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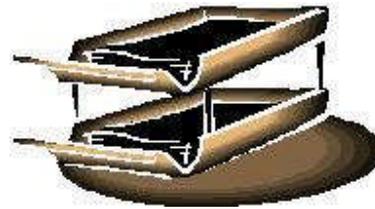
HAPPY NEW YEAR ALL!

If you did not manage to get to the Springboard Days at Gifted Resources office on January 20 -22 you can read about them by following the link on Gifted Resources home page [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) It was an opportunity for teachers to investigate and purchase or order resources and services which could be useful for them this year. Some of the Springboard Days materials will be on display again on Friday 20 February when there will be an Outer Eastern Gifted Network meeting at Luther College during the afternoon and a session titled Tsunamis in the Sandpit with psychologist Alison Brown in the evening. For the details see this newsletter and the Events page of Gifted Resources website

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.

I have made some additions to my personal website and the Church School program, Watch the Lamb, for Term 1 and leading up to Easter which I wrote during the holidays will be put there soon





## 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)

**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, Rotarua New Zealand. [WEBSITE](#)

**C.H.I.P. GEELONG PARENT SUPPORT GROUP** 6 February 2009 [FLYER](#)

**GIFTED RESOURCES GUEST SPEAKER Alison Brown Tsunamis in the sandpit** 20 February 2009 [FLYER](#)

**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](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children Promoting the Dream**

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)

# GIFTED RESOURCES EVENTS

## FEBRUARY



### **GUEST SPEAKER - ALISON BROWN**

Tsunamis in the sandpit  
Social, Emotional and Cognitive complexities of Gifted Children  
(An Information Seminar for Parents & Teachers)

**Friday 20 February 2009**

**7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136**

**Cost : 20.00 (Members of OEGEN no charge)**

Gifted children display thought processes, social interactions and emotional responses well beyond their years, and often in far greater proportion than would be expected. A simple play date in the sandpit can escalate to tsunami levels within minutes – literally or figuratively! Advanced cognitive skills and an intense knowledge base could lead to a 4 year old creating their own version of a “sandpit tsunami” complete with excess water and major destruction! More figuratively, however, a tsunami in the sandpit is also possible on an emotional level. Advanced cognitive skills, reasoning ability and heightened emotional intensity set gifted children apart. Regular social situations and interactions with other children often result in misunderstandings, frustrations or angry outbursts. Understanding the way in which gifted children differ socially, emotionally and cognitively can better equip parents to meet their needs, and to ‘calm the storms’ when things become difficult.

**Alison Brown** is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher and a parent. She has presented at a number of state, national and international conferences in the areas of technology, gifted education, and psychology, and has provided extensive consultation and training programs to schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Switzerland and Germany. Alison brings experience from both an educational and psychological background. Having taught for seven years at Methodist Ladies’ College, and worked as a school psychologist at Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Sydney, she has first-hand experience in recognising and catering for the social, emotional, and academic needs of students. Alison has been a committee member and Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children over six years. She currently runs a private practice in Melbourne, working particularly in the areas of parenting, counselling and gifted children

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## 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)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

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

or Sally-Ann Free

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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:

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

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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](http://www.activeminds.org.au)

Email : [activeminds.au@gmail.com](mailto: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:** 4<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.gateways.edu.au) or by phoning our office 98942116. Alternatively contact Beth Cregan on [beth@gateways.edu.au](mailto:beth@gateways.edu.au). Detailed program outlines available in January 2009.

# CHIP Geelong Parent Support Group

Friday February 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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## NEW GIFTED RESOURCES INFO PACK

During the January holidays I have been busy compiling the new Gifted Resources Info Pack. The details are in the Information Packs section of Gifted Resources website.

There are over 80 items in the collection of pamphlets, flyers, brochures and business cards in the new pack.

If you wish to purchase an Info Pack please email Jo at [jo@giftedresources.org](mailto:jo@giftedresources.org)



Some of the ingredients for making up the new Info Packs

## **SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

OGTOC *Gifted Online Conferences*

<http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/>

Victorian zoos animal adoption (Gifted Resources has adopted cheetah)

[http://www.zoo.org.au/Animal\\_Adoption](http://www.zoo.org.au/Animal_Adoption)

Carolyn Kottmeyer in Malaysia

<http://thestar.com.my/education/story.asp?file=/2008/12/14/education/2617819&sec=education>

Delicious

<http://delicious.com/help/learn>

Eide Neuro Learning Blog <http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/01/boys-think-in-pictures-girls-think-in.html>

CSIRO Education Centre

<http://www.csiro.au/places/EducationVic.html>

Rio Tinto Big Science competition

<http://www.asi.edu.au/www/index.cfm?itemid=180>

Australian researcher honored with Lifetime Achievement Award

<http://www.mensafoundation.org/Sites/foundation/NavigationMenu/Programs/LifetimeAchievement/Currentwinner/CurrentWinner.htm>

Minneapolis resident presented with Mensa Intellectual Benefits Award

<http://www.mensafoundation.org/Sites/foundation/NavigationMenu/Programs/IntellectualBenefits/IBCcurrentwinner/IBCcurrentWinner.htm>

Dr Deborah Ruf articles and research

[http://www.educationaloptions.com/resources/resources\\_ruf\\_ar.php](http://www.educationaloptions.com/resources/resources_ruf_ar.php)

Educational Options

<http://www.educationaloptions.com/index2.php>

*Prufrock Press Inc Gifted Child Information Blog*

<http://resources.prufrock.com/GiftedChildInformationBlog/tabid/57/Default.aspx>

*Mr Kash History*

<http://mrkash.com/>

Legoland's Inauguration model

<http://www.reuters.com/news/pictures/rpSlideshows?articleId=USRTR23HCV#a=1>

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