



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

As the July newsletter was a couple of days early in order to include the Holiday Programs newsletter and because there are several events at the end of this month I am sending out a second July newsletter.

Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

A public hearing will be held on Monday 25th July 2011. The general public are welcome to view the hearing proceedings from the gallery

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1339>

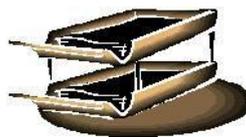
Submissions already posted can be read online at

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1338>

Gifted Resources submission has been received but has not been tabled yet and so is not yet posted on the website.



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

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS Newsletter [PDF NEWSLETTER](#)

GERRIC 2011 PROGRAMS [PDF BROCHURE](#)

WRITE AWAY WITH ME Writers Club Term 3 [PDF FLYER 1](#) [PDF FLYER 2](#)

MINDS LIKE MINE Science Workshops Term 3 [PDF FLYER](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE Science Shaping Society lectures [PDF FLYER](#)

CHIP INVITATIONS HOLIDAY PROGRAM 11-15 July 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 4-8, 11-15 July 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Next Steps 2011 Leadership series 2 14-15 July 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc 5th Biennial State Conference - Empower Me 15-17 July [WEBSITE](#)

SENG SUMMIT Seattle 15-17 July 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

PROF. FRANCOYS GAGNE Cairns 26 July 2011 [PDF FLYER](#)

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 27 July 2011 [FLYER](#)

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

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

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 31 August 2011 [FLYER](#)

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

VAGTC Inc. Biennial Conference Unmasking the Possibilities Parent Seminar 2011 8 September 2011 [FLYER](#)

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 5 October 2011 [FLYER](#)

CAGT CONFERENCE 10-11 October 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 9 November 2011 [FLYER](#)

TAGT Texas Association for Gifted & Talented Gifted 3.0 PD Conference 30 November - 2 December 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 14 December 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](#)

INCLUSIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE 2012 22-25 May 2012 [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'

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

Postal address:

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

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Phone 9779 4218

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louise_h@tpg.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.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

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

GIFTED PLAYGROUP

We are running a weekly playgroup for gifted children between the ages of 1 - 6.

If you are interested please contact Caro & Michael at

theboywholikesants@yahoo.com.au

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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Phone: 02 60215913

Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

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

G.A.T.E.WAYS BRAINWAVES CLUB SEMESTER 2

G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Clubs operate at Ivanhoe Grammar and Brighton Grammar on every second Saturday during the school term from 12.50 pm - 4.00 pm. The Brainwaves clubs program is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. In addition, children with specialized skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development.

These children also need opportunities to mix with like-minded peers and to form rewarding friendships that further foster their interests, social skills and self-esteem. The need for a high level of mental challenge and stimulation is sometimes not fully appreciated with young children. They may not show advancement in all areas.

G.A.T.E.WAYS clubs also seek to provide a setting that promotes positive social interactions, self-confidence and pleasure in learning. All curriculum areas- science, maths, language, technology, philosophy, creative arts and more are offered. Clubs are designed to be challenging, but most of all, fun.

Detailed club outlines are available on G.A.T.E.WAYS website www.gateways.edu.au.

Enrolments are now open for new members at both clubs.

To register a place please contact Meg on 9894 2116 or email meg@gateways.edu.au

Reform Symposium Free Online Education Conference #RSCON3

Reform Symposium #RSCON3 will be held 29-31 July 2011.

You can find out all about the event at <http://reformsymposium.com/>

I have attended the two previous events of the Reform Symposium and loved the experience of learning from leaders in the use of technology in education from all around the world.

I even have a small blog area there 'Jofrei Sprite and the Dabrowski Dogs visit rscon 10'

<http://reformsymposium.com/jofrei/> where you can read my reflections on the two previous free online conferences.

These conference sessions are free to attend and there are no travel costs and no need to dress formally. Indeed, as some people have noted, you could participate in the sessions in your pyjamas or daggy old tracksuit if you wished.

I will be organizing a good supply of chocolate to keep the energy levels up. It takes quite a lot of stamina to attend as many of the sessions as possible!

There are over 65 presentations and 12 keynote presentations. Some of the sessions move very fast and present large amounts of information. As some of the presentations run concurrently I am busy consulting the schedule at <http://reformsymposium.com/conferences/rscon3/rscon3-schedule/> and following the directions to see the schedule as it applies to Melbourne time.

I have noticed that there are several Australian presenters whose sessions I would like to attend – Jo and Phil Hart, Michael Graffin, Edna Sackson, Judith Way and Henrietta Miller.

And many of the presenters I enjoyed in the previous rscons will be presenting again this year. This time I plan to be more organized with my note taking during the sessions which should make blogging about the event easier.

I am really looking forward to this online conference and hope to catch up with many of you in the sessions.

5th Biennial State Conference - TAG (Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc)

<http://www.tasgifted.com/info.php?id=14>

TAG 5th Biennial Conference

EMPOWER ME

exploring ways to:

- * empower educators to better cater for gifted students;
- * empower parents to better advocate for gifted children; and
- * empower gifted students to better achieve their potential.

15 - 17 July 2011

Proudly hosted by Larmenier School, 38 Station Road, Launceston

The conference is an initiative of the Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc. (TAG). TAG is a non-profit, parent-based organisation dedicated to sharing information and promoting awareness of the needs of gifted children.

Participate in keynotes, seminars and workshops with inspiring presenters who are passionate about gifted education, from Tasmania, mainland Australia and overseas. Check out the speakers [here](#) and the program [here](#).

Costs:

Early bird: current financial member \$125; non-member \$165, to be paid before May 13.

Standard price (for payment received after May 13): member \$150; non member \$190. Student discounts & partial registrations available.

For further details call the Tasmanian Association for the Gifted on 0488291497 or email tasgifted@gmail.com

UNMASKING THE POSSIBILITIES

8TH AND 9TH
SEPTEMBER 2011



PLEASE JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AND 9TH AS WE LIFT SOME OF THE MASKS THAT CAMOUFLAGE THE WONDERFUL GIFTS AND TALENTS LESS OBVIOUS IN OUR UNDERACHIEVING GIFTED STUDENTS. TALENTS SO TRULY AMAZING WHEN THEY ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT ENCOURAGEMENT



Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc.
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www.vagtc.asn.au

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Venue

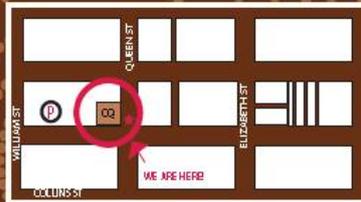
CO's Function Centre, located on Queen St in the heart of the city, is the ideal place for a conference. The recently refurbished venue provides state of the art presentation facilities and flexible, air conditioned spaces for delegates to enjoy the variety of sessions. There are plenty of comfy chairs tucked away for networking. CO is easily accessible by public transport. Car Parking is available at the venue and nearby.

Accommodation

There is also a wide choice of hotel and restaurant facilities, both within the complex and close by for those who wish to extend their conference experience. For more details visit our website at www.vagtc.asn.au.

Location

CO Functions is situated at 113 Queen Street, between Bourke and Little Collins Streets. On-site parking (off Little Collins St) and overflow parking is within a 3 minute walk. Melway Reference: 1A H6



CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The VAGTC welcomes you to central Melbourne and urges you to immerse yourself in the life of our beautiful city. The primary focus of this 'Unmasking the Possibilities' conference is to raise awareness and to encourage participants to become practically and confidently committed to ensuring that all children are given the opportunity to shine. We are delighted to be able to bring to the conference two key speakers who are celebrated educators in their respective fields, namely Indigenous Education and Educational Psychology.

Professor Mark Rose is traditionally linked to the Gunditjirara Nation of Western Victoria. Professor Rose has spent most of his life in education teaching every level from prep to PhD supervision, and was invited to become a member of the former Federal Governmental Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council (IHEAC), advising the Commonwealth Education Minister, Julie Bishop. Professor Rose is a former Principal of Koorie Open Door Education (KODE) and has been an active member of the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc (VWEA). As a Director of Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships (IEP) Professor Rose spends time working with indigenous youth across the nation. Professor Rose was a member of Victoria's task force on the Stolen Generations in 2002 and between 2004 and 2005, he co-chaired the whole-of-government implementation review of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Dr. Maureen Nairhart is a licensed (US) clinical child psychologist with 30 years' experience working with children with special needs and their families. She has worked as a secondary teacher, school counselor, gifted program coordinator, clinical and consulting psychologist. She is currently an Associate Professor and Deputy Head of Psychological Studies at the National Institute of Education in Singapore. Dr. Nairhart has been a member of the American Psychological Association since 1990 and is a former member of the board of directors for the National Association for Gifted Children. Her research interests include the social and emotional development of gifted children, home and school-based psychological interventions for children at risk, resilience, and the psychology of high performance. Her latest book is 'Teaching Gifted Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders' from Prufrock Press. Dr. Nairhart brings a pragmatic systems perspective to support children at risk.

Every child is unique and precious. Each child deserves to receive the type of education that will focus on his or her gifts and talents together with an acknowledgement that potential manifests itself under many guises. Giftedness is present in children from all cultures and all socio-economic groups. Gaining experience and knowledge in unmasking their gifts and talents to achieve successful outcomes is the primary focus of this conference. It will expose delegates to current understanding, research, findings and programs which enrich the learning environment for our gifted learners. Becoming advocates and 'enablers' for gifted children is achieved by increasing knowledge and understanding in the field of gifted education.

The Conference provides two outstanding days to join with professionals across the field of gifted education. The sessions provide a balance of research and classroom practice designed to inform, challenge, enlighten and support effective teaching and learning for all gifted students. Professor Mark Rose and Dr. Maureen Nairhart will lead delegates across a number of sessions over the two days. Delegates will also have the opportunity to work with invited speakers including Leonie Klonborg, Margaret Plunkett, Carmel Meehan, Susan Nilakis and Maxine Cowie. Classroom practitioners and other professionals working in the area of gifted education will also share their knowledge and expertise.

DAY ONE: THURSDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:45 Opening Ceremony
- 9:30 Keynote
- 10:45 Morning Tea
- 11:15 Mini Keynote
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Further Unmasking One
- 2:30 Further Unmasking Two
- 3:30 Afternoon Tea
- 3:00 - 5:00 Parent Session (\$20)

DAY TWO: FRIDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

- 8:00 Registration
- 8:30 Introduction
- 9:00 Keynote
- 10:30 Morning Tea
- 11:00 Mini Keynote
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:15 Further Unmasking Three
- 2:15 Further Unmasking Four
- 3:20 VAGTC Annual General Meeting
- 3:25 Forum and Conference Close

REGISTRATION FORM

Tax Invoice
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FULL COST	
VAGTC / AAEGT MEMBERS	\$485
NON MEMBERS	\$545
PARENT (IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CAR)	\$150
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (ENDS 31st JUL)	
VAGTC / AAEGT MEMBERS	\$440
NON MEMBERS	\$490
PARENT SESSION (IF YOU HAVE YOUR OWN CAR)	\$20

All prices include GST
Registration includes the entrance to all conference sessions, morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch on both days, and one set of conference materials. For schools sending four or more staff members, please contact the VAGTC for a further discount.

Name Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr.....

School:.....

Postal Address:.....

Contact Phone Number:.....

Mobile Number:.....

Email:.....

Is your school a current member of the VAGTC? YES/NO

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Victorian Association
for Gifted and Talented Children

In association with our 2011 conference
entitled
'Unmasking the Possibilities'
is delighted to offer a

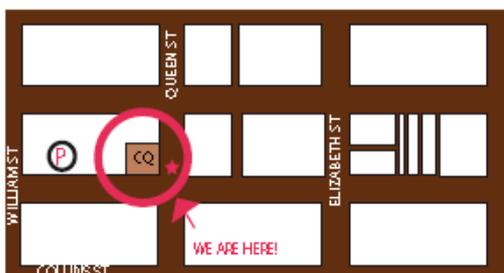


PARENT SEMINAR

This session is aiming to enable participants to become more proficient in understanding and identifying the 75% of students who for multiple reasons present in schools with Masked Gifts and Talents.

Examples of focus groups:

Minority ethnic groups; Twice exceptional - learning difficulties; Socially and economically disadvantaged; Rural and isolated students; The affectively sensitive; Physically impaired; Dyslexic students; Asperger students
A forum of specialists will address participants and a limited time frame will be available for questions.



When: Thursday 8th September
Time: 3.00 - 5.00pm
Where: CQ Function Centre, 113 Queen Street,
Melbourne
See map

Cost: \$20 pp (GST Inclusive)

Light afternoon tea will be served

Registration Form

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Webinar Series

Webinar 2 - 27 July 2011
Presenter: Maxine Cowie
Starjump

Insights into the power of a Comprehensive Developmental Assessment

Do you have a child who is bright but:

- Has difficulties concentrating and completing work?
- Doesn't listen to or follow your instructions?
- Has trouble making and keeping friends?
- Has outbursts of anger or "melt downs"?
- Avoids writing or has poor hand writing?
- Struggles or is disinterested in reading?
- Has changing or challenging behaviour?
- Is extremely sensitive to light or sound?
- Is tired & lethargic after school?
- Is disengaged at school?
- Anxiety stops learning?
- Underachieving?
- Is being bullied?
- Can't spell?
- and
- Is losing confidence at school?

Then this webinar is for you.

Registration - Cost \$30 USD - Duration 1 hour starting at
7.30pm. Click on the link here to register for this event:
<http://www.instantpresenter.com/PIID=E956D885834C>

Webinar Content

Why a whole child assessment?
Coexisting Conditions
Assessment Content
Referrals to Specialists
Prevalence of difficulties
Prioritizing Interventions
Further Reading

Visit www.starjump.com.au for more
information on Visual Spatial Thinking and
Learning.

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ACN 18 30 601 480 76 700 076 610

Developing visual spatial thinking kids!



*National Council of Women of Queensland Inc
Parents' and Children's Conference 2011*

Children With Potential

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th September 2011

For children who love to learn
and parents who want to know

why
and how
and what to do

A conference for enthusiastic students and their parents convened by **The National Council of Women of Queensland Inc.** at **The Lakes College**, 2 College St, North Lakes.

This two-day conference features inspiring speakers for the children with their parents each morning followed by four hours of fantastic fun children's workshops and separate seminars for parents.

From Astronomy to Zoology, all workshops involve challenging activities pitched at abilities rather than age. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet other children of like mind and to establish new friendships.

At a cost of only **\$30** per person per day, plus a small levy for some workshops, this is an event not to be missed.

Full details and registration forms are on the NCWQ web site,

www.ncwq.org.au



SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Associate Professor Tracy Riley keynote address to gifted students

<http://giftedandtalentededucation.edusped.com/gifted-children-tracy-riley/>

Updated GATCAWA website

www.gatcawa.org

Free technology for teachers

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/>

Michigan Alliance for Gifted Education

GT 101 by Ellen D Fiedler and Gary M Vosburg available for download

http://migitfiedchild.org/downloaded_gt101/

Arithmetic Village

<http://www.arithmeticvillage.com/books/>

Text2mindmap

<http://www.text2mindmap.com/>

How penguins keep warm

<http://www.newscientist.com/blogs/nstv/2011/07/time-lapse-tuesday-penguins-do-the-wave-to-keep-warm.html>

Cybraryman's Google+ Page

<http://cybraryman.com/googleplus.html>

Pernille Ripp Too much of a good thing – I'm over-connected

<http://mrsripp.blogspot.com/2011/07/too-much-of-good-thing-i-am-over.html>

I blame you, Twitter

<http://cultureofyes.ca/2011/07/05/i-blame-you-twitter/>

Animaps

<http://www.animaps.com/#!/home>

Cleverstuff

www.cleverstuff.com.au

Language journeys blogspot

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

Gifted Homeschoolers forum

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/articles.html#edalts>

Interview with Roya Klingner

<http://educationviews.org/2011/06/27/an-interview-with-roya-klinger-an-on-line-camp-for-gifted-kids-what-will-they-think-of-next-2/>

Balancing act

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com/2011/06/balancing-act.html>

Scoop.It

<http://www.scoop.it/>

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