



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2014 NO 1

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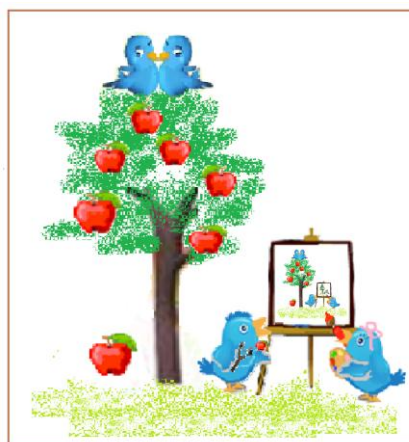
## *Gifted Resources News*

January has flown past and now we are in back to school mode. I have been busy updating my contacts page in the Service Locator and calendar sections of Gifted Resources website.

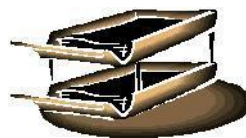
Several of the Gifted Program providers have sent me information about the programs they will be offering in Term 1 for inclusion in this newsletter.

During January I also updated the Columbus Cheetah, Myth Buster series in preparation for webinars and Global GT chat on Twitter with posts on Sprite Site's blog and made a page for them on Gifted Resources website at

<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/columbuscheetah.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](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)

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Mum's Dinner 16 February 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC TWILIGHT SEMINAR Paul Double Running a gifted program in your school 18 February 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

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

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 22 February 2014 - Dr. Mary Bruck (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Parent/Teacher Seminar Fiona Smith and Dr Minh Nguyen-Hoan 3 March 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC TWILIGHT SEMINAR Carmel Meehan 4 March 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 1 Seminar Dr Susan Nikakis 20 March 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

NEW ZEALAND ASSOC FOR GIFTED CHILDREN 2014 Conference - Passion for Learning 21-22 March 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 29 March 2014 - Dr. Monita Leavitt (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 26 April 2014 - Cynthia Z Hansen (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 24 May 2014 - Dr. Bonnie Cramond (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 28 June 2014 - Dr. Jude Matyo-Cepero (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 26 July 2014 - Josh Shaine (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 23 August 2014 - Dr. Brenda George (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 27 September 2014 - Dr Susan Nikakis (Australia) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 25 October 2014 - Rosnick Karen (USA) [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 22 November 2014 - Dr. Gillian I. Eriksson (USA)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : 13 December 2014 - Roya Klingner (Austria)

# 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)

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>**

### Term 1 Seminar

Parents

Dr Susan Nikakis

Thursday 20 March 2014

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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

We are delighted to welcome back Dr Susan Nikakis. Susan is a dynamic speaker who will entertain and enlighten us about creativity and gifted children. Further details about the presentation will follow soon.

Dr Susan Nikakis works at the Catholic Education Office Melbourne as the Senior Gifted Education Programs Officer for the state of Victoria. Her Doctoral thesis was entitled "What makes an expert teacher of the gifted?"

Susan also works with the National Gallery of Victoria as a 'critical friend' in the gifted programs. She develops curriculum for the gifted, presents workshops on differentiating the curriculum for gifted students at both primary and secondary Catholic schools around the state, assisting with pilot projects for gifted clusters as well as lecturing in the Masters of Education course at Melbourne University.

**Cost:** \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Receipt provided. (You may join Gifted Support Network at the Seminar and receive the discounted price.)

**RSVP:** Please text Louise on ☎ 0414 578 806 or email [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org) by Monday 17 March.

## '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 [nicole\\_lawrence@mailcan.com](mailto:nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com) 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](mailto:ijgrant@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)

### **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)

### **CHIP GEELONG**

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

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

### **GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP**

## **Mum's Dinner**

Our next Mum's dinner will be held at Revesby Workers Club on **Sunday 16th February 2014** from 6pm. We will be in the Boronia room at the side of the bistro. (our own private space, so we can chat till the wee hours, no need to move to a new venue).

All Mums are welcome to join us, even if you've never met us or you don't know any of the Mums very well, this is your chance to share/vent/seek advice from others in similar situations.

This month we will have a guest speaker: Cate Stilwell. Cate is a GFSG member and teacher, she has worked with Helen Dudney, Catherine Wormald, Diana Whitton, Katherine Hoekman and many others in the gifted field. She has a COGE and is currently teaching an OC class as well as being G&T coordinator. She is also co-founder of the Montessori Preschool at George's Hall. Cate will tell to us about her triumphs and challenges and we will be able to ask questions. This is a great opportunity for an informal chat.



If you would like to join us please RSVP to [info@gfsg.org.au](mailto:info@gfsg.org.au) with 'Mum's Dinner' in the title. Should you have any queries on the night, please call our events phone on 0423 496 434. If you live within a 15 km radius you will need to be signed in by a member, someone will be in the foyer from 5.45pm-6.00pm.

# Upcoming GFSG Events

## Parent / Teacher Seminar

Fiona Smith and Dr. Minh Nguyen-Hoan  
speaking on:

### Like Minds:

Similarities and Differences  
in intellectual ability in  
Gifted Siblings



Gifted Minds

**Monday March 3rd at 7:00pm**

Revesby Worker's Club (28 Brett St Revesby)

Cost: GFSG members \$20, Teachers \$25 and Non members: \$30

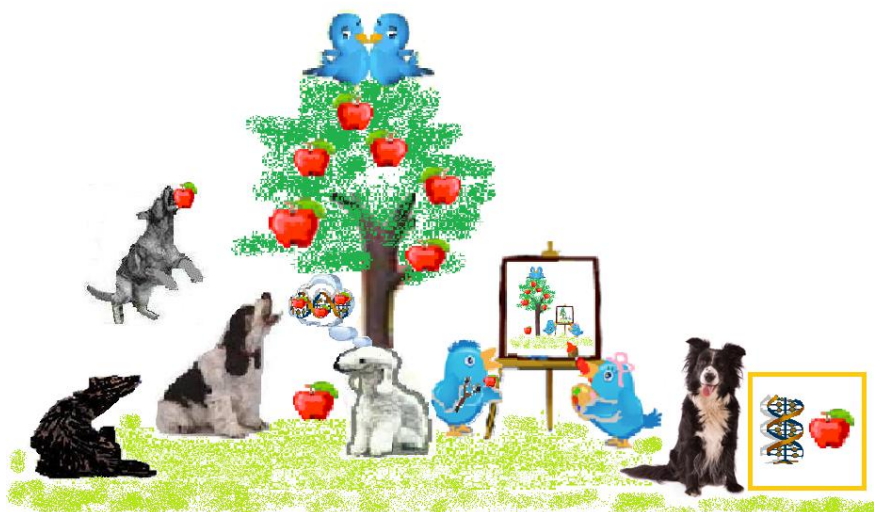
For more information there will be a flyer available for download from our website in late January.

For bookings, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/like-minds-similarities-and-differences-in-intellectual-ability-in-gifted-siblings-tickets-8274052915>

Thought Space  
Issue 6

GFSG now have an excellent email newsletter Thought Space which is freely available. For details see [www.gfsg.org.au](http://www.gfsg.org.au)

They also have a Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/GiftedFamiliesSupportGroupInc](http://www.facebook.com/GiftedFamiliesSupportGroupInc)



## WISE ONES BENDIGO AND CASTLEMAINE AREA

The WiseOnes program for fast learners is now available as a support to schools, students and families in the Bendigo area. Dr Karen Ward, a local artist and educator, has taken on a Licence to introduce and offer the program in Bendigo and Castlemaine. We have made an initial visit to several schools indicating that they can now offer students a cost neutral, no fuss, gifted program that has been operating in Melbourne for 16 years.

The WiseOnes program is based on research in gifted education, is multidisciplinary, fast paced, more complex and different. It challenge thinking, it provides a place for like minds to meet and big ideas to flourish. This type of program has been shown as second only to acceleration as a statistically effective provision for the gifted child. Children from Year 1 to 8 can have appropriate learning opportunities in a fast group where they feel at home.

All children are assessed, at no fee, with recognized tests for potential, not necessarily achievement, since a few have a disability as well as advanced ability and some have learned to underachieve or hide for peer acceptance. Some are hard to recognize without testing. They are the most in need of such a program. Parents are the most successful at identifying the potential of gifted children.

Contact [karenwardartist@gmail.com](mailto:karenwardartist@gmail.com) for more information.

## FROM MARK COLLARD

Hello Jo,  
How are you, I hope you've had a great year, and enjoyed a bit of break over Xmas.  
I figure you are putting together an Info Pack for 2014.  
My online resource of group games and activities continues to grow and grow, with 240+ activities featured within the database now. I would be happy to add a link to [playmeo.com](http://playmeo.com) in your 2014 Info Pack if you see this is valuable to your various members. You may wish to highlight the ability to create a Free account which will give them unlimited access to all of the designated free activities. As for flyers, I still don't produce any, so a link to [playmeo.com](http://playmeo.com) would be the best option for you. Thanks for your support. I wish you all the best for the New Year.

Cheers, Mark Collard

The logo for playmeo, featuring the word "playmeo" in a stylized, rounded, green font.

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## GIFTED RESOURCES INFORMATION PACK

Gifted Resources is an Information Services for parents, teachers and service providers for gifted people regardless of their educational setting. See the website at [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) to get an idea of the sort of information provided.

For many years I have been compiling the Gifted Resources Info Pack.

It is a collection of brochures, pamphlets, articles and business cards from psychologists, education consultants, parent support groups and extension programs and information about conferences and events relating to giftedness and to gifted and twice exceptional students.

The contents of the pack vary from time to time to reflect the currency and availability of the information.

Inclusion of material in the pack does not necessarily imply that Gifted Resources endorses the service or its suitability to meet the readers' particular needs.

The most recent pack contained A4 sheets, A5 items, tri-fold brochures, business cards, bookmarks, fridge magnets and samples of software.

It is now time to compile a new set of Information Packs for 2014.

Please could you be so kind as to send 20-50 of your most current brochures, flyers, catalogues, price lists business cards etc. for inclusion in Information Packs and to be collected by visitors.

Also if you have your information in digital or website form, please could you email me the details or the website address to the email address?

There is no charge for inclusion of your materials in the information pack.



Born to Soar is an online learning environment for gifted and highly able children. Experienced teachers Carolyn Giles and Sharyne Rankine share the leadership and write all the courses. Carolyn is an award winning specialist teacher who works part time in a school and as an educational consultant for gifted students. Sharyne's experience is most recently in leadership as a Head and Deputy Principal in two independent schools. We both passionately believe that every child's natural gifts and talents should be nurtured and created Born to Soar to meet the needs of children who need to be challenged to achieve their potential.

The premise behind Born to Soar is simple. We have written courses that cover a range of disciplines and are predicated to the Australian Curriculum. They generally last for 4 weeks. Parents can enrol their child to work from home, or schools can select 5 highly able (often cross aged) students. It's as easy as choosing a course, enrolling and joining the class of like-minded learners. The teacher is able to be seen via video link in real time which enables her to guide and direct the class. Once a course is chosen the teacher meets twice a week with home students, and once per week for school based programs.

Sharyne Rankine

Director

Born to Soar Pty Ltd

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# ANNOUNCING: A MAJOR CONFERENCE

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## ASYNCHRONOUS DEVELOPMENT: Understanding the Implications for Gifted Children at School, in the Home, and across the Lifespan

### FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2014 ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

A conference for teachers, program administrators, guidance counselors, psychologists, parents, and mentors



**Presenters Include:**



Shodagh Gallagher	Ellen D. Fiedler
Linda Silverman	Kathie Kourney
Stephanie S. Tolun	Michelle Kase
Michael Richowski	Barbara Mitchell Moton
Patricia Gatto-Wallen	Christine Neville

**Topics Include:**

- Educating asynchronous gifted children in the age of the Common Core
- Dealing with asynchronous gifted children in the regular classroom
- The social/emotional implications of asynchrony for highly gifted children
- The special life of the family with asynchronous children
- Homeschooling highly gifted asynchronous children

Early Registration: \$125.00  
After 15 January 2014: \$175.00

You can register online at [offc.com/asynchronousconference](http://offc.com/asynchronousconference).

## 2E Newsletter <http://www.2enewsletter.com/>

I often learn of valuable articles and links via Mark Bade's 2E Newsletter and he finds items included in Gifted Resources newsletter of interest.

This was in his From Other Newsletters section last month

GIFTED RESOURCE NEWS has a number of items of interest this month. Jo Freitag lists a variety of upcoming events of potential interest to those who raise and teach twice-exceptional children. Her "Interesting Websites" section contains links to sites such as "iPads for Learning," "Crushing Tall Poppies" (on gifted advocacy), and The Gifted Exchange (a counter-argument to Jay Matthews' recent column on gifted ed). Much of the content of the newsletter is Australia-centric, but that's okay; in fact, our favorite piece in the newsletter was a notice about the Summer Holiday Outing to be held at a New South Wales beach on January 8th by the Gifted Families Support Group, urging attendees to bring sunscreen. (The weather forecast for the Chicago area for that Wednesday was a high of 16 degrees Fahrenheit, coming off a low of minus 9.) [Find Gifted Resources Newsletter.](#)



## 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.

## Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Gifted Education

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/Pages/gifted.aspx>

SEAL Schools

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/teachingresources/diversity/Pages/giftedprogram.aspx>

Making a difference for young gifted and talented children

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/learning/Pages/gtmakedifference.aspx>



**2014 OZeLIVE – ED TECH DOWN UNDER**

**22-23 February 2014**

We're in the final stage for launching our Australia time-zone friendly educational technology virtual conference. We, the team from **Australia e-Series** in collaboration with **The Learning Revolution**, are very excited about our first conference in 2014.

**Call for proposals now open!**

We invite you to join our network and consider participating and/or presenting on any of the strands for this event.

We've streamlined the proposal submission process for you and look forward to receiving them in our Ning Network site. All presentations will be scheduled in Blackboard Collaborate virtual classrooms and moderated by volunteers. The 45 minute sessions will be recorded and converted to MP4 format, then made available in our **OZeLive You Tube channel**.

Backchannelling and promotions will appear in Twitter under #ozelive and we will keep you informed through Social Media such as Google+, Facebook and LinkedIn.

More information and networking in the OZeLive site

**<http://australianeducators.ning.com/home>**

We're seeking keynotes, presenters and volunteers now! Proposals can be submitted in the OZeLive site now.

**Strands include:**

Web 3.0 / social media

Educator 3.0\* eLearning/ Blended learning/ LMS\* Networking

Collaborative learning / learning theory / pedagogy

Use of technology in the classroom/learning environment

PLEs / PLNs/PLCs

ICT\* M Learning / Mobile

Global Classrooms

Open Education / Augmented Reality

**<http://australianeducators.ning.com/home>**



## Thinking Outside The Box Programs Programs for Term 1, 2014

For more information contact Penny Willoughby:  
0418 520023, 9752 6523 or [penny.willoughby@mac.com](mailto:penny.willoughby@mac.com)  
[www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

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### General Information

#### **Introduction to 'Thinking Outside The Box' Programs**

*Thinking Outside The Box* programs are developed by Penny Willoughby, who is an experienced teacher specialising in gifted & talented children. Penny has proven success in extending high ability children and has developed a suite of varied and stimulating programs. Children are challenged to work beyond their usual level and are likely to be surprised by what they achieve. Participants in the programs will develop more rigorous thinking habits and practise creative problem solving.

*Thinking Outside The Box* programs have been developed through discussions with educators and parents. They aim to:

- Provide quality programs for highly able children in Grades Prep to 6, at an affordable cost to parents.
- Allow highly able children to learn in small classes of like-minded peers.
- Support parents of highly able children by providing expert advice and information.

*Thinking Outside The Box* programs are for children who have been identified as having high ability. They are available to students from a range of local schools. The goals of the programs are to:

- Develop deeper thinking habits and strategies.
- Learn and practise a range of problem-solving skills.
- Develop reflective skills and encourage students to challenge themselves in any learning environment.
- Build children's confidence in their abilities and increase their expectations about what they can achieve.
- Encourage each child to develop and pursue personal interests and passions.

These programs have the potential to be of great value to participants. They offer a unique opportunity and are in high demand. For more information about *Thinking Outside The Box* programs, visit the website at: [www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

#### **How to know if your child is suitable**

Any child who loves learning and shows high aptitude in the subject matter may be suitable for the program. You can discuss your child's suitability for a particular program with their teacher or by calling Penny Willoughby on the numbers at the top of the page. Assessments of children's aptitude (numerical, verbal reasoning or abstract reasoning) are available by arrangement with Penny.

#### **How to register**

1. **Select** the program you would like your child to attend. (Please consult with your child's teacher if desired.)
2. **To register:**
  - Call Penny Willoughby on 0418 520 023 or 03 9752 6523
  - OR send the completed Registration Form to:
    - [penny.willoughby@mac.com](mailto:penny.willoughby@mac.com)
    - Thinking Outside The Box, P.O. Box 1389, Upwey, Victoria, 3158.
3. **Payment** should be made **at the time of registration**; Instructions are on the Registration Form. Your child's place will be held for one week from receipt of registration pending receipt of your payment.

Places in the programs are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum and maximum class numbers apply.

#### **Guarantee**

We are so confident in the quality of *Thinking Outside The Box* Programs that we offer a refund if you are not satisfied.

**Early bird registrations due:**  
**Regular registrations due:**

**Monday, December 16, 2013**  
**Friday, January 31, 2014**



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[www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

### Host schools

- Upwey Primary, 15 Darling Avenue, Upwey 3158. Tel: 9754 2369 Principal: Mr Malcolm Aspinall
- Scoresby Primary, 11 Ingrid St, Scoresby, 3179. Tel: 9763 7484 Assistant Principal: Mrs Chris McEvoy

### Transport to and from classes

Parents will need to arrange transport for their child to and from classes. You may wish to coordinate with other nearby parents to share transport. Please contact us if you would like to be put in contact with other parents to organise shared transport.

### Important notes

- Registrations received after a program is full will be placed on a waiting list and notified if a place becomes available.
- Full payment must be made within one week of registering unless special arrangements have been made.
- If you withdraw your child less than two weeks before the program commences an administration fee of 20% may apply.
- A minimum number of enrolments may be required for each program to go ahead. If there are insufficient enrolments, the program may be cancelled and you will be offered a place on another program (if there is a vacancy), or your payment will be refunded in full.

## Program Information

### Grades 1 & 2

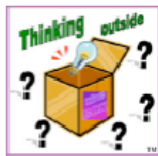
<b>Defeat the Maths Monster (Maths)</b> <span style="float: right;">Teacher: Rhonda Ooi</span> What would it be like if the Maths Monster was EVERYWHERE? If the only way to keep the Maths Monster away was to make up and answer heaps of maths questions? You might make up questions like: How long does it take to get ready for school if it takes 10 minutes to get dressed, 15 for breakfast and 5 to brush your teeth? And how many cars do you see on the way to school if you see 7 red ones, 4 blue ones and 9 white ones? OH, NO! What if one of them is a truck? Then if the teacher puts everyone into 5 groups of 4, how many children are there? What if two children are away? How many groups could you have then? If the answer to a question is '6 ice-creams', what could the question be?	
When you come to this program you will help to defeat the Maths Monster. The only way is to make up and answer as many maths questions as you can. There'll be a new theme each week. After a while the Maths Monster will begin to get tired. Can you help defeat him before the end of the term? Let's hope so!	
<b>Venue: Scoresby PS</b> Times: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Includes a 30 minute break) Day: Fridays (7 weeks) Dates: 14, 21, 28 February, 7, 14, 21, 28 March <b>Early bird registration by 16 December 2013: \$ 311</b> Regular registration by 31 January 2014: \$ 346 <small>* All prices include GST</small>	<b>Venue: Upwey PS</b> Times: 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm Day: Tuesdays (7 weeks) Dates: 18, 25 February, 4, 11, 18, 25 March, 1 April <b>Early bird registration by 16 December 2013: \$ 311</b> Regular registration by 31 January 2014: \$ 346 <small>* All prices include GST</small>

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[www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au](http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au)

### Grades 3 & 4

#### Maths Tricksters' Club (Maths)

Teacher: Rhonda Ooi

Come and join the Maths Tricksters' Club to experiment with maths tricks. Each week you will be presented with new tricks and puzzles. Can you solve them? How do they work? Can you change the trick somehow to make a new trick? Try your new trick with family, friends or classmates. They'll be amazed!

This program will appeal to you if you love playing with Maths and would like to know more about how our number system works. Sometimes you'll work by yourself and other times with a small group. This program will help you to understand Maths even better than you do now.

#### Venue: Scoresby PS

Times: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (Includes a 30 minute break)

Day: Thursdays (7 weeks)

Dates: 20, 27 February, 6, 13, 20, 27 March, 3 April

**Early bird registration by 16 December 2013: \$ 373**

Regular registration by 31 January 2014: \$ 415

\* All prices include GST

#### Venue: Upwey PS

Times: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (Includes a 30 minute break)

Day: Tuesdays (7 weeks)

Dates: 18, 25 February, 4, 11, 18, 25 March, 1 April

**Early bird registration by 16 December 2013: \$ 373**

Regular registration by 31 January 2014: \$ 415

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### Grades 5 & 6

#### Herlock Shoams' School of Mathematical Deduction (Maths)

Teacher: Rhonda Ooi

Do you love Maths and think you have what it takes to succeed at the School of Mathematical Deduction? The school is run by the famous mathematics detective, Herlock Shoams, who can solve any mathematics problem by using one of his Nine Reliable Rules for Solving Impossible Problems. In this program you will attend Herlock Shoams' famous school. Every week you will be presented with a new 'impossible' mathematics problem to solve. You will learn how to use Herlock's Nine Reliable Rules to solve these problems.

Sometimes you'll work by yourself and other times with your classmates. You'll use what you already know about Maths and improve your problem-solving skills. You'll be amazed by the number of solutions you come up with!

#### Venue: Upwey PS

Times: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (Includes a 30 minute break)

Day: Wednesdays (7 weeks)

Dates: 19, 26 February, 5, 12, 19, 26 March, 2 April

**Early bird registration by 16 December 2013: \$ 373**

Regular registration by 31 January 2014: \$ 415

\* All prices include GST

**Early bird registrations due:**

**Monday, December 16, 2013**

**Regular registrations due:**

**Friday, January 31, 2014**

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS PROGRAMS TERM 1 2014**

Welcome back to a new school year. G.A.T.E.WAYS is looking forward to providing some great program opportunities for our young gifted and talented children.

By the end of the term G.A.T.E.WAYS will have a new website and will introduce online enrolments and payments.

### **The Brainwaves Clubs – ENROLLING NOW**

The Brainwaves Club operates at venues in Brighton, Ivanhoe and Taylors Lakes. Children take out a semester (8 club meetings) or annual membership (16 club meetings), and meet on a fortnightly basis on a Saturday afternoon. The first club meeting is on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The following clubs are offered and parents can enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS:

Club	Year Level	Club Focus
DinoMites	1	Cross curricular
Apprentices	2/3	Books/writing
SciSpies	2/3	science/math/technology
Tolkiens	4/5/6	Books/writing
Einsteins	4/5/6	science/math/technology
CyberKids	5/6	Computer technology – Overnewton branch only

### **Journeys**

These 10 hour / 4 session programs are run in host schools during school time throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area. In Term 1, programs for children from Year 1-6 will be offered at:

St Thomas the Apostle PS, North Greensborough; Footscray City PS; Fitzroy PS; Gladesville PS in Kilsyth; Donvale PS; Chirnside Park PS and Mentone Park PS.

Participation in these programs is by teacher selection.

### **On Locations**

In recognition that much learning takes place out of the regular classroom, G.A.T.E.WAYS has partnered with many organisations to devise and run one and two days programs in various locations. In Term 1, On Location programs for Years 3-6 will be offered at:

The Australian Synchrotron; Art Centre Melbourne's Digital Learning Hub; The Australian Centre For the Moving Image; The National Gallery of Victoria and Werribee Zoo.

Participation in these programs is by teacher selection.



### The Eureka Program

This two-day day program, (one day for lower primary and one day for upper primary), runs throughout Term 1 throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area and interstate.

The following schools will host the program:

Mentone Park PS, Tintern Schools; St Clement's PS in Bulleen; Brunswick South West PS and Mountain Gate PS

The theme for Term 1 is 'Great Questions in Science'. Children participate in 3 related workshops over the course of the day.

Participation in these programs is by teacher selection.

### So You Want To Be a Leader

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS will run the very popular series of upper primary leadership days over the course of 2014. The first program will run on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at City Cite, Level 12, 474 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

Parents can enrol their children in these programs directly.

For detailed information on all of these programs see [www.gateways.edu.au](http://www.gateways.edu.au)

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## FROM ANNE JACKSON AT KIDS LIKE US

It is really exciting – after months of saying we need a property we have one!!

Kids Like Us Australia Ltd will commence operation from 21 Bay Road, Sandringham from 7.00 am on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014. All appointments, teaching, counselling, groups, art therapy, playgroup etc. will now run out of the Bay Road building – NO WHERE else!

You will be informed the days/times of your individual appointments tomorrow (if you have already contacted us about 2014) but I just wanted to share this news with you. Look for the banners in the windows, come and check us out .....

Many thanks to Catherine for her unfailing support and organisation abilities, I couldn't have done this past year and found such a wonderful 'hub' without her. The dreams of KLU are coming true.....annej

*"The students we work with need to be counselled, parented and taught differently"*

### **Anne Jackson**

Counsellor, advocate and teacher

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**Bright Sparks Play Group  
For Gifted children  
@  
Kids Like Us**

We are excited to announce that the Bright Sparks playgroup will be starting next week in our new Sandringham premises.

Does your child:

- \* ask questions you can't answer?
- \* have an amazing memory?
- \* have an advanced vocabulary for their age?
- \* have an intense curiosity about the world around them?
- \* love books and reading?
- \* have great problem solving skills?
- \* enjoy pulling apart appliances and machines to see how they work?

If you answered yes to four or more of these questions come along and join Bright Sparks in Sandringham on Thursday mornings from 10am - 12pm for a fun and stimulating playgroup.

Age: 2 ½ - 5 years old

Fee: \$160 (term 1)

Maximum 8 children

Kids Like Us is a social enterprise that works with and supports twice exceptional children to help them reach their potential.

To find out more information please contact Catherine on 0430817659 or [catherine@kidslikus.org.au](mailto:catherine@kidslikus.org.au)

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21 Bay Road, 3191, VIC

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# 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (6 weeks)  
9.00 am – 12.30 pm

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

Contact: Helena Laverie Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204  
[helena.laverie@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:helena.laverie@anglicarevic.org.au)



# Talking Teens

Do you wonder why they aren't listening to you or how to deal with their anger?

Do you want to maintain a connection with them?

How do we talk so they will listen?

Take some time out for parents

This is an opportunity to call in, ask questions, meet other parents and share ideas that work!

**Who:** Dads, mums & carers of teenagers 12 -18 years

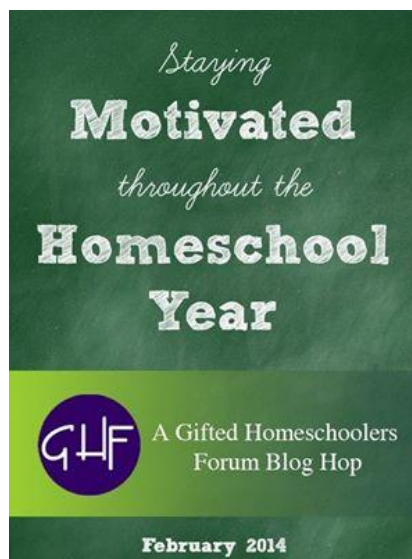
**When:** TBA

**Where:** Heatherwood School, 370 Springvale Road, Donvale, Ringwood

**Cost:** Free (bookings essential)

**Contact:** Julia at Parentzone on 9735 6190

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES



Gifted Homeschoolers Forum first Blog Hop for 2014 starts on 17 February  
<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/>

Conscious parenting and natural learning conference  
15-18 February 2014  
<http://www.consciousparentingnaturallearning.net.au/>

Deborah Ruf What to do next series  
<http://www.talentigniter.com/series/TalentIgniterSeries1-WeKnowOurChildIQ.pdf>  
<http://www.talentigniter.com/series/TalentIgniterSeries2-TheOtherAchievementGap.pdf>

Gifted Adults

Gifted for life  
<http://giftedforlife.com/contact/>

SENG Fostering adult giftedness  
<http://www.sengifted.org/archives/articles/fostering-adult-giftedness-acknowledging-and-addressing-affective-needs-of-gifted-adults>

Authentic life  
[http://www.authenticlifecounselling.com/gifted\\_adults.html](http://www.authenticlifecounselling.com/gifted_adults.html)

Gifted Adults Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/535312539819834/>

Gifted Adult Network  
<http://giftedadultnetwork.com/>

Personalized learning  
<http://americanradioworks.publicradio.org/features/personalized-learning/>

Five things parents of 2e kids want teachers to know  
[http://maternallychallenged.typepad.com/maternally\\_challenged/2012/10/five-things-parents-of-2e-kids-want-teachers-to-know.html](http://maternallychallenged.typepad.com/maternally_challenged/2012/10/five-things-parents-of-2e-kids-want-teachers-to-know.html)

Derrin Cramer  
<http://derrin-thebrightside.blogspot.com.au/2013/01/welcome-to-wonderful-and-challenging.html>

Gifted and arrogant: What does "Sherlock" reveal about giftedness?  
<http://giftedchallenges.blogspot.com.au/2014/01/gifted-and-arrogant-what-does-sherlock.html>

A study in hope BBC Sherlock, parents & gifted/2e kids  
<http://redwhiteandgrew.com/2014/01/29/a-study-in-hope-bbc-sherlock-parents-gifted-kids/>

What about Watson? BBC Sherlock, parents and raising an emotionally intelligent child  
<http://redwhiteandgrew.com/2014/01/31/what-about-watson-bbc-sherlock-parents-and-raising-an-emotionally-intelligent-child/>

Gifted challenges blogspot  
<http://www.giftedchallenges.blogspot.com.au/>

Monsters University as a parable for Gifted Education  
<http://parentingtheory.wordpress.com/2014/01/03/monsters-university-as-a-parable-of-gifted-education/>

On a beam of light  
<http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2013/12/30/on-a-beam-of-light-albert-einstein-radunsky/>

Inkscape  
<http://www.inkscape.org/en/>

Moving man  
<http://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/moving-man>

Krissy Venosdale 6 fantastic finds in fonts  
<http://venspired.com/?p=6052>

The art of Andres Amador  
<http://www.andresamadorarts.com/>



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<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-c1-autismland-20131222-dto,0,7512437.htmlstory#axzz2qU1sbRP8>

VCE Extended Investigations

<http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/vce/extendedinvestigation/ExtendedInvestigationSD.pdf>

Intersectionality – a fun guide by Miriam Dobson

<http://miriamdobson.wordpress.com/2013/04/24/intersectionality-a-fun-guide/>

The Elephant in the Room Diversity Trainings

<http://theelephantintheroomdiversitytrainings.org/>

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