

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2013 NO 1

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Gífted Resources News

Last month I enjoyed participating in the 2013 Global Education Conference and I have written blog posts about it for Gifted Resources blog

http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/11/27/global-education-conference-2013-part-1/

http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/11/27/global-education-conference-2013-part-2/

http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/11/27/global-education-conference-2013-part-3-anne-mirtschin/

http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/11/27/global-education-conference-2013-part-4/

The 2013 Gifted Resources Activity Report is included in this issue of the newsletter and also the Summer Holiday Programs newsletter.

Sprite's Site Blog participated in the November Gifted Homeschoolers Bloggers Forum Blog Hop.

http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/surviving-thriving-holidays-gifted/

My post can be read at

http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2013/11/10/surviving-the-christmas-season/

December Christmas blog posts for Sprite's Site. http://spritessite.wordpress.com/

For each day there will be a picture and a link to a You Tube video of a Christmas song or carol showing the story unfolding with Christmas preparations in Sprite's lobby and the mouse hole in the skirting board and the Twitter Birds, Ginger Pony etc. outside the window until the whole cast of characters is present in the picture.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and great holidays.



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

INTERNATIONAL CHEETAH DAY 4 December 2013

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED Gifted and Beyond conference 4-6 December 2013 WEBSITE

TEXAS ASSOCIATION FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED Parent conference 6 December 2013 <u>WEBSITE</u>

G.A.T.E.WAYS FESTIVALS

The Grade 1-6 Festival is on December 12th and 13th and will be held at Lauriston Girls' School in Armadale

The Prep Festival is on December 16th and 17th and will be held at Firbank Grammar School in Brighton WEBSITE

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Performing Art (Christmas party) 24 November 2013

VATE State Conference 2013 Squaring the Circle 5-6 December 2013 WEBSITE

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Roya Klingner (Austria) 14 December 2013 WEBSITE

VAGTC TWILIGHT SEMINAR Paul Double Running a gifted program in your school 18 February 2014 WEBSITE

THE COLUMBUS GROUP Asynchronous Development Conference Albuquerque 20-21February 2014

VAGTC TWILIGHT SEMINAR Carmel Meehan 4 March 2014 WEBSITE





GIFTED RESOURCES ACTIVITY REPORT 2013

During 2013 Jo Freitag / Gifted Resources has:

Planned activities for 2013 http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/01/20/jos-chaos-plan-2/ and reviewed the progress made by September http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2013/09/09/chaos-plan-check/

Updated the Gifted Resources library catalogue

Updated the Gifted Resources Information Packs

Provided information and resources for teachers and parents during personal consultations, by phone and by email

Provided information and resources for homeschooling families and those contemplating commencement of home schooling

Undertaken project work with Borderlands http://www.borderlands.org.au/

Presented to a group of parents and teachers at Village School on the topic 'Quirky kids, Dabrowski dogs and home/school balance'

Attended the VAGTC EmpowerEd for Giftedness Conference

http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/05/02/vagtc-empowered-for-giftedness-conference/ Virtually attended the WCGTC Conference in Louisville Kentucky and blogged about it at http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/08/12/virtually-visiting-the-wcgtc-conference-in-kentucky/

Participated in online conferences, webinars and weekly Twitter global #gtchat sessions
Participated in Jo Hart's Edublogs Serendipity and Fine Focus webinars, presenting at one session
and acted as a facilitator at one session during Jo's absence to attend a conference
Updated the Gifted Resources blog http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/ and Sprite's Site blog
http://spritessite.wordpress.com/ which was nominated for the Sydney Writers' Centre Best Australian
Blogs 2013 competition

Started a new blog for Sprite's Site on the Edublogs platform http://jofrei5.edublogs.org/

Participated in Gifted Homeschoolers Bloggers Forum Blog Hops

Participated in the Brilliant Chaos Group on Facebook monthly creating challenges http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/brilliantchaosonline/doc/253263591368971/

Developed and maintained the website for Gifted Resources http://www.giftedresources.org and Jo Freitag's website

Written and distributed by email Gifted Resources Newsletter and Gifted Resources Newsletter Extension and Holiday programs

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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

Family pizza night - New venue
All members welcome (parents and children)
at Dom's Bistro, Highett
Sunday 8 December 2013
6pm - 8pm

Dom's Bistro, 1117 Nepean Hwy, Highett (near corner Wickham Road)
Please bring the whole family and join us for a relaxed evening at Dom's Bistro.

We will book separate tables for the secondary/uni and primary children. Younger ones are welcome to sit on the parent table.

RSVP: Please phone Louise on 3 0414 578 806 by Thursday 5 December.

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday 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

All are welcome.

For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central:

Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street).

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence <u>nicole lawrence@mailcan.com</u> Mobile 0413 754 278

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

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

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Contact Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

G.A.T.E.WAYS

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS is finishing the year with two festival extravaganzas! The Grade 1-6 Festival is on December 12th and 13th and will be held at Lauriston Girls' School in Armadale

The Prep Festival is on December 16th and 17th and will be held at Firbank Grammar School in Brighton

For full details see www.gateways.edu.au

VAGTC Seminars 2014

Twilight Seminar - Tuesday 18th February 2014

"Running a Gifted Program in Your School"

Paul Double, co Vice President of the VAGTC will be running a session which will cover such areas as:

Identifying Gifted Students

Rationale for Gifted Programs

Types of Gifted Programs

Defending Gifted Provisions in the Face of Sceptical Colleagues

The session will run from 5pm to 6.30pm at Camberwell Grammar School, 55 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury.

More details and a registration form will be available at a later date.

Twilight Seminar - Tuesday 4th March 2014

" Creativity and Innovation are becoming increasingly important in the New Australian Curriculum"

Carmel Meehan (President VAGTC) and Dr. Susan Nikakis (Co Vice President - VAGTC) will presenting the following session:

Acknowledging that we are educating for an uncertain future teachers are challenged to ensure that students have skills as well as knowledge for their future. In the new ACARA document creativity dovetails with the underpinning philosophies surrounding gifted education and the vital place of creativity plays in the teaching and learning process.

Exploring models of creative tools Carmel and Susan will emphasize that creativity is inherent in the learning process for both gifted toddlers and gifted teens.

This session will be held at St. Anne's school - 7-19 Beresford Street, East Kew.

More details and a registration form will be available at a later date.

Learn Life's Essential Skills



Children aged 8 to 12

Enrol your child in a social skills course at the

Learning Enrichment Studio

Topics covered

Morals

Manners

Showing emotions

Managing emotions

Empathy Friendship

60 minute sessions

Email:

nv@learningenrichmentstudio.com.au Phone : 9824 8135 Mobile: 0448 064 738

Suite 214/19 Milton Parade Malvern VIC 3144

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Holiday fun!

Robotics

Discover the world of robots

Would you like to learn how to program this robot? Make it move forwards, backwards follow a black line or dance to music!



Learning Enrichment Studio

Malvern

Individual or group of 3 Special holiday offer 90 minute sessions nent supplied no need to bring anything!

December 16th to December 20th Phone or email to secure a place Bookings close December 12th

Phone 9824 8135 Mobile 0448064738 nv@learningenrichmentstudio.com.au

www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au



International Cheetah Day is December 4th!

You want to know how to celebrate, don't you? Here at Cheetah Conservation Fund, our team of experts has assembled a carefully constructed list.....



Top 10 Ways to Help #SavetheCheetah on International Cheetah Day:

#10 -- Wear your favourite cheetah print clothing!

#9 -- Send out tweets using the hashtag #SavetheCheetah to tell your followers how important the cheetah is to its ecosystem.

#8 -- Join the "Virtual Cheetah Party" on <u>our Facebook page!</u> Post on our timeline all your thoughts, pictures, and fun cheetah facts to share with all our cheetah Facebook friends!

#7 -- Download our <u>SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS</u> -- change your profile pics and cover photos to show your love for the cheetah!

#6 -- Find a <u>CCF CHAPTER</u> located near you, and send an email offering to volunteer!

#5 -- FORWARD CCF's latest <u>newsletter</u> to all your friends!

#4 -- Have lunch with your best friend and tell them how we've lost 90% percent of the world's population of wild cheetahs in the last 100 years.

#3 -- Watch Dr. Laurie Marker deliver her "State of the Cheetah Address" on our YouTube channel!

#2 -- <u>Give to CCF</u>, the world's leading organization dedicated to saving the cheetah in the wild

and the #1 thing to do on International Cheetah Day is:

REMEMBER THAT THE CHEETAH NEEDS YOUR HELP NOT JUST ON DECEMBER 4th, BUT EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR!!

THE WORLD'S FASTEST LAND ANIMAL IS RACING AGAINST EXTINCTION
HELP US WIN THE RACE....





Philosophy of Parenting

Professional Development for people working with parents

Parenting is the most important job in the world. It is complex, demanding and ever changing. The Parenting Package developed by Parentzone (Southern region) is a comprehensive package for people working with parents who are looking for effective ways to help parents bring up their children in twenty first century Australia.

This training offers participants the opportunity to explore the principles and practicalities that underpin the package and its positive parenting approaches. All the training is experiential – combining theory and practice wisdom to give participants fresh insights and practical tools they can use when working with their families.

These sessions will explore the Parenting Package involving a strengths based approach to parenting and a comprehensive package that is practical for the new millennium (a framework for building "confident and capable parents" whilst continuing to promote children's safety, stability and developmental needs).

Issues covered include:

- Social change and it's impact on family values and expectations
- Discipline without punishment and positive discipline strategies including known rules and consequences
- Building positive relationships within families
- Human development
- Resilience
- Communication skills for parents
- Parent/child emotional literacy
- Skills in working with parents
- Understanding and engaging parents living in poverty

Where: Anglicare, 666 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater

When: Thursday March 6th ... 10th April 2014 (6 weeks)

9.00 am - 12.30 pm

Cost: \$250 plus GST (Anglicare staff and volunteers free)

Contact: Helena Layerie Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204

helena.laverie@anglicarevic.org.au

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Gifted and Beyond conference 2-6 December 2013

http://tagtconference.org/2013/schedule/

Flipsnack

http://www.flipsnack.com/

Zentangle

http://www.zentangle.com/

Lisa Van Gemert

http://www.us.mensa.org/connect/staffcontacts/van-gemert-lisa/

http://www.pinterest.com/lisavangement/

http://www.slideshare.net/lisavangemert

http://www.slideshare.net/lisavangemert/gifted-overview

Beyond boredom

http://www.slideshare.net/lisavangemert/boredom-understanding-and-conquering-the-b-word

What bloggers need to know about duplicate content http://gretchenlouise.com/bloggers-duplicate-content/

Snow flakes and snow crystals

http://www.flickr.com/photos/chaoticmind75/sets/72157626146319517

Kelvin Doe

http://bit.ly/1hcSRGB

Buddy the talking starling

http://www.3news.co.nz/Buddy-the-talking-

starling/tabid/817/articleID/320910/Default.aspx#.UobenUq4bIV

Dinovember

https://medium.com/thoughts-on-creativity/6f4cb1886d41

SENG The gift of emotional over excitabilities

http://www.sengifted.org/archives/articles/the-gift-of-emotional-overexcitabilities

Rainard Global Garden project

http://globalgarden.rainard.org/

Help for survivors of Typhoon Haiyan

http://geekettebits.com/information/help-haiyan-philippines-typhoon-survivors/

Platypus?

http://www.gifted-matters.com/platypus/

Cycling through the holidays: the IPSE four step process for managing hard stuff http://www.gifted-matters.com/2013/11/11/cycling-through-the-holidays-the-ipse-four-step-process-for-managing-hard-stuff/

Gifted Parenting Support Blogspot The Columbus Group Conference February 2014 http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2013/11/the-columbus-group-conference.html

60 second thought experiments

http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2011/10/19/open-university-thought-experiments/

Playmeo

http://www.playmeo.com

Twitter tools

http://dailytekk.com/2012/03/19/the-top-100-twitter-tools-of-2012-categorized/

Ginger Lewman A case against differentiated instruction

http://gingerlewman.wordpress.com/2013/08/10/a-case-against-differentiated-instruction/

Dr Brian Housand

http://brianhousand.com/

Plugging into creative outlets

http://www.slideshare.net/brianhousand/creative-outlets-pitt-page-2012

Apps and sites that work on all devices for BYOT

http://insidetheclassroomoutsidethebox.wordpress.com/2013/06/16/apps-and-sites-that-work-on-all-devices-for-byot/

60 tools in 60 minutes

http://www.jogtheweb.com/flat/NXjjhLq9JkSI/60-Tools-in-60-Minutes

MIT Open Courseware

http://ocw.mit.edu/index.htm

Jog the web

http://www.jogtheweb.com/

Howard Gardner Five minds for the future

http://howardgardner.com/five-minds-for-the-future/

Scribblar

http://www.scribblar.com/

Flat Connections Conference Sydney 18-20 June 2014

http://www.flatconnections.com/sydney-2014.html

QR code generator

http://www.grstuff.com/

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GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER Extension and Holiday Programs Summer 2013-2014

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AUSTRALIAN CAMPS ASSOCIATION School Holiday Camps Programs http://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

http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/

BOOKS ILLUSTRATED

http://www.booksillustrated.com.au/bi workshops.php

BUBBLE DOME EDUCATION

http://bubbledome.com/index.php

CHESS KIDS CHESS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

http://www.chessclub.com.au/holiday-programs.html

CHIP

www.chip.edu.au

CHUNKS FOR CHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAM

http://www.chip.edu.au/storage/Summer%202014%20HP%20.pdf

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://extend.com.au/programs/school-holiday-programs/

GASWORKS ARTS PARK

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

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/

LEARNING ENRICHMENT STUDIO

Robotics Holiday Program Noeleen Vincent Learning Enrichment Studio Suite 214 19 Milton Parade

Malvern Vic 3144 Ph: (03) 9824 8135 Mob: 0448 064 738

www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

http://www.melbourneaguarium.com.au/

MELBOURNE MUSEUM

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

MELBOURNE PLANETARIUM

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

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

Brisbane and Melbourne Courses

http://www.nida.edu.au/NidaCustomisation/CourseList.aspx?TYP=393

OAK HILL GALLERY

Holiday Art Classes for children

http://www.oakhillgallery.com.au/

PARKS VICTORIA

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

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM SYDNEY

School Holiday Program

http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/whats-on/school-holiday-program/

PRIMESCI HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The PrimeSCI! Spring School Holiday Program will be hosted by: KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity and Sustainability Centre) Building WK Swinburne University of Technology (Wantirna Campus)

369 Stud Road

Wantirna South VIC 3152

(Campus Map: http://www.swinburne.edu.au/campuses/wantirna/documents/wantirna.pdf)

For more information and to enrol online http://sciencecentre.monash.edu.au/shp/

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

THINKING OUTSIDE BOX All Day Holiday Program

2013 September Holiday Program

Grades: 5 & 6

Dates: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mon 23, Tues 24, Thurs 26 and Fri 27 September. Venue: The Early Life Foundations Centre, 230 Bay Street, Brighton, VIC. http://thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au/for-parents/school-holiday-programs/

WRITEAWAYWITHME Writing Workshops

http://www.writeawaywithme.com/

ZOO & SANCTUARY Programs

Zoo Adventures Holiday programs

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

http://www.zoo.org.au/education/school-holidays-and-camps

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