
PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Website : www.activeminds.org.au

Email : activeminds.au@gmail.com **Note: New Email address**

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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)

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENTS FORUM

Living with bright and capable young children can be an absolute delight, as they quickly develop and become increasingly aware of the world around them. This awareness and rapid development, however, often brings with it a heightened intensity in social, emotional and physical issues. Encountering frustrations and perfectionism in a 2 year old, an intense sense of fairness and social justice in a 4 year old, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge in a 6 year old can leave parents wondering how best to meet the needs of bright little children who seem to be "marching to the beat of a different drum".

"Riding the Waves" is a **monthly forum** for parents of emotionally intense and gifted children. With a range of topics and techniques presented each month, this forum provides an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with parents sharing similar experiences. Come along to the topics that interest you or whichever months you are free.

As well as general discussion, these monthly meetings will cover topics as follows:

- ❖ Perfectionism (February 2009)
- ❖ Social interactions (March 2009)
- ❖ Thirst for knowledge (April 2009)
- ❖ Organisational skills (May 2009)
- ❖ Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
- ❖ Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
- ❖ Modifying school and homework task

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DATE: 4th Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7.30 – 8.30pm
VENUE: Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - **Mel Ref: 59E2**)
COST: \$35.00 per session (*Rebates available through most private health funds or through Medicare with a GP referral*)

These forums will be held on Tuesday evenings in Hawthorn.

Alison is considering providing these forums next year once a month during the morning in Croydon. Please contact Alison to register your interest.





IS ON THE MOVE IN 2009

The G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club will run in two fantastic venues in 2009!

Choose from:

Ivanhoe Grammar School

The Ridgeway, Ivanhoe

or

Brighton Grammar School

29-3 1 Grosvenor Street, Brighton

Dates:	Semester 1: 28/2	14/3	28/3	2/5	16/5	30/5	13/6	27/6
	Semester2: 25/7	8/9	22/8	5/10	10/10	24/10	7/11	21/11

Times: Club Meeting: 1.30 pm —4.00 pm

Fees: \$396.00 (includes \$36.00 GST) for one semester membership (eight meetings) Credit card payment: \$402.00

OR a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00. (Credit card: \$101.50) Balance to be paid by 23rd January 2009.

ABOUT THE CLUBS

MATHS / SCIENCE

Children enrolling in the Maths and Science Clubs will participate in a range of activities over the year. Our groups are the DinoMites (Years 1/2), the SciSpies (Years 3/4), and the Einsteins (Years 5/6)

Over two semesters members may (depending on selection):

- hypothesi2e and experiment
- use abstract thinking and open-ended questions
- practise logical thinking and problem solving
- be involved in 'hands-on' activities
- build on their knowledge of science and technology and discover wide ranging forms of mathematical thinking

BOOKS and WRITING / PERFORMING ARTS

Children who demonstrate advanced language skills with a passion for reading and writing , as well as a love of drama and performance can enrol in Munchkins (Years 1/2/3) or Apprentices (Years 4/5/6). Children in each group will participate in a semester of Books and Writing and a semester of Creative and Performing Arts.

Over the year children may:

- read, write and talk about books and learn more about literature
- explore different genres of writing
- develop their vocabularies
- communicate and debate
- be exposed to philosophical discussion and enhance their performance skills

DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION (Brighton Grammar School only)

Children will be introduced to the foundations and techniques that underpin successful design and construction of a range of fun, usable models and toys. It is intended to be very hands-on, with participants engaged in developing individual and group projects from concept to completion. A materials levy will be charged for this club, depending on the project involved. Club members will be known as the Leonardos, (what else!) and it is for busy heads and hands in Yrs 4-6.

CYBERKIDS (Brighton Grammar School only) CyberKids will enter the world of multimedia and explore aspects of computer software and programming while indulging their passion for maths, science, design and of course- technology! Working in a computer lab, they'll learn valuable design and programming skills as they apply innovative software to create original projects such as animated movies and games. If you love a challenge - both academic and technological- this club is definitely for you!

CHESS (Ivanhoe Grammar School only)

G.A.T.E.WAYS is inviting eager freestyle thinkers and gnarly chessboard riders to join its Brainwaves Club. If you have had some successful experiences playing chess at school, home or during G.A.T.E.WAYS Journeys, the next stepping stone to improving your chess game is joining a junior chess club. Finding some like minded friends to compete with and learn from is a great way to have fun, while training your brain to think in many different ways. These club members will be known as the Check Mates. There is no particular age restriction, but on enrolment members must provide school recommendation of their advanced ability and experience.

Application forms available at www.gateways.edu.au or by phoning our office 98942116. Alternatively contact Beth Cregan on beth@gateways.edu.au. Detailed program outlines available in January 2009.

CHIP Geelong Parent Support Group

Friday February 6th 2009
@ Highton Primary School
Roslyn Road Highton 3226
7.30pm-8.30pm

The CHIP Centre Geelong would like to facilitate a CHIP Parent Support Group and so would encourage interested parents to come to this meeting. This will be a great opportunity for parents to discuss common issues.

Carolyn Jennings from Active Minds Warrnambool and *Jo Freitag* from Gifted Resources will discuss some successful Groups that have been formed in Warrnambool and Melbourne.

Cost: A donation to cover Jo and Carolyn's expenses would be appreciated.

RSVP: 0407320043

sleawood@bigpond.net.au

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM HELEN DUDENAY

Holiday Programs at Peakhurst NSW

Dear Parents

Thankyou for applying for a course for your child in January.

At this stage the number of applications is too low for many of the courses to run.

Many of the children did not nominate a second preference so I have not been able to reallocate them into a course that is running.

Before I decide which courses to cancel and which to run I thought I'd contact you to see if there was a second preference as we might then find that additional courses can run.

At present all courses have plenty of vacancies and the only course that are running are

THURSDAY

Magic Rainbow

Once upon a time

Science Magic

Physics of flight

Notes & Nodules

FRIDAY

Maths Detectives

Borrowers

If your child applied for one of these courses they have a place.

If your child applied for one of the other courses or if you know of others who would enjoy these courses could you please let me know as soon as possible so I can make the decisions about the courses and let people know what is happening.

If you could respond to this email whether you child has another choice or not then I will aim to finalise this on Monday 5th January

Thanking you

Regards

Helen

Helen Dudeney M Ed, COGE

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE

Incorporating HD Counselling, Training and Advisory Service

Office : 02 9620 6037

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

Murdoch University Post Graduate Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education

Following several successful groups completing this course, it will be offered again in 2009 to teachers wishing to learn more about educational provisions for gifted students and for educators involved in policy, leadership and implementation of gifted programs at all levels. Units are offered in short course format during school holidays and weekends and are designed to be responsive to local needs. The expansion of gifted programs and specialist schools will lead to increased demand for teachers with specialist qualifications in this area. For more information please contact Dr Susan McKenzie on 9360 2527 or email s.mckenzie@murdoch.edu.au

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

National Curriculum Board publications

<http://www.ncb.org.au/communications/publications.html>

National Maths Day

<http://www.aamt.edu.au/AAMT-in-action/Annual-activities/National-Maths-Day>

Folding a cheetah

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=vM2UIr2HVZk>

Gifted family

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/gifted-family-soaring-to-new-heights-20081219-72dp.html?page=-1>

PEGY - Acceleration

<http://pegy.org.uk/acceleration.html>

PEGY – Home Education

<http://pegy.org.uk/home%20education.html>

PEGY – Mentoring and tutoring

<http://pegy.org.uk/mentoring.html>

NAGC Mile Markers CD

<http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=3546>

ACE Academy Austin Texas

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

Cheetah Conservation Fund end of year message

<https://www.cheetah.org/?nd=3170>

First L'il cheetah run

<https://www.cheetah.org/?html=news-press&data=tours&key=122>

Victorian zoos animal adoption (Gifted Resources has adopted cheetah)

http://www.zoo.org.au/Animal_Adoption

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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