



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015 NO 2/ MARCH NO 1

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## *Gifted Resources News Special Edition*

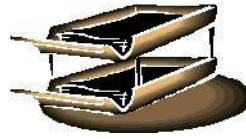
This is a special February/March edition of the Gifted Resources newsletter issued now in order to give notice of exciting events coming up especially OZ eLive online PD Conference 27-28 February/1 March 2015 (p7) and the first Australian Gifted Awareness Week 15-21 March 2015 (p9)  
I am also introducing my new blog Personas, Profiles and Portraits (p12)



How will you observe Gifted Awareness Week?



## 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)

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

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 INC.

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern, western and north eastern regions 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
- \* Regular email/Facebook updates on events/articles of interest to families with gifted children

For further information visit [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

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### **'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

[jjgrant@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jjgrant@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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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>

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc. (VAGTC)  
announces the inaugural

# GIFTED

## AWARENESS WEEK - AUSTRALIA -

### 15-21 MARCH

**Receive a FREE Gifted Awareness Kit\***

Kit contains useful information and  
light-hearted outlooks for adopting  
a holistic approach to parenting and  
teaching gifted and talented children.  
\*VAGTC Members Only. Join now!

*Join schools and  
families in celebrating  
this exciting event  
and promote the week in  
your local community.*

Raise Australia's awareness of the  
learning needs and potential contribution  
to society of our gifted and talented  
young people.

[www.vagtc.asn.au](http://www.vagtc.asn.au)

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# 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/>

Dr Anne Grant will be the first keynote speaker for this online conference.

Friday, February 27, 4pm – 5pm Melbourne time

Anne Grant on 'Differentiation and You: Principles and practice with gifted students'

I will be presenting on Saturday, February 28, 4pm – 5pm Melbourne time

Jo Freitag on 'Personas, profiles and portraits of giftedness'



# OZeLive 2015

*Connecting Global Educators*

## Three Day Online Conference

**Theme: Global Innovations in Education!**

**Seven Keynotes and 18 Presentations - all free!**

**Schedule: Conference sessions in your own time zone - [now ready here](#).**

Australian Educators are keen to share their innovative ideas and projects with the world. We welcome all educators to join us for our second OZeLive conference. You can find out more about this event at: [OZeLive2015](#)

The OZeLive team are providing a free, totally online conference, for three days in February/March; Friday 27th, Saturday 28th and Sunday 1st March.

### **Featured Keynotes:**

Amazing educators from Australia:

Anne Grant - [Differentiation and You: Principles and practice with gifted students](#)

Julie Lindsay - [Flat Connections](#) - [Author and Global Education Consultant](#)

Sophie Murphy - [Solo Taxonomy](#)

Georgina Pazzi - [Edumazing](#) - [Speaker, Leader and Founder of Edumazing](#)

Bronwyn Stuckey - [Principal: Innovative Educational Ideas](#) - [Gamification in Online Communities](#)

Ian Murray - Panel Discussion: Leadership in 21st Century - Public Relations Officer [District 73 Toastmasters](#)

Amazing educators from other parts of the world:

Jane Hart - [Top 100 Tools 2014](#) - [Independent Workplace & Collaboration Advisor](#)

Connie Melamed - [The eLearning Coach](#)



GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK 15 – 21 MARCH 2015



[http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page\\_id=1170](http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1170)

## NSW

### Gifted Families Support Group Inc

- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March-** Family excursion to Sydney Botanical Gardens incorporating various activities such as a scavenger hunt and sustainable food workshop.
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March-** Parent/Teacher Seminar- 'Force-Choice Dilemma and Gifted Children' Presented by Jae Jung
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March-** [Little GEMs playgroup- 'Celebrating our uniqueness'](#)
- 'Celebrating Teachers' acknowledgement awards
- Our [PD for Schools program](#) available
- FREE Resource books for schools (stocks are limited)

Full information [www.gfsg.org.au](http://www.gfsg.org.au)

FROM MELINDA GINDY

Gifted Families Support Group Inc.

Hello,

The launch of Gifted Awareness Week Australia is now just under a month away! There are quite a number of events to be held throughout the nation and certainly not too late to organise one of your own! [http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page\\_id=1170](http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1170)

I would like to start collating quotes from Australians- parents, educators, those with a passion for gifted, all who are at varying points of their journeys to share with our wider community (via AAEGT Facebook page, at the National Conference etc. )

If you have a moment and wouldn't mind sharing, could I ask you for one or two sentences answering the question: 'Gifted Awareness Week Australia- What does it mean to me?'. Please include your first name, and a role/job that you do (ie. Mum to 3 Gifted Children OR Clinical Psychologist OR Year 3 teacher etc.)

The general idea is for people from all walks of life to share with our community our passion for uniting to meet the needs of our gifted children, their families and educators.

Feel free to reply via email- and perhaps encourage and inspire others- or email me privately at [president@gfsg.org.au](mailto:president@gfsg.org.au).

Thank you in advance.

Looking forward to meeting up with many in Brisbane next month.

Kind regards,

*Melinda Gindy* - President

Gifted Families Support Group Inc.

## UNSW

- **Saturday 14th March – Sunday 15th March - GERRIC Parent Course** Parents come together to learn about emotional, psychological, and educational issues their gifted children may face and the best parenting strategies to support their children. Saturday and Sunday 9:00am – 4:00pm
- **Monday 16th – Tuesday 17th March - Mini Certificate of Gifted Education (Mini-COGE) Teacher Training** Teachers learn the ins and outs of effective differentiation for gifted learners. Monday and Tuesday 8:00am – 5:00pm
- **Wednesday 18th March - GERRIC Parent Public Lecture Series** The first 2015 event of our FREE public lecture series for parents. Wednesday 18 March 6:00pm – 7:00pm Topic: “Personal Best and Other Motivational Approaches for Gifted and Talented Students” by Professor Andrew Martin
- **Saturday 21st March - GERRIC Parent and Student Enrichment Day** A low-cost parent workshop and student enrichment courses for high school and primary school students will run concurrently as a special GERRIC event to close out Gifted Awareness Week. Saturday 21 March 2015 1:00pm – 4:00pm Parent Workshop: “Developing All Round Intelligence” by Dr Stephanie Figg Student Workshop Years 3-6: “Poetry Pleasure Hunt” by Katherine Thompson Student Workshop Years 7-10: “The Brain in Health and Disease” by Professor Ken Ashwell

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

## QUEENSLAND

March 19 – 21 Illuminating the Spectrum of Giftedness and Talent Development Conference

For full details see <http://www.gagtcconference.com.au/>



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Raise Australia's awareness of the learning needs and potential contribution to society of our gifted and talented young people.

**www.vagtc.asn.au**



## TASMANIA

- **Wed 18 March** Gifted Awareness get-together day. Northern Catholic Schools
- **Tues 17 March - a PD session** in Burnie on that week for teachers from Stella Maris and Marist Regional College (and may extend the invitation out to all teachers in the Burnie region, details still to be finalised) will be on the Tuesday afternoon from 3.30 – 5pm
- Catholic Schools across the state will participate in one of two 'SOFOS' activity days. Sofos is the online support learning site for gifted children in Catholic schools across the state. One day is held in Hobart and the other in Ulverstone (for Northern and NW students). The days consist of a range of activities, mostly academically based challenges.

Other possible events include:

- Parent Teacher evening in Launceston (and maybe also in Hobart)
- Family events in Launceston over the weekend
- Student forum/panel discussion – hopefully to be broadcast on radio

## NORTHERN TERRITORY

- **Sunday 15 March** NTAEGT's Gifted Awareness Week Interactive Showcase. Information has been sent to schools.
- Professional Appreciation Awards night. Date and location to be advised.
- Parent info night with a speaker, Consultant – Special Pedagogies (Gifted and Talented Programs)
- <http://ntaegt2014.wix.com/ntaegt>

For more information see <http://ntaegt2014.wix.com/ntaegt#!/home/mainPage>

## 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>

## Personas, profiles and portraits

My new blog <https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/>



Have a look at my new blog.

I am inviting you to come on an adventure with me. I do not know what the end results will be.

On this blog I will record the happenings as they unfold and the stories relating to a particular group of persona dolls which illustrate Betts and Neihart Profiles of the Gifted and Talented



## NO WORRIES? Helping Anxious Kids



**For Counsellors, Parents, Teachers**



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With Don Grose,  
psychologist  
Rosemary Allen,  
teacher and librarian

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**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL**

Wednesday, 18 March 2015  
7.00 - 9.00 pm  
Anglicare  
47 Castella Street, Lilydale

**PRICE \$20.00**



ABN 48 516 535 291

## 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>



## 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**



World Council for Gifted and Talented Children  
[www.worldgifted2015.com](http://www.worldgifted2015.com)



[www.worldgifted2015.com](http://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-Christien 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](http://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://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

**FUN**draising Movie Night for



[www.sandringham.vic.lions.org.au](http://www.sandringham.vic.lions.org.au)

[www.kidslikeus.org.au](http://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](mailto: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](http://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?

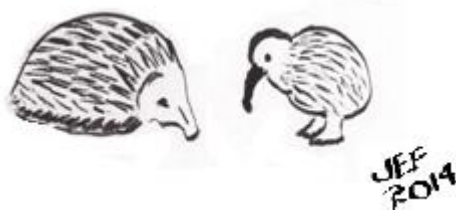
Next, we have both an addition and a deletion to our presenter line-up. Sadly Kathi Kearney and Shelagh Gallagher are no longer able to be with us in person, much to their disappointment. However, the good news is that, firstly, Shelagh is still presenting via an 18-minute "TED talk" video presentation, 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](mailto:reacheducation@xtra.co.nz) or phone me on 07 347 2135 (+64 7347 2135).

Warm regards,  
Rosemary Cathcart





## **WHAT'S COMING UP**

### **GATEWAYS LEADERSHIP**

#### **So You Want To Be a Leader – Year 6 leadership**

##### **program**

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS will run the very popular series of upper primary leadership days over the course of 2015. The first program will run on **30 and 31 March** at City Cite, 474 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Program details are on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website and direct parent enrolments are **NOW OPEN**.

### **The GATEWAYS BRAINWAVES Club**

#### **The Inklings – a books and writing club for**

##### **teens**

We are also very excited to announce our very first club for secondary students in Years 7-9 which is running **every second Saturday during term time between 5.00 – 6.30 pm at Alphington PS!**

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!

Places are **STILL AVAILABLE**.

To see the details please check:

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

### **GATEWAYS EUREKA**

#### **Term 2 Eureka Program – 'Secret Maths' NOW**

##### **ENROLLING**

This two-day day program (one for lower primary and one for upper primary) runs in Term 2 throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area and interstate. The following schools will be hosting the program:

Aspendale PS, Tintern Schools; Brunswick South West PS, Southern Cross GS and Mountain Gate PS

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.



### **Journeys – NOW ENROLLING**

These 10 hour / 4 session programs are run in host schools during school time throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area. In Term 2 Round 1, programs for children from Year 1-6 will be offered at:

Holy Eucharist PS in East Malvern; Mill Park Heights PS; St Charles PS in Templestowe; Fitzroy PS; Gladesville PS in Kilsyth; Chirnside Park PS and Research PS.

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



### **On Locations – NOW ENROLLING**

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 2 Round 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.

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### **G.A.T.E.WAYS newsletter – The**

#### **G.A.T.E.POST**

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## SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

### **GTChat Blog**

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/02/18/should-achievement-be-the-sole-determinant-for-inclusion-in-a-gifted-program/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/02/11/online-gifted-education-learning-options/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/02/04/multipotentiality-do-you-have-too-many-tabs-open/>

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

### **Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops**

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

February 2015 Blog Hop: Testing

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog\\_hop\\_testing.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_testing.htm)

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

Registrations open for selective entry high schools

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/news/archive/Pages/selective15.aspx>

Techcamp

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

High Achiever, Gifted Learner, Creative Thinker

<http://www.bertiekingore.com/high-gt-create.htm>

Stephanie Tolan

<http://welcometothedeepend.com/2015/02/08/whats-love-got-to-do-with-it/>

Wenda Sheard

<https://wendasheard.wordpress.com/2015/02/16/avoid-accusations-of-inequality/>

Prof Francois Gagne

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

Gagne DMGT Model

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/17557857/Site%20Web/Site%20Web%20anglais/DMGT%202%20EN%202012%20Overview.pdf>

Jo White Autism counselling

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

Kids like Us Gifted and ASD

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

HEN new website

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

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