



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER  
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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)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME TO THE SECOND  
GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER OF 2008**

**HOLIDAY TIMES**

**During January I am mostly working from home** but can make appointments to go into the office at Luther College for teachers who find it hard to come in during term time and parents and Home schoolers who wish to gather resources for the coming year.

To make an appointment email [jo@giftedresources.org](mailto:jo@giftedresources.org) or Phone (03)9876 1349

# GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

## PREPARING FOR THE VISITS OF STEPHANIE TOLAN AND ROSEMARY CATHCART

As plans become definite the details are being posted on Gifted Resources website. Flyers and registration forms for most events are up now. So please keep checking regularly. I hope to be able to get all the flyers and registration forms up very soon

In the meantime 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](http://www.giftedresources.org)

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#### Types of Sponsorship and advertising opportunities available

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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

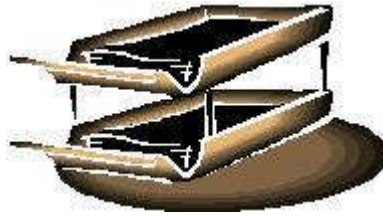
#### **I would particularly like to draw your attention to the advertising option.**

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"

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**  
**P.O. BOX 4176**  
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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](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)

**MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES, MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY (SYDNEY)**  
Intensive workshop for Gifted & Talented Students in Gr 5 & 6  
16 & 23 January 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

**C.H.I.P. Summer Holiday Program** [PDF FLYER](#)

**C.H.I.P. CHAT Geelong** [FILE](#)

**The Victorian Enrichment Centre 'Stretching Minds' project for 2008** [FLYER](#)

**'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](#)

**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](#)

**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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### **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)

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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>**

### **V.A.G.T.C. Inc**

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

**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)**

## **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](mailto:gerric@unsw.edu.au) or phone 02 9385 1972.

Kind regards,  
Professor Miraca Gross  
Director: GERRIC

## **FAQS**

### **My child will be in year 9 in 2008 while the Talent Search is on hold. Does this mean he/she will miss out on their last opportunity to test?**

If your child is in year 9 in 2008, we don't want them to miss their last opportunity to benefit from the Talent Search. When we start the Talent Search again in 2009, your child will be in year 10, and so we will allow year 10 students to take part in the test just for 2009.

## **Will the residential programs be running in 2008?**

The residential programs are for students who have performed extremely well in the Talent Search that was run that year. We are reassessing the residential programs and so these will also be put on hold until we begin the Talent Search again. When we start these again, we will invite high performers from the Talent Search that year, including year 10 students.

## **When will registration open for the next Talent Search?**

At this stage, we are not sure in which month the Talent Search will be held in 2009. Registrations open 3 months before the test. You can register online or by paper, details will be found on our website. We will send updates next year to give you information on the reassessment of the Talent Search and details of when it will be held.

GERRIC welcomes external applications for an experienced project or event co-ordinator for a key vacancy below:

PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR, GIFTED STUDENTS, PROGRAMS  
FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
GIFTED EDUCATION RESEARCH, RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE (GERRIC)  
REF. 5518NET

Salary Level 6-7: A\$58K-A\$69K per year (plus 9% employer superannuation and leave loading)

## **GERRIC is seeking an experienced Project Co-ordinator.**

The Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) is seeking to appoint an experienced Project Coordinator to take responsibility for the day to day administration of its Scientia Challenge and associated gifted student holiday programs (Poppyseeds, Small Poppies, Junior Scientia and Career Development Day).

The position is varied and challenging and requires a motivated individual who can work independently and as part of a small team. Excellent organisational, interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal are required, as is initiative, an ability to meet deadlines and manage multiple tasks and a meticulous eye for detail.

Duties include answering enquiries from schools and parents regarding the nature of the programs, the suitability of students for the programs, liaising with presenters to determine workshop content and descriptions, allocating workshop and sponsorship places, supervision of casual and volunteers assisting with the programs, arranging venues, marketing the program, budget development and monitoring, and generating program improvements and establishing new procedures as required.

This is a full-time fixed term position available for 12 months (renewal subject to funding). Applicants should systematically address the selection criteria in their application.

Having read all the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to Professor Miraca Gross on email [m.gross@unsw.edu.au](mailto:m.gross@unsw.edu.au) or (02) 9385 1972.

For the Position Description and how to apply click:

<http://www.hr.unsw.edu.au/services/recruitment/newjobgen.html>

For School information click here: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/>

For Faculty information click here:

<http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/index.php>

Applications close: TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2008

## **EXCITING NEW VENUE FOR OGTOC ONLINE GIFTED CONFERENCES!**

### **Here is a letter from Sally L. the list mom of OGTOC**

Dear List Members who are brand new and long time supports of OGTOC,

<http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/?xgi=caROhJu>

The link noted above is an invitation to join the new NING website for OGTOC.

Please copy and past the above noted link in your internet browser if it is not clickable in this message.

**You will be asked to join the new NING OGTOC social network.**

NOTICE: Be certain that the email address you choose is what you want your online identity to be. I will not edit, delete, change any email addresses or content posted by your chosen identity. Do not have third party entities contact me to address online identity requests, issues, etc.

**Once you join the new NING OGTOC social network with your chosen online identity:)** You will find many additional groups to join as part of the new NING OGTOC website.

Be sure to join the Mary Ruth Coleman PhD group to be part of the conference.

Traditionally OGTOC is only active during conferences. This is a new opportunity for you to join one or many groups which are more specific to various interests within gifted. You can now post 24/7.

**The one exception will be the individual group created for a guest expert.** For example, the next conference is with guest expert Mary Ruth Coleman, Ph.D. The date is still being determined. Once the conference begins you can participate and as usual the conference will end when the guest expert finishes. The other groups will function 24/7.

Therefore, you need to be a member of the new Ning OGTOC site and you will also need to join the Mary Ruth Coleman group. Conferences will not be posted to the Yahoo group, but I will keep it as a back up during this beta testing time.

The conference will be in the Forum on that group or otherwise instructed. Please know you have choices for your own settings once you join NING and NING OGTOC. It will depend on your own choices/your own settings how you access the information. Check your own settings



to see the choices - some are:

- 1) receive notifications or not receive any) Choices are available
- 2) IF you choice NO notificiations YOU will need to signin to NING OGTOC navigate to the page titled with the guest expert's name to access any information for OGTOC including the conference. ( please know that there is a group where you can join which is dedicated to information about upcoming confernces. it would be wise to join that one group for notifications to insure you at least know when a conference, etc is taking place. Set your notification choices for that based on your own choices.
- 3) jump in and learn with everyone else - yes it is different, but a change is good, right? It is a HUGE change for me, because activity only took place during the conference and now it is 24/7. PLEASE take time to read the NING help FAQ to discover answers to your questions. I would greatly appreciate that as will my family:))))i can only donate so much time, but if it remains totally excessive I will have to reexamine my volunteer choices. I am sure it will work, but just encouraging you to become curious and resourceful on your own;)))

**Guest expert groups are by invitation only. You must make an effort** to join each time a conference is held. Please note, if you are invited to join a guest expert group or ask to join the guest expert group, or once you are a member of the group and decide to invite another person you must understand that the email address used and the comments that are posted during the conference will not be adjusted, deleted, edited due to a request for online identity issues. Any online identity must be decided in advance of joining NING.

**Also the guest experts or members words in this group are not to be** copied, forwarded ,transmitted as is the same for any of the groups or their contents anywhere else. All conference proceedings become the work of the guest expert and list owner. Privacy issues are important and you are responsible for your own identity and respect others so all can freely participate among friends.

**To clarify, once you are a member of the NING OGTOC social** networking site you must explore and chose to join other groups or wait to be invited to some groups. Some conferences which will become a group identified by the guest expert's name, may be free or may not be. Mary Ruth Conference Ph.D. is a free conference to all who request to join her conference. Many offerings will be provided in the future. Much is to evolve so join and enjoy the adventure:)

**As list mom I wanted to create additional ways and increase time to** mingle among those who have interest in all things gifted. THANKS for being YOU and learning, sharing and creating NING OGTOC to be the place for all gifted.

Kind regards,  
Sally L



## 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.

There are 81 groups to choose to join - some are open and some require a request to be invited.

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.

Welcome all!!!

Sally L

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

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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](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/>

### **Observance of Commonwealth Day**

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association NSW Branch is accepting nominations for one or two young people to attend Commonwealth Day celebrations in London on Monday 10 March 2008. Plans include discussions on the Commonwealth, presence at the Observance Ceremony in Westminster Abbey (attended by Her Majesty the Queen) and visits to the Houses of Parliament. Nominees should be within the approximate age range of 18-25, have shown an interest in Commonwealth and parliamentary affairs, displayed potential leadership qualities and already have plans to be in London or nearby on Commonwealth Day. It should be noted that any travel and accommodation costs involved would be the responsibility of the nominee. Applications close Monday 28 January. If you are interested in being a nominee please email [gordon.moyes@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gordon.moyes@parliament.nsw.gov.au)

## **SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

Passing of Dr. Michael Pyryt  
<http://giftedsig.blogspot.com/>

Bobby Fischer – Wikipedia entry  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby\\_Fischer](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bobby_Fischer)

EQ Today Interview with Martin P Seligman  
<http://www.eqtoday.com/optimism/seligman.html>

Review Why Love Matters: How Affection Shapes a Baby's Brain  
by Sue Gerhardt  
<http://books.guardian.co.uk/review/story/0,12084,1262302,00.html>

## **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](http://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](http://www.giftedresources.org)

### **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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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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