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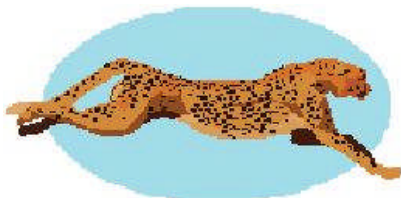


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If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)



**LEAP YEAR EARLY BIRD OFFERS  
FOR THE WORKSHOPS AT LUTHER COLLEGE See below!**

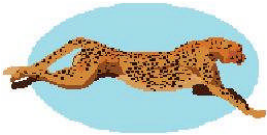
# GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

## STEPHANIE TOLAN AND ROSEMARY CATHCART WORKSHOPS

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



## LEAP YEAR EARLY BIRD OFFERS FOR THE WORKSHOPS AT LUTHER COLLEGE

Register before **28 February 2008** for the workshops to be held at Luther College at these early bird rates

### Stephanie Tolan Workshops Luther College Friday 11 April 2008

Early Bird Rate Full Day Two Sessions with light luncheon, morning and afternoon tea **\$180 (a saving of \$40)**

Early Bird Rate Morning session only with morning tea **\$45 (a saving of \$15)**

### Rosemary Cathcart Teachers Full day workshops Luther College 17-18 July 2008

Early Bird Rate 2 Days **\$300 (a saving of \$50)**

Early Bird Rate 1 Day **\$180 (a saving of \$40)**

## SPONSORSHIP AND ADVERTISING

I am very grateful to venues, groups, businesses and individuals who have chosen to support 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.



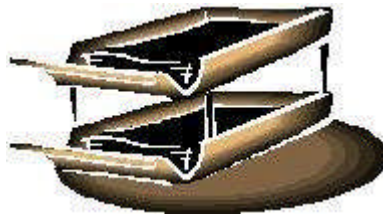
**However** I have been disappointed that none of the major sponsorship options have been taken up.

I have created a visual representation of the situation [CLICK HERE](#) Little Red Hen (a.k.a. Jo) asks for assistance to finance the tour and receives little help from Cash Cow and Pig E. Bank.

The ones that do help hitch their carriages to her train and carriages are still being added as others have also promised support.

As support arrives the metallic dollar sign tracks are built and the train moves forward.

As you can see some of the costs for the events at each venue are in place but there are still some major gaps in the tracks



## 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](http://www.giftedresources.org)  
If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

**GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK** Dr Gail Byrne Understanding gifted children's IQ assessments  
4 March 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

**BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK** Karen Green Gifted? How do you know?  
6 March 2008 [FLYER](#)

**BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS** [PDF FLYER](#)

**ABLE LEARNERS EXTENSION PROGRAM BENDIGO** [PDF FLYER 1](#) [PDF FLYER 2](#) [Registration form](#)

**G.A.T.E.WAYS OUT ON THE TOWN** Holiday Program [NOTICE](#)

**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](#)

**The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009** [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  
5 March, 2 April, 7 May

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

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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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [gifted-support@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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)

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#### **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](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)

**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)**

**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**

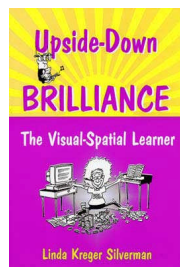
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## **OGTOC FREE ONLINE CONFERENCE ABOUT 2E ISSUES WITH MARY RUTH COLEMAN**

A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

[http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/group/mary\\_ruth\\_coleman](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

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

### **From Thinking Ahead Newsletter (W.A.)**

#### ***Murdoch University Post Graduate Certificate in Gifted and Talented Education***

*After its successful implementation last year, this course will be offered again in 2008. Units are offered in short course format during school holidays and weekends and are designed to be responsive to local needs. This course is suitable for teachers wishing to learn more about educational provisions for gifted students and for educators involved in policy, leadership and implementation of gifted programs at all levels. The expansion of gifted programs and specialist schools will lead to increased demand for teachers with specialist qualifications in this area. For more information please contact Dr Susan McKenzie on 9360 2527 or email [s.mckenzie@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:s.mckenzie@murdoch.edu.au)*

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

**Museum Victoria Discovery Centre**

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

**Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials Online**

<http://www.aiccm.org.au/index.aspx>

**GTCASA Program for this term**

[www.qtcasa.asn.au](http://www.qtcasa.asn.au)

**Worksheet Library**

<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com>

**Operation Resilient Planet**

<http://www.jason.org/public/feature/FeatureDetail.aspx?fid=76>

**The Foundation for Young Australians**

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

**Your eyes only competition**

[http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya\\_fund\\_your\\_eyes\\_only.asp](http://www.youngaustralians.org/fund/ya_fund_your_eyes_only.asp)

### **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**

### **DISCLAIMER**

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