



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER  
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## *Gifted Resources News*

Tra-la It's May! We are almost half way through the year.

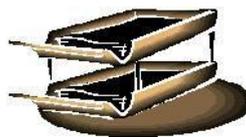
In this issue of the newsletter you will find news of interesting speakers for the Boroondara Gifted Network and Magnificent Minds, Mornington and a CHIP Geelong drama day for children, news from Anne Jackson and a collection of interesting websites.

I have been having a great deal of fun participating in the Sydney Writers' Centre Best Australian Blogs 2012 competition. People's Choice voting closes on 9 May 2012.

You can vote for Sprite's Site (and as many other great Australian blogs as you like) by clicking on the [Vote for Me button](#) in the sidebar of Sprite's Site blog <http://giftedresources.org/jo/blog> but you can only vote once: so be sure to make the vote count. Sprite's Site is on Page 4 O-S



## 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)

ANNE JACKSON TERM 2 2012 [FLYER](#)

WRITE AWAY WITH ME TERM 2 2012 [FLYER](#)

THE BIG EQUITY CHALLENGE 8-9 May 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK Guest speaker Jennifer Grant The Advocacy Journey 16 May 2012 [FLYER](#)

CHIP GEELONG DRAMA WORKSHOP 20 May 2012 [FLYER](#)

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE CAMP CANBERRA ACT 18-20 May 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

MAGNIFICENT MINDS Understanding the Gifted Adolescent 28 May 2012 [PDF FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK TERM TWO SEMINAR Dr Claire Spicer on "Self-efficacy: how to help gifted students improve their motivation and self-belief" 29 May 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

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

QAGTC CHILDREN'S CHALLENGES 26-27 June 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC JULY STUDENT WORKSHOPS 2-4 JULY 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

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](#)

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

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

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)

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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>**

## Term Two Seminar

### For Parents

Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham

Tuesday 29 May 2012

7.45-9.30pm

Dr Claire Spicer on "Self-efficacy: how to help gifted students improve their motivation and self-belief".

Self-efficacy beliefs (academic self-beliefs) are an important factor in education, as they define the ways in which students attempt tasks and hence, learn. Claire will go through what self-efficacy means and how, as parents and teachers, we can work on children's self-belief to improve their motivation (eg how long they persist at difficult tasks).

Claire has an extensive range of qualifications including a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, a post-graduate degree in Secondary Education, and a Masters in Education, specialising in Educational Psychology.

Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ, Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1).

**RSVP:** Please phone Louise on 0414 578 806 or email [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org) by Friday 25th May.

### **'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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### **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

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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](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

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## **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*

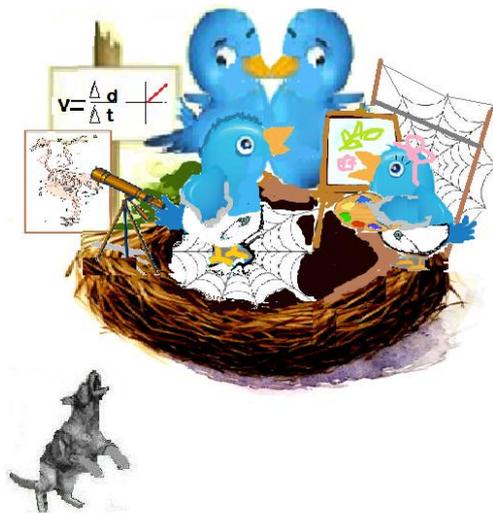
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*website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>*



Over at Sprite's Site the Tweet family Flight 101 studies have hit the Asynchrony Speed Bump!

See: <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3117>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3120>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3132>



## **Boroondara Gifted Network**

**7.00pm Wednesday May 16th 2012**

**at Ashburton Primary School**

**in the Performing Arts Space at the rear of the Performing Arts Centre on  
Fakenham Road (Melways 60 E9)**

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

# **'The Advocacy Journey'**

**Jennifer Grant**

One family's story of successfully negotiating the education system for gifted children

Jennifer has advocated for almost every educational option available for gifted children from early entrance to kindergarten, school and university, through numerous types of enrichment, grouping, mentoring and accelerative options.

**Ever wondered how you:**

• choose a school? • manage a grade skip? • help your children find friends? • get early entrance to school? • find the right secondary school? • deal with social/emotional concerns?

What about: gaps? pushy parents? putting too much pressure on kids? fitting in with peers? scholarships? and much more.

Jennifer has studied The Certificate of Gifted Education with GERRIC and teaches gifted children. She lives with a gifted husband and 3 gifted children who are all happy and thriving in various educational and work situations. She is the President of Maroondah Gifted Children's Parents' Association. She also has 2 gifted cats.

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

**RSVP by Friday May 11th 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)**



## Drama Workshop ~

The Wondrous Whimsical World of Robots Robots

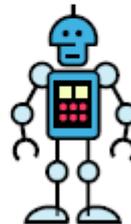
### Sunday 20 May 2012

In this workshop with **Kurt Geyer**, we dive into the terrific, technical and sometimes terrifying world of Robots in order to discover whether or not they really do have a soul. We will create our own Robot, give her a form and special attachments, and set her a mission to either help or hinder humankind! We will explore her world through Drama improvisation, discover how she moves, how she interacts with other robots and humans, and most importantly, whether she 'feels' or not!

**1.45pm – 4pm**  
**at Grovedale College, Wingarra Drive**

Participants need to bring an image, drawing, or toy version of a favourite Robot and a 30 second speech about the Robot's tech specs. Also bring an exercise book or journal and a well-stocked pencil case to write and draw with.

- Suitable for primary age children
- \$15 (member) / \$20 (non member)
- No unsupervised children are allowed in the school grounds
- To book, email [sue.bettanin@gmail.com](mailto:sue.bettanin@gmail.com) by 16 May



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## 'Understanding the Gifted Adolescent'



Where: Mt. Eliza Community Centre

Address: 90-100 Canadian Bay Rd, Mt. Eliza (Melway Ref 105 F1)

When: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Time: 7-8pm

Cost: \$10

RSPV: Compulsory as places are limited.

Email: [carolyn@magnificentminds.com.au](mailto:carolyn@magnificentminds.com.au)

Phone or text: Carolyn 0418 563 757



For information see the Conference website

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

# finding solutions through counselling, teaching and advocacy

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During the past six months I have been developing a program that will fulfil the needs of those children who are bright enough to learn to read, write, spell but who are failing to do so in their own classroom. These students are a recognised group who despite the child's, their parents and the teacher's best efforts fail to learn this fundamental skill. Starting term 2 (2012), I am pleased to inform you that I will be offering, in Spotswood, intensive, focused, small group teaching for dyslexics.

I will be running two sessions initially, one from 12.00pm - 3.00pm that is ideal for young students. I'm a registered teacher so students should not be considered absent from education just from their home school.

The other group is from 4.00pm - 7.00pm and is more appropriate for older students, though I am prepared to negotiate for grade 6 students to attend from 4.00 - 6.00pm.

The maximum number of students in each group will be six and the cost will be \$90 a week for a three-hour session. Half price will be charged if a cancellation is made with less than 24-hours notice.

The group is to meet at St Mark's Anglican Church 622 Melbourne Rd, Spotswood and starts on 19/4/12.

Please contact me on [AJxn@bigpond.com](mailto:AJxn@bigpond.com) or 0409 172 078 as places will fill fast.

Ta  
anne j

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Reading to dogs <http://readingtodogs.weebly.com/index.html>

Read to me dogs <http://readingtodogs.weebly.com/successful-programs.html>

Dogs in Libraries <http://www.librarydogs.com/>

In Australia Reading Labs <http://www.assistancedogs.org.au/Reading-Labs.php>

Storydogs <http://www.storydogs.org.au/>

Dogs in Libraries <http://www.librarydogs.com/>

Sprite's Site Reading to dogs <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=3069>

Sprite in Denmark  
<http://2e-giftedogdiagnose.blogspot.com.au/>

Les Links Livebinders  
[http://www.livebinders.com/shelf/search\\_author?terms=Leslinks](http://www.livebinders.com/shelf/search_author?terms=Leslinks)

Les Links Livebinders Depression in gifted  
<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play/362473>

Defying gravity blog  
<http://ingidefyinggravity.blogspot.com.au/>

Negative attitudes toward gifted--an instinct to protect social fabric?  
<http://www.ernweb.com/public/1114.cfm>

Cindy Strickland Living and learning with Dabrowski's Over Excitabilities  
[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/living\\_with\\_oes.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/living_with_oes.htm)

Creating curriculum for gifted children blog  
What do twice exceptional children need?  
<http://creatingcurriculum.wordpress.com/2011/06/12/what-do-twice-exceptional-children-need/>

GiftEd Supporting Gifted Education  
<http://www.gift-ed.com/>

Sue Luus giftedinaus blog  
<https://giftedinaus.wordpress.com/>

Kamaruka  
<http://www.kamaruka.vic.edu.au/index>

Visionhelp blog

<http://visionhelp.wordpress.com/2012/04/04/a-sheep-in-wolves-clothing/>

Best Learning Forever webinar series

<https://sites.google.com/site/bestlearningforever/webinar-series>

The Soul of Giftedness 2013 WCGTC Conference blog

<http://worldgifted2013.blogspot.co.nz/>

#GTchat

<http://www.txgifted.org/gtchat>

GT Chat transcripts

<http://www.txgifted.org/gtchat-transcripts>

Building Wing Span

<http://buildingwingspan.blogspot.com.au/>

Autism Awareness Tips from CrazyK

<http://buildingwingspan.blogspot.com.au/2012/04/autism-awareness-tip-1-were-people.html?sref=fb>

Tomorrow's library

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

Anne Mirtschin : Innovator of the month

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/researchinnovation/innovatehere/examples/innovator.htm#.T4zz6mkQY2c.facebook>

Anne Mirtschin On an e-journey with Generation Y

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

Jo Hart ELFADA Pilot project blog

<http://blogs.cyoc.wa.edu.au/extraordinarylearning/>

Heather Jansch Horse sculptures

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

The Age Bearing the burden of brilliance

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/bearing-the-burden-of-brilliance-20120420-1xc9f.html>

The Age The view from the circle inside the square

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/the-view-from-the-circle-inside-the-square-20120420-1xc94.html>

Killing creativity

<http://bigthink.com/insights-of-genius/killing-creativity-why-kids-draw-pictures-of-monsters-and-adults-dont>

Autistic-ally Beautiful

<http://autisticallybeautiful.wordpress.com/?ref=spelling>

The Creativity Post blog How geniuses think

[http://www.creativitypost.com/create/how\\_geniuses\\_think](http://www.creativitypost.com/create/how_geniuses_think)

NAGC Asperger Syndrome and Giftedness fact sheet

[http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/file\\_upload/factsheets/P84.pdf](http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/file_upload/factsheets/P84.pdf)

Yvonne Perret scholarships

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/yvonne-perret-scholarships>

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