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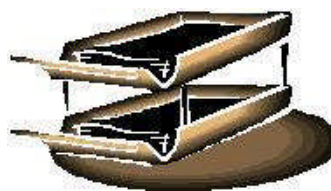
Gifted Resources News

HAVE MINI SHOES - WILL TRAVEL

I will be presenting Feetspeak: 2E shoes at the NSWAGTC Conference at the University of Western Sydney on 1-2 November and in Albury-Wodonga in October; so at present I am polishing up the presentation (pun intended), saving my cents (I do not receive any salary or funding) and making travel plans.

As the full set of full sized De Bono's Action Shoes and theatrical prop plaster cast takes up a whole suitcase by itself I have compiled a miniature set which will be much easier to transport.





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

DR. SUSAN NIKAKIS Expert educators - a handbook for new and inexperienced teachers [FLYER](#)

PLIESE PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

MENSA GIFTED CHILDREN'S GRANTS [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](#)

CHIP BLING SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM 21-25 September 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM September and October 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

VAGTC Opening the Doors to Contemporary Learning 20 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

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](#)

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](#)

MIND AND ITS POTENTIAL CONFERENCE Sydney 2-3 December 2009 [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" - 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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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

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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>

State Library of Victoria Holiday Program

September-October 2009

<http://www.slv.vic.gov.au/programs/holiday/sept-oct09.html>

To make a booking phone 03 8664 7555, email learning@slv.vic.gov.au or book online for free events through [What's On](#).

Slovenian Storytelling: Land of Fairytales

Meet five well-known Slovenian authors, and enjoy delightful stories and a puppet show, *Song for a Fairy*. Presented in association with the Institute for Slovenian Studies of Victoria Inc.

Time: Sat 19 September, 11am-12noon

Venue: Experimedia

Free (bookings required)

Ned Kelly Tour for Kids

Visit the exhibition *The changing face of Victoria* to discover the story of Ned Kelly. See Ned's actual armour, his Jerilderie letter and original photographs, and hear amazing stories of the notorious Kelly gang. Followed by a craft activity, making a replica of Ned's helmet (for ages 5 to 12).

Time: Tues 22 & 29 September, Thurs 24 September & 1 October, 10.30–11.30am

Venue: Meet in front foyer

Bookings: Not required

Free

Byte-sized Comics

In this one-day workshop, children will learn about different comic styles and see fantastic comics from the Library's collection. They'll storyboard, illustrate and write their own comic to take home. (For ages 8 to 14.)

Time: Thurs 24 & Fri 25 September, 10.30am–4pm

Venue: Experimedia

Bookings: Required

Cost: \$40

For more ideas see the [Children's Activities](#) page.

For details on free film screenings of *The Castle* and *The Magic Pudding* during school holidays see *The Independent Type* exhibition [Thursday Evening Events](#) page.

OGTOC Webinar September 14, 2009, 7:00-9:00 MDT

Barbara J. Gilman The Art of Gifted Advocacy

How Informed Advocacy Can Produce the Best Accommodations,
Even in Difficult Times

Educating parents to advocate successfully for their gifted children in school has never been more important. To save money in a recession, many schools are reducing gifted programs and services. Yet, parents who understand their child's needs and are aware of options that benefit gifted students often obtain better accommodations through negotiation than the gifted program would have provided. How do they do it?

Likewise, how can schools advocate for gifted students with cost-effective programs that do a better job of meeting gifted learning needs? In order to avoid undue stress on the classroom teacher, administrators may find this a good time to rethink gifted programming with delivery systems that are more recession-proof.

Details to join this webinar with Barbara J. Gilman is located on the main page of

www.giftedonlineconferences.ning.com

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

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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Adrian Bruce's Teaching Resources

Podcast interview with Adrian Bruce

<http://www.edtechcrew.net/2009/08/24/ed-tech-crew-98-adrian-bruce/>

Adrian Bruce teaching resources

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

Adrian Bruce Teachers Toolbox

<http://adrianbruce.com/teacher-toolbox/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

PLIESE Bendigo

<http://www.pliese.com.au/Welcome.html>

Smile Mathematics

<http://www.iit.edu/~smile/mathinde.html>

Dyslexia The Age 10.08.09

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/when-learnings-a-disability-20090809-ee6f.html?page=-1>

Talent4thefuture Blog

<http://talent4thefuture.blogspot.com/>

Dystalk

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

The Cyrillic Projector

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=21PUdaQ5_Pc

UK Memory championships

<http://memory-sports.com/>

Follow the elephant – memory training tutorials

<http://memory-sports.com/elephant/>

See Sprite's response to the Follow the Elephant tutorials

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/>

40 Superb Psychology Blogs

<http://www.spring.org.uk/2009/07/40-superb-psychology-blogs.php>

Sparkle Box

<http://www.sparklebox.co.uk/index.html>

Build your wild self

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

Jen Millea I love twitter

<http://blogs.educationau.edu.au/jmillea/2009/06/26/i-love-twitter-and-the-random-proximity-of-tweets/>

Shape collage

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

Novamind Mind Mapping

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

Clipmarks

<http://clipmarks.com/>

The Freesound Project

<http://www.freesound.org/index.php>

Diigo

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

Streenr

<http://screenr.com/>

Times they are a changing

<http://slav.globalteacher.org.au/2009/08/24/times-are-changing/>

De Bono Society podcasts

<http://www.debonosociety.com/profiles/blogs/the-debonosocietycom-monthly>

Teaching with technology

<http://ipt286.pbworks.com/Index>

Holt Interactive Graphic Organizers

<http://my.hrw.com/nsmedia/intgos/html/igo.htm>

New select entry schools

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/ive-won-a-place-at-nossal-high--where-is-it-20090824-ewjb.html>

Sharon Barnes Creative Transformations Blog

<http://sharonmbarnes.wordpress.com/>

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