



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014 NO 1

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## Gifted Resources News

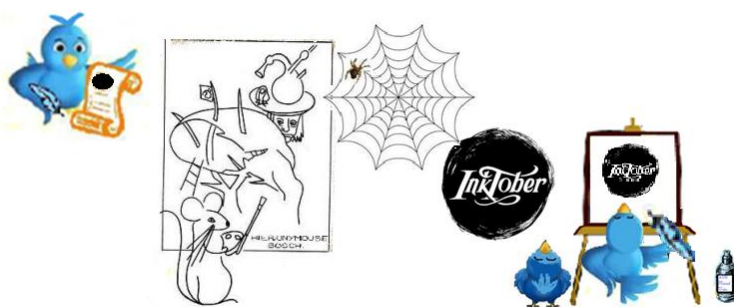
October is promising to be a busy and interesting month.

I am really looking forward to participating in the Gifted Support Network Expo on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and will have resources for teachers, parents and homeschoolers for sale on the night. There are details of the Expo on page 3 of this newsletter.

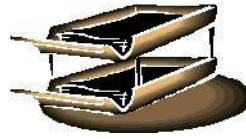
You will also find details of some seminars, guest speaker events and major conferences in this issue along with the usual links to blog hops and interesting websites.

Every October, artists all over the world take on the InkTober drawing challenge by doing one ink drawing a day for the entire month.

The crew from Sprite's Site and I will be joining the fun.



## 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)

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.  
CHIP Forum with Dr Gail Byrne at location TBA 7 October 2014

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK GIFTED NETWORKING EXPO 22 October 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.  
Possible LEGO event TBA at Highton Primary School (Hall) 26 October 2014

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc.  
End of year "Christmas Cooking" workshop at location TBA with Jenn Anderson from Little Wren  
Cookery School 30 November 2014

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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 3 Seminar with Penny Willoughby 31 July 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

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

VAGTC Conference Melbourne Gifted Education Essentials: Tools for Putting Theory into Practice  
Practical ideas and effective teaching strategies for achieving student potential. 21- 22 May, 2015

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](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>**

### Gifted Networking Expo 2014

All welcome

Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham

Wednesday 22 October 2014

6 - 9.30pm

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Southern Community Church of Christ, Cnr Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham 3192.

Gifted Support Network is excited to once again bring Melbourne's gifted community together at the third **Gifted Networking Expo 2014**.

Our Expo will be formally opened by Guest of Honour, **Mr David Southwick MP**. Mr Southwick was the chair of the Victorian Government's *Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students* which presented its findings earlier this year.

The Expo will be jam-packed with local organisations and individuals who provide important services for gifted children. Parents and teachers of gifted children will have a unique opportunity to meet and mingle with these valued resources in the gifted community.

Some of these include:

- VAGTC
- Born to Soar
- CHIP/Exceptional Children
- Gifted Resources
- GSN Tech Table
- Hawker Brownlow
- Kids Like Us
- Ma Belle Voix
- MENSA
- The Philosophy Club
- SEAL
- Thinking Outside the Box
- WiseOnes
- Home Education Network
- Bradfield Dumbleton Cartooning
- Prime SCI! (Formerly Monash Science Centre)
- G.A.T.E. WAYS

There will also be a number of short presentations from professionals in the field. Speakers include:

- Carolyn Giles, Director - Born to Soar
- Ann Jackson, Education Consultant - Kids Like Us
- Susan Wight, Co-ordinator - Home Education Network

Refreshments provided. Children welcome. **Free entry.**

<http://giftedsupport.org/news.php#event323>

### **'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**

[http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=38](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38)

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

[http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=12](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12)

Future events for details see [http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page\\_id=63](http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63)

Contact

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

## **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.



## **ACT Gifted and Talented Local Support Group**

### **Seminar: Carol Barnes Awesome at thinking, awful at schoolwork – Gifted children with learning disability**

The ACT support group is very excited to host this seminar by Carol Barnes. Teachers and parents will benefit from the seminar. Carol's seminars always come with lots of diagrams and information for attendees to take away. A flyer for the event to give to teachers or other parents is attached. Please print out and share.

**When:** Tuesday 7 October 2014 commencing at 7:00pm

**Where:** Canberra Girls Grammar School, Multimedia Theatre, Gabriel Centre, Melbourne Avenue, Deakin ACT

**Cost:** This is a free event

**RSVP:** Elizabeth Singer by email to [actgifted@gmail.com](mailto:actgifted@gmail.com)

## NEWS FROM GERRIC

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/>

### Advanced Parent Course Rescheduled!

We are thrilled to announce new dates for the [Advanced Parent Course](#), now rescheduled for October 25-26, 2014. Parents who have previously attended our parent course and wish to delve deeper will have the opportunity to focus more specifically on the topics that matter most to them and talk to experts from a variety of backgrounds. Registrations are already flooding in for our next [Parent Course](#), to be held the weekend of September 13-14.



## VAGTC



### VAGTC Conference 2015

Wherever you are on your Gifted Education journey – starting out, somewhere down the track or very well travelled – the 2015 VAGTC conference has something to inspire, inform and interest you!

Our tiered conference structure emulates the differentiated classroom to ensure participants with different levels of readiness, knowledge and skill are recognised and catered for. The emphasis is on helpful ideas, practical strategies, exemplary models and valuable materials – all the tools necessary for planning and implementing differentiation that truly meets the needs of gifted and talented learners.

Stimulating keynote speakers with expertise in the field will share insights and touch on theory, while an excellent and diverse range of workshops will focus on practice. Afternoon sessions are designed to inform and support your work with gifted students in very practical ways, whether you are an educator in Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary classrooms, at Tertiary level or in a Leadership role. Parents are most welcome and specific workshops will be offered to you, targeting important aspects of raising and educating gifted learners.

Whether you seek to further your understandings about Talent Development and Giftedness, want to explore elements of Differentiation or need to develop your repertoire of classroom strategies to cater for highly able students, there will be a presentation to meet your needs. The conference will equip participants with knowledge, new skills and quality resources to help put theory into successful and satisfying practice whatever the learning environment.

Novice or Apprentice, Practitioner or Expert – register for this exciting event, bring your curiosity and share your experiences. Enjoy collecting more of the tools you need to continue your learning journey so you can inspire your colleagues and gifted students to do the same!

**Time:** 9.30am – 5.30am  
**Venue:** CQ Function Centre  
**Contact:** [infolorax@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:infolorax@vagtc.asn.au)  
**Dates:** Thu 21 – 22 May 2015



# 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/>



## **ACT Gifted and Talented Local Support Group**

**Presents a seminar for teachers and parents by**

**Carol Barnes**

**Awesome at thinking, awful at schoolwork –**

**Gifted children with learning disability**

When a gifted child is underachieving academically, parents and teachers are usually perplexed. Could it be an 'overexcitability' or 'asynchronous development'? Or perhaps an unidentified learning disability or undiagnosed medical problem? And does it really matter what it's called? Not all learning impairments are apparent in early childhood - indeed, the higher the IQ, the later they're usually identified. In this interactive session, we'll consider some explanations for a child's academic difficulties other than, "He's certainly bright, but he's just not trying!" We'll also discuss how best to obtain approval for disability adjustments for classroom tasks and for test and exams. No prior knowledge assumed. And plenty of easy-to-follow paper diagrams to annotate and take away.

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**RSVP:** Elizabeth by email to [actgifted@gmail.com](mailto:actgifted@gmail.com)

**Carol Barnes** is national coordinator and Sydney meeting convenor for GLD Australia, a not-for-profit independent online learning community and support group focussing on gifted children with learning disability (GLD). Carol is also Vice-President of the Queensland gifted association's Gold Coast Branch and convenor of that Branch's parent support group. She is an invited sessional lecturer on gifted and GLD at Griffith University, and has provided GLD training for SPELD Qld, SPELD NSW, Education Queensland, Mensa Australia, Aspect Australia, Asperger Services Australia, and numerous government and independent primary and secondary schools in NSW and Queensland. Carol is also a lawyer but, most importantly, the mother of two gifted university students, each with multiple learning disabilities.



## 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 Southern 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.

<b>Where:</b>	<b>Monash Civic Centre</b> 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley VIC 3150
<b>When:</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9:30am - 2:30pm</b> (9:15am for Registration)
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>FREE</b> (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)
<b>Registration:</b>	<b>Register online at <a href="http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops">http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/content/events-and-workshops</a></b> <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](mailto: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."

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

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# PARENT FORUM

with Dr Gail Byrne

## 'The Well-Rounded CHIP'

### Location:

**Kardinia International College  
Cultural Centre**

**Date: Tuesday 14th October 2014**

**Time: 7.00 - 9.00pm**

Tickets \$10 - member/non-member

The presentation will provide an overview of the characteristics of highly able children and will look at some of the issues which can cause stress to the children and their parents during the school years.

The session will consider ways that parents can support the social and emotional well-being of their highly able child and then spend some time considering the need for relaxation, leisure and balance – and how to achieve this.

### Time will be allowed for questions

Presenter Dr Gail Byrne Gail is a psychologist in private practice. She is sought after as a speaker on giftedness, underachievement and testing; she has completed a DEECD project on giftedness and has authored a number of papers on exceptional children.

She is involved in a number of committees in the area.

As a psychologist, teacher, previous Head of Special Educational Departments, and, a parent of two gifted children (now adults) she has developed a quite unique understanding of intellectual giftedness.

Please register to [chipgeelong@gmail.com](mailto:chipgeelong@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday the 7th October, 2014  
if you wish to attend the forum.

# Keeping Our Kool



## A seven session anxiety management group for children aged 7-12 years old

- When:** Starts **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014**  
(*excluding Melbourne Cup day on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November*)
- Time:** 4.30pm – 6pm
- Location:** EACH Social and Community Health  
75 Patterson Street, Ringwood East
- Cost:** \$40 or FREE if referred to the **ATAPS Program** via your GP.
- Contact:** Please contact **Jackie Bailey** (Group Facilitator/Psychologist) for more information about the group and the eligibility requirements.
- Phone:** 03 9837 3999

Child and Parent(s) are required to attend an individual pre-group session and post group session.

**each**  
social and community health

**main office**  
building 2, 254 canterbury road bayswater vic 3153  
**t 1300 00 EACH (1300 00 3224)**  
**f 03 9876 0100**  
**e info@each.com.au each.com.au**





## 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](http://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>

**Build and program robots**

**Write your own computer games**

- After school classes
- School holiday programs



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**Club Engineer**  
 For tech savvy kids, teens & young adults

At Club Engineer we teach tech-savvy kids, teens and young adults robotics and game programming.

All our courses are available as free, online lessons. We also run after school and holiday programs for students from age ten to late teens.

We are here for tech-savvy children. We believe that the path to becoming a great Engineer does not start at age 19 when entering university, it starts at age 4 with blocks, wood scraps and Lego. For kids and teens with a passion for building and inventing, it can be tough getting started - at Club Engineer we can help.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- If you are age ten to fourteen years old, and have plenty of experience with Lego, our Programming the Lego Mindstorms - Introduction might be for you;
- If you are age ten to fourteen years old, and do not have much experience with Lego, perhaps our Introduction to Game Programming with Scratch is for you;
- If you are older, or already have experience programming, our Programming the Lego Mindstorms with C or Intermediate to advanced Game Programming with courses might be a good fit;
- We also tailor courses to any level in a variety of technologies, and can assist with coaching students towards VCE Information Technology.

For more information, or to make a booking:  
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## SOME INTERESTING BLOGS



### Hoagies Blog Hops

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog\\_hops.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hops.htm)

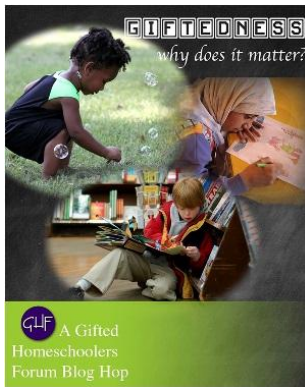
Hoagies' Blog Hop October 2014: Advocacy

[www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog\\_hop\\_gifted\\_advocacy.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_gifted_advocacy.htm)

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<http://spritesite.wordpress.com/2014/09/29/advocacy-just-ask-sprite-and-co/>





## **GHF Blog Hops**

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs/blog-hop/>

GHF September blog hop

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/giftedness-why-matters/>

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<http://spritesite.wordpress.com/2014/09/15/giftedness-why-does-it-matter/>

Sprite's Site review of this blog hop

<http://spritesite.wordpress.com/2014/09/20/on-the-blog-hop-giftedness-why-does-it-matter/>

## **GTChat Blog**

Joys and Challenges of Twice- exceptional kids

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/10/01/joys-and-challenges-of-twice-exceptional-kids/>

Roles of school personnel in the life of a gifted child

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/09/21/roles-of-school-personnel-in-the-life-of-a-gifted-child/>

Gifted identification

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/09/15/gifted-identification/>

Starting a gifted parent group

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/09/11/starting-a-gifted-parent-group/>

Discipline and the gifted child

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/09/04/discipline-and-the-gifted-child/>

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

NSW Selective schools selection for 2015

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k\\_6assessments/ss\\_apppackage.pdf](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k_6assessments/ss_apppackage.pdf)

NAGC Snapshot Survey of PK-Grade 12 Gifted Education Programming Effectiveness Factors

<http://www.nagc.org.442elmp01.blackmesh.com/sites/default/files/standards/Snapshot%20Survey%20for%20K-12%20standards.pdf>

NAGC How to start a parent support group

<http://www.nagc.org.442elmp01.blackmesh.com/sites/default/files/Parent%20CK/NAGC-Parent%20Support%20Group%20Trifold-2013.pdf>

TAGT What makes a parent group successful?

<http://txgifted.org/wp-content/uploads/files2/pdf/What%20Makes%20a%20Parent%20Group%20Successful.pdf>

Paralysed by a plethora of possibilities

<http://rainforestmind.wordpress.com/2014/08/21/why-decisions-are-difficult/>

The psychopathology of genius

[http://www.creativitypost.com/psychology/the\\_psychopathology\\_of\\_genius\\_celebrity\\_schadenfreude\\_and\\_gossip](http://www.creativitypost.com/psychology/the_psychopathology_of_genius_celebrity_schadenfreude_and_gossip)

Jim Deslisle guest post

<http://terrybradleygifted.com/no-not-everyone-is-gifted/>

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