



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2014 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News



Ah, November! It is the month when men grow moustaches for Movember, ladies bring out their best hats for the Spring racing carnival days and some brave souls attempt to write a complete novel in the month with NaNoWriMo.

I will not be doing any of those things but November will still be a busy month with summing up of the past year, preparations for Christmas and planning for 2015.

I have already written the Gifted Resources Activity Report for 2014 and you can read it in this newsletter along with news of coming events and links to interesting blogs and websites.





If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

11th INTERNATIONAL DABROWSKI CONGRESS Canmore, Alberta, Canada 24- 26 July 2014
[WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Parenting course 13-14 September 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

OFF THE CHARTS! Columbus Group Symposium New Zealand 13 - 14 April, 2015



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 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 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

jjgrant@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

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12

Future events for details see http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

Parent Seminar: Gifted and Talented Children in the West - 19 November

Please consider attending the inaugural gifted information evening in Williamstown. Guest speakers include Dr S. Nikakis and Mr A. Dorrissa, gifted education specialists from the Catholic Education Office Melbourne, and Mr J. Sheedy, Principal, St Mary's Williamstown. In addition to the seminar, consideration will be given to the creation of a Western Chapter of Gifted Support Network.

7:30 - 9:00pm, Wednesday, 19 November (free entry)

St Mary's Primary School Hall

118 Cecil Street, Williamstown

RSVP/questions to Simon by email: williparentnight@yahoo.com

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)

<http://gfsg.org.au/>

For coming events and activities see

<http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471>

Parent/Teacher Seminar



Olivia Jackson presenting on:

Executive Functioning and Sensory Processing

Olivia gained the qualifications BAppSc(OT) and MHthSc(OT) through The University of Sydney, and has worked as a paediatric Occupational Therapist for the past 25 years. She has experience in both Community Health and Disability Services, and has managed her own private practice for the past 10 years. In addition to face-to-face clinical work Olivia is also currently contracted by Sydney CEO to provide professional development and up-skilling to school staff in the Catholic Education system. In this role, and throughout her career, Olivia has presented many education sessions to parent groups, education staff (both school and early childhood) and other health professional groups, including Psychologists. Olivia has experience in a broad range of areas including deficits of executive functioning, and has a special interest in self regulation and sensory processing and the impact difficulties in these areas can have on everyday performance. Her focus is on the functional and practical, working in line with evidence based practice to achieve maximum benefits for each individual.

Olivia's presentation for GFSG Inc. will focus on both executive functioning and sensory processing, and will include information regarding definitions of both terms, means of diagnosis/identification, and strategies for management and support, all in a gifted context. It promises to be a very interesting and informative night - please save the date:

Monday 3rd November, 7:00-9:00pm

Venue to be advised. Cost: GFSG members \$20, teachers \$25 and other non-members \$30

For booking information closer to the time keep an eye on our website and facebook page.

GROUP FOR FAMILIES HOMESCHOOLING GIFTED AND 2E

"Hi I'm Kathleen, and I'm creating a group for home educators of gifted and twice exceptional (gifted + disability) kids in Melbourne. A place where families can meet up and talk, swap ideas and learn information about gifted/2e kids and home education. A place where our kids can play and get to know other gifted/2e kids who are also home educating.

If you are thinking about home educating your gifted/2e child, you are welcome to come too!

Contact me at yellow.readis@gmail.com or phone on 0411 019 555"

VAGTC

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>

Annual General Meeting - POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER 18TH

Sep 18th, 2014

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the VAGTC AGM will NOW be held on Tuesday **NOVEMBER 18TH at Camberwell Grammar School at 6pm**. All Welcome.

Nominations for elected positions to be received by **Tuesday 11th November, 2014**.

Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Thu 21 - 22 May 2015

The VAGTC is proud to host a two day conference for educators entitled " Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice."

The VAGTC Conference will be held on Thursday 21st May - Friday 22nd May.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS END 31ST DECEMBER 2014

Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm
Venue: CQ Function Centre
Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Tools for Parenting the Gifted Child...Ask the Experts

21 May 2015

Whether you are the parent of a pre-schooler, or a primary or secondary aged gifted child this parent session will be ideal for you.

Come along armed with all the questions you ever wanted to ask!

This moderated session will include a panel of experienced educators from Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary settings, plus an Educational Psychologist.

This session will give parents the opportunity to explore some common themes and issues in gifted education.

Time: 11.00am - 12.45pm
Venue: CQ Function Centre - 113 Queen Street, Melbourne
Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au



GIFTED RESOURCES ACTIVITY REPORT 2014

During 2014 Jo Freitag /Gifted Resources has:

Continued to undertake project work with Borderlands <http://www.borderlands.org.au/>

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

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

Maintained the Gifted Resources library, updated the catalogue and circulated library books by post. Updated the Gifted Resources Information Packs.

Provided information and resources for teachers and parents during personal consultations, by phone, using Skype or Blackboard Collaborate webinars and by email

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

Presented on Jo Hart's Edublogs Fine Focus Columbus Cheetah Myth buster in January and February 2014

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2014/02/11/edublogs-webinar-overviews-janfeb-2014/>

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2014/03/02/edublogs-webinar-overviews-feb-2014/>

Presented at the first OZeLive online conference 22-23 February 2014

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/02/28/ozelive-reflections-2/>

Was a guest expert on Twitter #gtchat On 1 March 2014

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/04/05/guest-on-twitter-gtchat/>

Presented at the Community Connect webinar 27 March 2014

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/03/28/community-connect-webinar/>

Presented on a Q& A panel to a group of teachers and designed a page One Page to Tell to summarise important issues

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/04/28/one-page-to-tell/>

Presented at Jo Hart's Edublogs Fine Focus (14/15 May 2014) – "One page to tell about giftedness"

Participated in RSCON 5 in July 2014

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/08/07/rscon-5-july-2014/>

Provided resources and prayer support for mentors from All Saints Rosebud with St. Katherine's McCrae <http://www.rosebudmccrae.melbourneanglican.org.au/> serving in the Kids Hope Aus program <http://www.kidshopeaus.org.au/>

Was invited to exhibit at Gifted Networking Expo but was not able to attend

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/09/16/featured-flyer-2/>

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/10/12/persona-dolls/>
<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/13/could-sprite-be-a-persona-doll/>
<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/30/sprite-as-a-persona-doll/>

<http://www.txgifted.org/gtchat>
<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/>

Participated in Australia eSeries webinars <https://australiaseries.wordpress.com/>

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/>

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hops.htm

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/brilliantchaosonline/doc/253263591368971/>

Participated in 52 Illustrations Challenge Group on Facebook

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/52illustrations.htm>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1463633423897107/>

Posted a daily My Sky Twitter Bird picture <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/mysky.htm>





International Gifted Conference

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

Brisbane, Australia March, 2015.

QAGTC, in association with AAEGT and IRATDE are please to announce a combined conference held in Brisbane, Australia next March, 2015.

Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc

Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented

International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence

Conference call for papers

*The conference committee would like to extend an invitation to all interested researchers, educators and practitioners to submit a conference abstract, around the theme of **"Illuminating the Spectrum of Giftedness and Talent Development"** for consideration.*

The conference will have a special focus on the spectrum of different types of giftedness (e.g. intellectual, creative, artistic, social and emotional, and physical and perceptual giftedness) and the range of different approaches to gifted education and talent development.

We will be hosting researchers, teachers, school leaders and administrators, a variety of practitioners, parents, and students from diverse backgrounds and countries.

We look forward to the opportunity of adding your voice to this important international event in 2015

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



International Conference : 19th - 21st March, 2015

*Illuminating
the Spectrum of
Giftedness and Talent Development*

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
South Bank, Brisbane, Australia

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In this issue:

**1) Extension to abstract submission deadline to accommodate
northern hemisphere timelines. NEW DEADLINE: 20th November, 2014**

International Mathematics Education Conference Catania 2015

The 12th International Conference of the Mathematics Education for the Future Project in Montenegro, Sep 2014, was attended by 174 people from 29 countries. The next conference will be held near Catania, Sicily, from Sep 16-21, 2015 at a beautiful hotel next to the sea. The conference title, *Mathematics Education in a Connected World*, continues our search for innovative ways in which mathematics, science, computing and statistics education can succeed in our increasingly connected world. Our twelve previous conferences since 1999 were renowned for their friendly and productive atmosphere, and attracted many *movers and shakers* from around the world.

We now call for papers and workshops (which can be peer reviewed) with the possibility of future publication in a book or journal. Please email Alan Rogerson at alan@cdnalma.poznan.pl for all details and updates.

Dr. Alan Rogerson
D.Phil (Oxon), M.Sc., B.Sc., B.A. (Lon), Dip.Ed. Cert. Ed. (Cantab).
Chairman of the International Program Committee
Co-ordinator of the Mathematics Education for the Future Project

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

(see eligibility criteria below)

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Eastern Region of Victoria.

More than 1200 families have participated in Aspect's Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

Where:	Upwey Community Hall, Sherbrooke Family & Children's Centre 1443 Burwood Highway, Upwey VIC
When:	Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th November 2014
Time:	9:30am - 2:30pm (9:15am for Registration)
Cost:	FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)
Registration:	Register online at http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops <i>You may search for this specific workshop location by entering the location into the "Search Keyword" field</i>

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:

- » Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- » The individual with ASD must be living at home
- » Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:

- » Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- » Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- » Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child's behaviours
- » Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- » Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child's independence and quality of life

Enquiries:

Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope – Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

"Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child's, my own and my family's quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others."

"Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on."
"Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much."

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) ABN 12 000 637 267

Aspect Victoria Suite 2B, Level 2, 12 Hall Street Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 | P O Box 1115 Moonee Ponds VIC 3039 | T 03 9377 6600 W www.autismspectrum.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's largest not for profit autism specific service provider.

Established in 1966, Aspect provides a wide range of services and support. In 2010 Aspect commenced operation in Victoria.

Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a range of positive behaviour support programs across Victoria.

Keynotes

- Dr. Jonathan Plucker (USA): Critical Issues and Practices in Gifted Education: What the Research Says
- Dr. Ann Robinson (USA): Best Practices in Gifted Education: An Evidence-Based Guide
- Dr. Leonie Kronborg (Australia): Teaching Teachers to Teach the Gifted
- Dr. Sylvia Rinim (USA): From Underachievement to Wondrous Achievement
- Dr. Margaret Sutherland (Scotland): A collaborative approach to building the bridges between research and practice
- Professor Eunice Alencar (Brazil): Theory and Practice of Creativity Measurement
- Professor Ching-Chih Kuo (Taiwan): Gifted brains: Studies of gender differences
- Dr. Shirley Kokot (South Africa), legacy keynote speaker: Planting a garden: A historical overview of experiences both in WCGTE and starting a South African school for gifted children

"To be of use to the world is the only way to be happy!"
- Hans Christian Andersen

Welcome to Odense

It is with great pleasure that we welcome The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children World Conference in 2015. We consider our city to be one of the centers in Denmark when it comes to knowledge and education, and we support these in every way we can.

Odense has a bit of everything: City life and diversity, but also a charming atmosphere and many green sites right in the middle of the city. The river flowing through the city connects the parts and offers unique opportunities to combine city life with relaxation in beautiful green spaces.

See you in Odense!
- Anker B. Øye, Mayor of Odense



Important Dates

Registration opens September 2014
Early registration closes April 30th 2015
Regular registration closes July 31st 2015
Late On-Site August 1st -
to Conference opening August 10th 2015
Abstract submission opens September 2014
Abstract submission closes on March 19th, 2015



www.worldgifted2015.com



21st World Conference Educating Gifted and Talented Children - Turning Research Into Practice



10-14 August 2015
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark



World Council for Gifted and Talented Children
www.worldgifted2015.com



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children is excitedly looking forward to meeting up with all our members and new attendees in Odense, Denmark in 2015. At the 21st WCGTE Biennial Conference, we can assure you that we will have a truly global representation in our Keynote line-up. We will also be paying homage to our past with a Keynote from our legacy speaker.

We invite you to explore a diversity of viewpoints, research and practices from around the globe. The theme - Turning research into practice - will be a very useful thread and will run through the conference. The town of Odense will prove to be a truly magical venue and place to visit, especially in August. August is the month of festivals: The Flower Festival, The Smørsteds Festival, The Hans Christian Andersen Festival and last but not least, the Harry Potter Festival!

This conference will provide a programme with the highest calibre of presenters bringing together leaders in Gifted Education. These leaders will share their knowledge, expertise and practices from many cultures and countries. These leaders will include researchers, educators, practitioners, psychologists, and parents among others.

I would like to thank our Danish Conference Team for all their on-going hard work as well as the Executive Committee that has been a constant support throughout the development of the conference. I would also like to invite you to encourage those you know as well as yourself to attend as it is going to be a good one. Hoping to see you all in Odense, Denmark 2015!

Leslie S. Graves
WCGTE President



www.world-gifted.org



The House of Hans Christian Andersen

Focus of the World Conference

With the group of researchers and practitioners in the area of gifted and talented education being relatively small, the need to come together on a global scale is essential.

This is why as the focus of this international conference, we suggest working together in transforming knowledge from research into practical tools for teachers and other educators to use on an everyday basis. We will urge all participants to take part in this collaboration and networking in order for the gifted area to advance. We might even agree on a joint research project to be carried out on a global scale.

By facilitating a conference where we not only share information but process it through collaboration and cross-border networking, we have the potential to both increase the effectiveness of and validate previously isolated research efforts, whilst also forging a much more tight-knit international community. This community is something we refer to as the "Global Village". Through it, we hope to reach a networking milestone from which we may continue to fully utilize both our intellectual and creative potential, ultimately securing a better future for gifted and talented children everywhere.

The Strands Are:

- Turning research into practice
- Identifying the gifted and identifying the talented
 - Educating and extending gifted learners
 - Developing talents in the home, classroom and beyond
 - Research on the gifted
 - Conceptual frameworks for teaching the gifted
 - Curriculum for the gifted
 - Digital and Technological Applications and Practices in Gifted Education

Giving gifted and talented children a voice

- Advocacy for gifted students
- Partnerships to enhance educating the gifted
- Creativity and social-emotional development
- Creativity in mathematics
- Values education for the gifted
- Twice-exceptional gifted learners

On-site collaboration

- Study groups
- Networking dinner groups

Online collaboration

- Setting the stage for future sharing of information
- E-networking
- E-learning options

We encourage you to submit a proposal that fits one of these strands at www.worldgifted2015.com





G.A.T.E.WAYS DECEMBER 'FESTIVALS OF WORKSHOPS'

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS will finish the school year with two festivals full of fun and challenge. A large range of workshops across the curriculum will be offered.

The *Prep Festival of Workshops* will be hosted by Firbank Girls' Grammar School in Brighton on Thursday 11 December and Friday 12 December.

The *Year 1-6 Festival of Workshops* will be hosted by Lauriston Girls' School on Monday 15 December and Tuesday 16 December.

Parents are able to enrol in these Festivals directly from the Festivals page on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website:

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/end-of-year-festivals>

Enrolments open on October 20 and the fee is \$96.00 per day.

These programs fill very, very quickly, so if you are interested in enrolling your children, please do so as soon as possible after the opening date.



The very popular team-based competition, The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge will be running throughout Term 4 for students from Years 3-6. Each week will see teams from many schools competing in heats in Melbourne, Canberra and Brisbane, with the finals on 3 December. Has your child's school entered teams yet. If they are interested, information can be found on the Challenge page on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website:

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

PERSONA DOLLS

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/10/12/persona-dolls/>

Recently I received a request from a teacher to answer some questions relating to giftedness to help her develop a persona doll for an assignment she was doing. She supplied this information about persona dolls and the doll she intended to create.

"A persona doll is a doll developed by a practitioner/educator to enable children to gain an awareness and understanding of the richness and diversity of different backgrounds and lifestyles as well as to help children learn strategies for dealing with unfairness against themselves and others.

The dolls are given personalities, family and cultural backgrounds, likes and dislikes and the stories that are created around them enable children to explore positive and negative emotions.

To be able to develop one, I need to research and consult with children and their families to develop the persona doll identity and story. This is to avoid stereotypes and to provide an authentic representation of the children and their challenges.

I believe that developing a persona doll about giftedness can also be a way to advocate because children, families and educators where it will be shared will be cognizant of the current realities and difficulties faced by children that are gifted."

She then asked a large number of detailed questions about ethnic, socio-economic and cultural conditions and everyday life matters to help her build a unique and authentic persona for her doll.

She would have liked to ask the questions to my youngest child also, hoping to hear a child's voice expressed. Our youngest is now in his twenties; so was not able to provide the child voice.

After replying that gifted children can be found in every ethnic, socio-economic and religion group so she could choose whatever background she felt most comfortable to use; I answered the giftedness related questions and some of the everyday life issues questions using my twice exceptional blog character, Sprite, to personalise the answers.

I have written a blog post about my answers for a post on Sprite's Site at

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/13/could-sprite-be-a-persona-doll/>

I then decided that I would like to create a Sprite persona doll myself and wrote blog posts about the process at

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/16/sprite-to-be/>

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/17/not-sprite-to-be-a-persona-in-her-own-right/>

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/10/30/sprite-as-a-persona-doll/>



Gifted with Learning Disability



Presented by Carol Barnes

National Coordinator of GLD Australia

Tuesday 18th November 2014

**Term 4
Seminar**

www.ldc.org.au

VENUE:

Parramatta Leagues Club, Sterling Room
13-15 O'Connell St, Parramatta

TIME:

Registration 9.30am,
Seminar (with question time) 10am-12pm

COST:

Seminar Payment Only

\$30 Seminar - LDC Member
\$65 Seminar - Non LDC member

Seminar & Membership Offer

\$60 Seminar entry & NEW Individual
m'ship (until 31 May 2015)
\$75 Seminar entry & NEW School
m'ship (until 31 May 2015)

PARKING:

Free parking at the Club

Because the term 'learning disability' (LD) is sometimes erroneously used as a euphemism for 'low IQ' or 'intellectually impaired', some assume that gifted children do not have learning disabilities and that LD children could not possibly be gifted. This is not the case. In fact, children with LD, ADHD, ASD or other disabilities may also be academically gifted, sometimes exceptionally so. This interactive practical session will help parents and teachers identify some of the early warning signs that a child who has been identified with developmental differences is also a gifted child who is hiding in plain sight. We'll also consider how parents can most effectively advocate for such children, and how parents and teachers can work collaboratively to provide classroom support and to apply for and implement disability adjustments for in-school activities and for tests and exams.

2 registrants @ member rates per Individual Membership

6 staff @ member rates per School/Organisation Membership

Register online @ www.ldc.org.au OR complete this form and send with payment to the LDC Office. Seats are limited.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT must be received by Tuesday 11th November

Name: _____ School Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____ Suburb: _____ Post Code: _____

Ph: _____ Email (PRINT CLEARLY): _____

Payment type (please tick)

GST FREE

TAX INVOICE

ABN 93 046 401 929

☐ Paypal OR credit card (go to www.ldc.org.au)

☐ Cheque / Money order (Made out to "Learning Difficulties Coalition")

Post to: LDC Office, P.O. Box 140, Westmead, 2145

☐ Direct Deposit (St George Bank, BSB 112 879, A/C No: 044 050 245)

Please insert your surname as the reference to verify payment

Office Use Only

Date:	Receipt No:
Reg List:	Email Reg:
Contact:	Email Paid:

Payment amount (please tick)

Seminar Payment

☐ \$30 Seminar entry LDC Member

☐ \$65 Seminar entry Non LDC Member

Seminar & Membership Offer

☐ \$60 Seminar entry & NEW individual membership (until May 31, 2015)

☐ \$75 Seminar entry & NEW school membership (until May 31, 2015)

Refund of fees, less 30% administration, will be available up to 14 days prior to conference commencement. No cancellations accepted later than 14 days to conference. Substitute delegates welcomed at no extra charge.

From Bill Zimmerman
MakeBeliefsComix.com Launches Free Comic E-book
To Help Literacy, ELL Students Express Their Creativity

In its efforts to provide more writing tools for educators, MakeBeliefsComix.com has launched a free interactive digital comic book for students enrolled in literacy and English Language Learner programs.

The book, *MakeBeliefsComix FILL-ins*, is found at <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/eBooks/> and is a do-it-yourself comic book where students supply the words to complete the book. The comic e-book provides a place where students can give MakeBeliefsComix characters their own words and thoughts. All students need to do is follow the writing prompts and fill in the blank talk and thought balloons to determine what characters say and think.

Some comic situations in the book:

.A girl is depicted with several blank thought balloons around her head with the caption: So many things on her mind.

.A character is shown singing a song with a blank balloon over her head, and the caption asks, Quick, give her some lyrics to sing.

.A character is shown with her father who has a blank talk balloon over his head, with the caption saying: The words she always wanted to hear.

The book's interactive PDF format allows readers to write directly on their computer screens into the blank talk and thought balloons on the different pages. When students are done typing, they can simply save the document until the next time they are inspired to make new entries or print out what they created.

In addition to *MakeBeliefsComix FILL-ins*, the online comic strip generator also has published another free e-book entitled *Words I Wish Someone Had Said to Me As a Kid*. It offers encouraging words to boys and girls as they make their way in the world. Says Bill Zimmerman, author of both digital books and creator of MakeBeliefsComix.com, "I lost my father when I was young and missed hearing the words that a child need to hear from his or her parent. A few years ago, right before Father's Day, I longed for my dad very much, and to seek comfort I began writing a letter from him to me, saying some of the things which I wanted to hear – that he loved me and was proud of the person I had grown up to become." Zimmerman kept writing more of these letters and they grew into this book to inspire children. Space is also provided within the book for youngsters to also express their own thoughts and concerns.

"I hope young readers will turn to the book whenever they need a good word or when they are feeling lonely or unsure," says Zimmerman. "Also, a parent or teacher may find new ideas for future personal messages to the young people in their lives, and they can also read and discuss the book's thoughts with students."

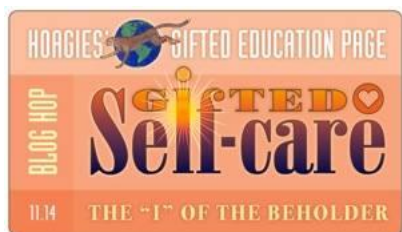
The two new digital books are part of a series that also includes: *Make Beliefs to Spark Your Writing*; *Hummingbird Joy: A Book of all the Things that Make You Happy*, and *Laptop Letters: Sending Wise & Loving Messages to Young People in Your Life*.

In addition to the two new e-books, the web site also has added new characters in color and word art for students to use in creating their comic stories. A lesson plan for educators who use the site in working with students with autism has been added to the Lesson Plans section.

More than 225,000 educators and students from more than 180 countries visit MakeBeliefsComix.com each month to build their own comic strips and practice language, writing and reading skills. The site was selected by Google as UNESCO as among the world's most innovative sites to encourage literacy and writing. And the American Library Association chose it as a Great Web Site for Kids.

A pioneer in developing interactive techniques to encourage writing, Zimmerman for many years edited the nationally syndicated *Newsday Student Briefing Page*, which was twice nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

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