



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER JUNE 2015 NO 1 REVISED

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Gifted Resources News

In this issue of the newsletter you will find my account of the recent VAGTC conference, news of some upcoming conferences, presentations and webinars and some interesting websites and blogs.

The Winter Holiday programs newsletter is also attached.

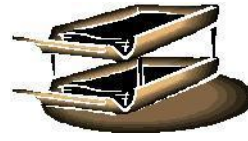
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This is a revised version of the June Newsletter as there is an important amendment to information regarding the VAGTC series of Country Seminars – SEE page 8

I have also taken the opportunity to add a couple more items



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

WCGTC 21st WORLD CONFERENCE Odense Denmark 10-14 August 2015 [WEBSITE](#)

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

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

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Family Dinner
All members welcome (parents and children)
Kids Like Us, 21 Bay St, Sandringham
Sunday 21 June 2015
5.00pm - 8.00pm

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Join us in Sandringham for a relaxed family evening out.

From 5.00pm, GSN will provide some pre-dinner snacks. Families can arrange to order and pick up their take away from a range of outlets across the road (pizza, Thai, chicken, fish'n'chips etc) and bring it back to Kids Like Us. We aim to all sit down together for dinner at 6.00pm. (You are welcome to bring a picnic dinner from home if you prefer.)

Cost: Approx \$2/head to cover the 'gold coin donation' for the use of the function room. (Plates/cutlery/cups etc supplied.)

BYO: Drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic)

RSVP: Please phone/text Louise on 0414 578 806 by Thursday 18 June.

Games Afternoon
Primary Minds - Mini Minds (Preschool - Grade 6)
At Sue's house, Mentone. Please phone for address
Sunday 19 July 2015
2.00pm - 4.00pm

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Many of you have been looking for other 'like minds' for your child to socialise with. This is it! Parents can exchange thoughts whilst the children enjoy each other's company.

Please bring a snack to share.

See you there!

RSVP: Please phone Sue on 0403 001 929 by Thursday 15 July.

'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>

FROM BILL ZIMMERMAN

MakeBeliefsComix.com Launches New ESOL Section for Educators

Dear colleagues,

MakeBeliefsComix.com has launched a new ESOL teacher resource section to help students who are learning English or improving their literacy skills. (See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/>)

The new ESOL features from the free online comic strip generator include:

.Publication of a free e-book, "Something to Write About: Writing Prompts for English Language Learners and Literacy Students." (Download at <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/eBooks/>)

.FILL-ins – short, quick fun writing prompts for students to complete.

(See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/ESOL-Fill-Ins/>)

.Printables that encourage writing and conversation.

(See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/ESOL-Printables/>)

.Comic Strip Starters – comic templates to quick-start students' creating comic strips and which also serve as conversation starters. Print and distribute them among two-person teams. (See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/ESOL-Comix-Strip-Starters/>)

.Class activities to help English language learners express themselves. These include making paper memory quilts in which students draw quilt panels and talk about their memories; creating autobiographical comic strips; teaching students how to interview one another to learn about one another's lives. (See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/ESOL-Classroom-Activities/>)

.Lesson plans written by ESOL professionals and demonstration videos for using comics in the classroom. (See <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/ESOL/ESOL-Videos-Lesson-Plans/>)

Please review the new ESOL section, try it out with your students, and give us your feedback (billz@makebeliefscomix.com). I hope you will share what we are offering with your colleagues, too.

Sincerely,

Bill Zimmerman

Creator, MakeBeliefsComix.com

Personas, profiles and portraits of giftedness

<https://jofreitag.wordpress.com/>



The second part of the Australia e-Series Tech Talk Tuesday webinar Personas, profiles and portraits: Sprite the Twice Exceptional will be presented on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at 4.00pm Melbourne time.

<https://australiaseries.wordpress.com/2015/05/28/personas-profiles-and-portraits-of-giftedness-part-2-sprite-the-twice-exceptional/>

You can listen to the recording of the first part of the webinar at

<https://au-sas.bbcollab.com/p.jnlp?psid=2015-03-16.2202.M.C78B7FB144B7CD5D77D4A5B3228670.vcr&sid=2007026>

Slideshare for Part 1 <http://www.slideshare.net/jofrei/personas-profiles-and-portraits-for-tech-talk-tuesday>

You can listen to the recording of the second part of the webinar at
<https://au-sas.bbcollab.com/p.jnlp?psid=2015-06-01.2341.M.092F3F76EB8CF67A450414FD174E5C.vcr&sid=2007026>

Slideshare for Part 2 <http://www.slideshare.net/jofrei/personas-profiles-and-portraits-part-2>

Children of High Intellectual Potential (CHIP) weekly Classes in Maths are starting at Middle Park Primary School. There will be a four week trial beginning on May 28th. Millicent Henry (MEd in Gifted Education) will be facilitating these and they will run from 1.50 to 2.50 each Thursday. The classes will be held in the Library and engage selected students from years 3 through 6. Contact Mrs Karvouni for further details

Children of High Intellectual Potential (CHIP) weekly Classes in Maths and Language are starting at Middle Park Primary School. There will be a four week trial beginning on May 28th. Millicent Henry (MEd in Gifted Education) will be facilitating these and they will run from 4pm to 6pm each Thursday. The classes will be held in the Library at Middle Park Primary School. Costs for the four week trial will be \$95 per student. Enrolments can be made through the link on the website www.chip.edu.au and are open to all Primary and Secondary aged students. For further information, contact Millicent on 0448 880 331 or email mhenry@bigpond.net.au.

FROM PAT SLATTERY AT WISEONES

Advanced notice that WiseOnes 18th annual conference will be held on 16 October 2015. More details in future newsletters.

Australia e-Series Community Connect

Dear All,

Here is the recording link from yesterday's "Differentiation – fostering self-directed learning environment"

<http://bit.ly/cct280515>

You can access our previous recording links at <http://bit.ly/cctrecord15>

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UNSW School of Education Courses

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/community-engagement/professional-Development-Learning/>

VAGTC Conference 21-22 May 2015

Last week I was very fortunate to be able to attend the VAGTC Gifted Education Essentials Tools for Putting Theory into Practice conference which was held at CQ Function Centre Queens St Melbourne on Thursday 21 and Friday 22 May 2015 <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/vagtc-conference-2015>

Some of the presentations can be read at <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/conference-2015-presentations>

The conference was officially opened by Judith Graley Member for Narre Warren Sth and Parliamentary Secretary to Hon James Merlino, the Victorian Deputy Premier and Minister for Education who spoke of collaborating with the VAGTC to make Victoria 'the Education State' by acting on the accepted recommendations from the report into the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

<https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2012/08/20/victorian-parliamentary-inquiry-into-the-education-of-gifted-and-talented-students/>

Funding has been allocated for increasing opportunities for rural and outer suburban students, Koori students, ESL students and low socio economic group students.

The VAGTC has been contracted by DET to deliver teacher and parent half day seminars in 5 country towns in Victoria.

VAGTC are writing an online resource for teachers of gifted students to be placed on the DET website.

DET were the major sponsor for the conference.

Day 2 was opened by Judy Connell from Catholic Education Office, also sponsors of the conference.

Conference participants were treated to musical performances by Sadie Mustoe from The Patch Primary School, 2014 winner of The Maldon Minstrel Award for country music singer-songwriters on Thursday <http://www.maldonfolkfestival.com/maldon-minstrel-award.htm>

and Alby Sands, a young jazz musician and composer from St Leonards College on Friday.



The excellent opening Keynote address presented by Dr Katherine Hoekman, the Consultant: Academic performance at the Association of Independent Schools NSW was titled Play, Passion and Performance.

Dr Hoekman also presented two mini keynote sessions Creating Agile Learning Spaces to Connect and Support the Community of Learners and Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Principles: Creating Opportunities for Depth and Complexity

The Keynote address on Friday 22 May given by Manoj Chandra Handa, a Gifted Education Consultant at Oceans of Excellence <http://www.oceansofexcellence.com/> Sydney NSW was titled Building Differentiated Schools of Curious Delight. He also presented an inspiring session titled Strategies for Identifying and Addressing Underachievement among Gifted Learners

There was a great selection of presentations and workshops.

I enjoyed attending these sessions

Andrea Blake It All Starts with Identification

http://www.vagtc.asn.au/sites/vagtc.asn.au/files/Copy%20for%20website%20Subjective%20identification%20presentation_0.pdf

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/sites/vagtc.asn.au/files/Andrea%20Blake%20Resource%20list%20for%20Subjective%20Identification%20VAGTC%20Conf%20presentation%202015.pdf>

Christine Ireland Tools, Practical Examples and Important Considerations for Teaching Creatively across Domains

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/sites/vagtc.asn.au/files/Christine%20Ireland%20creativity%20and%20innovation%20presentation%202020.pdf>

Michele Juratowitch "Boring!" Understanding and Alleviating Tedium

PARENTS SEMINAR

A Parent Seminar was run in conjunction with the conference on Thursday 21 May

At this seminar Jenny Gotz Papillo spoke about her experiences in an excellent presentation titled One journey

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/sites/vagtc.asn.au/files/Jenny%20Gotz%20Papillo%20Parent%20Seminar.pdf>

Next a panel of experts moderated by Paul Double answered the parents' questions on issues and concerns relating to parenting and educating gifted children.

The panel comprised Dr Gail Byrne, Andrea Blake, Kate Mitchell Dr Anne Grant and Jenny Gotz Papillo



After lunch the parents were addressed by Derek McCormack of Raising Children Network

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Then Michele Juratowitch of Clearing Skies Brisbane <http://www.clearingskies.com.au/index.html> presented Gifted and Happy?

Michele observed that whenever she speaks to parents the thing they most often say to her is "I just want my child to be happy!" Her own research influenced by the work of Dr Martin Seligman, Prof Miraca Gross, Dr Linda Silverman and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi showed that students who were suitably placed in terms of educational challenge and true peers could be happy and did not have to make a forced choice.

I really enjoyed the experience of participating in the conference which ran very smoothly and catching up with friends and colleagues, especially the members of the VAGTC Committee, and also meeting and learning from so many people who are passionate about the education of gifted students.

IMPORTANT AMENDMENT

The Gifted Resources June no 1 Newsletter mistakenly published the wrong contact details for

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness for 5 regional areas.

Information and registration should not be directed to the contacts for the venues as stated in the newsletter but should all be directed to the VAGTC.

I am sorry if this misunderstanding has caused any confusion.

The information should read

Dates and venues are

Thursday 23 July 2015 – Geelong Northern Bay P-12 College

Monday 27 July 2015 – Bendigo Senior Secondary College

Friday 31 July 2015 – Sale Catholic College (Bishop Dillon Centre)

Monday 14 September 2015 – Ballarat Phoenix P-12 Community College

Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School

For all information about all these seminars see

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/vagtc-and-department-education-and-training-free-rural-seminars>

To register for the teacher or parent seminars

Email Sylvia Green at infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Contact VAGTC

Postal

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Caulfield South

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Melbourne Graduate School of Education

Second Gifted Education Symposium

The multiple ways of being gifted: Who do we ignore at our peril?

The Melbourne Graduate School of Education will hold its second Gifted Education Symposium from 2.45 pm – 5.00 pm on June 22, 2015.

The provision of effective gifted education needs to be informed by contemporary research on how the gifted and talented students know, think and learn. The Melbourne Graduate School of Education has an active research program that examines aspects of this. The focus is informed by international trends and aims to contribute to these. The symposium will examine research currently being conducted in MGSE relating to the topic of *the multiple ways of being gifted*. The topics and presenters are as follows.

Time	Title of session
2.45 pm - 2.50 pm Prof Field Rickards	<i>Welcome and introduction</i>
2.50 pm – 3.45 pm Mr Joe Santoro	<i>The use of concept mapping to describe and monitor multiple ways of being a gifted learner</i> This presentation will be Joe's PhD completion seminar. The multiple ways of being gifted will be examined through displays of knowledge on concept mapping tasks for multiple topics within the classroom.
4.00 pm – 4.30 pm Mr David Camilleri	<i>How visually spatially gifted students learn</i> This cohort is frequently overlooked in gifted identification and often become alienated from regular educational provision. David will examine this learning profile and how these students can be accommodated in teaching.
4.30 pm – 5.00 pm Dr John Munro	<i>Understanding gifted learning disabled students: not easily programmed</i> Educators are becoming increasingly aware of the twice or dual exceptional learners. John will review recent research that has unpacked how these students learn. He will identify implications for teaching them.

To register your interest in this activity, please email Joe Santoro at:
j.santoro@student.unimelb.edu.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 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

2. Announcement

21st World Conference Educating Gifted and Talented Children

- Turning Research Into Practice

**10-14 August 2015
Odense, Region of Southern Denmark**

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 parks and offers unique opportunities to combine city life with relaxation in beautiful green spaces.

See you in Odense!
- Anker Boye, Mayor of Odense

www.worldgifted2015.com

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 multi-faceted 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

World Council for Gifted and Talented Children

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 unfold 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>

Parent Information Forum: Video Games and their Impact on Children and Young People

It is with great pleasure that the City of Whitehorse will be hosting our "Video Games and their Impact on Children and Young People" Parent Information Forum on Thursday evening, 11th June. Steven Dupon, founder of www.videogames.org.au and Manager of YMCA Youth Services will present:

- Both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology;
- How video games can be utilised as a positive contributor to a child's development;
- How to avoid video game addiction;
- How to keep kids safe online and;
- How to deal with the inappropriate content in some video games.

Date: Thursday 11th June 2015

Times: 7.30pm-9.30pm

Where: Whitehorse Centre (Rear of 379-397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading)

I would really appreciate you distributing this email and attached flyer through your networks and to any parents, grandparents or carers who you think might benefit from this forum. Places are limited so booking early is recommended. Families can now book online through the Whitehorse Council website (link is provided on the flyer). They can also view the other Parent Information forums planned for 2015.

A \$2 gold coin donation per person is requested on the night which will be donated to a Child and Family service operating in the municipality to support their work.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 9262 6175

or molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Molly Block

Parent Resource Officer (Monday, Tuesday, Friday)

Health and Family Services

Email: molly.block@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Outside the Square
psychology



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Bi-monthly Double Features. Introducing Saturday Workshops

Saturday 18th July: Double Feature:

Teaching Social Skills to Primary School Children with Additional Needs. 10.00am - 11.30am

Autism Spectrum Disorder and Eating Difficulties. 12.00 noon - 1.30pm

All sessions at Outside the Square Psychology, 20 Banksia Street, Burwood

Cost: \$50 per workshop, or \$75 for both workshops on the same date

For more information:

ph:(03) 9808 3917 OR visit: www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au



Autism Education: Visual Strategies for Communication and Learning

About the Presenter

Joanne O'Brien is the Founder/Director of the Australian Autism Association and has worked in the disability field since 1999. Her background is in Education and Children's Services, before moving into Family Support in 2006.

Joanne was previously the State Coordinator for the Early Days program at the Early Days program at Amaze (Autism Victoria) and is currently running ASD workshops and programs around the country.

Joanne has a very personal link to ASD and currently lives in Melbourne with her daughter, Holly, and their kitten, Sherlock.

Tuesday 23 June, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

**MC Square, Doncaster and Templestowe room,
687 Doncaster Road, Doncaster**

Manningham Council invites you to attend a FREE practical education session for individuals, families, educators and workers presented by the Australian Autism Association.

For those with communication challenges, their wants, needs, opinions and dreams may go unknown or misunderstood.

How do you let someone know you're in pain if you cannot communicate effectively?

How can you learn a new skill if you have difficulties understanding what is being said to you?

Frustration, anxiety and extreme behaviours are often the result of an inability to express yourself or comprehend what is happening.

The visual Strategies workshop aims to equip participants with skills to:

- Recognise and understand communication challenges
- Develop and design individualised visual tools
- Implement visual supports.

RSVP:

For more information or to book, contact Jon Adams, Metro Access, Manningham Council on 9840 9317 or email jon.adams@manningham.vic.gov.au

Registrations close 15 June 2015.



WELLBEING WORKSHOP

Nurturing healthy emotional development for children and young people.

What are the issues today facing children and young people relating to their emotional and mental wellbeing?

How can we effectively identify and support children and young people?

MONDAY 15 JUNE

9:15am – 4:00pm

Japara Living & Learning Centre

54 Durham Road, Kilsyth

(parking via Tamworth Rd & Tower Street)

FREE Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided



GUEST SPEAKERS

Bryan Jeffrey of MOAT: Mental Health Services

Bryan Jeffrey is a Registered Psychiatric Nurse who has worked in a range of senior clinical positions in Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and Adult Mental Health in Scotland and more recently in Melbourne.

Throughout his 20-year career, Bryan has identified gaps in mental health literacy in people who are hungry for knowledge.

Marika Ferguson, Assistant Principal, Avenues Education

The Avenues Education school provides educational services to the Alfred Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (ACAMHS) in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

REGISTER ONLINE

[www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/
wellbeingworkshop](http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/wellbeingworkshop)

Ph: **1300 368 333**

by Tuesday 9 June

For more information please contact Carly Mawson

Phone 9294 6405 or email c.mawson@yarraranges.vic.gov.au



Best Start



SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/05/06/how-to-create-a-gifted-individualized-education-plan/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/05/13/online-learning-3-approaches-for-gifted2e/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/05/21/a-nation-empowered-with-guest-dr-ann-shoplik/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/05/28/how-to-chat-on-twitter/>

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum Blog Hops

May Blog hop: Perfectionism and other gifted/2E quirks

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/perfectionism-gifted2e-quirks/>

Sprite's Site posts for this hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/05/18/white-poodle-black-poodle/>

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/05/27/the-perfect-quirky-ghf-blog-wheel/>

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

Hoagiesgifted June Blog hop: The gift of free time

www.HoagiesGifted.org/blog_hop_free_time.htm

Sprite's Site post for this blog hop

<https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/06/01/the-gift-of-free-time/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

SENG articles

<http://sengifted.org/archives/articles/the-2e-student-damaging-myths>

iPad apps for learners with dyslexia

<http://www.callscotland.org.uk/Common-Assets/ckfinder/userfiles/files/iPad-Apps-for-Learners-with-Dyslexia.pdf>

CAST

<http://www.cast.org/>

Assistive technology

http://www.assistivetechology.vcu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1864/2013/07/UDL_Placemat_Core_iPad_Apps.pdf

<http://www.cast.org/our-work/learning-tools.html#.VWXRBNKqgko>

A Nation Empowered

http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Nation_Empowered/

Raising Children Network
<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>

Advanced learning developed by Stanford University
<https://giftedandtalented.com/>

Radio National Educating Jake and Cooper
<http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/educating-jake-and-cooper/6462638>

Jen Merrill
<http://www.laughingatchaos.com/that-time-the-today-show-mocked-gifted-kids/>

Celi Trepanier
<http://crushingtallpoppies.com/2015/05/21/im-a-mom-of-a-gifted-child/>

Michele Juratovich Clearing skies
<http://www.clearingskies.com.au/index.html>

Twitterati challenge
<https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/05/09/twitterati-challenge/>

Outside the square psychology
<http://www.outsidethesquarepsychology.com.au/>

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School Holiday Camps Programs

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

<http://www.auscamps.asn.au/activities/holiday-activity>

ACMI AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR THE MOVING IMAGE Creative workshops

<http://www.acmi.net.au/creative-workshops.htm>

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

Holiday Programs

<http://www.ausport.gov.au/visit/holiday>

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM SYDNEY

<http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/>

BUBBLE DOME EDUCATION

<http://bubbledome.com/index.php>

CHESS KIDS CHESS CLUB HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

<http://www.chessclub.com.au/holiday-programs.html>

CHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAM

<http://www.chip.edu.au/holiday-program/>

Rock on with CHIP Winter Holiday Program

<http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/1036141/26181516/1430273071657/CHIP+Winter+Holiday+Program.pdf?token=otLrkf1qpXKKpkKf%2FDQGqGFe2yw%3D>

EXTEND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

For full details see

Holiday programs

<http://extend.com.au/programs/school-holiday-programs/>

GASWORKS ARTS PARK

<http://www.gasworks.org.au/whats-on/kids-holiday-program/>

G.A.T.E.WAYS

Full details of programs can be found on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website

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

PO Box 207, Blackburn VIC 3130 Australia

Phone 03 9894 2116 Fax 03 9894 2117

Email info@gateways.edu.au

IMMIGRATION MUSEUM**What's On Exhibitions**

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum/whats-on/>

Phone: 03 9927 2700

Fax: 03 9927 2728

Web: <http://immigration.museum.vic.gov.au/>

LEARNING ENRICHMENT STUDIO

Robotics Holiday Program

Noeleen Vincent

Learning Enrichment Studio

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19 Milton Parade

Malvern Vic 3144

Ph: (03) 9824 8135

Mob: 0448 064 738

www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au

<http://www.learningenrichmentstudio.com.au/programs.php>

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

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

MELBOURNE MUSEUM

<http://www.melbourne.museum.vic.gov.au/>

MELBOURNE PLANETARIUM

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/planetarium/>

NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/programs-events/>

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRAMATIC ART (NIDA)

<http://www.open.nida.edu.au/>

<http://www.open.nida.edu.au/courses/Delivery/School+Holidays>

OAK HILL GALLERY

Holiday Art Classes for children

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

PARKS VICTORIA

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore>

POWERHOUSE MUSEUM SYDNEY

School Holiday Program

<http://play.powerhousemuseum.com/whats-on/school-holiday-program/>

PRIMESCI HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

The PrimeSCI! Spring School Holiday Program will be hosted by:

KIOSC (Knox Innovation Opportunity and Sustainability Centre)

Building WK

Swinburne University of Technology (Wantirna Campus)

369 Stud Road

Wantirna South VIC 3152

(Campus Map: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/campuses/wantirna/documents/wantirna.pdf>)

For more information and to enrol online

<http://sciencecentre.monash.edu.au/shp/>

<http://www.monash.edu/science/schools/earth-atmosphere-environment/primesci/school-holiday-programs>

RSPCA Holiday Program

<http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education-and-learning/holiday-programs>

SCIENCEWORKS MUSEUM

<http://www.scienceworks.museum.vic.gov.au/>

TECHKIDS

<http://techkids.com.au/school-holiday-programs/>

THE ART FACTORY School Holiday Programs

<http://theartfactory.com.au/holiday-workshops>

ZOO & SANCTUARY Programs

Zoo Adventures Holiday programs

<http://www.zoo.org.au/>

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