



**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.

DOG DAY! Or What is the REAL story?

Yesterday a wise and caring person was urging me to cancel the Stephanie Tolan tour as at this stage the registrations and sponsorships received are not covering the costs.

He painted grim pictures of me closing Gifted Resources to go and wash dishes to pay for the costs.

It sounded so lame and unrealistic when I said I did not want to cancel because I felt it would all be wonderful in the end.

So often in my life the way ahead seems impossible but at the very last minute God changes everything.

Then when I got home my daughter Erica said the our elderly but usually puppy-active Australian Cattle Dog Ogie was unable to move out of her kennel She was shivering and whimpering when she tried to move and one of the discs in her back felt completely out of place. Between us we took the lid off her kennel and carried her on the base to Erica's car and made what we were afraid would be a final journey to the vet.

What the vet discovered however was not a spinal problem but was what she called "a football injury" - an injured ligament in her hind leg. After an injection, some treatment and TLC and a script for a course of anti inflammatories she was heading home as bright and bouncy as ever.

Today Erica said "I don't think it was a coincidence that both those things happened on the same day"
I needed a graphic example of how what appears to be a very bleak story can have a perfect ending.
And it is also a perfect example of Stephanie's story principle Change your- Story Change your life which she will be sharing at the dinner at the Karralyka Centre.

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**

Some events are filling fast; some have very few registrations at this point. If there are not sufficient registrations by 30 March some events will have to be cancelled.

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 has been added. Why not gather a group of 8 friends or colleagues and book a table for the Dinner? **NEWSLETTER SPECIAL \$70.00 per head if booking 8 places for the Dinner**

Details of the Lecture at Melbourne University have been added now. For further information or to register contact Anne Grant annecg@unimelb.edu.au

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.

The Little Red Hen fund raising diagram has been updated to show extra support which has arrived and been promised. It can be seen on Stephanie Tolan's page. Also the list of Assistance, Support and Prayer has been extended

When our youngest son, Christian, was about 4 he used to say " Will you come and think with me?"

I do value the people who come and think with me or pray with me and discuss possible solutions.

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

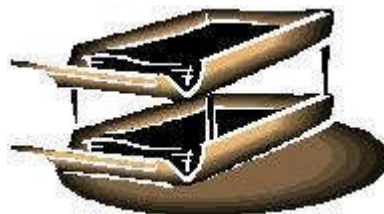
Three course dinner - cash bar operating

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

NEWSLETTER SPECIAL \$70.00 per head if booking an 8 place table for the Dinner

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT 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

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](#)

ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR Years 8-VCE 10 May 2008 [FLYER](#) [POSTER](#)

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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ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL (was S.W.A.M.)

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria

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ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR YEARS 8 – VCE

WHEN; Saturday 10th May 2008

WHERE; Warrnambool College Seminar Room, Grafton Road, Warrnambool.

WHO; Students, years' 8-VCE

WHY; To gain valuable Leadership skills, learn how to run an event & be empowered with terrific skills & knowledge

TIME; 10 am -2pm

COST; \$5.00 Members- \$20.00 non Members

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL; Due to limited numbers please Phone 0439364394

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

CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR DSNSG GROUP

OLD details: dsnsggat@optusnet.com.au

NEW details: dsnsggat@internode.on.net

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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)

FROM THINKING AHEAD (W.A.)

Autumn Holiday Programs

I am sorry to have to let you know that the holiday program this April has had to be cancelled. I could not entice enough teachers at this busy time of the year to be able to put together a balanced and exciting program this time. My apologies to all those people who have been emailing me to ask when the program would be ready. I left it as late as I could to make the decision.

The Winter Program will go ahead from July 14 – 18th. This is traditionally a very busy program and I hope to see many of you there then. Keep an eye on the website for information about venue etc. Any teachers who think

they may be interested in presenting a workshop (either in July or at a later date) are asked to drop me an email to let me know. I will follow you up again at the start of next term when planning starts for the next program.

GATCA event

The Gifted and Talented Children's Association are hosting a session with Fiona Smith for parents and teachers on March 26th at Perth Modern School called **Riding the Rollercoaster of... Ability Intensity and Complexity**. Fiona has unmatched experience assessing gifted children in Australia and is highly respected in the field. Her presentations are always filled with valuable information and insights and have proven very popular in the past. Tickets are available from GATCA (not from Thinking Ahead) at \$15 each. Please see the attached flier for more information about the session and for how to reserve your ticket.

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'OUT ON THE TOWN' 2008 HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS 7,8 AND 9

G.A.T.E.WAYS is delighted to present our third annual '**OUT on the TOWN**' series of workshops for gifted and talented Year 7 to 9 students. The program will offer a range of enjoyable and challenging workshops in a number of different areas. These workshops will provide you with an opportunity for challenge beyond what you are currently doing at school. It will also give you the chance to meet and work with other 'like-minded' students. Workshop offerings will include:

- Flash Cybercomics
- Writing the City
- Magical Transformations – The Art of Costume Design
- Be Inspired! Spires and Spirals
- Battlefield Detectives
- Chocoholics Anonymous!
- Murder, Mystery & Mayhem – Investigating Melbourne Cold Cases
- Designing the City
- Under the Big Top
- Stands To Reason
- Cartoons Are Serious Stuff, Haha!
- All Creatures Great and Small
- Rampant Rhombuses
- Flying High

'**OUT on the TOWN**' will be hosted by various venues including CITY CITE, twelfth floor, 474 Flinders Street, Melbourne, The Alfred Brash SoundHouse, Hamer Hall, Melbourne, Circus Oz, Bay Street, Port Melbourne, Essendon Airport and The Melbourne University Veterinary School in Werribee. The program will run on Tuesday April 1st, Wednesday April 2nd and April 3rd, 2008, between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm.

Specific program details and an Application Form are available on www.gateways.edu.au

To book a place in any or all days, ring G.A.T.E.WAYS on 9894 2116.

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Interviews – Stephanie Tolan

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

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

Herald Sun article on Victoria's SEAL program entry

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,23350189-5011680,00.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>

Kathie M Thomas

<http://www.worth-more-than-rubies.com/>

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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