



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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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.

You can also read the newsletter online at <http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>

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

PREPARING FOR THE VISITS OF STEPHANIE TOLAN AND ROSEMARY CATHCART

Flyers and registration forms for almost all the events are up now on Gifted Resources website. NB REGISTRATION FOR STEPHANIE TOLAN EVENTS BY 30 MARCH 08

They can be found by following the links on the home page, the Flyer In Tray and Stephanie and Rosemary's pages

I will be sending out a separate letter soon with a pdf booklet containing all the flyers and registration forms.

To increase your anticipation read excerpts from the email correspondence we have been sharing, find out about the books of these two authors that are available in Australia and participate in the sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

SHARING THE LETTERS

While we have been planning the visits Stephanie, Rosemary and I have been blessed as we shared our own stories during our exchange of email letters. We thought you would be interested to read some excerpts from these letters.

These can be found by clicking on the links on Gifted Resources home page

www.giftedresources.org

SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES – please act by 14 FEB 08

Types of Sponsorship and advertising opportunities available

1. Major sponsor \$5.000
2. Dinner speaking engagement \$5.000
3. Speaker sponsor (3 available) \$ 2,000
4. Printing sponsor \$1.000
5. Stationery sponsor \$500
6. Advertising material (up to 3 items no larger than A4 size) included in tour folders \$100
7. Miscellaneous items

Please feel free to suggest any item or service that you would like to donate to Gifted Resources for the Stephanie Tolan tour. These could be items or services which could be used as gifts, acknowledgements, or contribute to the organisation of the tour or to Stephanie's enjoyment of her visit.

Donations will be acknowledged on Gifted Resources website.

Items which are needed include

Folding Portable Overhead projector

Replacement globes for Hitachi CP-S225 Data Projector

Boxes of fruit (especially apples)

Slabs of bottled water or mineral water

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the advertising option.

As one of the sponsors, Lynne Mackenzie-Sykes of Australian Gifted Network, said

"If all the service providers who have material included in the Gifted Resources Info Pack and notify their events in the newsletter put in \$100 each you would have enough to cover the costs"

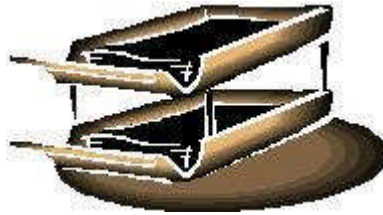
As you probably realise Gifted Resources does not make any charge for promoting events in the Gifted Resources newsletter and does not make a charge for including material in the Info pack.

Gifted Resources has given this service freely for many years while operating on a shoestring budget.

Now Gifted Resources needs your support in order to meet the up front expenses involved with hosting the Stephanie Tolan tour.

The list of sponsors and supporters which is constantly being updated can be seen by following the link on Stephanie's page of Gifted Resources website.

**TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO SPONSOR PLEASE PRINT OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN A PDF IN THE SECTION ABOUT STEPHANIE TOLAN'S VISIT AND SEND WITH PAYMENT BY 14 FEBRUARY 2008 TO
GIFTED RESOURCES
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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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Dr Gail Byrne Understanding gifted children's IQ assessments

4 March 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

Stephanie Tolan Tour April 2008 [PDF BOOKLET OF FLYERS](#)

Rosemary Cathcart Workshops July 2008 [PDF BOOKLET OF FLYERS](#)

'The Big Bang Coffee Club' Parent Group [FLYER](#)

NEO Psychology School & Educational Psychologists Clinical Psychology Seminar Program for 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS TONY RYAN WORKSHOP [PDF FLYER](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION 5th ANNUAL THINKING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE [PDF FLYER](#)

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](#)

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

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 6 February, 5 March, 2 April

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

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Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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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>

Parents' Activity - Term 1 Presentation

Dr Gail Byrne presents

Understanding Gifted Children's IQ Assessments

Tuesday 4 March 2008

7.45pm - 9.30pm

Dr Gail Byrne is a psychologist who operates a private consultancy specialising in the IQ assessment of children and adolescents. Along with a colleague, she is currently conducting a research study where children are being tested on both the WISC and the Stanford-Binet tests. As a psychologist, teacher and parent of two gifted children (both now at University) Gail brings a unique perspective of intellectual giftedness.

Just what does the IQ assessment look like and more importantly what does it really measure?

Has your child had a cognitive assessment, commonly known as an IQ test?

Have you been advised to seek an IQ assessment?

As parents you are often given your child's results, and there are many ways these can be presented, but wonder what those figures really mean.

Increasingly, too, it is not only Psychologists who interpret test results and are expected to understand the ramifications of a particular test score. In schools Special Education staff, Senior Teachers and Careers Counsellors are responsible for the interpretation of psychological tests.

This session will look at IQ testing and let you see items similar to what your child may have undertaken. It will look at what the scores mean and how these scores can be meaningfully interpreted. Whilst tests in the Wechsler scale will be the main interest in the session the other test which is utilised worldwide, The Stanford Binet 5 will also be briefly considered.

This is not a session filled with statistics and psychological jargon; it is designed to shed light on what is often a poorly understood area.

No prior knowledge expected.

School personnel and parents are encouraged to attend.

Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, bookings essential

RSVP Please email Carolyn

or phone 9576 5137

CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR CASEY/CARDINIA GROUP

used to be

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

IS NOW

GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.

Contact Victoria Poulos

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

BILLANOOK COLLEGE - DIMENSIONS PROGRAM

Parents Forums - Everyone Welcome More details soon

DATES 2008

February 25

April 30

August 15

October 27

Contact Dimensions Co-ordinator Emma Cornish for more details:

Phone 9724 1158 Email emma.cornish@billanook.vic.edu.au

FOR A FULLER LIST OF PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS PLEASE SEE THE LIST ON GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE SERVICE LOCATOR

SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND DETAILS OF YOUR GROUP'S COMING EVENTS AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER AND/OR THE IN TRAY (NO COST INVOLVED)

PART TIME SCHOOL ENROLMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Victorian government has issued guidelines for partial school enrolment by registered home educated students. Families who wish to pursue partial enrolment need to contact the principal of their neighbourhood school to discuss a workable arrangement but principals have the right to decline the application if they have reasonable grounds - e.g. a cap on numbers in the class you are applying for. It is recommended that any interested families read the full guidelines before approaching the school. The guidelines and FAQ are now online on the [DEECD website](http://www.deecd.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/enrolling/homeschool.htm#4) <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/enrolling/homeschool.htm#4>

It is also possible to enrol in a school other than your neighbourhood one at the discretion of the relevant principal.

A REPRINT has been made of Dr Linda Silverman's excellent book about Visual Spatial Learners Upside Down Brilliance The RRP is \$59.60 inc GST plus postage

For full details contact

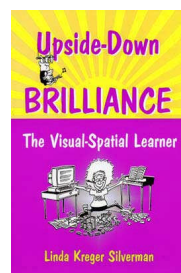
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GERRIC 2008 WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS

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>

An important message from Professor Miraca Gross, Director of GERRIC, about the Academic Talent Search, 2008

The Academic Talent Search is a unique testing program for academically gifted students from years 3-9. It was initiated by the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales. The Talent Search has been run each year for 10 years and has benefited many students, families and schools.

I am writing to inform you that in 2008 the Talent Search will be put on hold until 2009. After 10 years of running the program, it is essential that we take time to reassess this model of testing to ensure it is the most useful, valuable, affordable, and enjoyable that it can be.

We will be re-examining elements such as content of the exams, exam procedure, results reports, cost and the possibility of finding a sponsor to reduce costs for families. We are very confident a re-evaluation and improvement the Talent Search program will make it even better!

We would really love your ideas on this program. Whether you have participated in the exam before, or your child has, or your school has, or you have never heard of the Talent Search, your opinion is very valuable to us! For more information on the Talent Search, please visit: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/talent/> and use the links at the top of the page. If you would like to share your opinion with us, please use the link on the above webpage.

Thank you for your interest in the Talent Search. We are confident that the Talent Search in the future will be an even better program to be part of! Please don't hesitate to contact us on gerric@unsw.edu.au or phone 02 9385 1972.

Kind regards,
Professor Miraca Gross
Director: GERRIC

OGTOC FREE ONLINE CONFERENCE ABOUT 2E ISSUES WITH MARY RUTH COLEMAN

A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/group/mary_ruth_coleman

Please be sure to join the Mary Ruth Coleman group.

Just because you joined NING OGTOC you will also need to join this group for the upcoming conference on twice exceptionality.

Enjoy exploring the new NING OGTOC which is open 24/7: A Gathering Place for All Gifted.

Obviously the guest experts' groups will follow the schedule as determined by the guest expert.

Sally L

Sally_L@comcast.net

Visit Gifted - OGTOC at: <http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com>

GONE FISHIN'

This year I thought I would not have the time, energy or inspiration to write a Church School program and paint the windows but God took care of all those details and the you can see the results on my own website <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/> Click on the photo of the Angler fish window.

CONFERENCES AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED (AAEGT) Biennial Conference

Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

July 9-11, 2008

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

**HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION 5th ANNUAL THINKING AND LEARNING CONFERENCE
Classrooms@work Teachers make the difference**

12-15 May 2008

The Heath Caulfield Racecourse Melbourne

For full details see http://www.hbe.com.au/07_196_10.pdf

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OVERSEAS

April 2-5, 2008, *Convention and Expo of the Council for Exceptional Children*, Boston, Massachusetts. Henry Winkler, keynoter. For teachers, administrators, students, parents, paraprofessionals, and other providers of support services to students with exceptionalities, disabilities, or giftedness.

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ConventionExpo/default.htm>

April 4-6, 2008, *Intelligence at Risk: Transforming the Educational Paradigm*, Universal City Hilton, Universal City, California. By AEGUS (Association for the Education of Gifted Underachieving Students). For educators, parents, and clinicians.

<http://www.aegus1.org/conference.html>

May 18-20, 2008, The Ninth Biennial Henry B. & Jocelyn Wallace National Research Symposium on Talent Development, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. For educators and researchers in the gifted field.

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/events/researchsym/>

July 18-20, 2008, SENG 25th Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah. For parents, educators, school psychologists, and others.

http://www.sengifted.org/conference_about.shtml

September 16-20, 2008, *11th Conference of the European Council for High Ability*, Prague, Czech Republic. Official language: English. For professionals, educators

<http://www.echa2008.eu/>

FREE PUBLIC LECTURE SYDNEY UNIVERSITY THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008 5.30 PM

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Prime numbers

It is necessary to register

Phone (02) 9351 3021.

A LETTER FROM Dr SUSEN SMITH, UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND

Dear all,

Welcome to the new year. The University of New England (UNE) enrichment program was very successful last year. Hundreds of teachers, parents and students, from across three regional and rural regions, attended UNE for a series of events for gifted students and educators wanting to share their experiences and learn new skills.

There will be an article on this program in the TalentEd journal this year and a copy of the results of the evaluations will be emailed as well. The three regions are: New England, North West and North Coast.

The program is being broadened to include the Hunter/Central Coast region and South Queensland region this year. If you know of other regions who are interested in receiving information on these programs please email:

TalentEd@une.edu.au.

So far this year we have the UNE TalentEd Conference which will now be held on May 2nd and 3rd. The title of the conference is: Potential to Performance: Celebrating Innovations. So we are looking for participants to share their innovative practices in gifted education in presentations, workshops, seminars or discussion groups. Don't be shy in nominating others to present their work as it is important that we all share and learn from each other. We have some very important key note speakers as well, such as Assoc. Prof. Stan Bailey. Information on the conference will go out soon. We are fortunate to be sponsored by the School of Education, UNE and SiMERR NSW this year so we are able to keep costs down too.

You will notice that we have a new email so all emails regarding the conference and enrichment program can be directed to that email.

TalentEd@une.edu.au

We also have a new assistant. A warm welcome to Mrs Carol Davies who will be assisting with planning, preparation and implementing the conference and the enrichment days this year.

The UNE New England Region Enrichment Committee met late last year and decided that it was important to continue this program. We are aiming to have our first enrichment program (for teachers and students) for the year on March 28th & 29th at UNE. Stay tuned for more information on this soon.

We also have a new parent group organised by Mrs Cherene Spendelove so stay tuned for developments there. Their first planned activity is a holiday camp to be held in Armidale in Easter.

Additionally, Tournament of Minds (TOM) will be on again this year at UNE in August.

If you wish to be involved in any of these programs please email: TalentEd@une.edu.au. Involvement can include being keynote speakers or presenting at conferences, being tutors for holiday camps or being on the committees for planning the events or connecting with the parent network group.

If you have any queries or wish to be removed from this email listing please email: TalentEd@une.edu.au.

All the best for the new year.
Kind regards
Susen

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Australia 2020 Summit

http://www.pm.gov.au/news/releases/2008/media_release_00020.cfm

Math in the media

<http://www.ams.org/mathmedia/archive/04-2007-media.html>

Homeschool diner

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

Dr Deborah Ruf's website

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

Sally-Anne McCormack

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

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

Undiagnosed girls with autism struggle to fit in

<http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/Story?id=4177353&page=1>

SOME NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS TO MAKE GIFTED PROVISION EASIER

For everything gifted check out Hoagies website <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/>

Check out the EUMY Extension units <http://www.eumyeducation.com/>

Get organised with the eUNIT planner www.eup.cm.au

Subscribe to 2E newsletter <http://www.2enewsletter.com/>

Enhance maths skills with 24 Game tournaments from Brainy Days

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

Investigate the Gifted Resources website for resources for sale, programs, competitions and tournaments www.giftedresources.org

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Gifted Resources is participating in the Ritchies IGA Community Benefits scheme.

I have not actually received any benefits yet but.....

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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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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