

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2009 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News



WODONGA, ALBURY, WANGARATTA, SYDNEY

I had a wonderful time! I wanted to write a full report for this edition of the newsletter but there have been a number of other things to catch up with since arriving home and so have not done it yet.

SPRITE'S SITE BLOG

Maxine Cowie of Starjump will be a contributor to Sprite's Site Blog giving wise advice about issues which concern Visual Spatial Learners. She will use the pseudonym of a starfish which is the Starjump logo.

Sprite is my little twice exceptional cartoon character. She is the Poster Child for my Feetspeak: 2E shoes presentations. She is always depicted as having an injured ankle and needing to wear different shoes on each foot to illustrate the concept that she needs educational provisions for both her giftedness and her learning difference and disability.

I use Sprite's Site Blog to present information about gifted and 2E characteristics, programs, books, events etc and to have fun with a few amusing anecdotes and flights of fancy about Sprite.

We have covered a few heavy topics there also such as the Black Dog series of entries about depression.

At the moment I am writing entries about Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities. I was hoping to have those entries finished before I sent out this newsletter. That has not happened yet either but they should be posted to the blog soon.

DO YOU KNOW?

Recently I was asked if I knew of any research relating to the successfulness (or otherwise) of acceleration for gifted students with a learning disability. If you know of research on this topic please could you email jo@giftedresources.org



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

STARJUMP AND AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE Helen Dudeney Visual Spatial Learners workshop 12 November 2009 FLYER

SUE LARKEY Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder Warrnambool 13 November 2009 FLYER
Cranbourne 23 November 2009 FLYER
Moonee Ponds 24 November 2009 FLYER

MARINA HOLLAND'S Creation Series The Seven Days of Creation Quilt on display at Interfaith Artists Group Exhibition 2-22 November 2009 FLYER 1 FLYER 2

MIND AND ITS POTENTIAL CONFERENCE Sydney 2-3 December 2009 WEBSITE

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK book Stomp out the ANTs Publication 4 December 2009

N.A.G.C. Virtual Convention November 2009 WEBSITE

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festival of Workshops 10-11 and 14-15 December 2009 WEBSITE

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 FLYER

GERRIC STUDENT PROGRAMS 2010 WEBSITE FLYER PDF

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS FLYER 1 FLYER 2

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days WEBSITE

DR. SUSAN NIKAKIS Expert educators - a handbook for new and inexperienced teachers FLYER

PLIESE PROGRAM FLYER

SUE LARKEY AND TONY ATTWOOD WORKSHOP DATES WEBSITE

CHIP LITTLE WEEK OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAM 18-22 January 2010 PDF FLYER

11th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE GIFTED 2010 29 SYDNEY July - 1 August 2010 WEBSITE

Call for Papers WEBSITE

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" 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
- * 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

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

m.conleytyler@gmail.com

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

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise h@tpg.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au

CLIFTON HILL GOLD ST P.S.

Clifton Hill Gold St P.S. now has a parent support group gifted@goldstreet parents' group

On Tuesday 15th September they held a meeting in the library at Clifton Hill PS, 185 Gold St Clifton Hill where Principal Mr Geoff Warren, together with educational psychologist Dr. Glen Alsop, experienced in the management of children with high intellectual potential, from CHIP spoke

They plan to have another evening in term 4 discussing SEAL schools and other options for secondary schooling.

They are a new, small parents' group and usually meet informally for chats and coffee or just by email. New members from the Gold St community are warmly welcomed.

http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/goldstreetgifted/

Contact goldstreetgifted@gmail.com if you have any queries or plan to come.

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: <u>activeminds.au@gmail.com</u> Website <u>www.activeminds.org.au</u>

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

Cowes, 3922 Phone (03) 567

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 <u>victoriapoulos@gmail.com</u> 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

NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW GROUP in the St George/Sutherland area

Just letting everyone know that a support group has started for gifted children 2-5yrs (or there about) and their parents/carers in the St George/Sutherland area.

We meet each Thursday of school term 10am -12pm.

We are finalising a hall, so are meeting at a park for the time being.

It is a relaxed friendly and supportive group where children get an opportunity to mix with like minds and the adults feel comfortable to discuss G&T issues:)

Bring drinks/snacks and a smile.

Louise

Mobile 0411 586 830

G.A.T.E.WAYS end of year 'Festivals of Workshops'

The Prep Festival will be held at Firbank Grammar School on Thursday December 10th and Friday December 11th from 9.30 - 3.15. There will be a choice of twelve programs each day, with each program comprising a different morning and afternoon workshop. Children can attend for one or both days.

The Grade 1 - 6 Festival will be held at Wesley College, Glen Waverley, on Monday December 14th and Tuesday December 15th. Once again there will be a wide range of workshops from which to choose.

Staggered enrolments open on October 19th. Festival and enrolment details will be available on www.gateways.edu.au from September 28th.

Parents may enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS for this program.

A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

Last April OGTOC held a very successful fundraiser for Karina Eide. Her medical bills are exceedingly expensive and continuing to increase.. Drs Fernette and Brock Eide have been past guest experts on OGTOC another fundraiser is taking place on Nov 12/13. Please know whether or not you attend Karina's fundraising webinar, that you can also provide a direct donation to help the Eide family with Karina's medical bills. Tto attend this fundraising webinar please register within the next 5 days. for the Eide's 2 Day Sensory Processing Conference featuring Drs eide and Lindsey Biel, OTR/L (Sensory Smart Child) New material about sensory processing will be presented - including strategies for implementing a sensory diet at home and in the classroom, how to incorporate sensory regulation in normal 'kid activities', and address how sensory processing affects specific school performance issues like attention, impulsivity, and expressive language.

Register here: http://sensorypro.blogspot.com

Donations can also be made at any Bank of America to Karina Eide's Health Fund. As an additional note, DVD's from the prior OGTOC fundraising webinar areavailable direct from the Eides at drseide "at" gmail.com

As OGTOC admin and owner I send many prayers to the Eide family. Please list members consider making a donation and/or attending the upcoming webinar on sensory processing. Kindest regards,

Sally_L

Visit Gifted - OGTOC at: http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com

POSITION VACANT GIFTED & TALENTED SPECIALIST – DIMENSIONS CO-ORDINATOR

This unique position offers the opportunity for a dynamic specialist in the area of provision for highly able students across the College P-12. The successful candidate will be resourceful, flexible, open to new challenges, responsive to student needs, readily embrace difference and relate well to a range of personalities with an aptitude for working with adolescents.

Dimensions is the enrichment and extension program at Billanook College. It is part of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre for support education and integration. The team operating out of the centre are close-knit and dedicated to maximising learning opportunities in a range of innovative ways. Dimensions is an example of this. The program helps to identify and support highly able children, providing opportunities for extension, modification of programs and individualised attention. Dimensions works closely with students, parents and staff to provide access to the most relevant and up-to-date programs whilst monitoring the emotional welfare of students and offering individual learning plans.

The *Dimensions* team includes the Co-ordinator and specialist teachers. The Dimensions Co-ordinator works within the management of the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, so it is essential to work as part of a team.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Supportive of the Uniting Church and Independent Schools.
- Qualified Teacher with post graduate qualifications in Gifted Education, or Psychologist specialising in Gifted Education.
- Up to date knowledge and experience in provision for highly able students essential.
- Capacity to work with students and their teachers to support their behavioural, emotional, academic and social needs.
- Ability to support and offer professional development to staff on curriculum development and individual learning needs.
- Leadership to the wider school community including planning and hosting regular parent forums and team meetings.
- Ability to lead the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of an effective whole school policy for highly able students.
- Demonstrated qualities of an effective teacher as outlined by the Standards Council.
- Demonstrated capacity to accommodate different learning styles and a differentiated curriculum.
- Ability to promote the programs and network in the wider gifted community.
- Competent in and capacity to use information technology as a learning tool including maintaining relevant data bases related to the program.
- Innovative in approach, able to enthuse and generate a passion and connection with students.
- Like and work effectively with students and staff in a P-12 setting.
- Ability to liase with relevant professionals and external providers.
- Preparedness to participate in the pastoral, sporting and co-curricular programs.
- Current VIT registration.

A duty statement is available on request. Commencement: Friday 22 January, 2010 CLOSING DATE: Monday 16 November, 2009

Please forward a letter of application and Curriculum Vitae detailing qualifications, employment history and experience, references and the names of at least two referees who are able to comment on your recent employment experience.

Applications to be addressed to:-

Mr Alan Ross Principal Billanook College Ltd 197-199 Cardigan Road, Mooroolbark, 3138.

Ph: 9725 5388 Fax: 9725 8556

Email: lynne.kelly@billanook.vic.edu.au

News from GERRIC

It is with great excitement we advise that the 2010 GERRIC Student Programs Brochure is now available!

Visit the GERRIC website now to check out what NEW workshops GERRIC has on offer in 2010.

For full brochure, workshop descriptions and January 2010 application forms:

http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/

Require further information?

ph: 1800 626 824

email: gerric@unsw.edu.au www: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2010 Student Programs!

Does your teacher have a CERTIFICATE OF GIFTED EDUCATION? For more details: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/tchr coge.html

Kind Regards,

The GERRIC Student Programs team

GERRIC

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COMPLIMENTARY GIFTED EDUCATION SEMINARS

A reminder that in January 2010 we will once again host our complimentary Gifted Education Seminars.

This year we have an **international guest speaker** – Professor Anne Robinson. Ann Robinson is Professor of Education and founding Director of the Centre for Gifted Education at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, USA.

Seminars are **free**, but bookings are essential on 02 9385 1972.

More details: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt smnr.html

STUDENT WORKSHOP APPLICATIONS - <u>MUST BE RECEIVED by Monday 16th</u> November

Have you sent in your application yet?

Download an application form today and join us for an exciting workshop at UNSW in the January 2010 School holidays.

Application forms and brochure: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/
Sponsorship applications: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/brfrm.html

As always, for further information or to answer your questions, please call or email us.

Kind regards, GERRIC

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS and TEACHERS Do you have a child or student who is obviously bright BUT:

Struggle with Can be highly Show keen handwriting Are easily sensitive visual skills and distracted poor listening Are very Are highly skills disorganised creative, inventive, imaginative Generate Have difficulty unusual solutions following oral Read well and to problems directions are poor at spelling Get the correct Have great Are good at maths answer in maths concepts but struggle ideas but rarely but can't explain with times tables complete tasks whv Then this workshop is for you.

Thursday 12th November, 2009 7.00pm – 9.30pm DATE:

VENUE: CLIFTON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, 185 Gold Street CLIFTON HILL

COST: \$30.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple (handouts and afternoon tea provided)

DISCOUNT RATE: \$20.00 Per person or \$35.00 per couple

**Discount for Clifton Hills School Community, Starjump Schools and clients, Members of VAGTC or SPELD Vic

Online Booking Essential - visit http://visualspatialcliftonhills.eventbrite.com

BY Credit Card – Paypal on booking site or manually by PAYMENT:

> **EFT** to **BSB** 032 179 **Account** 239711

Cheque payable to Australian Gifted Support Centre and mailed with order to P O Box 500 Winston Hills 2153

PRESENTER: Helen Dudeney (M.Ed, COGE,) of The AUSTRALIAN GIFTGED SUPPORT CENTRE is a consultant and teacher with expertise in working with gifted children and a special interest in the identification and needs of gifted visual spatial learners who are experiencing school based learning problems.

NEWS FROM ANNE JACKSON

The time has come to announce that due to the ever increasing costs of petrol, the outlay involved in running my Burwood base and several exciting family issues, I have sold the property at 381 Burwood Hwy.

So...... 381 Burwood Hwy will close forever on 5/12/09. However Mindful! **will** continue from a base in Parkdale.

To cope with the shift and a trip to the UK I will stop working on 5/12/09. I will work on 11th, 18th, 25th January and restart full time on 1/2/10.

Please contact me soon with regard to your potential needs next year.

Anne Jackson Phone 0402 300 784 Email: AJxn@bigpond.com

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK

- 1. Change of website address now www.WebPsychologist.com.au Please change your bookmarks.
- 2. Her first book being published on **December 4th!** It is a short book called "**Stomp Out The ANTs**" (ANT is an acronym for Automatic Negative Thoughts) which is ideal for those who have been challenged by depression or anxiety, those who know people who have negative thinking patterns, or those who want to have more control over their thoughts.
- 3. Next "Stomp Out The ANTs" prevention program for children and adolescents from Grade 5 to Year10 runs for 6 weeks next term in the week starting October 19. If your child/teen has a Mental Health Care Plan, it includes up to 12 individual sessions AND up to 12 group sessions, so they can claim a partial rebate through Medicare.
- 4. A new website will be up and running shortly called "Cyber Psych". Sally-Anne has been doing a lot of media interviews with regards to Cyber Bullying as well as Internet Addiction. On ABC 774 radio on **October 5th** from **3pm 4pm** she will be participating in an interesting interview with some audio clips of teens who have been involved in Cyber Bullying (both victims AND perpetrators).

Sally-Anne McCormack
Phone(03) 881 22 373
www.WebPsychologist.com.au
www.ParentsOnline.com.au
And soon... www.CyberPsych.com.au

FROM JENNIFER DEES, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Early this year, I started a new support group, Families of Early College Students - Bay Area (FECSBA). FECSBA is for parents of early college students (under 18, but most are quite a bit younger; youngest in our group is 10) in the San Francisco Bay Area, either those attending concurrently with high school or homeschooling, or those attending full-time.

I've recently started a "news watch" blog for items of interest to this group, but made it part of our public Web site. Anyone can subscribe to this feed either through a news reader (like Google Reader) or through email newsletter (mailed once daily when there are

posts).

Although the news items will be of greatest interest to those in the Bay area or California, there are also many items of national interest. Here are the stories we've linked to in the past week or so:

- -- Success of Dual Enrollment & Early College High School programs
- -- UC Berkeley enrolls more out-of-state students; racial diversity may suffer
- -- Opinion: California's higher-education debacle
- -- Education Dept. releases template for college net-price calculator
- -- Students study the cost of college
- -- Early college boosts opportunity for homeschooled teens
- -- Community College Week at Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco
- -- Editorial: Squeezed out of college in California
- -- Poet Laureate praises College of Marin and other CCs
- -- Article: "Early College: What and Why?"
- -- Merits of Leaving High School Early for College?
- -- College Enrollment Hits All-Time High
- -- U of C to increase financial aid
- -- 13yo student thrives at Univ. of Connecticut

If you'd like to check it out or sign up for a free subscription to these alerts, please see http://fecsba.>.

Thank you, Jennifer Dees

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Active Maths

http://www.active-maths.co.uk/index.html

On living by learning Blog

http://www.onlivingbylearning.com/

Sustainable School Shop

http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/

10 Technology Enhanced Alternatives to Book Reports http://tinyurl.com/lpp8k2

ICR Scoil – Teach with technology

http://ictscoil.wordpress.com/

Storystarter – Writing creation tool for students

http://tinyurl.com/n84cbz

Brainstorming/Thinking Tools

http://tinyurl.com/lyvm8z

Psychologist Sally-Anne McCormack on Radio National Life Matters http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2009/2734469.htm

Dr Katie Holmes

http://www.latrobe.edu.au/history/staff/holmes.htm

Leigh Sales Blog

http://blogs.abc.net.au/offair/2009/10/wellreadhead-dear-diary.html

Tips for Preventing Anxiety: Keeping Kids Cool & Calm

http://www.suelarkey.com/media/Tips for Preventing Anxiety Nov 09.pdf

Plagium: Online Plagiarism Checker

http://tinyurl.com/l5sygr

Roman Numerals webquest

http://www.adrianbruce.com/roman_numerals/roman_numerals.htm

Mind tools

http://www.mindtools.com/

Project2Excel

http://www.stthomas.edu/project2excel/default.html

Understanding Project2Excel

http://www.stthomas.edu/project2excel/files/P2XL updated PowerPo.ppt

Here be dragons: Free 40-minute video: An introduction to Critical Thinking

http://tinyurl.com/lbtena

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