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Gifted Resources News

Welcome to the February newsletter and the start of a new school year.

I am currently working from home and did not stage a 2011 Springboard Days or Summer Selections type expo this year but I did assist teachers with their planning and resource gathering by phone and email consultation during January.

I have also been busy updating the contact details and links on Gifted Resources website

www.giftedresources.org Please can you let me know if your details need to be updated or if you know of great events, programs, services, websites, etc which I have not included.

January was an anxious and devastating time in many areas of Australia with fires in WA and floods in WA, Victoria and Queensland. An ABC infographic shows the extent of the Qld floods

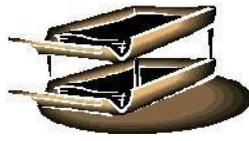
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/infographics/qld-floods/beforeafter.htm>

During January I also enjoyed participating in online chats, conferences, webinars and a meeting in Second Life. I have included reviews from Sprite's Site blog of some of these in this issue of the newsletter

I am also participating in the Calling all Bloggers: Sir Ken Robinson blogathon.

Details of the blogathon and videos of Sir Ken Robinson speaking on creativity can be found on Joe Bower's For the love of learning blog at

<http://www.joebower.org/2011/01/calling-all-bloggers-sir-ken-robinson.html?sref=tw>



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

GERRIC 2011 PROGRAMS [PDF BROCHURE](#)

GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Adelaide 12-13 March 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students Turning the Tide of Underachievement conference Honolulu March 26- 28 2011.

Howard Gardner The Disciplined Mind: Educational Visions for the Future Perth Monday 23rd May 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Teaching for learning 21-24 May 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

International Centre for Innovation in Education Excellence in Education 2011 Giftedness, Creativity, Development Istanbul Turkey 6-9 July 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Sydney 27- 28 August 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

19th WORLD CONFERENCE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 8-12 August 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC Inc. Biennial Conference 2011 8-9 September 2011 [FLYER](#)

11th International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project
Turning Dreams into Reality: Transformations and Paradigm Shifts in Mathematics Education
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa September 10– 16, 2011 Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers [FLYER](#)

GIFTED PLAYGROUP

We are from the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne and are looking into setting up a weekly playgroup for gifted children aged 6 and under. If you are interested please email Caro & Michael at theboywholikesants@yahoo.com.au

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'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

3 hours of free undercover parking is available in the Moonee Ponds Central car park

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MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

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CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catrina Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Casterton and District area

Contact : Catrina 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

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

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

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Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>

FROM TAISIR YAMIN of World Council for Gifted & Talented Children

The unforeseen political circumstances which have arisen in South Korea have necessitated the Executive Committee of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children (WCGTC) to make a very difficult decision. In consideration of the safety of our conference participants, it has become necessary to find a new location for the 19th World Conference.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the conference has been moved to Prague, the Czech Republic, a beautiful, historic city in Eastern Europe.

The 19th World Conference will take place in Prague (August 8-12, 2011). More details about the conference will be announced soon.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this causes you. Please contact our new headquarters in Bowling Green, in January with any problems. Also, please watch our web-site for more information.

WCGTC <https://world-gifted.org/>

World Council for Gifted & Talented Children

WCGTC: Making a World of Difference for Gifted Children"

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am writing to inform you that the "19th Biennial World Conference of the WCGTC: Making a World of Difference for Gifted Children" will take place in Prague- Czech Republic (August 8-12, 2011). The WCGTC is organizing this international conference in partnership with the Association for Talent and Giftedness (Společnost pro talent a nadání, o.s. (STaN)), the Czech Technical University in Prague, and Masaryk University.

For more details about the World Conference, will you please click in the link to the conference website:

<http://worldconference2011.org/>

You are cordially invited to submit an abstract for your proposed presentation. All abstracts must be submitted before (March 15, 2011).

With best wishes and regards.

See you in Prague - Czech Republic.

Taisir Subhi Yamin

President, WCGTC

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International Centre for Innovation in Education (ICIE)

Dear Colleagues and friends,

We are writing to inform you that the International Centre for Innovation in Education (ICIE) and Istanbul University are organizing the fifth international conference on:

"Excellence in Education 2011: Giftedness, Creativity, Development"



This conference will take place at Istanbul University (July 6-9, 2011).

More details about the conference are available on the conference website:

www.istanbul.icieconference.net

If you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to meeting with you in Istanbul (July 6-9, 2011).

Have a great day.

With very best wishes and regards.

Yours

ICIE Team

[So much to take home from #rscon11](#)

January 12th, 2011

I have so much to take away from the online Reform Symposium #rscon11 that the Memory Elephant cannot fit it all in the trunk!

For Melbourne, Australia the Reform Symposium opening keynote presentation was at 2.00am on Sunday and the closing keynote was at 5.00pm

During that time I attended wonderful presentations, took copious notes, saved chat texts and followed and saved a multitude of links. Yesterday (Monday) I relaxed and read some of the notes and some blog entries about the conference, connected with old and new friends on Twitter and thought about the blog post summary I would write. I could not decide whether it should be posted on the rscon blog or on Sprite's Site and then thought it should probably be posted in both places.

An advantage of having Sprite, the Memory Elephant and the Dabrowski Dogs and also a flock of Twitter Birds with me was that they could help me manage all the take aways!



The Memory Elephant suggested taking photos of the session descriptions for the presentations I had attended and enlisted the help of the Dabrowski Dogs and the Twitter Birds to display the description signs for their favourite sessions.

To see these go to <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=1676>

[Links and contacts from #rscon11](#)

January 12th, 2011

Another great take-away from the Reform Symposium was a stack of links to programs, websites and blogs. Contact details and Twitter IDs were given by presenters and exchanged among the participants. These are all helpful for building up valuable Personal Learning Networks and locating mentors.

Here are just a few of the useful links (I have not finished reading my notes and chat texts yet)

The Reform Symposium program
<http://reformsymposium.com/program/>

Keynote resources from Dr Alec Couros Opening keynote presentation
<http://bit.ly/rscon11resources>

Wallwisher: best ed tools for 2010

<http://www.wallwisher.com/wall/bestedtools2010>

New Teacher Chat wiki

<http://newteacherchat.wikispaces.com/>

Dr. Milton Chen

<http://www.stevhargadon.com/2010/08/milton-chen-on-education-nation-live.html>

#RSCON11 – Creating Safe Learning Environments Google docs

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1TX9jEn2XKbCiGCQS71IA2CDcbY8LmKti0OFqICSAQDw/edit?authkey=CJu5xO0P&hl=en&pli=1#>

Mentors

<https://spreadsheets0.google.com/ccc?key=tfoiChXPDb-w-o1M0I1JWw&hl=en&authkey=COf01bcD#gid=0>

EDUPLN Ning

<http://edupln.ning.com>

Educators PLN Mentoring group

<http://www.edupln.com/group/theteachermentoringproject>

ELF Classroom Ning

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

Tagxedo

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

The New Teacher Center

http://newteachercenter.org/about_the_ntc.php

David Craig's Diigo links tagged for behavior

<http://www.diigo.com/user/dcraig/behavior>

Blogs on #rscon11

January 13th, 2011

"I don't want to go straight home!" Sprite told me. "I don't want #rscon11 to be over!"

I knew what she meant. We had enjoyed such a great weekend with so much learning and inspiration reconnecting with contacts and friends and adding new ones

"We could visit some other blogs on the way" I said. "Especially as I was so lucky as to win an Edubloggers Pro pack; I think we should go and look at some blogs and see what other people thought about the Reform Symposium"

Here are some blogs we could visit.

Reform symposium: Free professional development you can get in your jammies!

<http://ilearntechnology.com/?p=3512>

Janet Abruzzo's blog feedback

<http://civitaquana.blogspot.com/2011/01/reform-symposium-for-new-teachers-2011.html>

You drank a beer during a teacher conference? Includes Ice video
<http://stumpteacher.blogspot.com/2011/01/you-drank-beer-during-teacher.html>

Eliminating the box blog Yesterday's Reform Symposium Experience
<http://eliminatingthebox.blogspot.com/2011/01/yesterdays-reform-symposium-experience.html?spref=tw>

Be Bold
<http://beardedteacher.blogspot.com/2011/01/be-bold.html>

Dragontech blog
<http://dragontech.posterous.com/reform-symposium-2011>

Nancy teaches blog Thanks to rscon11 –why I'm not grading
<http://www.nancyteaches.com/2011/01/thanks-to-rscon11-why-im-not-grading.html>

What I learned to make me a better teacher
<http://mwedwardstechnology.blogspot.com/2011/01/to-make-me-better-teacher.html>

The Inspired classroom
<http://www.theinspiredclassroom.com/2011/01/webinar-outline-and-links-%e2%80%93-getting-started-with-arts-integration/>

Pernille Ripp
<http://mrsripp.blogspot.com/2011/01/let-them-speak-notes-from-my-rscon11.html>

About a teacher
<http://gret.wordpress.com/2011/01/12/myrscon11take-aways/>



SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

SENG webinars on Overexcitabilities with Dr Susan Daniels

<http://www.instantpresenter.com/AccountManager/RegEv.aspx?PIID=E951D887854D>

Dr Jeff NASA STEM stream

<http://www.tvworldwide.com/stemstream/>

Does a genius need ethics?

<http://www.brainleadersandlearners.com/high-performance-mind/does-a-genius-need-ethics/>

A-Z of Google Apps

<https://docs.google.com/document/edit?id=1TQupkuKAo7HQT-Sc8wMOcqVvXtc9j4QGWA2BrfBWpbl&hl=en&pli=1#>

Famous Inboxes

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

Nota

<http://notaland.com/about>

Top documentary films

<http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/>

Don't watch the parade in 2011

<http://donmilleris.com/2011/01/03/predictions-for-2011/comment-page-1/#comment-39670>

Talent talk blog

<http://ctdblog.northwestern.edu/2011/01/04/welcome-to-center-for-talent-development%e2%80%99s-blog-talent-talk/>

Montage

<http://instructionaldesignfusions.wordpress.com/2011/01/05/create-web-stories-with-montage/>

MERLOT

<http://www.merlot.org/merlot/index.htm>

IRATDE

International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence

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

To tweet or not to tweet

<http://katearmsroberts.wordpress.com/2011/01/06/to-tweet-or-not-to-tweet-a-question-of-public-persona/>

An International online network for gifted education researchers?

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2010/12/13/an-international-online-network-for-gifted-education-researchers/>

How to find scholarly research online

<http://onlinelearningtips.com/2010/07/28/how-to-find-scholarly-research-online/>

Mathpuzzle

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

The Excursion Factor

<http://theexcursionfactor.webs.com/>

The total talent portfolios

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/sem/semart09.html>

Dr Michele Borba How to raise an unspoilt kid

<http://www.micheleborba.com/blog/2011/01/10/raising-unspoiled-kids/>

Blogging and Bloom's Taxonomy

http://community.learningobjects.com/Users/Nancy.Rubin/Objects_of_Interest/2009/12/Blogging_and_Blooms_Taxonomy

Giftedness myths and misconceptions

<http://giftedkids.ie/myths.html>

Museum Victoria blog

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/about/mv-blog/jan-2011/>

The ultimate guide to Twitter for teachers

<http://edudemic.com/2010/06/the-ultimate-twitter-guidebook/>

Cybraryman's Guide to Education chats on Twitter

<http://www.cybraryman.com/chats.html>

The New Teacher Resource Coaching Center

<http://newteacherresourcecenter.com/2011/01/09/5-top-tips-for-teachers-to-cater-to-diverse-classrooms/>

A periodic table of visualization methods

http://www.visual-literacy.org/periodic_table/periodic_table.html

Cooperative catalyst Paradox of creativity

<http://coopcatalyst.wordpress.com/2011/01/07/paradox-of-creativity/>

Kelly Tenkely Livebinders for presentation

<http://livebinders.com/play/present?id=54615>

Kelly Tenkely Livebinders Blooms taxonomy

<http://livebinders.com/play/play/54645>

Twitter maths PD

<http://p2pu.org/math-future/cpd-through-twitter-maths-teachers>

The Differentiator

<http://www.byrdseed.com/the-differentiator/>

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