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Gifted Resources News

POSITION WANTED

In a recent issue of the paper.li newsletter

The Gifted Ireland Daily

http://paper.li/peter_lydon/gifted-ireland

there was a link to an article from Forbes by Dan Schawbel
5 Reasons why your online presence will replace your resume
in 10 years

<http://blogs.forbes.com/danschawbel/2011/02/21/5-reasons-why-your-online-presence-will-replace-your-resume-in-10-years/>

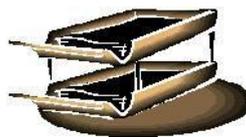
The timing of receiving this article was interesting; given that I am in the process of updating my resume and was using the Gifted Resources Activity Reports for 2005 – 2010 to demonstrate my range of skills and recent work experience and looking at the Appreciations for Gifted Resources page

As you are probably aware, if you have been receiving the Gifted Resources email newsletter for several years, Gifted Resources is a not for profit organisation which operates on a shoestring budget. I do not receive any salary or funding. While my husband was working we often covered Gifted Resources expenses from our own pockets and were happy to serve the gifted community in this way.

Now that Rainer has fully retired I really need a paid position as Centrelink has given us nothing but grief and red tape since last October. Our church, friends and family have given us wonderful care, prayer support and encouragement.

I know it will work out in the end but at the moment it is quite distressing. So if you have any suggestions I would love to hear them.

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](#)

ANGLICARE MORE THAN MAINSTREAM PROGRAM Bayswater March 2011 [FLYER](#)

ANGLICARE DADS MATTER PROGRAM Starting 3 March 2011 [FLYER](#)

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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest speaker Dr Susan Nikakis 17 March 2011 [PDF FLYER](#)

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

BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Conference in Secondlife [WEBSITE](#) Tim Dracup (UK) - 26 March 2011

BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Conference in Secondlife [WEBSITE](#) Prof. George Betts (USA) 23 April 2011

NSWAGTC 2E CONFERENCE 14 May 2011 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

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](#)

BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Conference in Secondlife [WEBSITE](#) Margaret Keane (IRELAND) 28 May 2011

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

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](#)

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

Contacts:

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tina@tinamccarthydesign.com

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:

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 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 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

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>

From Elaine Le Sueur

Just to let you know that my two new resource manuals for teachers **Tools 4 Talent Development Books 1 & 2** are now available from www.thinkshop.org

Tools 4 Talent Development Books 1 & 2 are designed to give teachers a range of flexible strategies that will support able students in the regular classroom, but have broad general appeal.

Heaps of ideas for creating learning opportunities in the classroom

Hope you enjoy them.

Regards

Elaine Le Sueur

Education Consultant

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www.universityonwheels.org



GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

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Presents

Dr. Susan Nikakis

B.Ed. Grad Dip Ed Admin. Grad Dip Spec Ed. M.Ed. Doctorate of Education

“The Social and Emotional Lives of Gifted children and the challenges of parenting and teaching them!”

Thursday 17 March 2011, 7.45 - 9.30pm

Dr Nikakis is Gifted Education Officer from the Catholic Education Office, Melbourne.

The complications involved in raising and teaching children increased significantly during the second half of the 20th century. Charles Dickens' famous line, "it was the best of times, it was the worst of times" from his novel *A Tale of Two Cities* seems an apt statement to describe societal changes since we as teachers and parents were born. The last 40 years have seen so many changes that the science fiction of the 1950s is often now a reality. Provision in all schools should be set within the context of school policies for the teaching and learning of gifted and talented students. Raising happy, successful children is a goal of every parent of gifted children. Susan will attempt to share some strategies to meet this sometimes elusive goal.

***No prior knowledge expected
School personnel and parents are encouraged to attend.***

**Venue: 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 by email admin@giftedsupport.org

or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

Gifted Support Network Inc provides seminars for the gifted community and recognises the diversity of perspectives amongst our speakers.

*Dyslexia? *Dysgraphia? *Dyspraxia? *Dyscalculia? *Auditory processing disorder? *Speech/language impairment?

*Autism?

*Non-verbal learning disorder?

*Reading disorder?

*A Dabrowski 'overexcitability'?

*PDD - NCS?

*Behaviour disorder?

*OCD?



*Visual/perceptual dysfunction?

*Synoptic sensitivity?

*Colour blindness?

*Sensory processing/integration disorder?

*ADHD?

*Executive dysfunction?

2e* Forum

* Gifted children with learning disabilities (GLD) or other academic challenges

For Parents, Educators and Professionals

Keynote Speaker: Dr Mark Selikowitz – Developmental Paediatrician

Saturday 14 May 2011 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Venue: Australian Catholic University
25A Barker Rd. Strathfield (Sydney) NSW

* Children of high intelligence with one or more developmental differences are sometimes described as twice-exceptional (2e) because they are exceptional in 2 ways. First, they are gifted (one exceptionality) and second, they have one or more additional special needs (the other exceptionality), such as a specific learning disability, a medical condition (eg, ADHD), a physical disability, a behaviour disorder or a social or emotional issue (eg, anxiety) – in short, the gifted child "with something else going on" which interferes with school achievement and/or social/emotional well-being.

The 2e* Forum will provide an opportunity for parents, educators and other professionals supporting 2e children to engage in a day of learning, discussion, sharing and planning. Presenters will include leading professionals, classroom practitioners, parents and young people who are themselves 2e. The program will feature both formal sessions and informal discussions. The Forum will also generate a report on the importance of early recognition of 2e learners and strategies to lift the "lazy", "bored" and "naughty" masks to reveal the gifts beneath.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Mark Selikowitz is a Sydney consultant developmental paediatrician. He has extensive experience in treating children with developmental differences and is the author of several books.

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*EFT Details: BSB 032069 Account No. 110941 Account Name: NSW Assoc. for Gifted & Talented Children Inc.
Please use "2e(14May)-YOUR SURNAME" as the Reference and include an EFT receipt copy with this form. Please provide a correct email & mobile phone number – booking confirmation/reminder will be by email/ SMS. For more information please ring NSWAGTC Events Co-ordinator Julie on 0408167249 (M-F 10am-2pm).

NSWAGTC Cancellation Policy: NSWAGTC reserves the right to cancel events with low numbers – if an event is cancelled by NSWAGTC, a full refund will be given. If an attendee cancels prior to 15 days before the event, refunds will be in full less a \$15 administration fee. Within 14 to 8 days of the commencement of the event refunds will be 50% less a \$15 administration fee. Within 7 days or less of the commencement of the event no refund will be issued nor will payment be transferred to another event.

Please fax your form to (02) 96335799, email to bookings@nswagtc or post to NSWAGTC C/- Hilltop Road Public School, Hilltop Road Merrylands NSW 2160.

*ASD? *Attention/concentration problems? *Working memory deficit? *Anxiety? *Perfectionism? *Aspergers?

THE “MORE THAN MAINSTREAM” PROJECT

A Community Response to Managing Specific Learning Disabilities

Approximately 73,000 Victorian school children are impacted by “Specific Learning Disabilities” (also known as Specific Learning Difficulties and Dyslexia). These children have average to above average intelligence and have perfect eyesight and hearing; however they have difficulties decoding auditory and visual information, slowing them down in key areas of education such as reading, writing and spelling.

Children with specific learning disabilities (SLD) take longer to process written and / or auditory information. They can have problems concentrating in a busy classroom, following letters on a page and copying from a black board due to reduced visual short term memory and other visual processing challenges. They can also experience difficulties holding onto verbal information in their auditory memory. Children with SLD have been known to have chronic difficulties with time management, self organisation and sometimes social management. All of the above can make education a tortuous and debilitating experience and often leads to the child falling behind their peers academically and sometimes socially as well.

Research has shown that SLD affects the way a person’s brain processes information. People with learning disabilities are not “brain damaged”; they just decode information differently to most people. However, according to national and international research, undetected and unaddressed SLD can have far reaching implications, leading to low self esteem in children and placing them at risk of academic and social exclusion

In addition, research has linked SLD to children developing, behavioural problems, anti social behaviours and mental health problems. However it has also been shown that SLD can be managed effectively when parents understand the specifics of their child’s learning disabilities and take an active role in their child’s education.

As a means of assisting parents to manage SLD, Anglicare Victoria has established a new project called the “More Than Mainstream” program. Working in collaboration with schools and parents in the outer eastern metropolitan, the program is offered free of cost to participants.

More Than Mainstream seeks to help parents to first understand the specifics of their child's SLD, and then how to manage SLD in collaboration with their child's school. Consisting of a five week SLD “parent education course”, and featuring direct collaboration with partner schools, More Than Mainstream helps participants to establish a tailored understanding of SLD, plus practical strategies for managing this “hidden disability” at home and at school.

For information on More Than Mainstream, please contact the Project Director, Glyn Jones on 97213645.



LDNetwork

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For more information please contact us at info@ldnetwork.net.au or ring

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<http://www.ldnetwork.net.au/LDNetwork/Home.html>

LD Network (Victorian)

www.ldnetwork.net.au/LDNetwork/Home.html

2e Newsletter NING



The wonderful 2e Newsletter now has a NING community at <http://2enewsletter.ning.com/> a private network of the 2e community

From the homepage

The sole purpose of this site is to enhance communication within the 2e community. There are no ads, no charges, no selling of emails. There is -- or should be -- just a sincere communication among those of us who raise, educate, and counsel high-ability young people who have learning challenges.

Our best to you all

Glen Ellyn Media/2e Newsletter

www.2eNewsletter.com

FROM Alison Brown

Dear Psychologists, Counsellors and Specialists,

Welcome back to Term 1, 2011. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful break.

I am a child psychologist based in Kooyong and will be running a range of social skills programs and gifted seminars this year.

I have attached flyers for the current Term 1 programs, including two "in-house" programs which can be hosted at individual schools.

- "In-Synch" - Social skills group for gifted / highly able boys (Saturdays)
- "In-Synch" - Social skills group for gifted / highly able girls (Saturdays)
- "Knights of the Round Table" - an 'in-house' classroom-based social skills program (Prep - Yr.6 units available)
- Gifted Professional Development seminar - an 'in-house' 1 or 2 hour seminar for teachers

Please feel free to pass these flyers on to interested parents and relevant specialists, or to display on noticeboards.

I am more than happy to speak with you by phone or email if you have any questions regarding the programs, or individual students.

Best wishes for a successful year ahead.

With kind regards,

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www.psychologyandchildren.com.au

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

What if...? Krissy Venosdale

<http://teachfactory.com/?p=577>

What would you do if you taught them? Maryna Badenhorst

<http://marynabadenhorst.global2.vic.edu.au/2011/02/20/gifted-kids-what-would-you-do-if-you-taught-them/>

G& T Education Innreach blog Ireland

<http://innreach.wordpress.com/gt-education/>

Tech the plunge – treasure chest Feb 2011

<http://jeffthomastech.com/blog/?p=9421>

Thinkshop

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

University on wheels

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

Gifted Education Services – New Zealand

<http://www.giftededucationservices.co.nz/education/>

Giftedinsa blogspot

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

Earth Hour

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

Premiers reading challenge 2011

http://www.vic.gov.au/news-detail/premiers-reading-challenge-2011.html#utm_source=RSS&utm_medium=RSSnewsfeed&utm_campaign=RSSFFebruary2011

Digital citizenship

<http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>

iGoogle –do you Google?

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2010/10/10/overview-edublogs-webinar-igoogle-doyougoogle/>

BBC skillswise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

Virtual tours you will not want to miss

<http://www.onlineuniversities.com/blog/2010/01/100-incredible-educational-virtual-tours-you-dont-want-to-miss/>

Touch trigonometry

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

Geogebra

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

Animating math

<http://animatingmath.com/?cat=38>

The Imagine Cup

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

Junita Lyon's wiki

<http://junitalyon.acfe.vic.edu.au/>

Educational origami wiki

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

Inclusive learning technologies conference 2012
<http://www.spectronicsinoz.com/conference/2012/>

E portfolio software
<http://www.altcexchange.edu.au/eportfolio-software>

The 5th "Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life"2011-02-26.mp4
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuAQYS_tK90

International Gateway for Gifted Youth
<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/study/iggy/>

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