



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Welcome to the Gifted Resources Email Newsletter in pdf attachment format with a few variations in the layout.

This section will now contain editorial comments and/or a summary of the contents. The subscription and archives information will now be found on the last page of the newsletter

Everybody is SO BUSY now!
Life moves at such a pace!
Several people have said "I only read the headings"

It has become obvious lately that many people who receive the newsletter do not actually jump across to the Gifted Resources website to read the full story and are therefore missing out on important details
And when they do visit the website they are not scrolling down and not clicking on places marked **CLICK HERE** and then they are saying they cannot find the information they seek.

So I have made a few changes to the home page of Gifted Resources website which I hope will make it clearer and easier to use

And while Stephanie Tolan, Rosemary Cathcart and I make arrangements to bring you wonderful workshops our own personal lives rush on apace too!
Stephanie has just finished writing another book, become a grandmother again and helped with the transition of her book ***Surviving the Applewhites*** into a stage play. Rosemary's daughter was married recently.

NOW, HERE'S THE THING.....

BOOKINGS for the Stephanie Tolan events close on **30 March 08**. Please **do not** think "I'll decide at the last minute, turn up and pay on the day"

I need to know numbers for catering and there is too much admin work to be done for that to be an option. **It is essential to book**

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

STEPHANIE TOLAN AND ROSEMARY CATHCART WORKSHOPS

Details of all the events with registration forms can be found by following the links on the home page www.giftedresources.org and also in the Flyer In Tray and on Stephanie and Rosemary's pages on Gifted Resources website.

Details for the Dinner Speaking Engagement on the topic Change your story – change your life have just been added

Details of the Lecture at Melbourne University will be added as soon as I receive them

We have now added an option of a Family cost of \$30 for the Belgrave Book chat as \$20 per head would make it prohibitive for families to attend.

Stephanie Tolan

DINNER SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

Change your story - change your life

Stephanie Tolan has realized from the feedback of many grateful readers that she has a role as a “**story healer**” Her work breaks down the isolation and negativity many people feel and helps to heal the stories that they are telling themselves about their lives.

"As we move through our lives, moment by moment, day by day, each of us is telling ourselves a story – about ourselves, about what is happening to us, about what we can or should do about it, and what it all means"

What Stephanie calls the "Story Principle" is a method of personal empowerment that any of us can learn to use for ourselves and also share with children.

TIME: 7.00- 10.30 pm

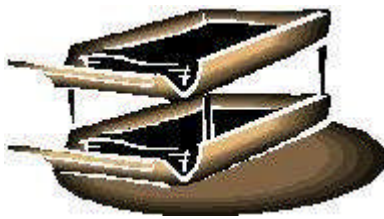
COST: \$75.00 per head

Three course dinner - cash bar operating

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES

PHONE (03) 9724 245



WHAT'S IN THE IN T?

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

STEPHANIE TOLAN Tour April 2008 [PDF BOOKLET OF FLYERS](#) [DINNER FLYER](#)

ROSEMARY CATHCART Workshops July 2008 [PDF BOOKLET OF FLYERS](#)

HORSE INSTINCTS Cool Runnings Program [PDF FLYER](#)

GTCASA [Presentation](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON FOR YEAR 7 [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 Years 7- 9 Holiday Program [NOTICE](#)

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

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM [PDF FLYER](#)

ALISON BROWN

Discipline with dignity Parenting Night 13 May [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 6-9 year olds May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 10-13 year olds May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls May-June 08 [FLYER](#)

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

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

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION 5th Annual Thinking and Learning Conference [PDF FLYER](#)

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

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

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>

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday 2 April, 7 May, 4 June

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

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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

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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

CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR DSNSG GROUP

OLD details: dsnsggat@optusnet.com.au

NEW details: dsnsggat@internode.on.net

Phone contact for the DSNSG GAT group is (02) 6059 7956

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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)

MORE SUCCESS FOR KRISTIAN LANG

Kristian Lang's fabulous animation on Photosynthesis is a finalist in this years Little Big Shots International Film Festival. The film will be shown at ACMI, the Sydney Opera House and in Singapore. Kristian is a gifted Visual Spatial Learner whose first art exhibition is featured in the Gallery section of Gifted Resources website. He also had great success in last year's STAV Science Talent Search.

FROM CAROLYN RUTTER

Invitation to informal maths club

<http://homeducationaustralia.wordpress.com/self-directed-maths-journey/>

<http://www.blackdouglas.com.au/taskcentre/library.htm>

to learn maths through inquiry based learning

Anyone who is interested in using these materials with us please email me. Andy the teacher mentioned on the site is not running e-buddies anymore but will hopefully help us get started around a cybernetic kitchen table.

cheers,

Carolyn seachange_au@netspace.net.au

FROM MAL LEE

HOME - SCHOOL INITIATIVES - CALL FOR INTERESTED PARTIES/SCHOOLS/ EDUCATION AUTHORITIES/ORGANISATIONS

Dear Colleagues

Dr Glenn Finger, from Griffith University, Australia and I are undertaking the preparatory work on a publication on The Home - School Nexus - and the Development of Networked School Communities.

The publication is intended as both a theoretical and highly practical guide for school leaders across the developed world.

We are deeply concerned about the ever-growing divide between the use made of digital technology in the home and that in the classroom.

Lee and Winzenried in their History of the Use of Instructional Technology in Schools (2008) have concluded that the most commonly used instructional technologies in schools in the developed world in 2007 were still the pen, paper and the teaching board - be it black, green or white.

As you know the young in their homes across the developed world - including many parts of Asia - have embraced the everyday use of a plethora of digital media, and most importantly are developing significant skills, competencies and attributes.

The 2007 Illinois Institute of Design think tank on Digital Schooling that involved thinkers like Charles Handy and Gary Hamel, concluded:

"Kids lead high tech lives outside school and decidedly low tech lives inside school. This new 'divide' is making the activities inside school appear to have less real world relevance to kids."

"The learning experiences of the kids outside school are increasingly more relevant to modern life than what is learned inside school. . . . Kids are increasingly motivated and engaged by what they learn in out-of-school programs and in their virtual online lives and mechanisms for capturing and enabling them must be found." (2007:24)

Glenn and I want not only to redress that growing divide, but to create a genuine nexus between the home and the school, to build on the vital learning in the home and to take advantage of the technological advances to move away from the present 'stand alone' mode of schooling, to networked school communities.

We would like to liaise with and feature those folk, schools and education authorities - wherever they are in the world - that have made moves to redress the divide and develop a home - school nexus.

We are keen to hear from or learn about those folk, schools, education authorities or organisations that have made moves to network the learning of the school and home, and enhance the quality and appropriateness of the education.

We appreciate that most of those initiatives will be in a particular area, rather than across the total school, but that matters not. Whether it be the recognition of home based learning, moves to support the disadvantaged in their homes, the recognition of home learning, the provision of online out of hours tutoring or the 24/7 provision of information services we would like to feature all those kind of efforts.

If you or your organisation is interested in liaising please do email us at mallee@mac.com or g.finger@griffith.edu.au

If you know of the work of colleagues that would be of interest please do let us know.

Kind regards

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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

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Interviews – Stephanie Tolan

<http://www.harpercollins.com/author/authorExtra.aspx?authorID=18819&displayType=interview>

<http://talentdevelop.com/interviews/STolan.html>

Sayler Checklist for Parents

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schooled/gifted/saylerchecklist-parents.pdf>

Eide Neurolearning blog Teaching students to think

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2008/02/teaching-students-to-think.html>

Biodiversity doomsday vault

http://green.yahoo.com/news/afp/20080224/sc_afp/norwayarcticenvironmentwarmingcrops.html

Victorian Conservation Seedbank

http://www.rbg.vic.gov.au/research_and_conservation/seedbank

Nibbana

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

Premier's reading challenge

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au:80/prc/students/default.htm>

Shire of Yarra Ranges Learning Communities

<http://www.yarrarangeslearning.net.au/learningcommunities.html>

Digital Education Revolution

www.digitaleducationrevolution.gov.au

AISV – Finding the right school

<http://www.ais.vic.edu.au/parents/parents.shtml>

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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