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Gifted Resources News

New Year, New Address, New...

For the first time since at least 2005 I did not publish a Gifted Resources Newsletter in January. Did you miss it?

The reason was that we have moved house again. This time it was a much bigger move; as we have moved to the seaside town of Rosebud.

Gifted Resources online work will continue but I will have to review the other services I offer. Gifted Resources website will be updated.

You can see some of the packing and unpacking fun on Sprite's Site at

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2871>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2906>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2913>

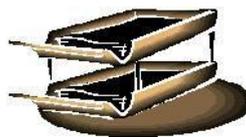
<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2918>

and

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2927>

Wishing you all a very happy and successful 2012!

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

G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Clubs 2012 For full detailed outlines and application forms see [WEBSITE](#)

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX Programs Term 1 2012 [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

NSWAGTC Understanding and Advocating for your Gifted Child
2 February 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

QAGTC INC TEACHERS' WORKSHOP Carol Barnes Gifted Students with Learning Disability 8
February 2012 [FLYER](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Josh Shaine (USA) 25 February 2012

VAGTC PARENTING THE GIFTED SEMINAR 28 February 2012 [WEBSITE](#)
UNI OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE EXTENSIONS GATE WEBINARS February 2012 [FLYER](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Prof Ernst Hany (Germany) 24 March 2012

VAGTC TWILIGHT SEMINARS WITH FRANCOYS GAGNE 26 and 27 March 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Cindy Sheets (USA) 21 April 2012

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

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Prof Francoys Gagne (Canada) 26 May 2012

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Dr Mary Bruck (USA) 23 June 2012

AAEGT NATIONAL CONFERENCE Excellence and Equity for All Adelaide 12-15 July 2012
[WEBSITE](#)

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

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Roya Klingner (Germany) 28 July 2012

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Dr Monica Leavitt (USA) 25 August 2012

THE 13th INTERNATIONAL ECHA CONFERENCE on Giftedness across the Lifespan Munster
Germany 12-15 September 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Dr Barry Meatyard (UK) 29 September 2012

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted
Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Karen Bendelman (USA) 27 October 2012

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>**

'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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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
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Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073
website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>



Thinking Outside The Box Programs **Programs for Term 1, 2012**

For more information contact Penny Willoughby:
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Tecoma PS | Upwey PS | Belgrave South PS | Upwey South PS | Ferny Creek PS | Menzies Creek PS | Sassafras PS
Scoresby Primary School | Knox Gardens Primary School | Wantima South Primary School | Carrington Primary School

NSWAGTC Understanding and Advocating for your Gifted Child

The South West Sydney Support Group (SWSSG) of the NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children (NSWAGTC) will be hosting a series of presentations throughout 2012 in relation to gifted children.

This talk by Denise Wood will provide information for parents in particular and will be of interest to teachers, principals and school counsellors as well.

After the talk parents will have a better understanding of what gifted and talented is and how it may be demonstrated, along with some very practical tips about the importance of developing a portfolio of your child's work and how to use it when advocating for them with their school.

The presenter: Denise Wood is Course Director, Charles Sturt University Bathurst, as well as the past President, NSW Association of Gifted and Talented Children.

When: 2 February 2012

Where: St Thomas' Church, 79 Nuwarra Rd, Moorebank

Time: 6:30 to 8:30pm

Cost: \$16 NSWAGTC Members (using this Members only discount coupon), \$20 Non-members (early bird \$5 discount valid to 28 December 2011)

To register go to <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/check-our-events.html>

DR. GLENISON ALSOP



We were saddened to hear of the death of Dr Glenison Alsop on 21 January 2012. Glen worked tirelessly since 1985 in the field of children of high intellectual potential as a psychologist, counsellor, academic and researcher. She was involved in the establishment of the CHIP Foundation and the CHIP Unit at the University of Melbourne. She has published in refereed journals and presented at conferences in Australia and in the US. In 2011 she was honoured with Life Membership of the VAGTC. She will be greatly missed. We extend thoughts and sympathy to her family.



Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children

Parenting the Gifted

Start 2012 with this parent forum on Tuesday 28th February.

Topics will include:

- ★ Understanding oneself as a parent of a gifted child
- ★ What are the characteristics of families with gifted children?
- ★ Choosing the right school for your gifted child
- ★ Parent tips for building a partnership with your child's school
- ★ Understanding gifted underachievement
- ★ Unpacking and utilising the VAGTC resource book - please bring your resource book with you or purchase one on the day for \$20.

To Register please email your name and contact details to infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Time: 9.30am - 1.00pm
Venue: James Goold House
Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au
Dates: 28 Feb 2012



Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children

Twilight Seminars with Francoys Gagne

Mon 26 - 27 Mar 2012

NEW FOR 2012!

Professor Francoys Gagne will deliver two twilight seminars on

Monday 26th March

and a repeat seminar on

Tuesday 27th March

4.00pm - 7.30pm

To register please email your name and contact details to infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Time: 4.00pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Xavier College Kew & Westbourne Grammar School Truganina

Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au



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GIFTED EDUCATION - 13TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

For information see the Conference website

<http://www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/gat2012/index.html>

Deadline for Abstract submission 10 February 2012

<http://www.sapmea.asn.au/conventions/gat2012/abstracts.html>

#GTCHAT CHANGES

For the last three years #gtchat on Twitter has been a high point of my week. Founded by Deborah Mersino, #gtchat gathered teachers, parents and gifted advocates from around the world to discuss topics relating to giftedness.

Deborah Mersino has accepted an offer to become the new Senior Director of Marketing and Communications for the [International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#) in [Eugene, Oregon](#).

This means she will be saying good-bye to Ingeniosus and #gtchat

However she is working with her [Global #gtchat Sponsors](#) to pass the baton and ensure that Global #gtchat will continue.

Thank you so much, Deborah, for founding and developing #gtchat into a powerful source of communication, support and encouragement. We wish you every success in your new role and hope to hear from you often!

For the full story read Deborah's Ingeniosus blog post at <http://www.ingeniosus.net/archives/new-beginnings-and-heaps-of-gratitude/comment-page-1#comment-4627>



Online newsletters

Some of the online newsletters which arrive regularly in my Email Inbox:

2E newsletter

<http://www.2enewsletter.com/>

Footprint books

<http://www.footprint.com.au/>

Jessica Kingsley Publishers

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

Mailing list <http://www.jkp.com/mailling.php>

Gifted Support Network Inc

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

Sue Larkey

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

Zoos Victoria

http://www.zoo.org.au/Zoo_Newsletter



Some Interesting Facebook pages relating to Education, Gifted and Talented and Creativity
2e Newsletter

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/2eNewsletter>

ALM- Autonomous Learner Model

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/241440552532623/>

BADGER

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/252915831415972/>

Brilliant chaos

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/brilliantchaosonline/>

Facing IT

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/204058342947209/>

George Betts

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/profile.php?id=1416084184>

Gifted and talented – the Yarra Ranges way

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/165924366850899/>

Gifted Development Center

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/pages/Gifted-Development-Center/181205715250211>

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/GiftedHomeschoolersForum>

Gifted Matters

<http://www.facebook.com/GiftedMatters>

Gifted Parenting Support

http://www.facebook.com/groups/204058342947209/?ref=notif¬if_t=group_activity#!/pages/Gifted-Parenting-Support/107268579383865

Hoagies' Gifted Education Page

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/HoagiesGifted>

International Gifted Education

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/268592359853512/>

Mary's Gifted Contacts

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/gifted.contacts/>

Save Gifted and Talented Individuals

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/groups/346968502736/>

The Global Center for Gifted and Talented Children

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/165924366850899/#!/pages/The-Global-Center-for-Gifted-and-Talented-Children/298181426901453>



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Teachers' Workshop

Gifted Students with Learning Disability:

What you need to know to keep parents out of your Inbox

Presenter: Carol Barnes BA, BA (Hons), MA, LLB

Session Outline:

The duality and disparity of gifted students with learning disability (GLD) present teachers with unusual challenges, and these can be exacerbated by parents who turn up with inches of IQ assessments and disability reports, and bark, "Here – I want you to do this!" What are teachers to make of GLD students' asynchrony and erratic, inconsistent performance in the classroom context where evidence-based assessment is demanded? No prior knowledge assumed. No unexplained jargon. No PowerPoint (!). And plenty of easy-to-follow diagrams on paper handouts to help teachers explain this counter-intuitive conundrum to parents.

About the Presenter:

Carol Barnes is convener of the NSW gifted association's support group for parents and teachers of gifted children with learning disability (GLD). She is also Vice-President of the QAGTC Gold Coast Branch and convener of that Branch's parent support group. She is an invited lecturer on GLD at Griffith University, and has provided training on GLD for Education Queensland's gifted education mentors (GEMs). Carol is also a lawyer but, most importantly, the mother of two gifted university students, each with multiple learning disabilities.

When:	Wednesday, 8 February 2012
Time:	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Where:	282 Stafford Road Stafford QLD 4053
Maximum places:	30
Cost of event:	Member cost: \$44 Non-member cost: \$66

Register Now

Name.....

School.....

School Address.....

Email..... Contact Phone.....

Members can register via the website and payment details will be provided in the confirmation email advice to members.

Non-members can register by email to office@qagtc.org.au

Complete registration form and fax to the office on 3352 4388

Payment via EFT to Bank of Queensland, Brisbane, BSB 124-066 A/c No 10239015

Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc. (include name as reference)

By post to QAGTC, PO Box 3246, Stafford DC 4053



G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Clubs

The Brainwaves Club 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.

The clubs meet every second Saturday afternoon from 1.00 to 4.00pm during term time. This amounts to 8 meetings a Semester and 16 meetings a year

The fees are \$455.00 (includes GST) per Semester payable on application and confirmation of place.

Nomination: G.A.T.E.WAYS requests that parents arrange for an appropriate person to fill in the nomination section. This is to verify that the applicant is highly able.

Detailed program outlines and application forms available at www.gateways.edu.au

To register a place contact Meg at meg@gateways.edu.au or phone her on 9894 2116

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FROM DEE WHITE

I hope you had a good holiday break and you are well.

I just wanted to let you know that my writing classes for kids are now available online:

Kids can select from one of my [six week online courses](#) at [Writing Classes For Kids](#).

These courses cost \$60, and include six sessions with notes and a writing activity which I provide feedback on. The writing activity can be based on your work in progress or a completely new idea you might have.

The classes are:

- * Spark Your Imagination - Story Ideas
- * Heroes & Villains - Create great story ideas for your characters
- * What Happens Next - plotting the beginning, middle and end of your story
- * Pets & Animals - Your pet can star in your story
- * Editing Your Story - editing and submitting your work

As the classes will be run online, kids will be able to do the work where and when it suits you.

I will also let students know about publishing opportunities and [writing competitions](#) for kids and teens through my blog, [Writing Classes For Kids](#).

Through the [Writing Classes For Kids](#) website I also offer partial [manuscript assessments](#) so students can send a short piece of their writing to me and I can give them comprehensive, constructive feedback which they then adapt to the rest of their work.

Please let me know if you have any questions about any of this.

Kind regards,

Dee

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phone: 03 54 285 365

<http://writingclassesforkids.com>

www.deescribe.com.au

<http://deescribewriting.wordpress.com>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

NAGC's Bold Move

<http://parentingforhighpotential.com/2011/11/18/from-the-nagc-president-paula-olszewski-kubilius/>

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2011/11/nagcs-bold-step-and-what-it-means-for.html>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=2787>

<http://wickedsmartkids.wordpress.com/2011/12/09/i-think-your-compass-is-broken/>

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teacher_in_a_strange_land/2011/12/re-gifted_the_prickly_politics_of_the_academically_able.html

Gtchat awards

<http://www.ingeniosus.net/archives/and-the-2011-global-gtchat-awards-winners-are>

Update of Helping Gifted Children Soar

<http://www.examiner.com/gifted-education-in-national/helping-gifted-children-soar-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-teachers-2nd-ed-review>

Curriculum differentiation for gifted and talented students

http://www.dest.gov.au/NR/rdonlyres/1D2D4398-E169-4B8E-BAA3-04ADAFE68F99/5470/Module5_PRIMARY.pdf

Too tired! Energy and wellness in 2E children

<http://marlosbrideun.blogspot.com/2010/08/too-tired-energy-and-wellness-in-2e.html>

MIT online courses

<http://web.mit.edu/newsoffice/2011/mitx-faq-1219.html>

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2011/12/19/mit-launch-online-only-graded-courses-for-free/ykhPlxYbupCp69om56xoll/story.html>

Nature beauty gratitude

http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/en/louie_schwartzberg_nature_beauty_gratitude.html

Skype in the Classroom

<http://education.skype.com/>

Elle's presentation to NAGC

<http://education.skype.com/>

Cybraryman's Skype page

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

Skype Projects page

<http://education.skype.com/projects/1567>

Skype math buddies

<http://languagejourneys.blogspot.com/2011/09/math-skype-buddies.html>

Skype Jobs for Students

<http://langwitches.org/blog/2010/04/11/skype-jobs-for-students/>

Livebinders about Skype

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/present?id=25372>

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=50826

<http://www.trailsoptional.com/2010/01/around-the-world-8-videoconferences-in-1-night/>

Refreshed 2e Newsletter site

www.2enewsletter.com

Mrs Venosdale's Online Classroom

<http://greatdaytolearn.com/>

Krissy Venosdale Letter to the Education System

<http://venspired.com/?p=2142>

City creator

<http://danielbeylerian.visibli.com/share/ALdG1h>

Meredith and Merebith

www.meredithandmerebith.blogspot.com

NAGC Webinars on Wednesdays

<http://www.nagc.org/WOW.aspx>

Anne Jackson - Flying or stuck?

http://www.ajxn.id.au/Gifted_but_Struggling/Flying_or_stuck.html

Lisa Rivero Introverts and social media

<http://lisarivero.com/2011/09/19/on-introverts-happiness-and-social-media/>

Gifted Phoenix - Are all children gifted?

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/01/06/are-all-children-gifted-part-one/>

Gifted Phoenix Twitter Round-up Number 3

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/01/12/gifted-phoenix-twitter-round-up-number-3/>

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<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>

You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), unsubscribe or change your subscription options, from this address.

If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email contributions@giftedresources.org

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