

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2015 NO 1

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Gífted Resources News

In the newsletter this month you will find news of services, programs, and products which reached my Inbox during September.

Last month I participated with five other bloggers in Lisa Rivero's #30PostsHathSept challenge to write 20-30 blog posts during the month of September. You can read all about it on p18 of the newsletter.

This month I intend to join artists from around the world who create one Ink picture every day during the month of October for InkTober.



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 <u>www.giftedresources.org</u> 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

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School SEE WEBSITE

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP Morisset NSW 14-16, 2015 SEE WEBSITE

PRACTICAL PEDAGOGIES CONFERENCE Toulouse France 15-16 October 2015 WEBSITE

WiseOnes 18th annual conference 16 October 2015

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP Southern Highlands (Wambaroo) ACT 23-25 October 2015 SEE WEBSITE

GERRIC Mini COGE 9 November 2015 WEBSITE

GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE STEP BACK IN TIME CAMP Gembrook Vic 13-15 November, 2015 SEE WEBSITE

GERRIC Mini COGE 30 November 2015 WEBSITE

WCGTC 22nd WORLD CONFERENCE Sydney Australia 20-23 July 2017 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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News of activities see http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php

'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 ijgrant@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/

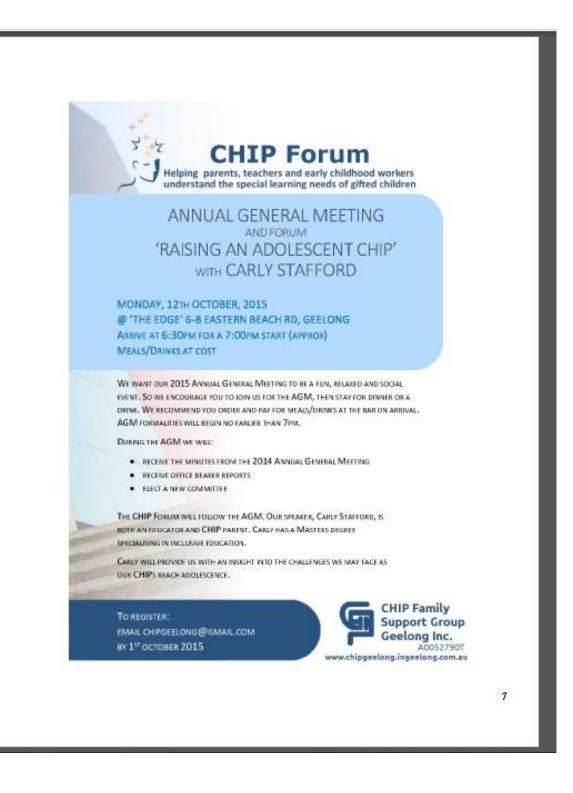
GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

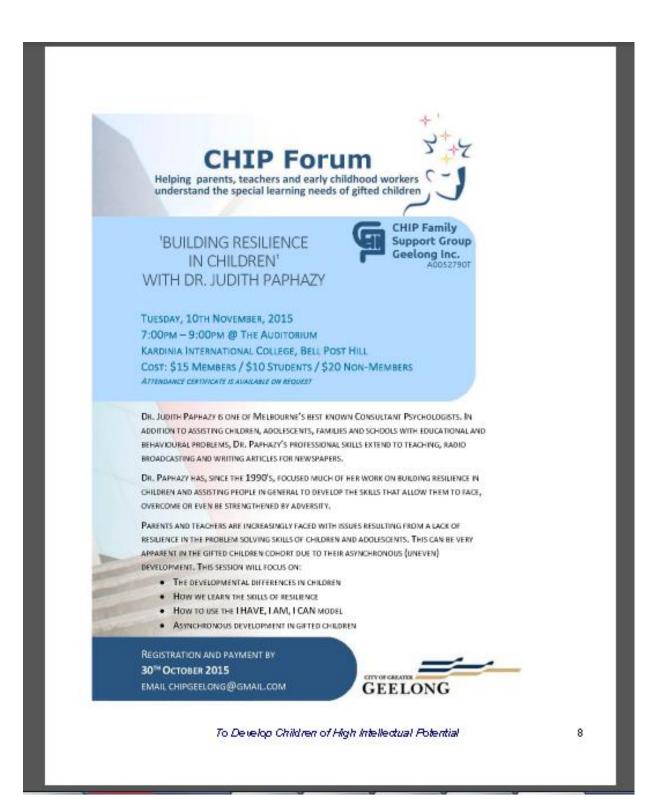
For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia Contact Victoria Poulos Phone 0420 286 307 Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

CHIP GEELONG

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/ 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 Treasurer : Sue Bettanin chipgeelong@gmail.com







VAGTC

VAGTC 2015 series of Seminars on Giftedness for regional areas Dates and venues are Friday 16 October 2015 – Wangaratta High School For all information about all this seminar see http://www.vagtc.asn.au/vagtc-and-department-education-and-training-free-rural-seminars-places-stillavailable-for-all-sessi To register for the teacher or parent seminars

Email Sylvia Green at infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Contact VAGTC Postal P O Box 132 Caulfield South Victoria 3162 Email: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW) http://www.gfsg.org.au/

http://www.gisg.org.au/

For details of coming events and activities such as GEM and Mums' dinners see <u>http://www.gfsg.org.au/index.php/whatson</u>

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

We are delighted to announce that the 2016 AAEGT National Gifted Conference will be hosted by GFSG Inc. and UNSW here in Sydney! It will be held from the 29th of September to the 1st of October, 2016 at the UNSW Campus in Kensington. We encourage you to share this announcement with your colleagues, family, friends and educational professionals and to set aside the date. Our theme for the conference is: 'BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES IN GIFTED EDUCATION' and is already shaping up to be an amazing conference. Stay tuned for the upcoming release of our conference website detailing keynote speakers, call for papers, sponsorship and accommodation options, as well as details on how to register for this notto-be-missed event!

Thank you so much: we really appreciate all the tireless work you do! Kind regards,

Melinda Gindy

President, Gifted Families Support Group Inc.

Vice-President, Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented.

Website: <u>www.gfsg.org.au</u> Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/GiftedFamiliesSupportGroupInc</u>

GFSG Inc. is excited to announce an additional screening of 2E: Twice Exceptional produced by Thomas Ropelewski.

THE FILM

From the director of CHILD OF GIANTS: My Journey with Maynard Dixon and Dorothea Lange, 2e: Twice Exceptional follows the personal journeys of a unique group of high school students in Los Angeles who have been identified as "twice exceptional" – gifted or highly gifted individuals with learning disabilities or differences. They are geniuses, mavericks and dreamers – Malcolm Gladwell's budding "outliers."

"2e: Twice Exceptional is an honest, up-close look at what it's like to be – or to be the parent or teacher of — a young person who's both gifted and coming to terms with a learning difference. Essential viewing for anyone interested in understanding where our next generation of game-changing outliers may be coming from."

"They vex their parents. They are often considered "at risk"... but they may very well grow up to change the world if they are given the chance to demonstrate and develop their abilities."

THE PANEL

To assist with the many questions and talking points that the movie raises, we have convened a Q and A Session with a panel of 3 professionals specialising in gifted, learning disabled and/or students who are both gifted with a learning disability. The panel will comprise of: Carol Barnes- National Convenor GLD Australia

Lizette Campbell- Educational and Developmental Psychologist

Emily Edwards- Gifted and Talented Facilitator, St Andrew's Cathedral School

Rhonda Robson- St Andrew's Cathedral School

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday 7th October 2015

Time: 6:30pm – 9pm

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral School, 474 Kent St. Sydney.

St Andrew's Cathedral School is easily accessible by train. It is next to Town Hall train station.

For those wishing to drive, pre-booking parking is an advisable option. You may wish to view the following website.

https://www.wilsonparking.com.au/find-a-park

Price: \$5.25 online (<u>www.gfsg.org.au</u>) or \$8 at the door

Bookings: http://www.gfsg.org.au/index.php/whatson/paid-event/2e-movie-night

Please note: Due to the sensitive manner which may guide our panel discussion, this event is 18+.

Parents may wish to screen the movie at this event for potential showing to minors within their own home as it would certainly be suitable for some.

Kind regards,

Melinda Gindy

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Programs for Term 4, 2015

www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

Grade Foundation (Prep) - Sparttron's Maths Adventures (Open-ended Mathematics)

Do you love doing Maths? So does a boy called Sparttron. As well as Maths, Sparttron also likes travelling and having adventures. One day Sparttron's mother sent him a letter asking him to come and help her. She was lost somewhere far away and Sparttron had to find her.

So Sparttron set out on his adventure and did lots of fun Maths. He travelled by trains, planes, automobiles (which are really just cars) and

spaceships! He also travelled in some very strange machines such as a Tracen, Spane, Plair and a Carship. What do you think these machines might look like and how would they move?

Would you like to come on a Maths adventure with Sparttron? If you do, you'll have lots of fun. You'll also solve some mysteries and find out what those strange travelling machines look like. You might even design one of your own.

Grades: 1 & 2 - Message from Yunan (Technology)

Do you like building things? Can you solve problems? Are you good at writing important messages? If your answer is 'yes', this program may be for you. Imagine this...

Earlier this year NASA sent some children to investigate a new planet, called Yunan. (Do you know anyone who went?) Now NASA has sent you back to Yunan with your family to find out more about the planet. During your visit, you make the most amazing discovery. It could change everything! People will be so happy to hear about your discovery. What do you think it might be?

You are about to ring NASA to let everyone on Earth know about your discovery when your mobile phone breaks. How are you going to get a message to NASA? Luckily NASA gave you the equipment to make a Message Box that may solve your problem. Unfortunately they forgot to include the assembly instructions! But if you can work out how to build the Message Box then you can send your message to NASA. Don't forget to write your message first though!

In this program you will be given all the materials you need. Your job will be to make the Message Box work and send a message before it's too late. Can you do it?

Grades: 3 & 4 - Spies Inc. (Codes and Ciphers)

Spies Inc. is a company that provides spying services to anyone in need. You have been accepted for the Spies Inc. training course where you will learn how to make, break and fake all sorts of tricky codes and ciphers. This skill will turn you into a Superspy who can undertake secret missions for Spies Inc.

However, when you arrive for your first day of training you will find out that everything is not as it seems. Spies Inc. has a mole amongst its existing spies and your task will be to find out who it is. Is it Clueless Cathy, Braindrain Brian or one of the other spies? You'll have to be a quick learner to solve this mystery by the last week of your training.

For more information and online booking, visit: www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au









Thinking Outside The Box Programs

Thinking Outside The Box programs have been developed by Penny Willoughby, who is an experienced teacher specialising in gifted and talented children. Penny's stimulating programs extend highly able children and challenge them to work beyond their usual level. Children are likely to be surprised by what they achieve.

Penny's programs offer highly able children an opportunity to participate in small, like-minded peer groups.

The goals of these programs are to:

- Develop deeper thinking habits and strategies.
- Learn and practise a range of problem-solving skills.
- Develop reflective skills and encourage students to challenge themselves in any learning environment.
- Build children's confidence in their abilities and increase their expectations about what they can achieve.
- Encourage each child to develop and pursue personal interests and passions.

Early bird bookings, offering a 10% discount, **close on Thursday, 17 September 2015.** Regular registrations close on Thursday, 8 October 2015.

Venues and Dates

Narre Warren North Primary School Registrations close 8 October 2015.	Tecoma Primary School Registrations close 8 October 2015.
 Foundation (Prep) – Sparttron's Maths Adventures Thursday (5 weeks) 15, 22, 29 October and 5, 12 November (\$330/program incl. GST) Grades 1 & 2 – <u>Message from Yunan</u> Wednesday (6 weeks) 14, 21, 28 October and 4, 11, 18 November (\$297/program incl. GST) Grades 3 & 4 – <u>Spies Inc.</u> Thursday (6 weeks) 15, 22, 29 October, 5, 12, 19 November (\$297/program incl. GST) 	 Foundation (Prep) – Sparttron's Maths Adventures Fridays (5 weeks) 16, 23, 30 October and 6, 13 November (\$330/program incl. GST) Grades 1 & 2 – <u>Message from Yunan</u> Tuesday (6 weeks) 20, 27 October and 10*, 17, 24 November and 1 December (*break due to Cup Day) (\$297/program incl. GST) Grades 3 & 4 – <u>Spies Inc.</u> Friday (3 weeks) 20, 27 November and 4 December (\$297/program incl. GST)
 Essex Heights Primary School Registrations close 8 October 2015. Grades 3 & 4 – <u>Spies Inc.</u> Tuesday (8 weeks) 13, 20, 27 October, 10, 17, 24 November and 1, 8 December (\$297/program incl. GST) 	 Dingley Primary School Registrations close 8 October 2015. Grades 3 & 4 - <u>Spies Inc.</u> Monday (6 weeks) 19, 26 October, 9, 16, 23, 30 November (\$297/program incl. GST)

NEWS FROM GERRIC

Professional Learning Workshops Open for Registration 2015

For full details and to enrol see https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/office-of-educational-leadership/professional-learning/

GERRIC Parent Course Saturday 31st October - Sunday 1st November, 2015

Parents of gifted children are in a unique situation. Often, the advanced development of the abilities of a gifted child outpaces the child's physical development, and results in frustration for both parent and child. Additionally, challenges exist for parents in understanding the affective needs of gifted children, which may be very different to the normal population. It is common for parents of gifted children to feel confused about the educational needs of their gifted child, and this two-day course aims to address these concerns and challenges. The course will provide an opportunity for parents to develop a greater understanding of their gifted child's needs, to interact with other parents of gifted children and to learn from current research and experts in the field of gifted education.

The GERRIC Parent Course covers such topics as:

- · A review of research into gifted students and their needs
- · Identification of gifted children in schools
- · Cognitive and socio-emotional needs of gifted children
- Family dynamics (siblings, parents) and gifted children
- · Challenges faced by gifted children: perfectionism and underachievement
- Ability grouping and its effects on children
- · Parenting strategies to manage your child at home
- Strategies to choose the right school for your child (note: GERRIC does not endorse particular schools)
- Being a positive advocate for your child at school
- The Internet and gifted children—21st Century learning
- · What makes good curriculum for gifted learners?

For full details and to enrol see

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



International Teachers' Day

Starting the Conversation in Gifted Education for Primary and Secondary Sectors

Transforming Classroom Practice with Theory



Who are the gifted students in your school? Would you recognise them if they were in your class? Are they the high achievers? The early finishers? The quietly competent? The motivated? The enthusiastic? Yes these student profiles are likely to be amongst the gifted group – but there are also likely to be others who do not display these generally accepted and sometimes stereotypical profiles. These students can be easily overlooked and often are underachieving...



Date:

Thursday 29th October 2015

Time:

5pm to 7pm Register from 4:15pm Followed by wine, cheese and networking opportunities. <u>Venue:</u> Trinity Grammar School Professional Development Centre 5 Thomas St. Lewisham* *Onsite parking readily available. Venue located

adjacent to Lewisham train station.

Bookings:

<u>Click here</u> or visit our websites: GFSG Inc. www.gfsg.org.au Guild www.teachersguild.nsw.edu.au



Gifted Families Support Group Inc. and Teachers' Guild of New South Wales present a special joint event in celebration of International Teachers' Day.

OPENING DOORS THROUGH THINKING: Multiple pathways for all students

Future Problem Solving Program Australia Professional Learning Workshop

A workshop on the Future Problem Solving Program for teachers interested in the teaching of thinking skills in students, particularly the gifted and talented, from Grades F - 12 Future Problem Solving Program Australia Professional Learning Workshop This workshop will be conducted by Dr. Niranjan Casinader - National Director Future Problem Solving Program Australia Inc. This workshop is designed for teachers who are new to the FPS Program or existing coaches who need to update or refresh their coaching accreditation. Cost: \$300 per person (GST inclusive) Date: 7 Nov 2015 Time: 9.00am - 4.30pm Venue: Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School For further information on the program or these workshops, please contact Suzanne Digby (03) 9886 4646 office@fpsp.org.au Christine Burley (03) 9490 6296 <u>vic-fps@fpsp.org.au</u>

FROM CORINNE GRANDCLEMENT

Hello, I am a mother of two gifted children.
I wrote a book named Little Zebra is gifted.
I wrote it first in French and it has been now translated into English.
The English version has been corrected by Carolyn K., founder and Director of Hoagies' Gifted Education Page.
My goal in writing my book was to explain giftedness to young children.
You can find it on amazon.com
The August Newsletter of Jefferson County association for Gifted Children talked about it: http://jeffcogifted.org/newsletter
A little video presenting my book at https://youtu.be/bRPI7-II_0g
Sincerely, Corinne Grandclement @yahoo.fr

FROM LUCY SINGER

Good Afternoon Jo,

My name is Lucy and I'm writing from HistoriCool, Australia's only magazine dedicated to inspiring and engaging 8-14 year old kids with stories from history.

I'm getting in touch today because HistoriCool has a subscription offer for the parents and carers of gifted children which I am hoping you may be able to make your readers aware of.

The package includes a 12-month hard-copy subscription to HistoriCool magazine, plus free access to our additional education resources produced alongside each issue, which provide gifted kids with great scope to extend their own learning about thought-provoking historical topics.

The price of the package is \$45.00 (a big \$35.00 saving - because we know just how much the parents of gifted children can spend on materials to keep their kids engaged!)

If possible, it would be great of the following link could be circulated amongst

readers: www.historicool.com.au/gifted-kids

Many thanks, and have a fantastic day!

Lucy Singer

Editorial Director, HistoriCool Magazine

w: www.historicool.com.au

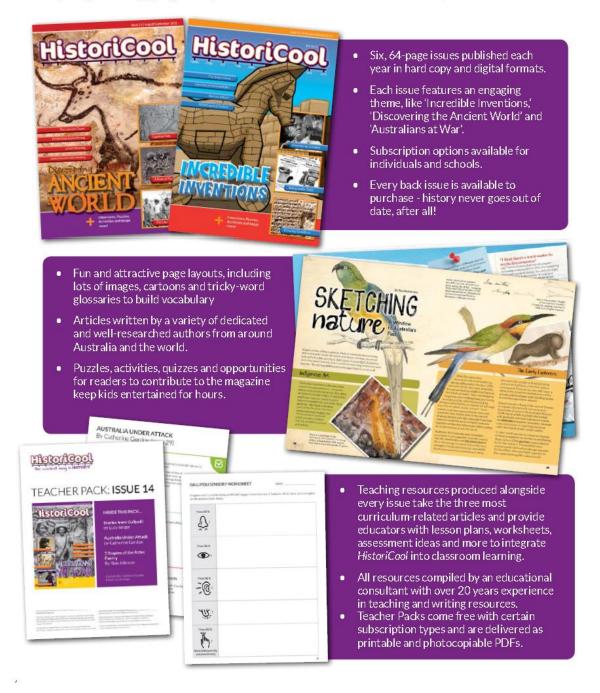
e: lucy@historicool.com.au

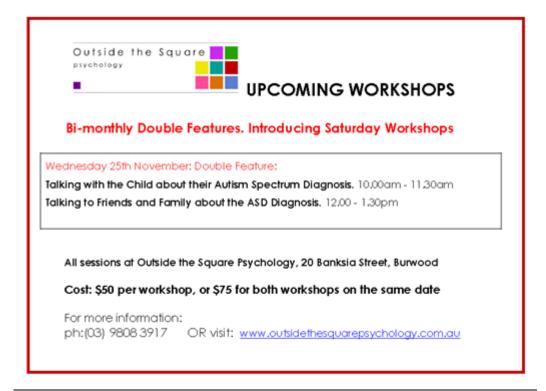
t: 0432 647 914





Published since 2013, *HistoriCool* is Australia's first and only magazine dedicated to inspiring and engaging 8-14 year old readers with stories from the past...







I have received queries about contact details for Australian groups for gifted adults and Australian psychologists and counsellors with a special interest in gifted adults. If you have information to share please email jo@giftedresources.org

FROM TRACY PACE (U.S.)

Hello, I want to share a free educational resource with you called Varsity Learning Tools, and see if you will consider adding this great digital platform to the current list of resources on your website. Here is our platform: <u>http://www.varsitytutors.com/practice-tests</u>

Currently we have over 75,000 professionally written problems and thousands of distinct practice tests across 150 subjects. This includes subjects like history, math, foreign languages, and science for all experience levels. We also have practice tests and problems for common standardized tests like the ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, ISEE, and SSAT. We hope you'll take a look and add our resource. To date, students have completed more than 40 million problems on the Varsity Learning Tools platform. Each question is tied to a specific academic concept, which means your students can pinpoint their particular strengths and weaknesses in almost any area.

The Varsity Learning Tools platform also includes free digital classroom assessment software that instructors may find useful: http://www.varsitytutors.com/classroom-assessment If you have any questions about the resource, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Warm Regards, Tracy Email: <u>tracy.pace@varsitytutors.com</u> Ph: 314-712-8175



WiseOnes 18th Annual Conference

Friday, October 16th

5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Matthew Flinders Hotel, Warrigal Road, Chadstone Dinner is included in the price. Plenty of parking at the side.

Investment in learning is **\$99** Pay EFT to <u>WiseOnes</u> BSB <u>633000</u> Acc 121096531 Reference is your <u>initial and surname</u>. Please pay by October 2nd so I can confirm dinner numbers. Spouses welcome. Certificates of attendance for VIT points will be provided.

Contact Pat Slattery Managing Director. <u>fastlearners@outlook.com</u> 0418 578 552(text)

Who is invited. Parents and school leaders, staff members and G&T coordinators

5:00 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.	Introduction Welcome Pat Slattery, COGE, AFACEL Gifted Education Consultant What happens to NAPLAN results of gifted children with and without the <u>WiseOnes program</u> .	Tommy's Room	
05:40 p.m. – 6 <u>p.m</u>	Why does the program work in school time? Claudine Berman Licencee since 1998 Claudine is a former school leader.	Tommy's Room	
6.00p.m– 6:55 p.m.	Dinner in the Restaurant Please sit and talk with each other as this is an important part of the conference – sharing with like minds and across admin, teachers and parents.	Restaurant	
7:00 p.m. – 7.20 p.m.	Why does the free testing matter? Pat Rogers Truscott Licencee Formerly school principal for 16 years	Tommy's	
7:20 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.	 A. Why Gifted children need to gain in confidence ChristineTuminello Ryan-A.Mus.A, M.Ed G&T former school leader Licencee since 2004 B. Why WiseOnes aims are AIMS Angela Katsos Licencee since 2009 C. Why school leaders say yes or no. Sandy Robertson Licencee since 2014 B. Award Presentation: Licensee of the Year NB All the speakers are parents of gifted children. 	Tommy's	

New email addresses for Pat Slattery

1. Personal pat.slattery1@bigpond.com

2. Business fastlearners@outlook.com

The old patwise address will be redirected for a few weeks but please change your email contact details now

Pat Slattery

Gifted Education Consultant

Dip Teach, B.Ed, B.Theol, COGE, AFACEL, MHIQS



WHAT'S COMING UP



Term 4 G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge for Years 3-6

The very popular team-based competition The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge is coming up again in Term four. Over the course of the day teams participate in four original and intriguing scored challenges. Leadership and teamwork are emphasised over the day. The top two scoring teams will progress to the finals.

The following schools will be hosting the program:

Aspendale Gardens, PS, Tintern Schools; Ivanhoe GS and Mountain Gate PS, Mt Alexander College and Bialik College (Melbourne); Canberra Grammar School; Anglican Church School and St Margaret's (Brisbane)



Term 4 Eureka Program – 'Mystery, Mayhem and Magic'

This single day Year 1 and 2 program runs in Term 4 throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area and interstate. The following schools will be hosting the program:

Aspendale Gardens, PS, Tintern Schools; Ivanhoe GS and Mountain Gate PS, Moonee Ponds West PS and Bialik College

Children participate in 3 language, literature and drama 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.



December 'Festivals of Workshops'

ENROLLING FROM OCTOBER 21

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS will be running two end of year festivals. The Prep Festival will be held on December 10 and 11 at Firbank GS in Brighton, whilst the Year 1-6 Festival will be held on December 14 and 15 at Lauriston GS.

Program information will be up on the G.A.T.E.WAYS website during the September school holidays.



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 <u>www.gateways.edu.au</u> and enter your subscriber details at the bottom of the page.



I decided to accept Lisa Rivero's challenge to write 30 blog posts for the month of September. To read all about her challenge see http://www.lisarivero.com/30postshathsept/

The Americans have just finished their long summer holiday and this is Lisa's way of getting back into the swing of blogging.

But I approached the challenge in a slightly different manner. I have three blogs – Gifted Resources Blog, Sprite's Site and Personas, Profiles and Portraits.

So I intended to try to add 10 posts to each of them during the month of September.

Gifted Resources Blog posts would be flyers for coming events or programs.

The posts for Personas, Profiles and Portraits would probably relate to the creation and use of my persona dolls and their accessories.

And for Sprite's Site I endeavoured to post about Posts!

Here are the posts which resulted.

Gifted Resources Blog

https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/05/thirty-posts-hath-september-1/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/08/australian-blogs-on-the-topic-of-giftedness/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/09/coming-gifted-conferences/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/14/global-collaboration-day/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/21/global-collaboration-day-sept-2015/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/28/featured-flyer-4/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/28/global-education-conference-november-2015/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/28/connected-educator-month-october-2015/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/29/featured-flyer-5/ https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2015/09/30/inktober/

Personas, Profiles and Portraits

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Sprite's Site

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FROM WENDY STEWART

Dear Jo,

I have recently started my own South Australian business Gifted Advocacy and Counselling Services. I will be working with ABC Psychology, 62 King William Road, Goodwood, S.A. Phone 8377 7700. I hold a Masters in Gifted Education, and qualifications in Counselling. If you would put me on your list of professionals available to assist with counselling of gifted children and adults (S.A. only), I would be grateful.

Many thanks, Wendy Wendy Stewart Gifted Advocacy and Counselling Services stewart.wendy@bigpond.com



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WHEN:	7.30pm	13 [™] №	November	– 15 [™]	Nove	ember,	2015	<u>,</u>
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WHERE: Gilwell Park, Launching Place Road, Gembrook

6 – 14 year olds AGES:

children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian Parents of all children are very welcome and encouraged to come

FEES: Registration includes accommodation in shared bunk houses, all meals

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The strength of the camps has always been the children themselves. Giving gifted children the opportunity to spend time with like minded peers engaged in interesting or challenging activities and social experiences is vital for their wellbeing.

"If gifted and talented students are to achieve their potential, they require expanded educational opportunities beyond the scope of the regular school program. The students need to explore different career options, crafts, ideas and skills that challenge their abilities. Our children need personal attention, adult commitment, role models they can admire and talk to."(Hegeman, 1987, p123)

The camp aims to address some of these needs within a fun supportive environment.

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The Theme provides inspiration for a wide range of activities including science and invention, maps, world travel, countries and cultures. All these ideas will be explored through craft, creation, invention, drama, storytelling, and other hands on activities. There will be plenty of time for imagination, fun and making new friends.

Facilitator Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE)

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For further details about the camp please contact Helen Dudeney at enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

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GTChat Blog

https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/09/07/pointcounterpoint-challenges-to-giftedprograms/ https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/09/15/how-to-advocate-for-acceleration-atyour-school/ https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/09/23/how-stereotypes-affect-gifted-children/ https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2015/09/27/helping-gifted-children-cope-with-lifechanges/

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hops.htm Hoagiesgifted October Blog hop: http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_asking_for_help.htm Sprite's Site post for this blog hop https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/10/01/asking-for-help-a-guest-expert-panel-qa-session/

GHF Bloggers Blog Hops

http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs/blog-hop/ September blog hop http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/parenting-gifted2e-kids-on-shoestring/ Sprite's Site posts for this blog hop https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/09/20/on-a-shoestring/ https://spritessite.wordpress.com/2015/09/25/post-blog-hop-post/

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES AND BLOG POSTS

World Gifted Conference Sydney 2017 http://www.worldgifted2017.com/

http://www.worldgifted2017.com/misc/wcgtc17-conference-agreement-signed/

Practical Pedagogies Conference 2015 Toulouse October 15-16 2015 http://www.activehistory.co.uk/2015_IST/index.php?id

Creative kids tales http://www.creativekidstales.com.au/

Australian children's book publishers http://www.creativekidstales.com.au/links/childrens-publishers-aus

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Bright vs. Gifted https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/gifted-ed-guru/201201/the-bright-child-vs-the-gifted-learnerwhats-the-difference The psychology podcast Darold Treffert http://thepsychologypodcast.com/darold-treffert/

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