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If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email contributions@giftedresources.org



Views of the new Theatrette at Luther College where Gifted Resources Guest Speaker Presentations and Workshops and Film Discussion evenings can be held.

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

OUR WEBSITE - www.giftedresources.org

It seems that sometimes in order to keep everyone on the same page you have to pull out the other pages. I have taken down all but three of the pages of the old Vicnet mc2 website.

On Gifted Resources website additions and changes have been made to the Website Lists, Service Locator, Visual Spatial Learners, About Us and Biorama sections. Further Columbus Cheetah Myth Buster slides have been added.

A new section called the In Tray has been added. Now I can display the attractive flyers and announcements for events which you send me. The link to the In Tray can be found on the main page.

A link to the nomination form for Brainy Days Gifted Teacher Awards and an updated flyer for Rosemary Cathcart's They're not bringing my brain out have been added to the Resources for Sale page.

A photo album section has been added to my personal website and a photo tribute to the huge pine tree on the main page

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/>

I often receive email which should go to the owner of the giftedchildren.com.au website. I AM NOT THE OWNER OF THAT SITE.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Phasing out of the virtual and vicnet email addresses is almost complete. PLEASE can you ensure that the address you have for Gifted Resources is jo@giftedresources.org and the email address for the newsletter is contributions@giftedresources.org

GIFTED RESOURCES LIBRARY

Recently I **received** a wonderful box of books donated to the Gifted Resources Library by Catriona Coote the author of the NSWAGTC Book Reviews page at <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/info/books/index.html>

Jamie Tarling also donated a stack of books and I still have some books awaiting processing.

So I have just purchased an extra bookshelf for the Library

GIFTED RESOURCES EVENTS

THE ADVOCACY JOURNEY - One family's story

JENNIFER GRANT

Friday 31 August 2007 7.30pm

Registration from 7.00pm

Centre for the Exceptional Learner, Luther College

Plymouth Rd. Croydon, Vic 3134

JENNIFER GRANT is a parent of 3 gifted children aged 8 to 16 and has experience advocating for almost every educational option available for gifted children from early entry to kindergarten up to and including tertiary level. Formerly a secondary maths and science teacher, she has studied the Certificate of Gifted Education with GERRIC and now teaches gifted primary schoolers with WiseOnes. Jennifer is the President of Maroondah Gifted Children's Parents' Association.

Cost: \$10

Booking essential. Phone (03) 9724 2452 and leave a voicemail message or email jo@giftedresources.org or use the form on the Events page

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December
If you have suggestions for family activities, guest speakers, etc. for 2007 please phone or email Jennifer or Louise.

PO Box 1279

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GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- * "Mini Minds" - weekly activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - fortnightly activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- * Comprehensive members library
- * Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

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GIFTED EDUCATION NETWORK PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia
Meets regularly every fourth Tuesday of the month from 7.30 - 9.00pm
at the Beaconsfield Community Centre, O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield.

Contact

Karen Grubb (Coordinator of Parent Support Group)

kgrubb@optusnet.com.au

and

Lyn Chudleigh (Gifted Education Network Coordinator)

c/o Berwick Lodge Primary School

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V.A.G.T.C. Inc

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

V.A.G.T.C. CONFERENCE 2007

Head & Heart

Telstra Dome

Docklands Melbourne

Wed 14-Thursday 15 November 2007

http://www.vagtc.asn.au/assets/htm/conf_intro.htm

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/assets/pdf/07%20conf%20pdfs/VAGTC%20Conf%20Announcement.pdf>

DSNSG Defence Special Needs Support Group

A support group for Australian Defence Force families who have members with special needs, including giftedness & talent. DSNSG provides support and information for Defence families posted throughout Australia and overseas

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Gifted & Talented Coordinator

Defence Special Needs Support Group

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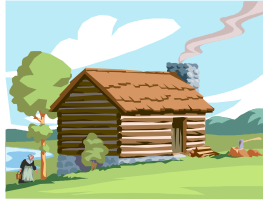
www.dsnsq.org.au

NSW Association of Gifted & Talented Children Albury/Wodonga Support Group

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga and welcomes interested parents & teachers
Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28/8/07 6pm. We will conduct a Parent Packaging - Mini-Curriculum Resource Night.

Following this is a meeting on Tuesday 23/10/07 6pm. Dr Anne Flood of the Tall Poppies Centre, Wagga Wagga will be our guest speaker.

For venue details & information phone Dennis Baker, President,
(02)60591888



NEW HOME EDUCATION REGULATIONS

The new Education Act was declared and came into effect on 1 July 2007. See this statement on the DET website "The Act came into effect when it was proclaimed on Sunday 1st July 2007 by the Governor in Council."

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/reviewleg.htm>

The new Education Act requires that home educators be registered. More details on the requirements are available here <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/category/victorian-legal-situation/> including a downloadable pdf <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2007/04/victorianlegalinformation.pdf> giving details of the Education Act and associated regulations.

The VRQA now have registration forms on their website here <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/homeSchool/application.htm> and explanatory information here <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/homeSchool/support.htm>

A PDF giving details of the relevant sections of the legislation and regulations is available on the HEN website here <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/2007/07/02/education-act-declared-1st-july-2007/>

The information about the Homeschooling Advisory Committee is now online here <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/enrolling/hsac.htm>



STARJUMP FOR VISUAL SPATIAL LEARNERS

Unlocking Literacy - Building systems of thinking using cognitive strengths.

The Starjump Literacy program is now available on CD for Visual Spatial Learners from 6 to 12 years of age. If your child has difficulties with reading, writing, or spelling come and find out more at the next Parent Information Night. More details about the CD on Gifted Resources Visual Spatial Learner page

For details call Maxine Cowie on 9596 8288
or email maxine@starjump.com.au to register.

GIFTEDFAMILIES MEETING

A group of giftedfamilies email list members is meeting at Healesville Sanctuary (Victoria) on Friday October 5th. There will be a 90 minute customised problem-solving session for the kids which includes hands-on experiences with wildlife.

For full details including RSVP details see the flyer at <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/files/healesvillefler.pdf>

PARENTING GIFTED CHILDREN WORKSHOP, CANBERRA

Professor Miraca Gross

Saturday, 15 September, 2007 9.30am-5pm

Venue: Telopea Park School Senior Library

The workshop will cover:

Identifying giftedness and talent in children

Characteristics of gifted children

Strategies for preventing underachievement in gifted children

The impact of gifted children on family dynamics

Ways in which schools can respond to students with high ability

Social and emotional needs of gifted children

Parent advocacy of gifted children

The workshop is suitable for parents of gifted and talented children of all ages and educators.

Cost: \$50

Price includes extensive support materials, morning tea and refreshments.

There will be a 1 hour break for lunch.

Bring your own or enjoy a short walk to Manuka or Kingston shops.

Numbers are limited.

Note: Payment is to Telopea Park School P&C

Completed forms can be sent to Telopea park or left at the Telopea Park School Front Office. Please mark envelopes 'Gifted and Talented Workshop'

Phone 02 62055599 or

email tps@telopea.act.edu.au

For more information contact Kate Sutherland, Deputy Principal 02 62055591 0401712622

WiseOnes

Annual Conference Friday 26th October.

Brandon Park Primary School

the topics are yet to be decided but the sessions will be run as if they were WiseOnes lessons; so teachers can get the feel of participation in a gifted class. It promises to be challenging in pace, complexity and dealing with abstract principles to cover aspects of Intellectual, Moral and Social issues.

Email the office office23@tpg.com.au

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

GATE WAYS Education

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

Math magic problem of the month

<http://www.stetson.edu:80/~efriedma/mathmagic/>

The Wolfram Demonstration projects

<http://demonstrations.wolfram.com/about.html>

Science week

<http://www.scienceweek.info.au/>

Virtual teacher

<http://www.virtualteacher.com.au/teachtool.html>

Prof David Lohman papers

<http://faculty.education.uiowa.edu/dlohman/>

Nueva Gifted Learning Conference

<http://www.marketingeventservices.com/nglc/index.html>

Rocky Mountain School

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

Time magazine articles

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1653653-1,00.html>

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1653640,00.html>

Eternity II - Puzzle

http://www.bestgames.com.au/Products/Eternity-II---Win-2-million-USD_FUN7173.aspx

Touched Angels website – support group for families of children affected by lissencephaly and other brain anomalies

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

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Gifted Resources is participating in the Ritchies IGA Community Benefits scheme. To give Gifted Resources benefit every time you shop for groceries ask at any Ritchies IGA for a Community Benefits card and nominate **Gifted Resources Number 90417**

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Gifted Resources aims to provide information about events, services, products and websites which could be of interest. Inclusion in Gifted Resources Website, Information Pack or Newsletter does not necessarily imply any endorsement or guarantee of quality or suitability to meet your specific needs.

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