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Gifted Resources News

My hard copy of the Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students June 2012 has arrived and I was hoping to read it and be able to comment before writing this newsletter. However I have not managed to do that. The Report can be read online at

Parliamentary report

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1341>

http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/etc/Past_Inquiries/EGTS_Inquiry/Final_Report/Gifted_and_Talented_Final_Report.pdf

The Age newspaper reported on the Inquiry

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/gifted-students-go-dumb-to-fit-in-20120620-20ogw.html>

Doc Sykes DVD.

I have received a copy of Dr Stewart Sykes Psycho-educational Resources which is available from his website and will be writing a blog post soon.

<http://www.docsykes.com/default.htm>

<http://www.docsykes.com/purchasedvd.htm>

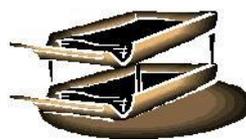
I am also reading Derrin Cramer's new book and will be writing a blog post about it and also about Derrin's blog soon.

Derrin Cramer Beginner's guide to Life on the Bright Side

http://www.thinkingahead.com.au/Resources/Beginners_Guide.htm



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

CHIP MYSTERIES HOLIDAY PROGRAM 9-13 July 2012 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2-13 July 2012 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

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

GERRIC PARENTS WORKSHOP 11-12 August 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE CAMP MORISETT NSW 10-12 August 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

CEP RURAL LEARNING SUMMIT 17 August 2012 [PDF FLYER](#)

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

VAGTC PARENT SEMINAR 11 September 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

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

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE CAMP GEMBROOK, VIC 19-21 October 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

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

MENSA AMC CAMP 16-18 November 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

TAGT CONFERENCE Building connections 28-30 November 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

20th WORLD CONFERENCE ON GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN The Soul of Giftedness Auckland, New Zealand 5 - 9 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC CONFERENCE EmpowerEd for Giftedness 23-24 April 2012 [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>

Seminar for Parents and Teachers

Martin Jellinek, Box Hill High School SEAL

The impact of social and emotional issues on the academic outcomes and well-being of gifted learners

Thursday 30 August 2012

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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30
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at Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Road and Pine Street, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Martin Jellinek, Box Hill High School, SEAL Program

Whilst society maintains the position that gifted individuals already have a head start in life and need no extra assistance, we are ignoring the substantial research that indicates that they should actually be classified as a 'special needs' group. If gifted students are provided with their specific requirements, they have the ability to flourish beyond all expectations.

This talk will also address the issue of underachievement.

Martin is the Coordinator of Gifted Education at Box Hill High School and also teaches a number SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) science classes. Additionally he lectures in the subject of Classroom Strategies in Gifted Education as part of the Masters of Education at the University of Melbourne.

RSVP: Please phone Louise on 0414 578 806 or email admin@giftedsupport.org by Monday 27 August.

'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 McCarthy

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

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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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

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>

The Act Gifted and Talented Local Support Group

Term 3 Coffee and Chat

Where: Coffee Shop, National Museum Australia, Lawson Cres, ACTON Peninsula, ACT

When: 9.30am – 11.00am Friday 17th August and 14 September 2012
Coffee and chat is open for anyone to attend. Bring your questions or articles to discuss.

Elizabeth Singer
Convenor
June 2012



Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children

Home

Parent Seminar

The next VAGTC Parent Seminar will be held on Tuesday September 11th at the Catholic Education Office, James Gould House, 228 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Cost:

VAGTC member \$10 (GST Incl.)
Non VAGTC member \$15 (GST Incl.)

Time: 9.30am - 1.00pm

Venue: Catholic Education Office 228 Victoria Parade East Melbourne

Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Dates: 11 Sep 2012



EQVITY ADELAIDE JULY 11-14 2012

GIFTED EDUCATION - 13TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

For information see the Conference website

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



Australian Gifted Support Centre

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enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

Weekend Camp for Gifted Children aged 6-12

HARRY P and the Professors in Melbourne

We are now taking enrolments for our 2012 Weekend Camp for gifted and talented children in Victoria. For the past 20 years I have been running these camps. We offer them in NSW, ACT, WA and Victoria.

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

"If gifted and talented students are to achieve their potential, they require expanded educational opportunities beyond the scope of the regular school program. The students need to explore different career options, crafts, ideas and skills that challenge their abilities. Our children need personal attention, adult commitment, role models they can admire and talk to."(Hegeman, 1987, p123) The camp aims to address some of these needs within a fun supportive environment.

WHEN: 7.30pm Friday 19th to 3pm Sunday 21st October 2012

WHERE: Gilwell Park, Gembrook Victoria

AGES: 6 - 12 year olds children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian . Parents of all children are very welcome. Younger siblings as part of family group 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: Join the Professors for 2 days of fun and exciting activities based on J K Rowling's Harry Potter Series. We will have a wide range of activities, workshops, games and exploration time.

Classes will include potions, transfiguration, magical creatures and more. Enjoy the inter-house competition and a game of Quiddich and a visit to Diagon Alley.

Activities will require your creative, imaginative, scientific and problem solving skills. An extensive knowledge of the books is not essential. Novice and highly experienced Hogwarts' students all welcome.

FACILITATOR: Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE)

TO BOOK: Visit <http://2012vicharrypotter.eventbrite.com.au/>

ENQUIRIES: enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com or ring Helen 0417 208 562
www.australiangiftedsupport.com

Introductory Mechanics Course for Instructors and Advanced Students

Registration is open for a free online MIT-level course in Introductory Newtonian Mechanics targeting people with good knowledge and skills in mechanics that's being given this summer by MIT professor David Pritchard and his education research group, [RELATE](http://RELATE.MIT.edu) (<http://RELATE.MIT.edu>). The course will enable participants to improve both their conceptual overview and their problem-solving skills in mechanics. The course features e-text, videos, simulations, problems, and weekly interactive office hours. The course runs through Aug 24, and the first quiz on June 29. More information at <http://RELATE.MIT.edu/physicscourse>.

The course is for those with prior knowledge of Mechanics who want to increase their appreciation of Mechanics, their problem-solving ability, and/or explore using our pedagogy and/or course materials in their classes. Physics teachers and their accomplished students are our target audience. It provides a unified overview of the standard mechanics topics that enables participants to become more expert at the art of approaching problems and determining which physics principles apply. Our pedagogical approach, [Modeling Applied to Problem Solving](#), has been shown to improve students' expertise and performance, and to lead to better performance in their subsequent MIT physics course (See [Improved Student Performance In Electricity And Magnetism Following Prior MAPS Instruction In Mechanics](#)).

The course features hundreds of research-based and MIT-level problems, a short modularized e-textbook, supplemental videos, and multimedia. Most of these resources are followed by discussion forums, enabling participants to help each other learn. In weekly online "office hours", Pritchard will answer questions proposed and voted up/down by the participants.

This course will be run in the open source learning management system, [LON-CAPA](#), in the [Learning Environment](#) created by RELATE. Individuals who complete the course will receive a letter of completion from Pritchard. Instructors should note that all course materials (many research-based), together with ~100,000 resources that others have written, are freely available to existing and new instructors signed up to use the open source LON-CAPA software and network. Continuing Education Units are available via the AAPT "CEU Transcript" which will be offered to successful participants (for a standard AAPT fee). A social network for course alumni and instructors using LON-CAPA will be run by Prof. Gerd Kortemeyer, Director LON-CAPA.

This course is a research effort of Pritchard's RELATE group to understand and improve student learning on a detailed level, and to improve and disseminate improved online educational resources. (RELATE stands for REsearch on Learning, Assessing, Tutoring, and Effectively). Those who only want to browse are also welcome. This course is independent of MIT's [OCW](#) and [MITx](#). You are encouraged to share this announcement with your colleagues and to suggest this course to accomplished students who would benefit from it.

Sample instructional materials: <http://RELATE.MIT.edu/physicscourse>

Questions: RelateMIT@gmail.com

or - Prof. David Pritchard dpritch@mit.edu 617 253 6812

MONASH FACT OR FICTION – Tuesday 14 August 2012

As part of Science Week Monash Science Centre is running **Fact or Fiction** an 80 minute show where the audience watch clips of classic sci-fi hits before individually voting, with hand held devices, on whether the technology featured is actual science fact or pure science fiction.

Once the audience voting has been locked in, scientists from the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation will critique the science featured in the film and provide the answer.

Fact or Fiction has been designed to be highly entertaining and educational and attract kids that aren't necessarily interested in science by providing them with a big dose of pop-culture. Science areas that are explored include Teleporting, Time Travel, Invisibility, Immortality, Light Sabres, Intelligent Metals, Terraforming Climates and Telekinesis. Age suitability is 8 years and above.

In its only Melbourne shows for 2012, three sessions of Fact or Fiction will be held on Tuesday 14 August at Monash Biomedical Imaging Facility Auditorium, Monash University.

10.00am and 1.00pm – Shows available to primary and high schools

7.00pm – Evening performance available to the general public

Admission to **Fact or Fiction** by gold coin donation and bookings are essential.

Please call 03 9905 1370 or email science-centre@monash.edu.

<http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/2012/07/03/fact-or-fiction-at-monash-science-centre/>

Written submissions in support of the review of Monash Science Centre

Hello Friends of the Monash Science Centre

The Monash Science Centre is undergoing a university-based review over the next couple of months to identify our place within the University and our future directions.

We have submitted a self review document, and will be reviewed by an external committee in early September 2012.

Written submissions of support are welcome from interested members of the community and users of the Centre.

Submissions should be emailed to Eileen.Wilson@monash.edu

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/news/notices/show/monash-science-centre-review>

<http://sciencecentre.monash.edu/news/docs/final-self-review-doc.doc>

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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SPRITE'S SITE

Sprite's Site celebrated the blog birthday in June
All the characters were gathered for a group picture

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3493>

The theme was The Flowers of Giftedness

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3456>

By the 30 June 2012 the blog had received 82,615 individual page viewings since it started.

Today 10 July 2012 the counter is on 82,930 individual page viewings.



New Zealand celebrated Gifted Awareness Week in June and I joined bloggers from around the world on the associated blog tour. The Sprite's Site contributions were: three posts about the process of writing the post

TBA Post 1 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3390>

TBA Post 2 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3397>

TBA Post 3 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3405>

And four parts of the final post

TBA Post 4 Part 1 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3412>

TBA Post 4 Part 2 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3419>

TBA Post 4 Part 3 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3433>

TBA Post 4 Part 4 <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3449>

Last month I also reviewed David Warr's Language Garden program
<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3485>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

NZ Gifted Awareness week blog tour
<http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/696/>

Something to smile about
<http://worldgifted2013.blogspot.co.nz/2012/06/something-to-smile-about.html>

Raising awareness one chat at a time

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2012/06/raising-awareness-one-chat-at-time.html>

Relevance of Matariki to gifted education

<http://www.vln.school.nz/blog/view/693905/the-relevance-of-matariki-to-gifted-education-by-leeana-herewini-and-sarah-jane-tiakiwai>

Stephanie Tolan Surf's up

<http://welcometothedeepend.com/2012/06/21/surfs-up/>

Global Education Online Conference 12-16 November 2012

<http://www.globaleducationconference.com/page/2012-conference>

On gifted nests and birds of a feather

<http://innreach.wordpress.com/2012/06/13/on-gifted-nests-and-birds-of-a-feather/>

Is Giftedness a designer label?

<http://www.vln.school.nz/blog/view/693299/is-giftedness-a-designer-label>

Soul of Giftedness Call for Papers

<http://www.worldgifted2013.com/call-for-proposals/>

Jo Hart's E-everything blog <http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/07/08/edublogs-webinars-two-overviews/>

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/06/21/edublogs-webinar-overviews-catching-up-on-three/>

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/05/19/edublogs-webinar-overview-exploring-story-makers/>

Impostor. Me.

<http://christinefonseca.wordpress.com/2012/06/08/impostor-me/>

Gifted Phoenix Twitter Round up Vol 8

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/06/08/gifted-phoenix-twitter-round-up-volume-8/>

GHF Brochure for health care

<http://www.giftedhomeschoolers.org/downloads/HealthcareGuidetoGiftedv7.pdf>

<http://www.giftedhomeschoolers.org/professionalresources.html>

Mermaids and mermen

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

Apex - the NZ Journal of Gifted Education Twice exceptional

<http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz/apex/v14no1art04.php>

GO Graphic Holiday Program

<http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/464/>

Brown brother

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7kbakbqKr0&feature=youtu.be>

World Gifted newsletter

<http://www.world-gifted.org/sites/default/files/WG3112012.pdf>

The 2E Education blog

<http://twiceexceptional.com/>

Don't coming crying to me

<http://buildingwingspan.blogspot.com.au/2012/06/autism-awareness-tip-28-if-you-say-any.html>

List of gifted pages and groups on FB

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/notes/gifted-online/list-of-gifted-pages-and-groups-on-fb/265281473523447>

Rick Ackerley Is my child gifted? <http://rickackerly.com/2012/07/05/is-my-child-gifted/>

Edudemic 40 Open source resources

<http://edudemic.com/2012/07/40-open-education-resources-you-should-know-about/>

Sporting Nation

<http://www.abc.net.au/tv/programs/sportingnation.htm>

Playing Letters and Numbers blog

<http://playinglettersandnumbers.blogspot.com.au/2011/12/about-this-blog.html>

Talent Igniter Milestone Tracker

<http://www.talentigniter.com/milestonetracker>

Mensa for kids Games

http://mensaforkids.org/play_template.cfm

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

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