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Gifted Resources News

More Daylight Savings Clock Dances

Times for #gtchat will change again this week as the U.S. EST (New York) goes off Daylight Savings Time.

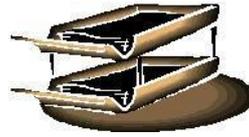
I consulted time and date.com <http://www.timeanddate.com/> and read about daylight saving at <http://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/> and put the times into their meeting planner at <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html>

If my calculations are correct the #gtchat sessions which take place at noon and 7.00pm Friday US EST (NewYork) will now be at 4.00am and 11.00 am Saturday for participants in Melbourne and Sydney.

[Serendipity and Fine Focus Webinars](#) will still be at 10.00am Friday as they are linked to GMT time.



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 If you are not able to access the links here 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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 4 Guest Speaker Susan Wade 8 November 2011 [FLYER](#)

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

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE Around the world in 80 days Camp 11-13 November 2011 [FLYER](#)

Global Education Conference 14-18 November 2011 [WEBSITE](#)

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

**G.A.T.E.WAYS FESTIVAL OF WORKSHOPS December 2011
[BROCHURE 1](#) [BROCHURE 2](#) [BROCHURE 3](#) [BROCHURE 4](#)**

STARJUMP VSL Webinar Series 14 December 2011 [FLYER](#)

ANNE JACKSON SUMMER SCHOOL January 2012 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER](#)

INCLUSIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES CONFERENCE 2012 22-25 May 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

**The 12th Asia-Pacific Conference on Giftedness 2012 Nurturing Talent, Growing Potential
Dubai 14-18 July 2012 [WEBSITE](#)**

**The 13th International ECHA Conference on Giftedness across the Lifespan Munster Germany
12-15 September 2012 [WEBSITE](#)**

**20th World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children The Soul of Giftedness
Auckland, New Zealand 5 - 9 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)**

GIFTED 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>

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK TERM 4 GUEST SPEAKER

Giftedness and the Autism Spectrum

Presented by Susan Wade

Susan is a PhD candidate at Monash University.

Her research focuses on gifted individuals on the Autism Spectrum.

The seminar will focus on:

- differentiating characteristics of AS from those of giftedness,
- understanding the unique strengths and weaknesses of individuals who are both gifted and have AS
- providing appropriate support at home and school

7.45pm - 9.00pm Tuesday 8 November, 2011

Southern Community Church of Christ

Cnr Chesterville Rd and Pine St, Cheltenham

(Melways ref 86 J1)

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, payment at the door (receipt provided)

RSVP ESSENTIAL: admin@giftedsupport.org or phone Louise on 9578 8068

Louise Broadbent

President Gifted Support Network Inc.

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:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

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BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in 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

BADGER – BAIRNSDALE AND DISTRICT GIFTED EDUCATION REFORM

Contact

Email badger.org@aapt.net.au.

Phone 0423 708 061

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>



Global virtual meeting for Gifted Education in secondlife!

Heads up! The Bavarian Center for Gifted and Talented Children is holding the next "Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life", November 19th 2011 at 9 p.m. CEST. Invited speakers are Truus van der Kaaj and Frank de Mink (Netherland)

Topic: 'Understanding giftedness according to Dabrowski: no G&T without personality development'

Truus van der Kaaij started as an English teacher, is qualified as Special Education Teacher and Specialist in Gifted Education (ECHA). She has extensive experience in SEN. She initiated and co-authored Thinking about Thinking (TaT): enrichment materials for secondary schools based on psychology, philosophy, creative thinking, meta-cognition, and spirituality (age 10 to 15 yrs). She is a teacher trainer, conducts parent courses, counsels G&T, and introduced Dabrowski by courses for experts in The Netherlands. She initiated Dabrowski Europe, a group of universities and practitioners with focus on Dabrowski and research and applications of TPD in counseling and education. She initiated the association How to Philosophize.

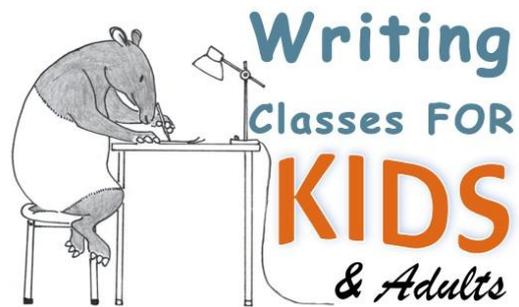
Frank de Mink started as a physics teacher and teacher trainer. He continued in educational psychology and worked 25 years as a trainer, staff developer and consultant in Higher Education. His interests are in creative thinking and moral development. In 1995 he began working in gifted education and introduced SENG-parent-courses in The Netherlands. From 2003 he started working as a co-author on Thinking about Thinking. From 2006 he works with Truus on Dabrowski Europe and courses about gifted and talented for teachers, experts and adults.

For full details about how to attend this session see <http://www.begabungszentrum-bayern.de/global-virtual-meeting-for-gifted-education-in-secondlife/>

PRESS RELEASE

New Online Writing Classes for Kids

Children's and young adult author and former journalist, Dee White started teaching writing for children and teens after her creative 10 year-old was turned off writing by the length, format and content restrictions of the school curriculum.



She has taught writing workshops and classes in schools around Australia and runs regular school holiday workshops for all ages. Dee is an advocate of young writers and has been a mentor with the PLIESE program.

She believes that young writers need to be nurtured and says, *"I started writing when I was seven years-old and haven't stopped since"*.

[Writing Classes for Kids](#) is a new resource set up by Dee to give kids the chance to explore their creativity, feel good about their writing and work towards publication.

"I really wanted to develop an affordable resource for young writers. Somewhere kids and teens could learn about writing and be encouraged to write, no matter who they were or where they lived."

"I started developing this site just for kids, but then I had enquiries from adult writers as well and realised that the lesson plans, particularly those for teens would also be relevant for adults."

"But I wanted the focus to definitely be on young writers because there are other sites out there for adults, but there's not much available for kids."

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM WRITING CLASSES FOR KIDS

- Downloadable lesson plans on various aspects of writing including writing for fun, story ideas, plot, character development, setting, pacing, the road to publication, non-fiction writing and even grammar.
- Regular writing exercises and activities for all ages.
- Published authors from all over the world will visit the site regularly to share their tips on writing, talk about how they wrote their books and provide FREE writing activities.
- FREE monthly writing competitions will be held at [Writing Classes for Kids](#) with winners receiving book prizes and writing products.
- Information will be provided about other writing competitions and publishing opportunities.
- Links to other great sites for writers.
- A manuscript assessment and mentoring service.

Most of the activities will be FREE but a \$5 download charge applies to some lesson plans, and the manuscript assessments/mentoring will incur a cost. This is designed to cover the administration of the blog and the development of new lesson plans and resources.

For more information or an interview contact Dee on 03 54 285 365 or email her Dee@deescribe.com.au



Australian Gifted Support Centre

Attention: The Principal, G & T Co-ordinator or School Counsellor

This camp may be of interest to members of your school community. We would appreciate it if you could circulate this information

Weekend Camp for Gifted and Talented Children

Theme: Around the World in 80 days

We are now taking enrolments for our first ever Weekend Camp for gifted and talented children in Victoria. For the past 20 years I have been running these camps in NSW and ACT for the NSWAGTC and am excited to be able to bring them to Victoria.

The strength of the camps has always been the children themselves. Giving gifted children the opportunity to spend time with likeminded peers engaged in interesting or challenging activities and social experiences is vital for their wellbeing.

- WHEN:** 7pm Friday 11th November to 3pm Sunday 13th November 2011
- WHERE:** Gilwell Park, Launching Place Rd, Gembrook
- AGES:** 7 – 12 year olds children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian . Parents of all children are very welcome.
- FEES:** Registration includes accommodation in shared bunk houses, all meals, all activities, workshops and materials. Most special dietary needs can be met.

PROGRAM:

*The Theme **Around the World in 80 days** provides inspiration for a wide range of activities including science and invention, maps, world travel, countries and cultures. All these ideas will be explored through craft, creation, invention, drama, storytelling, and other hands on activities. There will be plenty of time for imagination, fun and making new friends. The hands-on open ended style of activities are well suited to all children with bright enquiring minds including those who are active, visual spatial and for whom standard classroom activities often don't suit.*

The following feedback has been received from families who have attended in the past

- Great for the children BUT excellent for the parents (sharing experiences)
- The way the camp was run certainly helped my daughter feel comfortable in a new situation, something that can be a challenge for her. She didn't feel forced into any of the activities, which I believe made her more comfortable in participating, and although she was fairly quiet during workshops, the barrage of information since returning home has shown me that she certainly absorbed everything going on around her. The children were very respectful of each other - which is fabulous for a child whose usual interactions with other peers have often been difficult. The camp more than met my expectations.
- Our son is very social, but he does often see himself as quite different and doesn't always embrace that difference. As one of four, it is great for him to independently go and explore his interests with likeminded children and to make new connections.

- FACILITATOR:** Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE)
- ENQUIRIES:** helen@australiangiftedsupport.com
- TO BOOK:** Visit <http://aroundtheworld2011.eventbrite.com>

www.australiangiftedsupport.com

P O Box 500, Winston Hills 2153 Phone: 02 9620 6037 Mobile: 0417208 562

G.A.T.E.WAYS December "Festivals of Workshops"

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS is running the very popular December Festivals.

The Grade 1-6 Festival will be held at Lauriston Girls' School in Armadale on Tuesday December 13th and Wednesday December 14th.

The Prep Festival will be held at Firbank Girls' Grammar School in Brighton on Thursday December 15th and Friday December 16th.

Email enrolments will open on the following dates:

Grade 1 and 2: October 17th

Grade 3 and 4: October 18th

Grade 5 and 6: October 19th

Prep: October 24th

For further enrolment and program information see www.gateways.edu.au

Anne Jackson

Anne Jackson is offering, for those who struggle with writing and spelling, a series of intensive sessions over the upcoming Christmas break. The classes are for those who can read but who find it difficult to generate written work compatible with their intelligence.

Please check out www.ajxn.id.au for more information.

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

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

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

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1340>

Global Education Conference 14-18 November 2011

<http://globaleducation.ning.com/page/2011-conference>

Google Blooms

<http://kathyschrock.net/googleblooms/>

NMC Horizon Report

<http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2011-Horizon-Report-K12.pdf>

Epic Science RPG

<http://adriancamm.com/post/11428640292/epic-science-rpg>

Scoop.it!

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

Museum Box

<http://museumbox.e2bn.org/>

Kevin Richardson – lion whisperer

<http://www.lionwhisperer.co.za/>

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