



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2007

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Welcome to the Gifted Resources Email Newsletter in the new pdf attachment format. If you are not able to receive attachments you can read this newsletter online at

<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>

You may be receiving this newsletter because someone has forwarded their copy to you. If you would like to receive your own copy please subscribe from our newsletter website at <http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html> You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), or change your subscription options, from this address.

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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

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

REALLY EXCITING NEWS !!!

Next year Gifted Resources will be hosting STEPHANIE TOLAN and ROSEMARY CATHCART when they visit Victoria

For more details see the links from the Homepage of Gifted Resources website and keep watching for details of their itineraries

OUR WEBSITE - www.giftedresources.org

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.

GIFTED RESOURCES ACTIVITY REPORT 2007

During 2007 Jo Freitag /Gifted Resources has

Presented at Conferences, Expos and Workshops for National Home Education Conference, Portsea; Eastwood Primary School; S.W.A.M. (Students with Active Minds) GEMM Program, Warrnambool; Western Suburbs Group, Victoria University Footscray; Gifted Support Network, Cheltenham.

Provided PD on resources for Gifted Education to teachers, Gifted Ed and Learning Needs coordinators and service providers.

Provided resources to Catholic Education Office Gifted Section, Billanook College, Southwood Boys Grammar and Luther College

Assisted with preparation for Luther College participation in Da Vinci Decathlon and Night of the Notables

Hosted guest speakers Maxine Cowie – Launch of VSL Literacy CD and Jennifer Grant – The Advocacy Journey

Hosted the first solo exhibition of 9 year old gifted VSL artist, Kristian Lang

Attended PD sessions and workshops – Critical Agendas Brighton

Been interviewed by radio for National Home Education Conference

Been interviewed by Email by Michael Shaugnessy of the American Education news website Ednews.org

Developed and maintained the website for Gifted Resources

<http://www.giftedresources.org>

Written and distributed by email 15 issues of the Gifted Resources Newsletter and 3 issues of Gifted Resources Newsletter Extension and Holiday programs

Housed, maintained and circulated part of the V.A.G.T.C. Inc. Library (297 volumes)

Housed, maintained and circulated Gifted Resources Library (746 volumes)

The catalogues can be seen online at

<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/glibrary.html>

Updated the Gifted Resources Information Pack

<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/infopacks.html>

Provided information and resources for homeschooling families and those contemplating commencement of home schooling

Provided information and resources for teachers and parents during personal consultations, by phone and by email

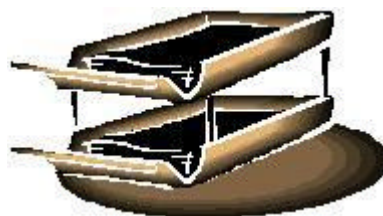
Planned Itineraries and details of proposed 2008 visits to Melbourne of Stephanie Tolan (U.S.) and Rosemary Cathcart (New Zealand)

The Gifted Resources Activity Report for this year can also be read by following the link under the heading Gifted Resources in Action on the About Us page

MORE GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

I was delighted to hear recently that **Kristian Lang** the gifted 9 year old VSL artist whose first solo exhibition was held at Gifted Resources in May had great success in **the Science Teachers Association of Victoria Science Talent Search**. He won in two categories, but received three awards.

He received a major bursary for science photography (a project about Woomera), a minor bursary for science photography (a project on salt lakes) and also a major bursary for his "Photosynthesis' animation in the science video category.



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

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK MEETING 1 NOVEMBER [FLYER](#)

ANNE JACKSON MINDFUL! TERM 4 07 [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.Ways December Festival of Workshops [NOTICE](#) [Website link](#) NB the Notice has been revised

G.A.T.E.Ways CSI Mathematical kit for upper primary students [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.Ways Seeking Passionate Teachers for Gifted Programs [NOTICE](#)

Giftedness Researchers' Support and Discussion Forum [NOTICE](#)

NSW Association of Gifted & Talented Children Albury/Wodonga Support Group
Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga and welcomes interested parents & teachers [FLYER](#)

GERRIC Summer Seminars in Gifted Education Series [PDF BROCHURE](#)

GERRIC CERTIFICATE OF GIFTED EDUCATION (C.O.G.E.) [PDF FLYER](#)

RENZULLI Learning System Overview (www.renzullilearning.com) [PPT FLYER](#)

MONASH UNIVERSITY KRONGOLD CENTRE GIFTED SERVICES [PDF FLYER](#)

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonal'd's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on
Wednesday 7 November, 5 December

If you have suggestions for family activities, guest speakers, etc. for 2007 please phone or
email Jennifer or Louise.

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Croydon Vic 3136

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

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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)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is gifted-support@hotmail.com

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar
of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php#event6>**

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%20Announcem
ent.pdf](http://www.vagtc.asn.au/assets/pdf/07%20conf%20pdfs/VAGTC%20Conf%20Announcem
ent.pdf)

NSW AGTC FAMILY EXPLORERS

New Support Group

NSWAGTC Southern Sydney Support

Group is officially commencing thanks to the wonderful support of Michelle (NSWAGTC office) and Julie (Family Explorers group).

We will be starting with regular informal get togethers/picnics and growing as the need arises.

We will have our first get together on Sunday 17th November from 11am.

Meet at the Sutherland Shire Centennial Park, Karimbla Rd, Miranda for a casual day of relaxing conversation and fun.

Bring your own 'everything' for a picnic lunch (free Bar-B-Q's available if needed) and let the kids go crazy on the climbing equipment, flying fox, swings etc. Toilets are available on site.

Look for the purple balloons and you will find us.

All welcome...this is our first gathering and we are looking for some great ideas to guide us through our first 12 months.

All enquiries and suggestions to: [Kylie ssgat@tpg.com.au](mailto:Kylie.ssgat@tpg.com.au)

With Thanks,

Kylie Walker

GERRIC Seminars Change of Dates

The Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) is delighted to be running a range of six evening seminars in gifted education featuring Australian and international leaders in the field.

Please be advised that 2 dates have changed since the release of the brochure. The second seminar, which was scheduled for 2nd of November, will now be held on Thursday, 1st of November. The last Seminar, which was scheduled for 21st of March, will now be held on Thursday, 27th of March
See the flyer in the In Tray for full details

KAREN ROGERS IN ADELAIDE

Thursday 15th November. 7pm – 9.30pm

Education Development Centre Milner Street, Hindmarsh

"Who Are the Gifted and What Do They Need?

Four Strategies That Work!"

Karen will share the latest perspectives on how giftedness and talent are expressed and follow this with a synthesis of what the research suggests are "best school practices" for bright children. She will also talk about some of the myths that surround gifted children, their parents, and what happens at school.

Cost: \$35 GTCASA members, \$40 non-members

Go to GTCASA website www.gtcasa.asn.au for the registration form.

Giftedness Researchers' Support and Discussion Forum

This group is open to Australians and New Zealanders undertaking research related to giftedness, to provide mutual support and a forum for sharing ideas. Membership of the group requires that the person is carrying out empirical or clinical research in the giftedness field, in association with a university, school, psychology practice or similar. Examples include university academics, Honours, Masters and PhD students and psychologists collecting clinical data.

Being such a small and often misunderstood field of research, it is hoped this group will help giftedness researchers feel connected with others who speak the same 'language' and share the same concerns... and as a result maintain their energy and 'voice' in furthering how gifted children and adults are understood. New researchers and those who feel isolated within their universities are particularly encouraged to join, as are experienced researchers who can offer their support and advice.

The group will soon begin meeting on an informal basis in Victoria, and also communicates through a web-based forum. Membership of the group is free. For further information, contact Jodie Valpied (PhD Student, University of Melbourne).
Email: jodiev@tpg.com.au

All bright little minds (ages 0 -5yo)

Are invited to come and play.

Friday November 2, from 9.30 am at "Jungle Junior" in Geelong.

This 'come and play day' has been organised by a couple of mums that met through CHIP.

(This meeting is not a part of / nor are we representing the CHIP/CHIP Geelong organisation.)

Please email joannamb@westnet.com.au if attending.

NEW VERSION OF eUNIT PLANNER AVAILABLE

We are very excited to announce that the latest version of [Electronic Unit Planner](#) has been released. Our timing of the new release is in no way accidental. In the majority of schools, planning for Term 4 is already completed and Term 1 2008 planning will not commence for some time.

You can use the new version by going to www.eup.cm.au and following the prompts to a free two week trial.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us at

info@eup.com.au.

Kind regards,

The eUP Team.

PASSIONATE TEACHERS SOUGHT FOR GIFTED PROGRAMS

G.A.T.E.WAYS, a highly respected provider of educational programs, is seeking creative and enthusiastic expert teachers across a range of curriculum areas for work in Melbourne schools.

Over 200 people from a range of different backgrounds (primary, secondary & tertiary teaching; science; mathematics; the arts; politics; sport; philosophy & thinking skills) have presented programs for G.A.T.E.WAYS in the last 13 years. Our organisation offers educational programs for primary and early secondary children who have special educational needs because of their advanced or potential abilities. This can be academic ability across a range of curriculum areas or talent in one area.

G.A.T.E.WAYS is seeking presenters of the highest quality to develop and teach programs to gifted and talented children. As a presenter you will be:

- Expert in your given field or fields
- Passionate about your field and able to convey this enthusiasm to children
- An excellent communicator who loves children
- Knowledgeable about the special needs of gifted children and how they learn, or be prepared to do some training in this area
- Creative, flexible and skilled in terms of curriculum development and delivery. Programs will be inquiry based, with lots of hands-on activities, problem solving, higher order thinking skills. Popular programs are those which are scenario-based, 'hypotheticals' or mysteries – children love learning embedded within such a framework. Programs will take children well beyond the regular curriculum
- Able to work with G.A.T.E.WAYS on program development
- Willing and able to travel throughout the metropolitan area. G.A.T.E.WAYS runs its programs at host schools from all educational sectors, from Bonbeach to Brunswick; from Malvern to Mooroolbark, and anywhere in between and sometimes beyond. Details of program types and timetables can be viewed on www.gateways.edu.au

As a G.A.T.E.WAYS presenter you will be:

- Challenged and developed – we know that talented people are the key to our success
- Part of a fabulous team of interesting, enthusiastic individuals
- Valued by parents, teachers and the children themselves for your great programs
- Engaged on a flexible 'per program' contract basis. Talented presenters have the opportunity to do as little or as much work as it suits them and us in any given term.

G.A.T.E.WAYS requires

- You to have an Australian Business Number and a current Police Clearance/ Working With Children Certificate.
- Provide your own teaching materials and equipment

G.A.T.E.WAYS wants to talk to people from all fields, but especially those with expertise in children's literature, language and writing; science, mathematics, problem solving/thinking skills, philosophy, spoken English (debating/public speaking), politics/world issues; history; art and drama.

Applications:

Submit your current curriculum vitae, together with any further information in support of your application to:
Jill Lawrence & Win Smith

G.A.T.E.WAYS
PO Box 207
Blackburn 3130
or fax: 9894 2117

WiseOnes Expressions of Interest Sought

WiseOnes is interested in talking to teachers who may be interested in some part time contract work either teaching or promoting, or both, our programs in schools in their area. WiseOnes is in its 10th year of providing the gifted program but would like to reach out to more schools so that more children can have their special needs met. We have decided to trial the idea of an Area Development Officer to promote to and care for several schools in their own area. They may teach at some of them on a separate contract. The ADO contract is performance based on the numbers of children in the program. Check us on www.wiseones.com.au and send an email of inquiry to patwise@tpg.com.au

GERRIC 2008 WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

The Gifted Education, Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at The University of New South Wales offers two day extension and enrichment workshops for students from 4- 16 years of age. In 2008 GERRIC will host over 200 workshops in January, April and July presented on various disciplines by either teachers with postgraduate training in gifted education or University Academics. A residential program is offered to interstate secondary school aged students and generous sponsorship places are also available. For further information please visit the GERRIC website. <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au>

CALL FOR PAPERS

AAEGT 12th National Gifted and Talented Conference

Hosted by Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc
Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart Tasmania
9th - 11th July 2008

The theme of the 2008 conference is Celebrating Ability. The conference will provide all participants a stimulating and inspiring opportunity to explore a range of issues and challenges, ideas and resources. Participants include parents and educators who are highly motivated about the education and enrichment opportunities for gifted/highly able children.

A special invitation is extended to Tasmanian teachers - we want to hear about your innovative approach to Gifted Education.

The "Call for Papers" can be downloaded from the conference web page http://www.conventionwise.com.au/GT_Call_for_Presenters.pdf

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

End of Year and Christmas is approaching fast!

Do you want to thank an excellent teacher or give a useful gift to a family member or friend?

Have a look at the Resources for Sale section –you will find gifts suitable for all ages there.



SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Owl & Mouse Educational software

<http://www.yourchildlearns.com/>

Saddletrout Studios weird inventions

<http://members.toast.net/saddletrout/attic.html>

The Rockpool Homeschooling site

<http://therockpool.org/>

Learning Unlimited Speed Maths with Bill Handley

<http://www.virtual.net.au/~bhandley/lua2.htm>

Active minds on campus US student mental health

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

Common errors in English

<http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/>

Victorian Education Department Local Gifted Education contacts

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/gifted/Contacts/index.htm>

Awares Online Autism Conference

<http://www.awares.org/conferences/>

Kookaburra Educational Resources

<http://www.kookaburra.com.au/home.aspx>

JAK Enhanced Audio Visual

<http://www.jakenhanced.com.au/home.html>

Wizz pegs – no more lost socks

<http://www.wizzpeg.com/index.htm>



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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