



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

HAVE POWERPOINT - WILL TRAVEL

I will be presenting Feetspeak: 2E shoes at the NSWAGTC Conference at the University of Western Sydney on 1-2 November, in Albury-Wodonga on October 27 and Wangaratta on 28 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.

The PowerPoint slides which looked great on my desk top or laptop do not look as good on the big screen. While looking for advice on this I found these sites

Giving Presentations

Garr Reynolds How to give a good presentation
Presentation given to Google

<http://www.labnol.org/software/tutorials/advice-select-best-fonts-for-powerpoint-presentation-slides/3355/>

Top Tips

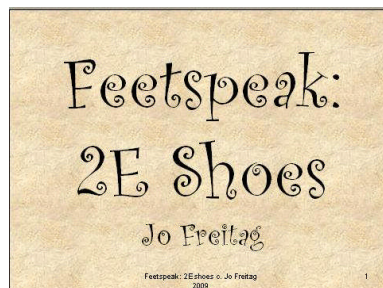
<http://www.garreynolds.com/Presentation/slides.html>

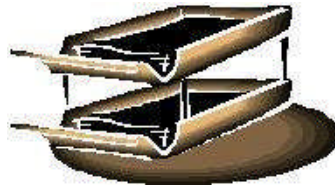
Fonts for presentations

http://www.thinkoutsidetheslide.com/articles/select_and_use_fonts.htm

Avoiding the pitfalls of bad slides

<http://www.iasted.org/conferences/formatting/Presentations-Tips.ppt>





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 AND TONY ATTWOOD WORKSHOP DATES [WEBSITE](#)

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY AND ISLANDS OF JOKAYDIA UNCONFERENCE 24 September 2009
<http://mquncon09.pbworks.com/> [WEBSITE](#)

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

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

OGTOC Webinar Deborah L. Ruf, Ph.D., on The Five Levels of Giftedness: School Issues and Educational Options [WEBSITE](#)

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK Stomp out the ANTs Program commences 19 October 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 4 Speaker David Harrison 26 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](#)

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL Jo Freitag Gifted and Learning Disabled 28 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

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

MIND AND ITS POTENTIAL CONFERENCE Sydney 2-3 December 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

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

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festival of Workshops 10-11 and 14-15 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 4 GUEST SPEAKER

"Liaising with your gifted child's school" presented by David Harrison

on behalf of Gifted Support Network

This presentation will explore strategies and approaches available to parents in effectively liaising with the many educators involved with their child's schooling, including principals, teachers and gifted program coordinators.

7.45 - 9.30pm, Monday 26 October

Southern Community Church of Christ,

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

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members bookings essential (payment on the night)

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

'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

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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

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@goldstreetparents.org

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: 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.

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

The Prep Festival will be held at Firkbank 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.

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

NEXT OGTOC Online Conference

Deborah L. Ruf, Ph.D., on The Five Levels of Giftedness: School Issues and Educational Options

OGTOC has a long history of offering high quality in depth presentations of topics concerning the issues of giftedness. .

The Webinar lasts from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT on Oct. 8th and costs \$30. Sally L, the owner and admin of OGTOC, recommends that interested parties join OGTOC's social networking site <http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/> Communication about future webinars will take place through that networking site.

There are 113 special interest groups at the Ning social networking site of OGTOC with over 1300 members.

Instructions:

Click on any PayPal button within this OGTOC website.

Follow instructions within PayPal.

You need not be present during the scheduled hours of the webinar.

You will have access online for 3 weeks to view the webinar as many times as you wish to do so.

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010

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For full details see the Flyer in the InTray on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

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

WISEONES 12th Annual Conference 'Know thyself' 16 October 2009

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

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Golems

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

National Gifted Scholars Co-op

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

10 misconceptions about gifted adults

<http://www.ezinearticles.com/?10-Misconceptions-About-Gifted-Adults&id=2781450>

Gifted Universe

<http://gifteduniverse.com/>

100 essential Web 2.0 tools for teachers

<http://www.onlinedegree.net/100-essential-2-0-tools-for-teachers/>

Simply Box

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

James R. Deslisle What giftedness is ... and is not

http://www.prufrock.com/client/client_pages/deslisle%20ch1.cfm

Climate change quilt

<http://www.climatequilt.org/index.html>

Snuggle quilts for bush fire victims

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

Sharon Barnes My Scrap angel

<http://sharonmbarnes.wordpress.com/2009/05/21/my-scrap-angel-life-lessons-learned-while-quilting/>

Sprite's response to the above quilting articles

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=144>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=146>

100 ways to tap into more of your brain

<http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2009/08/100-ways-you-can-tap-into-more-of-your-brain/>

Eide Neurolearning Blog Visual Overcrowding

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/09/visual-overload-and-visual-crowding.html>

Dystalk

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

Simple class room science experiments

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/05/31/the-best-sources-of-ideas-for-simple-classroom-science-experiments/>

The autistic surfer

http://scienceblogs.com/cortex/2009/09/the_autistic_surfer.php

Live Binders

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

7 steps to overcoming overwhelm

<http://www.academyofcreativeliving.com/uploads/Seven%20Steps%20to%20Overcoming%20Overwhelm.pdf>

BibMe fast and easy bibliography maker

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

FUSE – Find Use Share Education

<https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/>

GoAnimate

<http://goanimate.com/>

Create a graph

<http://nces.ed.gov/nceskids/createagraph/default.aspx>

GeoGebra

<http://www.geogebra.org/cms/>

Macquarie Uni and Islands of Jokaydia Unconference 24.09.09

<http://mquncon09.pbworks.com/>

If you printed the Internet

<http://www.cartridgesave.co.uk/news/if-you-printed-the-internet/>

Cogdogroo – fifty online ways to tell the same story

<http://cogdogroo.wikispaces.com/StoryTools>

Free Teachers Resources

<http://www.freotech4teachers.com/2009/09/pln-powered-autism-education-resources.html>

Viddix - mix video with the web

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

Boys, blokes, books & bytes blog

<http://boysblokesbooks.edublogs.org/>

Good night and Tough Luck

<http://niemann.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/good-night-and-tough-luck/>

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