



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER MARCH 2012 NO 1

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## *Gifted Resources News*

### EXPLAIN YOURSELF, CHRYSALIS OCCUPANT!

Since we moved to Rosebud I find quite often that I have to introduce myself and explain who I am and what I do. This is not really easy; as at the moment I am in the process of deciding what aspects of Gifted Resources will continue as before, what will be modified and what will be discontinued.

I usually opt for saying "I have an Information Service called Gifted Resources. I have a website and a monthly email newsletter"

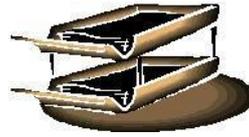
Family and friends give me a hard time about the amount of "STUFF" I have. This move has forced a drastic reduction of "stuff". However I still have

- 7 plastic crates of Church Sunday School programs that I have written
- 4 plastic crates of Gifted Resources Film Discussions that I have written
- 2 plastic crates of Gifted Resources programs and events that I have created
- 3 crates and numerous files of articles on topics relating to giftedness
- 2 plastic crates of conference proceedings and handouts
- 3 plastic crates of Info Pack ingredients
- Gifted Resources Library and resources for sale

I have plenty of work ahead of me to check and update my contacts, the website and the Info Pack and revise the catalogue for the library.

So for the moment I will describe myself as an author and curator and let you know sometime what form of Gifted Resources butterfly emerges from the work in progress chrysalis.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](#)

WRITE AWAY WITH ME Programs Term 1 [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

VAGTC PARENTING THE GIFTED SEMINAR 28 February 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

MAGNIFICENT MINDS Carolyn Ferguson Understanding the Gifted Child 6 March 2012 [FLYER](#)

CHIP FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP GEELONG INC. Parents Forum with Alison Brown 18 March 2012 [PDF](#) [FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Giftedness - Question and Answer Panel Session 21 March [2012](#)  
[FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK What about? 22 March 2012 [FLYER](#)

SUTHERLAND SHIRE LEARNING DIFFICULTIES SUPPORT GROUP INC. Learning difficulties, Disabilities & Early Intervention Expo 24 March 2012

CHIP FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP GEELONG INC. Kites 4 Kids Workshop 25 March 2012 [PDF](#)  
[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](#)

STARJUMP WEBINAR What's Attention got to do with it? 19 April 2012 [PDF](#) [FLYER](#)

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

VAGTC Differentiating the Classroom Learning Environment for High Ability Students 23 April 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

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

DA VINCI DECATHLON June 2012 [PDF](#) [FLYER](#)

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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org>**

### **Dear Gifted Support Network Members**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Term 1 Seminar on Wednesday 21st March has been postponed.

Our next evening event is the Family Pizza Night on Sunday 25th March. For details please see the events tab on our website. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,  
Louise Broadbent  
President, Gifted Support Network Inc.

### **'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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sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au

Mobile 0425 779 829

Tina McCarthy

[tina@tinamccarthydesign.com](mailto: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](mailto:jjgrant@optusnet.com.au)

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

[louise\\_h@tpg.com.au](mailto:louise_h@tpg.com.au)

### **BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email [heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au)

### **CHIP GEELONG**

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email [mauradonohue@aapt.net.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)

## BADGER – BAIRNSDALE AND DISTRICT GIFTED EDUCATION REFORM

Contact

Email [badger.org@aapt.net.au](mailto: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 logo for GERRIC (Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre) features the word "GERRIC" in a stylized, blue, serif font. Below the text are silhouettes of various plants and flowers, including sunflowers and daisies, in shades of blue and green.

### Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre



#### **Be part of GERRIC in 2012!**

##### **The Certificate of Gifted Education- limited places**

The NSW Certificate of Gifted Education (COGE) is Australia's leading teacher professional development in gifted education. COGE participants work with a team of experts in the education of gifted and talented children. [learn more](#)

##### **Student Programs- applications now open**

GERRIC offers a range of programs for gifted and talented students. (No, that doesn't mean you have to be a genius. Gifted and talented students are generally students who are capable of performing in the top 10-15% of their age-peers.) Some schools provide brilliant programs for academically gifted students; others don't. Whichever category you feel your school belongs in, GERRIC holiday programs will open your mind to abilities you may have not suspected you possess, and opportunities to use these abilities to the fullest. [learn more](#)

##### **Parent Weekend Workshop- applications now open**

If you are the parent of a bright or gifted child or adolescent you may sometimes feel that no one wants to know. People tend to assume that academically gifted children will succeed regardless of what the school, or the home, does or does not do. Actually there's a wealth of research that shows that this just is not so. [learn more](#)

*The GERRIC team*

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### Twilight Seminars with Francoys Gagne

Professor Francoys Gagne will deliver two twilight seminars on

**Monday 26th March** at

Xavier College, Barkers Road, Kew - The Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre

4.30pm - 8.00pm

and a repeat seminar on

**Tuesday 27th March** at

Westbourne Grammar School, 300 Sayers Road, Truganina

4.00pm - 7.30pm

VAGTC Members:\$60 including GST

Non Members:\$75 including GST

Light afternoon tea will be provided

Group discounts will apply

This seminar is suitable for parents

This seminar will focus on:

- ★ What are the essential ingredients for successful talent development?
- ★ Ten commandments for academic talent development
- ★ The pros and cons of accelerative enrichment

For all enquiries please email [infolorax@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:infolorax@vagtc.asn.au)

**Time:** 4.00pm - 7.30pm

**Venue:** Xavier College Kew & Westbourne Grammar School Truganina

**Contact:** [infolorax@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:infolorax@vagtc.asn.au)

**Dates:** Mon 26 - 27 Mar 2012



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### Differentiating The Classroom Learning Environment for High Ability Students

This presentation examines reasons for differentiating and ways to differentiate the curriculum for Gifted learners. Members of the VAGTC will present, led by Paul Double (Head of Learning Support Camberwell Grammar School). A guest panel with members from Government, Catholic and Independent Schools will conclude the evening. Questions and discussion points are encouraged after the initial presentation.

The presentation will provide a rationale for differentiation in the classroom and a toolkit of ideas for primary and secondary students.

VAGTC Members: \$50 Including GST

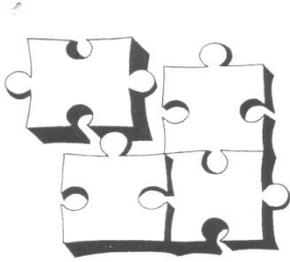
Non VAGTC Members: \$60 Including GST

**Time:** 4.30pm - 6.00pm

**Venue:** Camberwell Grammar School

**Contact:** [infolorax@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:infolorax@vagtc.asn.au)

**Dates:** 23 Apr 2012



Boroondara Gifted Network

# **Boroondara Gifted Network**

**Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

**7.00pm**

**at Ashburton Primary School**

**Fakenham Road, Ashburton (Melways 60 E9)**

*This invitation is extended to interested teachers, parents and friends from Government, Catholic and Independent, primary and secondary schools.*

## **What About...?**

**Teachers/ parents do you have ideas and activities that have worked with your gifted child/student?**

**Do you have concerns about your gifted child and would like to hear from others who have been on the same journey?**

**Please come and share.**

*Join us for an interesting, informal evening exploring various strategies and programs that others have found successful in keeping these bright minds stimulated.*

*Bring along your queries and concerns, others may well have the same issues and even some answers!*

*There is no charge for this meeting however a small donation to cover refreshment costs would be appreciated.*

*RSVP by Tuesday March 20th to Boroondara Gifted Network Coordinator Dinah Waldie 9885 2559 (just leave a message with the office staff) or preferably e-mail to [waldie.dinah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:waldie.dinah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au)*



## Australian Gifted Support Centre



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[enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com](mailto:enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com)

### Weekend Camps for Gifted Children aged 7-14

We are now taking enrolments for our 2012 Weekend Camps for gifted and talented children in several states of Australia. For the past 20 years I have been running these camps. We currently 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.

**[LEARN MORE about our Camp Program :](#)**

#### **PERTH, WA**

**WHEN:** 7pm Friday 13th April 2012 to 3pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012

**WHERE:** Grass Roots Holiday Haven, Jarrahdale WA

**THEME:** Around the World in 80 days

**LEARN MORE:** <http://perthcamparoundtheworld.eventbrite.com.au>

#### **CANBERRA, ACT**

**WHEN:** 7pm Friday 18th May 2012 to 3pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2012

**WHERE:** Shakespeare Centre, Camp Cottermouth, Cotter Road, Stromlo ACT

**THEME:** Fun with Harry Potter

**LEARN MORE:** Visit <http://actcampharryp2012.eventbrite.com.au>

#### **MORISSETT, NSW**

**WHEN:** 7pm Friday 10th August 2012 to 3pm Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2012

**WHERE:** WEC Camp Centre Morisset NSW

**THEME:** Hogwarts comes to Morisset

**LEARN MORE:** <http://hogwartscamp2012.eventbrite.com.au>

#### **GEMBROOK, VIC**

**WHEN:** 7pm Friday 19th October 2012 to 3pm Sunday 21st October 2012

**WHERE:** Gilwell Park, Gembrook Victoria

**THEME:** Harry P and the Professors

**LEARN MORE:** <http://2012vicharrypotter.eventbrite.com.au>

**AGES:** 7 – 14 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

**FACILITATOR:** Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE) **ENQUIRIES:** [enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com](mailto:enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com)



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### Stepping Stones – Social Skills Course for Gifted Children

#### *BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN A STEPPING STONES SOCIAL SKILLS COURSE*

*As a result of undertaking this course A CHILD will*

- Develop an understand of how emotions affect behavior
- Learn strategies for managing behavior
- Develop a broader emotional vocabulary
- Understand the link between behavior and consequences
- Learn the difference between reacting and responding
- Learn about the brain's role in behavior
- Learn more about themselves
- Meet others who struggle with emotions or friendships like they do
- Develop a range of skills to make and keep friends
- Have the opportunity to develop new friendships
- Practice group and social skills with other bright children
- Improve the social skills necessary for school success
- Increase their independence
- Interact with others more positively
- Learn that there are others like themselves
- Have fun

*As a result of your child doing this course PARENTS will*

- Learn a range of strategies to assist your child with their emotional experiences
- Gain a greater understanding of the heightened emotions of gifted people
- Have the opportunity to speak with other parents of children similar to yours
- Receive copies of a variety of visual supports that can assist families manage emotional overload and behaviours
- Learn more about themselves
- Have access to a specialist range of book resources for borrowing or purchasing
- Learn lots of very simple practical tips and strategies that can assist all members of the family
- Receive copies of and links to a variety of articles giving insight into the social and emotional traits of gifted people

[LEARN MORE about our Stepping Stones Social Skills Program :](#)

#### **MELBOURNE**

**WHEN:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March & Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012  
**WHERE:** Clifton Hill Scout Hall  
**AGE:** 7 – 12 YEAR OLDS  
**LEARN MORE:** <http://ssmelboumeterm12012.eventbrite.com.au/>

#### **SYDNEY**

**WHEN:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April & 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**WHERE:** AGSC Seven Hills Offices  
**AGE:** Early Years 5 -6 YEAR OLDS  
**LEARN MORE:** <http://term2juniorsteppingstones2012.eventbrite.com/>

#### **CANBERRA**

**WHEN:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012  
**WHERE:** Canberra to be confirmed  
**AGE:** 7 – 12 YEAR OLDS  
**LEARN MORE:** <http://steppingstonesactterm22012.eventbrite.com.au/>

#### **SYDNEY**

**WHEN:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June & Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012  
**WHERE:** AGSC Seven Hills Offices  
**AGE:** 7 – 12 YEAR OLDS  
**LEARN MORE:** <http://steppingstonesjune2012.eventbrite.com.au/>

**FACILITATOR:** Helen Dudeney **MEd (COGE)** **ENQUIRIES:** [enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com](mailto:enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com)  
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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>

## NEWS FROM ALISON BROWN:

I hope the year has begun well and that your children have all settled happily into school / kinder / etc. I am always pleased to hear update reports, so let me know how things are going.

I have had a very unexpected change of plans this year. My husband has just accepted a new position within his company and as a result, our family will be relocating to New York for the next two years.

With our eldest daughter having just turned 12, we feel we have a very small window of time in which to take up this opportunity before she enters the more serious years of schooling. We are booked to fly out on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May. I will finish up work with my private clients at the end of first term (March) and spend the time in New York writing up my PhD and starting work on some publishing.

I am sorry to be leaving, and unavailable for further follow up over the next two years and will miss my interactions with private clients, parent forums and seminars, social skills groups, G.A.T.E.WAYS programs and schools. I have provided Jo Freitag with a list of colleagues who will be happy to accept referrals and continue counselling and support in my absence. I will also be available through email (and Skype) if long-distance support will be of any benefit.

Alison Brown

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## ATTENTION

ALL PARENTS & TEACHERS



### What's Attention got to do with it? Giftedness & Visual Spatial Thinking & Learning that is.

What exactly is attention? How does it affect learning? Does your child have a problem? What can you do about it?

If your child displays 6 or more of the traits below or if your child has been diagnosed with ADD or ADHD the Starjump Webinar will provide you with invaluable information about how to help your child.

Trouble writing sequenced stories.  
Fails to give close attention to details or makes careless mistakes in schoolwork.  
Has difficulty sustaining attention in tasks or play activities.  
Does not listen when spoken to directly.  
Does not follow through on instructions and fails to finish schoolwork  
Has difficulty organizing tasks and activities.  
Avoids or dislikes tasks that require sustained mental effort.  
Loses things necessary for tasks or activities.  
Easily distracted.  
Forgetful in daily activities.  
Fidgets with hands or feet or squirms in seat.  
Leaves seat when remaining seated is expected  
Runs about or climbs excessively in situations in which it is inappropriate.  
Has difficulty playing quietly.  
Is (on the go) or often acts as if (driven by a motor).  
Often talks excessively.  
Blurts out answers before questions have been completed.  
Has difficulty awaiting turn.  
Interrupts or intrudes on others (e.g. butts into conversations or games).

Presenter: Maxine Cowie – Director of Starjump  
Register online at: <http://www.instantpresenter.com/PIID=EA54D6878349>  
Listen to the presentation live or in segments at a later date.  
Date 19<sup>th</sup> April 2012  
Time: 7.30pm Melbourne Time

## FROM HOME EDUCATION NETWORK NEWS

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR ACTIVITIES GROUP FOR FAMILIES WITH SOCIAL CHALLENGES

\*\* Friendly, supportive and fun activities for families with social challenges: Seeking expressions of interest! \*\*

Message from Faye:

I am seeking expressions of interest for the formation of a home ed activity group that is welcoming and supportive of children who experience social challenges and anxiety. This includes children with an ASD/Asperger's, ADD/ADHD.

It is not a social skills or special needs-specific kind of group. Instead, I would like to find regular activities and venues that are willing to genuinely welcome a homeschooling group where some of the children may have difficulties (including challenging behaviour) when in a group or organised activity.

Activities may be a one-off, or a short course, it just all depends on what we can find and how many people sign up for things.

The reason I want to see a group like this formed is because I have spent years being let down by venues which openly claim to be welcoming and supportive of children with special needs. Yet when it comes to the crunch and the anxious children show difficult behaviour, the reaction by the venue is unsupportive and at worst, discriminatory and

unfriendly. The families are often asked not to return (or made to feel unwelcome), so further opportunities to make friends and be part of a group are taken away from the children.

I have long been on the hunt for organisations, teachers, you name it, in Melbourne who are genuinely happy to work with children who experience social-behavioural difficulties. The sort of place where your child can be in the middle of a massive meltdown and nobody gives you a hard time about it :)

Parents would be expected to accompany their children at all times and wherever possible the events would be supportive of parents having a go too, or at least being close at hand to deal with any difficult situations that may pop up.

If your child attends a certain kind of therapy and you would like an activity to complement that, we can always search for something that suits.

Families who do not have additional needs are also welcome to attend, but to please keep in mind this is a group where some children may find a social setting or venue stressful and show this stress/anxiety as difficult behaviours.

So I'm actually seeking two things here:

1) Expressions of interest: are you a family who would like to be part of such a group? Please get in touch with me asap! and

2) Do you know of any organisation or a teacher/tutor in any activity area, who you know to be fantastic when working with groups of 'potentially difficult' children?

At this stage I have a couple of ideas bouncing around but it all depends on how much interest I receive, as some venues ask for a minimum number in a group.

\*~\* I have one very good lead (trust me, it's a good one!) with an organisation in Coburg who have expressed interest in working with such a group. If you're interested, please get in touch as quickly as you can! \*~\*

If you are interested and would like to be kept in the loop, please email Faye asap at [faye@coker.com.au](mailto:faye@coker.com.au)

Thanks!

faye

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Jo Hart's E-everything blog Recording of Webinar Jo Freitag Birdwatching with Biblical Binoculars  
<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/02/29/edublogs-webinar-overview-birdwatching-with-biblical-binoculars/>

Mensa Reading lists

[http://mensaforkids.com/school\\_template.cfm?showPage=school\\_readeraward.cfm](http://mensaforkids.com/school_template.cfm?showPage=school_readeraward.cfm)

I hate hearing about your gifted child

[http://blogs.babycenter.com/mom\\_stories/i-hate-hearing-about-your-gifted-child/](http://blogs.babycenter.com/mom_stories/i-hate-hearing-about-your-gifted-child/)

Laughing at Chaos responses

<http://laughingatchaos.com/2012/02/01/i-dont-brag-about-my-gifted-kid/>

<http://laughingatchaos.com/2012/02/02/i-swear-im-not-bragging/>

Little Baby Fields response

<http://littlebabyfields.blogspot.com.au/2012/02/i-know-you-hate-hearing-about-my-gifted.html>

Radio National Life Matters

Where next for the education revolution?

<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/lifematters/where-next-for-the-education-revolution3f/3805588>

Rosebud kite festival

<http://www.rosebud.org.au/events/>

<http://rosebudkitefestival.com.au/>

Institute for Educational Advancement

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

Lynette Hendry News

[http://www.giftedminds.com.au/main/page\\_news.html](http://www.giftedminds.com.au/main/page_news.html)

Cheetah Books on gifted & talented fictional characters blog

<http://cheetahbooks.wordpress.com/>

GTCASA updated website

<http://gtcasa.asn.au/wp/author/Admin/>

Australian statistics project competition

<http://www.amt.edu.au/statscomp/default.html>

Book carvings

<http://karanarora.posterous.com/insane-art-formed-by-carving-books-with-surgi>

Kathy Schrock's Bloomin' Apps

<http://www.schrockguide.net/bloomin-apps.html>

Nova news blog

<http://novanews19.wordpress.com/>

Gifted Education Awareness

<http://innreach.wordpress.com/2012/02/26/on-gifted-education-awareness-2012/>

[http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/2012/02/gifted-education-awareness-week-2012\\_27.html](http://www.dazzledandfrazzled.com/2012/02/gifted-education-awareness-week-2012_27.html)

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Parenting for High Potential

<http://parentingforhighpotential.com/2012/02/28/heightened-sensitivities-overexcitabilities-positive-disintegration-oh-my/>

Inspire your group blog – Seth Godin

<http://inspireyourgroup.com/blog>

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**School Holiday Camps Programs**

[www.auscamps.asn.au/](http://www.auscamps.asn.au/)

**ACMI AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE MOVING IMAGE Creative workshops**

<http://www.acmi.net.au/creative-workshops.htm>

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**Holiday Programs**

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais/visit/swimfit/holiday/svp>

**AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SYDNEY**  
**Holiday Programs**

<http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/whatson>

**BUBBLE DOME EDUCATION**

<http://www.bubbledome.co.nz/workshop-sign-up>

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**LAUNCH INTO CHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

Full details of the holiday program and registration forms can be found on the CHIP website

[www.chip.edu.au](http://www.chip.edu.au)

<http://www.chip.edu.au/holiday-program/>

<http://www.chip.edu.au/storage/holiday/Autumn%2012%20newHP-1.pdf>

Venue Clifton Hill Primary School (Enter via Page St)

Phone 0448 880 331 Fax 9744 7140

Email [office@chip.edu.au](mailto:office@chip.edu.au)

**CSIRO EDUCATION VICTORIA**  
**CSIRO Double Helix Holiday Programs**

For details see

<http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club/Helix-events/VIC-Holiday-Programs.aspx>

## **EXTEND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

For full details see

Holiday programs

<http://www.extendaustralia.com.au/schoolholidayprograms.aspx>

## **GASWORKS ARTS PARK**

**School holiday programs**

<http://www.gasworks.org.au/>

<http://www.gasworks.org.au/whats-on/community-events/holiday-program>

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS**

Full details of programs can be found on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/>

PO Box 207, Blackburn VIC 3130 Australia

Phone 03 9894 2116 Fax 03 9894 2117

Email [info@gateways.edu.au](mailto:info@gateways.edu.au)

## **IMMIGRATION MUSEUM**

**What's On Exhibitions**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/whatson/>

**Phone:** 03 9927 2700

**Fax:** 03 9927 2728

**Web:** <http://immigration.museum.vic.gov.au/>

## **MELBOURNE AQUARIUM**

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

<http://www.melbourneaquarium.com.au/worlds-and-experiences/experiences/kid-s-club>

## **MELBOURNE MUSEUM**

<http://www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/>

## **MELBOURNE PLANETARIUM**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/planetarium/>

## **MONASH SHORT COURSES CENTRE**

[www.shortcourses.monash.edu.au/](http://www.shortcourses.monash.edu.au/)

Term and school holiday classes

[www.shortcourses.monash.edu.au/kids\\_classes.html](http://www.shortcourses.monash.edu.au/kids_classes.html)

## **MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE**

For full details of the science programs provided by Monash Science Centre see

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/msc/>

For details of holiday programs see

<http://sciencecentre.monash.edu/shp/docs/shpapr12web.pdf>

## **NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA**

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/ngvkids/>

## **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA) SHORT COURSES**

<http://www.nida.edu.au/SHORT-COURSES/default.aspx>

**Youth holiday courses Autumn**

<http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=235>

## **PARKS VICTORIA**

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore>

**POWERHOUSE MUSEUM SYDNEY**

**School Holiday Program**

[http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/whatson/school\\_holidays.php](http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/whatson/school_holidays.php)

**RSPCA Holiday Program**

<http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/school-holiday-program>

**SCIENCEWORKS MUSEUM**

<http://www.scienceworks.museum.vic.gov.au/>

**THE ART FACTORY School Holiday Programs**

<http://theartfactory.com.au/holiday-workshops>

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