



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News

Bearnice's story

There's a bear in there!

It is the first day of the new school year and you, dear teacher, are meeting your class for the first time.

And one of the students is a bear – a very much alive bear in a folk art dress, jacket and apron, with an engaging smile and an intelligent sparkle in her eyes, carrying a basket of gingerbread men.

It must be a mistake of some kind. No teacher could be expected to teach a bear! You check with the admissions officer and are told "Oh that is Bearnice."

"What am I supposed to do with her?" you ask.

"You need to make sure she learns all that she is expected to learn in your grade this year"

"But she doesn't speak the same language as we do!"

"You have taught students who have English as a Second Language in the past."

So now you have a few options.

You could ignore Bearnice altogether – maybe she will just go away. But you wouldn't do that, would you?

You could assume she must really be like all the other students (maybe she is just dressed up as a bear and when she is comfortable enough in the class she will remove the disguise) But in your heart you know that is not likely to happen. She really is a bear.

You could find out more about bears in general and Bearnice in particular. Learning about her needs, interests, abilities and passions may show you why she was put in your class.

You can learn from her and find out what you can do to help her fulfil her potential and complete whatever mission she has. Maybe she has something to contribute that could save the planet!

The Messages contained in the Story:

*Some gifted or 2E twice exceptional students seem to be so different from the other students in the class.

*You may have difficulty communicating with them for many different reasons.

*They may be a long way ahead of the class in some areas and have gaps or weaknesses in other areas.

*When you get to know the student personally you may find that they have specific areas of interest and specialized knowledge and a sense of being on a mission.

(Spoiler Alert: Bearnice already has extensive knowledge about and a desire to remedy the decrease in bee populations)

WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?



These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website www.giftedresources.org If you are not able to access the links here please go to the In Tray to access them.

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

QAGTC, in association with AAEGT and IRATDE International Gifted Conference "Illuminating the Spectrum of Giftedness and Talent Development" 19-21 March 2015 WEBSITE

CHIP PROGRAMS Power CHIP Holiday program January 2015 PDF BROCHURE

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

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

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/news.php>

CURTAIN COUTURE: CHILDREN'S FASHION WORKSHOP

Date: Saturday 21 February 2015, 10.30am-1.30pm

Cost: Free

Suitable for children aged 8 — 12

Places are limited. Early bookings essential.

To book contact: Kate.Barber@monash.edu

Participating visitors will work with artist Justene Williams to construct their own fantastical garment using recycled materials, and incorporating pattern, colour and texture. The program will encourage participants to reflect on sustainability in fashion, and how clothing can affect our emotional and psychological state.

'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

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)

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

For details of coming events and activities see

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

VAGTC

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

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

Parent Seminar - EXTENDED GIFTED SEMINAR (from previously advertised seminar)

Part 1 - As previously advertised.....

TOOLS FOR PARENTING THE GIFTED CHILD.....ASK THE EXPERTS

Cost: Session 1 only

\$25 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$30 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: Session 1 only

11.00am - 12.45pm Includes light morning tea

Part 2 - New.....

GIFTED AND HAPPY?.....INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPINESS MEANS FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

Cost: Session 2 only

\$25 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$30 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: Session 2 only

1.30 - 2.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER: Stay for both sessions and enjoy lunch with
conference registrants.

Cost: For sessions 1 & 2, including lunch

\$30 (GST Incl) VAGTC members

\$50 (GST Incl) non VAGTC members

Time: 3.00pm - 3.00pm

Venue: CQ Function Centre -
113 Queens Street,
Melbourne

Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Dates: Wed 17 - 21 May 2015

For full details see <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/parent-seminar-extended-gifted-seminar-from-previously-advertised-seminar-0>

News of VAGTC activities for Gifted Awareness Week
15 – 21 March 2015 in the next Gifted Resources newsletter



International Gifted Conference

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

Brisbane, Australia March, 2015



Timetable for Conference days available now.

Queensland Association for Gifted and Talent Children Inc (QAGTC), in collaboration with the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT) and the International Research Association for Talent Development and Excellence (IRATDE), would like invite you to their international conference in Brisbane in 2015.

This exciting event is the first time in the 35 year history of the Association where we have partnered with national and international organisations to present an International Research and Best Practice conference - bringing together international and Australian researchers, teachers and parents to collaborate on all things "TALENT DEVELOPMENT AND EXCELLENCE". With a lineup of 3 Keynote and 11 Invited Speakers accompanying over 100 presenters, this event is certainly not to be missed.

Please note: EARLY BIRD REGISTRATIONS close on Thursday February 5 (wherever you are on the planet).

Conference timetable can be viewed via the links

[Click here for Timetable Day One](#)

[Click here for Timetable Day Two](#)

[Click here for Timetable Day Three](#)

[Main International Conference Website Here](#)

[Click here for information about venue and accommodation in Brisbane](#)

Again, the Conference Committee is excited to present this International event in Brisbane, Australia. Please pass this email on to anyone in your contact lists who may wish to take advantage of this unique event.

We look forward to seeing you in Brisbane this March.

Anthony Stevens

QAGTC President (for the Conference Organising Committee)



Australia e-Series



- Friday February 27
- Saturday February 28
- Sunday March 1

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



The logo for Gifted Awareness Week Australia features the word "GIFTED" in large, stylized letters. Each letter is filled with a different colorful pattern or image related to giftedness, such as a globe, a book, a musical note, and a lightbulb. Below "GIFTED" are the words "AWARENESS WEEK" and "AUSTRALIA" in a clean, sans-serif font, separated by small red arrowheads.

GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK AUSTRALIA

15th-21st of March 2015

How will your school, business or organisation get involved in Gifted Awareness Week? Hold a seminar, a children's event...there are many wonderful ideas to promote an understanding of Giftedness in Australia. Share your events with us and we will include them on our website. For further enquires or share an event, please email us.

AAEGT, with the full support of its affiliated associations, is happy to announce that we have established a Gifted Awareness Week in Australia. We are indebted to our colleagues across the globe who have created similar events in their own countries, and encouraged us to follow suit. The aim, of course, is to raise community awareness of giftedness and to promote activities that celebrate giftedness in all its forms. Gifted Awareness Week will be held each year in the third week of March and will be launched at the international conference of IRATDE, hosted by the QAGTC in Brisbane on 19th-21st March 2015.

As the NSW State association, GFSG Inc. will be hosting a range of free events and activities during Gifted Awareness Week. These activities include:

Sunday 15th March- Family excursion to Sydney Botanical Gardens incorporating various activities such as a scavenger hunt and sustainable food workshop.

Monday 16th March- Parent/Teacher Seminar- 'Force-Choice Dilemma and Gifted Children' Presented by Jae Jung.

Wednesday 18th March- Little GEMs playgroup- 'Celebrating our uniqueness' <http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471>

PLUS we have:

'Celebrating Teachers' acknowledgement awards

Our PD for Schools program available <http://gfsg.org.au/pd-for-schools/4585797617>

FREE Resource books for schools (stocks are limited)

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for further information and booking information. www.gfsg.org.au

GIFTED RESOURCES INFO PACK

The Gifted Resources Information Pack 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. It is compiled in both electronic and hard copy.

It is time to update the Info Pack for 2015 so please if you regularly contribute to Info Pack or would like to have your material added (there is no cost involved) would you be so kind as to send 20 copies to the postal address 89 Third Ave. Rosebud, Victoria 3939

<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/infopacks.htm>

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to reduce their anxiety?
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enable anxieties and worries to be
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Wednesday, 18 March 2015
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Course consists of 6 two hour sessions, designed to encourage greater understanding of ASD & to help encourage positive change within the family

Course Outline:

1. Following Diagnosis - specific issues facing families
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3. Communication & ASD. Increasing communication to decrease frustration
4. Understanding & managing difficult behaviour
5. Understanding social issues & increasing social understanding
6. Sensory issues - understanding the links to challenging behaviour.

Course Dates:

Term One: Feb 5th - March 12th

Term Two: April 23rd - May 28th

Term Three: July 31st - Sept 4th

Term Four: Oct 23rd - Nov 27th

Contact : Jo White

Phone: 0414487509

Web:

www.autismcounselling.com.au

Email: jowhite3130@gmail.com

Costs: \$300.00

This course is fully reimbursed
through Fachsia (HCWA)
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STAND OUT!
www.autismcounselling.com.au

Breaking the Cycle

Are you parenting or caring for
an adolescent who is abusive or violent
in the home?

Feeling threatened, frightened or
controlled by this young person?

Are siblings, family members
or pets feeling scared?

Do you feel anxious, isolated,
ashamed and resentful?

Would you like to find ways to
help your young person become
responsible and respectful?

The Breaking The Cycle program
is supportive and informative.
It offers practical ideas to manage
and change your situation.



GROUP PROGRAM FOR TERM 1 & 2 2015
8 sessions on Thursdays 10am to 12.30pm
March 5 - 26 and April 16 - May 17
(No group sessions during school holidays)
Anglicare Victoria
47 - 51 Castella Street, Lilydale

FREE PROGRAM

Feedback from participants?

"I feel good that I'm not the only one"

"It gave understanding that applied to real life"

"Support of the group was helpful"



BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Julia 9735 6190

or 0400 866 495

anglicarevic.org.au

Borderlands Programs

<http://bl.borderlands.org.au/what-we-do/programs/>

OASES Graduate School

OASES Graduate School is an independent not-for-profit organisation offering Australia's first [MASTER OF SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL CHANGE](#), a globally recognised, fully accredited Masters program. OASES also develops short courses, talks and events, and is supported by a range of partners, organisations, donors and alumni.

<http://www.oases.edu.au/>

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GERRIC 2015 NEWS

2015 Parent Public Lecture Series opens with a talk by Professor Andrew Martin entitled "Personal Best and Other Motivational Approaches for Gifted and Talented Students."

This free event will take place during National Gifted Awareness Week, Wednesday 18 March at 6pm. For full details see

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

March Parent Course

March parent course will be held March 14-15 in conjunction with National Gifted Awareness Week.

The weekend course allows you to meet other parents in a similar situation, and equips families to advocate for their children at school and address their affective needs at home.

For full details see

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-parents/gerric-parent-course/>

Special Event! Parent and Student Enrichment Day

For National Gifted Awareness week GERRIC are running a low-cost concurrent event for parents and students on Saturday, 21 March. Parents will attend a 3-hour seminar with Dr Stephanie Figg (Apex Talent Management) on "Parenting to Develop Multiple Intelligences," while students in Years 3-10 can attend separate workshops to whet their appetites for the next Student Programs.

Ignite the Spark, Fuel the Fire:

Differentiation for Diversity

There are still spaces available in this conference (February 13-14, 2015), an exciting partnership between UNSW and the Department of Education and Communities, which will showcase innovative, quality differentiated teaching that enables all students to reach their potential by catering for their diverse needs.

For details see

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/community-engagement/professional-development-learning/#Ignite>

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Term 1, 2015 Programs

I am delighted to offer a range of my popular programs in Term 1 next year!

The focus this term is Humanities and Thinking. As usual, I am working with a number of enthusiastic schools who are hosting these programs.

Here is a quick summary of the programs:

Narre Warren North Primary School and Upwey Area schools

- Grades 1 & 2 - Penwar the Alien visits Earth (Thinking)
- Grades 3 & 4 - Mysterious Stories (Writing)
- Grades 5 & 6 - Let's Make History (History)

Dingley Primary School

- Grades 3 & 4 - Program to be advised

Knox Gardens Primary School

- Grades 3 & 4 - Mysterious Stories (Writing)

For details see <http://www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au/for-parents/school-based-programs/term-1-2015-programs.html>

G.A.T.E.WAYS PROGRAMS TERM 1 2015

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.

The Brainwaves Clubs – ENROLLING NOW

The Brainwaves Club for **Years 1-6** 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 28 February. The following clubs are offered and parents can enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS:

Club	Venue	Year Level	Club Focus
DinoMites	Brighton Ivanhoe Taylors Lakes	1	Cross curricular
Apprentices	Brighton Ivanhoe	2/3	Books/writing
SciSpies	Brighton - FULL Ivanhoe - FULL Taylors Lakes	2/3	Maths/science/technology
TechnoKids	Ivanhoe - FULL	2/3	Technology
Tolkiens	Brighton Ivanhoe	4/5/6	Books/writing
Da Vincis	Brighton - FULL	4/5/6	Engineering/ technology/science
Einsteins	Ivanhoe - FULL Taylors Lakes	4/5/6	Maths/science/technology
CyberKids	Taylors Lakes	4/5/6	Computing/technology

Introducing The Inklings

We are also very excited to announce our very first club for secondary students in Years 7-9!

The Inklings was the writing club originally formed by J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and their literary friends who all wanted the chance to hang out with other writers, write more, be inspired and share their ideas about books – it's where Tolkien read the first draft of The Lord of the Rings! Now it's the place young teens can come, stress-free, to revel in a fellowship of fiction, friendship and fun, and let their creative writing run free! The Inklings are all about getting together and indulging a mutual passion for literature and language.

Best of all – there's no pressure, no preparation, no homework, no recommended reading, and no obligation because you're not writing anything to hand in or be marked... you're writing because you LOVE it! Come join the Fellowship!

(N.B. The Inklings is a fledgling G.A.T.E.WAYS project that can only run with sufficient numbers and support, so spread the word – the more members, the merrier!)

To see the details please check:

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/brainwaves/host-schools-dates-and-clubs>

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: Holy Eucharist PS in East Malvern; St Mary's PS in Thornbury; Footscray City PS; Fitzroy PS; Our Lady of the Pines PS in Donvale, Research PS and Mentone Park PS.

Participation in these programs is by teacher selection. See details on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website.

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: Art Centre Melbourne's The Channel formerly the Digital Learning Hub); The Australian Centre For the Moving Image; The National Gallery of Victoria and Duneira Estate in Werribee. Participation in these programs is by teacher selection. See details on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website.

The Eureka Program

This two-day day program (one for lower primary and one for upper primary) runs throughout Term 1 throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area and interstate. The following schools will be hosting the program:

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

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

Participation in these programs is by teacher selection. See details on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website.

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 30 and 31 March for Year 6 students.

Parents will be able to enrol their children in these programs directly. Program details will be on our website mid- February.

G.A.T.E.WAYS newsletter – The G.A.T.E.POST

You can now subscribe to a G.A.T.E.WAYS newsletter. Go to the home page www.gateways.edu.au and enter your subscriber details at the bottom of the page.

Science PDs for Primary Teachers

Following successful maths PDs towards the end of 2014 (Catering For The Mathematically Gifted Middle School Student), G.A.T.E.WAYS will be offering a 2 session science PD in February.

The program will consist of two sessions and will be hosted by ***Donvale Primary School, Elata Street, between 4.30 and 6.00 pm on Mondays 9th and 16th February.***

The first session, 'Zooming In On Micro Worlds' will give primary teachers the knowledge and confidence to set up and use a microscope and to incorporate learning about micro worlds into their programming. The session will combine theory and practice, as well as differentiation of this area of science for the gifted learner.

The second session 'Share the Light On Science' will explore the topic of light using light boxes and mirrors. A number of science experiments that can be replicated in the classroom will be covered. This session will also cover how to write formal reports, scientific methodology and objective thinking based on data from hands on experiments. The presenter is an experienced science teacher, examiner and lecturer who use practical, hands- on learning to reinforce scientific theory in a non- threatening and supportive way.

For details please see:

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/conferences/teacher-program>

2. Announcement

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 Rinin (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

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

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

10-14 August 2015
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark








www.worldgifted2015.com

See you in Odense!

- Anker Boye, Mayor of Odense

World Council for Gifted and Talented Children

www.worldgifted2015.com



Dear Colleagues and friends,

The World Council for Gifted & Talented Children is really 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 multiglobel 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 throughout 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 Smash Words Festival, The Hans-Christians 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 unfurl 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://worldgifted2015.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2nd-announcement.pdf>

Worldgifted 2015 pre-conference workshops

<http://worldgifted2015.com/pre-conference-workshops/>

Scholarships

<http://www.world-gifted.org/WorldConf/Scholarships#top>



Sandringham Lions

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www.sandringham.vic.lions.org.au

www.kidslikeus.org.au

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel



Sunday 1st March – 6pm. Dendy Cinema, Church St Brighton

\$25 pp includes nibbles & a glass of wine. Great Raffle Prizes on the night.

Movie starts 6.30pm.

Bookings: sandylionsclub@gmail.com or 0459.400.038

From Rosemary Cathcart Columbus Group Symposium New Zealand April 2015

Greetings everyone, and warmest best wishes for the year ahead.

We have four significant items of news about the Columbus Group symposium in April, now just weeks away!

First of all, have you checked out the website recently? (www.giftedreach.org.nz). If not, the titles of the panel discussions are now all up, and we think you'll find them very interesting. We've also come up with a delivery format that should create the best opportunity possible both for covering topics in depth and for creating rich discussion. And have you seen our unique arrangement for ensuring you get to meet every one of the presenters?

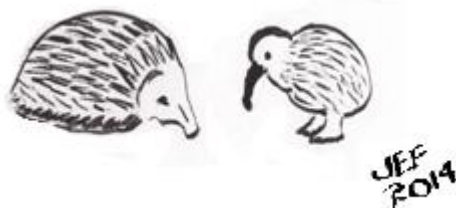
Next, we have both an addition and a deletion to our presenter line-up. Sadly Kathi Kearney and Shelagh Gallagher are no longer able to be with us in person, much to their disappointment. However, the good news is that, firstly, Shelagh is still presenting via an 18-minute "TED talk" video presentation, with other members of the Group leading the panel discussion. We're also delighted to say that not only Kathi but also Betty Meckstroth and Deidre Lovecky have joined in the preparation of the material that will be presented for you by the rest of the Group, enriching the symposium content even further. Their bios are on the website too now.

Thirdly, we now have a Facebook Event page. You can access this by typing: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1604815359734382/?fref=ts> into your browser. We'd like to invite you to visit this page and, please, to share it with your Facebook friends and ask them to share it too. As you already know, we're very keen to make sure this special opportunity reaches as many teachers and parents as possible, to make a difference for our gifted learners.

However, finally, a reminder to you too! Time is running out for your own registration. We were delighted to include you on our original mailing list. Your expression of interest was of real help to us as we continued with our planning for this major event. We were very pleased to be able to offer you quite a significant discount on the registration fee. But all good things come to an end. We are still holding held your place at the discounted fee, but in fairness to everyone else who is now applying for a place, we need to put an end date on this now. So if you want to take advantage of your mailing list fee discount, you need to get your registration to us no later than **Friday February 13**.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me directly at reacheducation@xtra.co.nz or phone me on 07 347 2135 (+64 7347 2135).

Warm regards,
Rosemary Cathcart



SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/01/27/challenging-gifted-students/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/01/22/is-stem-a-viable-alternative-to-a-gifted-program/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/01/14/how-has-neuroscience-changed-the-way-we-view-giftedness/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/01/07/procrastination-and-the-gifted-child/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2014/12/26/focusing-in-the-age-of-distraction/>

GHF Blog Hop

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/gifted-in-reel-life/>

Sprite's Site posts for the blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/01/19/gifted-in-reel-life/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/01/21/on-the-gifted-in-reel-life-blog-hop/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

Prof Francoys Gagne

<http://gagnefrancoys.wix.com/dmgt-mddt>

Gagne DMGT Model

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/17557857/Site%20Web/Site%20Web%20anglais/DMGT%20%20EN%202012%20Overview.pdf>

Jo White Autism counselling

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

Not all minds that wander are lost

<http://journal.frontiersin.org/Journal/10.3389/fpsyg.2013.00441/full>

2e: Twice exceptional Movie

<http://2emovie.com/>

Aurora Remember Finding treasure in ruins

<http://auroraremember.com/2015/01/finding-treasure-in-ruins/>

Gifted children – mistaken expectations

<http://crushingtallpoppies.com/2015/01/13/gifted-children-mistaken-expectations/>

Recycle Rescue Bayswater
<http://discountcraftsupplies.com.au/>

Gail Poulin's Symbaloo of Coding games
<http://www.symbaloo.com/mix/codinggames>

With understanding comes calm
<http://withunderstandingcomescalm.com/>

Kids like Us Gifted and ASD
<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/index.php/parents-section-kids-like-us/gifted-asd>

Gifted Education in Ireland
<http://giftedandtalented.ie/index.php/2014/12/09/educator-beliefs-and-practices-in-ireland/>

HEN new website
<https://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/Home.aspx>

Calgary Herald
<http://calgaryherald.com/life/swerve/gifted-children-are-frequently-misunderstood>

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