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Gifted Resources News

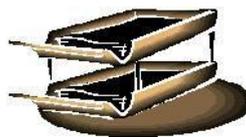
Apologies for the lateness of this month's newsletter. My computer came under an extortion attack which had the effect of denying access to files and the Internet, claiming there was no free RAM and other critical faults (which other scans did not confirm) and that the only way of fixing it was to buy the upgrade fixing pack (which we did not do!). Instead the computer paid a visit to PC City.

The computer problems meant I was given an extension for lodging my submission for the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students which I am still working on. Submissions already received can be read online at <http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1338>

I am also behind with updating some things such as the In Tray on Gifted Resources website. If you have sent me material for inclusion in the In Tray or this newsletter and it is not included please could you send it to me again?

The VAGTC have recently updated their website at <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>
Another Australian gifted website to have been updated recently is Derrin Cramer's Thinking Ahead at <http://www.thinkingahead.com.au/>

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](#)

WRITE AWAY WITH ME Writers Club [PDF FLYER](#)

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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest Speaker Christine Ireland 6 June 2011 [FLYER](#)

CHIP FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP GEELONG Cartooning workshop 18 June 2011 [FLYER](#)

BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Conference in Secondlife [WEBSITE](#) Prof. Ernst Hany (GERMANY) 25 June 2011

G.A.T.E.WAYS Midyear Festival of workshops 29-30 June 2011 [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#) [FLYER 3](#)

LEARNING NETWORK NEW ZEALAND Jane Kise Differentiation in your classroom 30 June 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

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 Unmasking the Possibilities 2011 8-9 September 2011 [FLYER](#) [BROCHURE](#)

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

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

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

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

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CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kingsley 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

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>

G.A.T.E.WAYS mid-year "FESTIVAL OF WORKSHOPS"

G.A.T.E.WAYS popular mid year Festival will be held on Thursday June 29th and Friday June 30th and will be hosted by Brighton Grammar School. A large range of workshops across the curriculum will be offered to children in Grades 1 - 6.

Program and enrolment details are available on www.gateways.edu.au.

Enrolments open on May 9th and parents may book in directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS.

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G.A.T.E.WAYS Next Steps 2011 Leadership series 2 14-15 July 2011

During the last school holidays G.A.T.E.WAYS ran the first of its Grade 6 'Next Step' Leadership series. The program provided an opportunity for gifted and highly able students to come together with like-minded peers to explore their leadership potential through seminars and workshops which aimed to develop their self awareness, critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills. At the end of each day we had a panel of guests relevant to the day's theme (Day 1 Lead The way; Day 2 Making A Difference) who shared their leadership and life experience with the children. These included business, religious and political leaders, as well as those who work through various non-government organizations to help make a difference in our world.

In the upcoming Term 2 holidays, we will be running a second leadership series on **July 14th and 15th**

- **Day 1: 'Beyond the Comfort Zone'** will see students take part in an activity-based journey of discovery as they explore what it means to venture beyond ones comfort zone. The seminar and workshops will aim to develop a range of creative thinking habits and problem solving skills that enhance students' self esteem and ability to build effectively on their own strengths and to go 'beyond the comfort zone'.
- **Day 2: 'Striving for Success'** will focus on enabling students to bring a vision to fruition. The seminar and workshops will allow students the opportunity to analyse what constitutes *real* success, and what factors contribute to success. Students will participate in hypothetical scenarios which will develop their organisational and communication skills and will also introduce them to the importance of relaxation and positive thinking.

Each day will conclude with the popular panel session.

Full program and enrolment details are available on www.gateways.edu.au To register, contact meg@gateways.edu.au or phone 9894 2116.

FROM SUE LARKEY

Dear Jo,

I hope you are having a wonderful week!

I would like to invite you to my first FREE online/telephone course in 2 weeks.
Thursday June 16th at 8pm Sydney Australia Time

The topic is : 10 Key Strategies for Success at Home and School.
- 45 minutes of great ideas, tools and strategies in the comfort of your own home!

All you need is access to a phone or internet and you can listen in, then afterwards I will be on Facebook to answer questions and discuss ideas.

I would love for you to join me for this Live Chat:

Click this link:

http://www.suelarkey.com/Sue_Larkey_LiveChat_Seminars.php

I am really looking forward to sharing with you great strategies and ideas!

Best Wishes

Sue Larkey

www.suelarkey.com

PS: If you know anyone else you feel would appreciate joining the call please let them know how easy it is by forwarding them this email.

Education Events Pty Ltd, PO Box 20, Artarmon, NSW, Australia, 1570



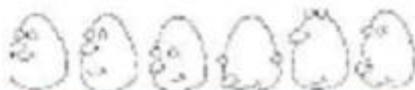
CARTOONING WORKSHOP



Cartooning workshop with Bradfield Dumpleton
Saturday June 18 - Highton Primary School 1pm - 4pm

Children will need to bring
HB pencils, erasers, sketch book or paper.

And an afternoon snack!



Bradfield Dumpleton is a professional artist & creative mentor with skills in many areas of the Arts (cartoon art, graphic design, illustration, publishing, painting, music, performance & writing).

Bradfield has been offering his dynamic hands-on cartoon-drawing workshops to children & adults of all ages for the past 20 years.

His step-by-step approach, loaded with inspiration & humour, makes drawing fun and accessible for everyone no matter what their skill-level.

Hey Kids! Bring a friend!



But not if he looks like this..
That wold be weird.

This workshop is suitable for children aged 8+

Cost is

\$15 CHIP FSGG members

\$25 non members

to book please email

jo.bailey@westnet.com.au

Please RSVP by Monday June 13



Victorian Association
for Gifted and Talented Children

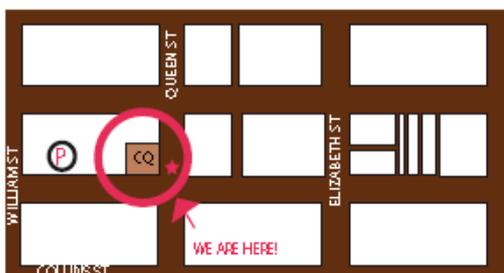
In association with our 2011 conference
entitled
'Unmasking the Possibilities'
is delighted to offer a

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

Tax Invoice - A.B.N. 93 904 346 898

This document constitutes a tax invoice when you make a payment. Please retain a copy for your records.

Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email Address: _____

Payment Total: _____

Please make all cheques payable to VAGTC Inc. and mail this form with your payment to:
PO Box 132 Caulfield South 3162.

I wish to pay by credit card - Please charge my Bankcard/ Visa/ Mastercard

Please note: a 3% surcharge applies to credit card payments

Cardholder's Name (please print) _____

Cardholder's Signature _____ Expiry Date: ____/____

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH FOR DOCTORAL THESIS

Jennifer Otto is a PhD candidate [Education & Developmental Psychology] at Monash University, supervised by Dr Philip Greenway, who is interested in further clarifying the influence of two different stable ways of thinking (intuitive and analytic cognitive style) on occupational choice and job satisfaction.

Job satisfaction is an important determinant of an individual's general well-being, mental and physical health as well as increased productivity.

Job satisfaction is often predicted by psychologists using the well-established notion of the fit between an individual's characteristics and the work environment. However, the research evidence around this model of predicting job satisfaction from person-work environment fit is mixed. The literature suggests that the individual characteristic of cognitive style may help to improve the model in terms of matching people with work environments and increasing job satisfaction. In practical terms, it is hoped that the outcomes will be beneficial in assisting people on entry to the work force, when changing jobs, re-training, and for re-entry to the work force following long-term unemployment.

Want to learn more about your personality and go into the draw to win \$100 gift voucher?

Participants are needed for an anonymous study investigating occupational interests, thinking style, perceptions about the work environment, personality and job satisfaction. To participate you need to be 18 -75, employed (including unpaid work) and fluent in English.

Participation involves completing an online survey of approximately 45 minutes. Participants may choose to receive a summary of their personality results and go into the draw to win \$100 Myer gift voucher.

To participate in this research, click on the link <https://online.cpp.com> and enter

Login: SurveyOtto

Password: Otto1234

If you can, please pass the link onto family and friends.

Any questions? Contact the researcher on Jennifer.Otto@monash.edu.au



Webinar Series

2011 Schedule

- 22nd June:** An introduction to Visual Spatial Thinking & Learning (**VSL**).
- 27th July:** Identification and Assessments – Insights into the power of a comprehensive developmental assessment.
- 31st August:** Co-existing Conditions - A deeper look at typical underlying conditions that affect Visual Spatial Learners. Eg Autism spectrum, ADHD, Auditory Processing Disorders.
- 5th October:** Understanding & meeting the social, emotional and educational needs of Gifted Visual Spatial Learners – with learning difficulties.
- 9th November:** Visual Spatial/Picture Thinking & Literacy Learning - Take a look at the Unlocking Literacy Program.
- 14th December:** Anxiety, Giftedness and Visual Spatial Thinking

Registration - Cost \$30 - Duration 1 hour starting at 7.30pm
Click on the link here to register for this event:

<http://www.instantpresenter.com/PIID=E955DB878048>

These webinars are for Parents and Teachers of students of all ages who are struggling at school.
Come to find out more about what you can do to support them.

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

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Developing visual spatial thinking kids!



WRITING LESSONS

for Children & Adults

*With qualified writing teacher and award-winning children's
& YA author, Dee White*

Do you have...

- A memoir in the making?
- A novel that needs nurturing?
- A short story to share?
- A need to write non-fiction?
- A poem or play that you're perfecting?

Then these writing lessons are for you!

- Hone your writing skills
- Write for fun
- Have your work critiqued by a professional
- Learn everything from planning to publication
- Network with other writers

WHERE: Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House

WHEN: Mondays (starting 16th May)
8-10 year olds: 4.00 to 5.00 pm
11-15 year olds: 5.15 to 6.15 pm
Adults: 6.30 to 7.30 pm

COST: \$15 per lesson (payment by term)

Places are limited and our school holiday workshops booked out fast.

So register your interest today at the Riddells Creek Neighbourhood House or
by phoning Dee on **5428 5365**



Hi Jo,

Hope you are well.

Just to let you know that the writing classes I held on the school holidays went unbelievably well. Both the 8-11 year old and the 12-15 year old sessions were booked out (25 kids in each). There was a waiting list of another 40 people and kids from as far away as Ringwood wanted to attend.

The workshops were so much fun and the kids were so inspired/inspiring. In fact, I had so many requests for more sessions that I'm starting teaching Writing Classes for kids in Riddells Creek on Monday nights and will possibly be teaching in Woodend on Thursdays as well. I will also be holding future school holiday workshops.

I've attached a flier for your information and you are welcome to include this information in your newsletter or on your website.

Clearly there are a lot of talented kids out there who love to write.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like more information.

Kind regards,

Dee White

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Gifted Awareness Week New Zealand

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gifted_Awareness_Week

<http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/384/>

Gifted Awareness Week – Time for questions by Sue Moroney

<http://blog.labour.org.nz/index.php/2011/06/01/gifted-awareness-week-a-time-for-questions/>

Gifted Awareness Week blog tour

<http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/443/>

Deborah Mersino A call to action: Making gifted education relevant today

<http://www.ingeniosus.net/archives/call-to-action-making-gifted-education-relevant-today>

#gtchat transcripts

<http://www.ingeniosus.net/gtchat-transcripts>

Education chats on Twitter

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

How to chat on Twitter

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

The Tweeting seat

<http://www.chrismcnicholl.com/tweetingseat>

Jo Hart's E-everything blog Webinar overview

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2011/06/06/edublogs-webinar-overview-e-learning-jargon/>

Joshua Klein on the intelligence of crows

http://www.ted.com/talks/joshua_klein_on_the_intelligence_of_crows.html

Academic Acceleration in International Settings

https://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/971/international_acceleration.htm

IRPA

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

Identifying artistically gifted children

<http://www.artisticnetwork.net/arts/260/identifying-artistically-gifted-children.html>

Best of the best education blog entries

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1J777B1fkHyJYJyt8Bo1TN5KP2A0t8WLWBpz1F_eoDAE/edit?hl=en&pli=1#

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