



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2012 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News

During August I received a note from Wordpress telling me to either update the old Gifted Resources blog or delete it as it was on a very old version which would not be supported any longer. I had not used it since I began using Sprite's Site blog. I decided to update it and start using it again. My tech guru, Jamie Tarling, spent a great deal of time updating the blog for me. The new format has pictures in the blog header that change randomly from a selection of Gifted Resources pictures at each page refresh and a fun method of verifying that you are a real person when you post comments. Thank you very much, Jamie!

So far I have posted about the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students
<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/08/20/victorian-parliamentary-inquiry-into-the-education-of-gifted-and-talented-students/>

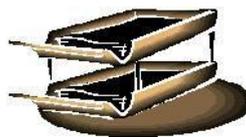
and a review of Derrin Cramer's excellent new book, Beginner's Guide to Life on the Bright Side.

<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/08/29/beginners-guide-to-life-on-the-bright-side/>

I intend to copy some of the more serious posts from Sprite's Site over to the Gifted Resources blog and then keep both of them running.

The Extension and Holiday Programs newsletter which I sent out last month is attached to the end of this newsletter also.

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

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

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

STEPPING STONES SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM 15-16 September 2012 [PDF FLYER](#)

CHIP SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMS X CHIP 24 - 28 September 2012 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAM [PDF BROCHURE](#)

ICTDE Turkey 25-28 September 2013 [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](#)

NAGC UK It's alright to be Bright week 20-27 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

STEPPING STONES SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM 10-11 November [2012 PDF FLYER](#)

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 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

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

Contacts:

Sally-Ann Free

sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au

Mobile 0425 779 829

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

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

The next Belgrave Parent support group meeting will be on Monday the 10th of September at 7.30pm at the usual place in Belgrave. Topic - Open Forum

Please e-mail heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au or call 9752 5420 if you need further information. All welcome.

Please RSVP so we can work out the munchies.

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 14 September 2012

Coffee and chat is open for anyone to attend. Bring your questions or articles to discuss.

Elizabeth Singer

Convenor

June 2012

MENSA BULL BEQUESTS

A reminder that applications for this year's awards are due by September 30. Applications can be found here.

<http://www.mensa.org.au/gifted-children/giften-childrens-grants/>

Note that the Gifted Students grants are open to students over 18, unlike the Bull Bequest grants.

For any queries or more information please contact

[Cliff Schwarz](#)

Mensa Australia Bull Bequest/Gifted Student fund administrator



The screenshot shows the website for the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC). The header includes the VAGTC logo and the organization's name. The main content area features a 'Parent Seminar' announcement with details on the date, location, and cost. A sidebar on the right provides specific event details.

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

MORE NEWS FROM THE VAGTC

VAGTC Annual General Meeting

Jun 19th, 2012

CHANGE OF DATE

The VAGTC AGM will be held on Tuesday October 30th, 2012, at Camberwell Grammar School. The meeting will begin at 7.00pm.

All members are invited to attend.



The VAGTC was delighted to award Evonne Perret scholarships to Nicole Lee of Avila College Mt Waverley and

Cassandra Marotta of Mary MacKillop College Leongatha for educational enrichment of their curriculum for 12 months

Recommendations from the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/sites/vagtc.asn.au/files/Recommendations%20G&T.pdf>



We are now taking enrolments for our Gifted and Talented children

Term 3 Social Skills Course

- WHEN:** Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th September, 2012
- WHERE:** Clifton Hills Scout Hall, Walker St, Clifton Hills VIC
- TIME:** Saturday 12 :30am- 4:00pm & Sunday 9.30am – 4.00pm
with parent involvement for the first hour on Sunday morning and the last ½ hour each day.
- AGES:** 7 – 11 year olds – (Y1 – Y6 at school in 2012)
children will be grouped by age
- COST:** \$380.00 (inc GST)
Discount \$350 for clients of Starjump or AGSC & VAGTC members

Facilitators Helen Dudeney and Renuka Potter

These workshops will teach strategies to support students in the development of:

- emotional regulation.
- anger management.
- friendship building.
- conflict resolution and anti-bullying.
- “getting along” skills.

Program includes:

- *Structured activities that are enjoyable whilst the students develop new skills.
- *Interactive games and activities that promote positive interaction.
- *Materials for parents and schools to assist in supporting the new skills

Each course is custom designed to suit the children involved. Parents will have the opportunity to provide a comprehensive profile of their child through our Comprehensive Developmental Questionnaire and any other details that they believe will assist us. As a result of participation in this course parents will have the option of undertaking a full Starjump Assessment that will provide information and a written report detailing your child's strengths and challenges. A discount on this assessment of \$20 applies for all Stepping Stones participants. Full details of the Starjump Assessment and report format can be viewed at www.australiangiftedsupport.com Starjump Tab.

Places are limited so we recommend that you register promptly.

This program is run by Australian Gifted Support Centre

To make a booking please visit our website at

www.australiangiftedsupport.com Social Skills Tab

or our booking site <http://ssvicsept2012.eventbrite.com.au/>

ENQUIRIES to Helen: 0417 208 562 or steppingstones@australiangiftedsupport.com

From Home Education Network news

MATHEMATICS VIRTUAL CLASSROOM GIFTED EDUCATION

This is an open invitation for highly able mathematicians between 9 and 12 years of age.

This short term trial program will involve students participating in a Virtual Mathematics Classroom.

This initiative will be at **no cost** to the parents and students and will be run online.

Background Information:

The program will be facilitated by Carolyn Giles an experienced educator with teaching qualifications who has been working in education over the past 30 years with a special interest in Gifted Education. Over the last 14 years she has been working solely with gifted students across Victoria, ACT, New South Wales and Queensland; writing small group, large group and individualised programs at the invitation of parents and schools across all sectors and implementing these programs with the students.

Carolyn is currently using the technology of Virtual Classroom settings to promote a greater level of consistent and accessible contact between the facilitator and the students. She is undertaking an Action Research Project that is aimed at increasing contact time to ensure a higher rate of academic and personal/emotional wellbeing and growth. She would like the result to be that students are more fully engaged in their learning to develop a growth mindset and be personally more satisfied within themselves as lifelong learners.

If you would like to discuss your child's potential participation in this trial program please contact Carolyn egiles@bigpond.net.au

PART-TIME OPTION – VILLAGE SCHOOL, WONGA PARK

The Village School at Wonga Park are running a part-time programme for home educators. Details here

<http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/home-school-program-village-school.pdf>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

ECHA Conference 12-15 September 2012 Munster Germany

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/07/19/echa-conference-symposium-social-media-and-gifted-education/>

NAGC UK It's alright to be Bright week 20-27 October 2012

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

Gifted Families Support Group Inc

http://www.gfsg.org.au/gifted_families_contact.html

Kids Like Us

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

Barbara Kerr Why people hate gifted kids – a thought experiment

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/notes/barbara-kerr/why-people-hate-gifted-kids-a-thought-experiment/10150974216527396>

David Southwick Opinion piece in The Age

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/forget-the-games-we-need-to-support-our-gifted-students-20120817-24ddj.html>

Pre-assessment tools

<http://www.byrdseed.com/pre-assessment-documents/>

The power of little words

<http://derrin-thebrightside.blogspot.com.au/2012/08/mind-your-language-power-of-little-words.html>

Educators PLN NING

<http://edupln.com/>

Therapy cat

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-19296253>

Smilebox

<http://www.smilebox.com/slideshows.html>

Portfoliogen

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

The sketchbook challenge

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

Random House twitter chat with authors for kids

<http://blog.prufrock.com/blog/2012/8/31/kids-can-get-to-know-their-favorite-authors-through-twitter.html>

Khan Academy

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

The Conversation The Gonski Report

<http://theconversation.edu.au/gonski-is-half-the-battle-trusting-teachers-is-the-next-step-8981>

The Bookshelf Muse

<http://thebookshelfmuse.blogspot.ca/>

WCGTC Newsletter

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

Apps for Learning by Doing PBL

http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit/444394

List of gifted pages and groups on FB

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

Scoop.It

<http://www.scoop.it/t/psychology-fun-facts-and-quizzes>

<http://www.scoop.it/t/cultivating-creativity>

How to publish an e book on Kindle

<http://www.copyblogger.com/how-to-publish-kindle-ebook/>

<https://kdp.amazon.com/self-publishing/help?topicId=A3IWA2TQYMZ5J6>

Youblisher

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

Serendipity webinar

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/08/19/edublogs-serendipity-webinar-overview-reading-to-dogs-why-great-apps-close-mismatched-expectations/>

Carol Fertig's blog

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

ECHA Conference abstracts

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/07/19/echa-conference-symposium-social-media-and-gifted-education/>

Next stage blog

<http://www.nseducationalconsulting.com/2012/08/17/out-of-bounds-why-do-we-favor-top-athletes-more-than-our-top-students/>

Wilful ignorance of the gifted

<http://networkedblogs.com/Bj1dr>

Schools of thought blog post

http://schoolsofthought.blogs.cnn.com/2012/08/23/my-view-the-joys-and-challenges-of-raising-a-gifted-child/?hpt=hp_bn13

Mind shift blog

<http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/2012/08/how-to-turn-your-classroom-into-an-idea-factory/>

Aspie Warrior

<http://aspiewarrior.com/>

Brain hat pattern

<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/brain-hat-knitting-pattern-not-actual-hat>

Supporting your child's gifted teacher

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2012/09/supporting-your-childs-gifted-teacher.html>

Mermaids and Mermen

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

Your professor's aura of logical distortion

<http://www.phdcomics.com/comics/archive.php?comid=1518>

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Extension and Holiday Programs Spring 2012

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AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION

School Holiday Camps Programs

www.auscamps.asn.au/

ACMI AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE MOVING IMAGE Creative workshops

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

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Holiday Programs

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

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SYDNEY

Holiday Programs

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

BOOKS ILLUSTRATED

http://www.booksillustrated.com.au/bi_workshops.php

BUBBLE DOME EDUCATION

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

CHIP

EX ... 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/holiday-program/>

<http://www.chip.edu.au/storage/Spring2012%20HP.pdf>

Venue Clifton Hill Primary School (Enter via Page St)

Phone 0448 880 331 Fax 9744 7140

Email 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

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

School holiday programs

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

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 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/index.html>

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 courses Spring

<http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=234>

PARKS VICTORIA

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

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM SYDNEY

School Holiday Program

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>

ZOO & SANCTUARY Programs

Zoo Adventures Holiday programs

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

<http://www.zoo.org.au/Learning/Camps-Holidays>

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