



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER MAY 2008

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**NEW PO BOX  
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Columbus Cheetah is getting ready to Celebrate Ability at the AAEGT Conference in Hobart in July See <http://events.conventionwise.com.au/ei/cm.esp?id=217&pageid=28B0S0N6N>

Welcome to the Gifted Resources Email Newsletter in pdf attachment format

### *Continuity...*

A precious commodity which seems to be sadly lacking in many areas affecting gifted education.

I have a friend who is a physiotherapist. Whenever she passes on a patient she provides a complete history of the tests that have been administered, the treatment to date, possible future treatment paths etc.

And that is how it should be in gifted education too. But every year we hear of students having to mark time for the first half of the year because of lack of this type of continuity.

And lack of continuity even affects whole education systems. Whole networks vanish during changes at the system level if the pre-existing information and connections are not passed on.

Gifted Resources newsletter is sent initially to over 1,200 people. Many of these are then sent off through further networks. Some are printed out by psychologists and education consultants and put on display in their waiting rooms. Some are printed out and pinned on staff room notice boards and some are cut up and stuck in the appropriate places in diaries.

Once I knew of most of the further networks and was sure of a good coverage for the schools in Victoria. However this year I realise that with changes in staff positions many of those further networks no longer exist and I am forced to retrace my steps and check whether they are all still functioning.

And that leads to a discussion about succession planning – but that is a topic for another day!



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## MAKING IT DIFFERENT !

FULL DAY TEACHER WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY 17 JULY 2008 9.00-3.00pm



**Magic! Adapt your planning for gifted learners – and enhance your lessons for all your pupils! Here's how...**

Explore an exciting “conceptual curriculum” approach to differentiating your planning, with a host of teacher-friendly strategies to support you in making it work in your classroom. This is an approach that's high-interest for teachers as well as pupils, gives a fresh perspective to teaching and learning, and is thoroughly practical for busy teachers.

**Rosemary Cathcart's** many roles in gifted education include being an advisor, post-grad tutor, national association president, author and conference organiser. She developed the REACH teaching model, founded New Zealand's only specialist gifted education centre, and led the advocacy which changed Ministry policy in this field. She has delivered hundreds of workshops and seminars and now additionally runs an online certificate course. She was awarded a QSM for her contribution to gifted education in New Zealand in 2004.

Venue: Theatrette, Centre for the Exceptional Learner, Luther College  
Plymouth Road Croydon Victoria 3136

Light Lunch and Morning/Afternoon Teas provided. (Please notify if you have special dietary requirements)

Registration Fee : \$350 for both days or \$220 for single day

Attendees at 2 day or 1 day Teacher Workshops receive a copy of Rosemary's book *“They're not bringing my brain out”*

Fully paid registration must be received by 7 July 2008





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## **GIFTEDNESS THREEFOLD! A TRIO OF PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS**



**FULL DAY TEACHER WORKSHOP  
FRIDAY 18 JULY 2008 9.00-3.00pm**

### Session One

The gifted learner as researcher (2-hour workshop)

### Session Two

Getting gifted boys to write! (2-hour workshop)

### Session Three

Coping with the *parents* of your gifted learners! (1 hour workshop)

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## PARENT WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2008 7.30-9.00pm

### **Coping with school and your gifted child (and other tricky questions!)**

**How do you tell the school you think your child might be gifted without them thinking you're a pushy parent? What can you do if they don't seem interested? What if you're not sure whether your child is gifted – how can you tell? How can you respond to a teacher who does not give your child challenging work? How can you help your child at home? Should you be worried if your child spends lots of time alone? Etc etc!**

*A practical workshop for parents who know or suspect they have a gifted child, with a chance to ask your own questions.*

**Rosemary Cathcart** has been a leading advocate for gifted education for many years in New Zealand in her professional role and was founder of the country's first specialist gifted education centre. But she is also the parent of two now adult gifted children and has had a long and extensive involvement in supporting parents' groups, delivering parent workshops, and providing counselling and guidance for hundreds of individual families, and brings the benefit of that wide experience to this workshop.

Venue: Theatrette, Centre for the Exceptional Learner, Luther College  
Plymouth Road Croydon Victoria 3136

Registration 7.00-7.30pm

Light Supper will be served

Registration Fee : \$20.00





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## REGISTRATION FORM

### ROSEMARY CATHCART WORKSHOPS

NAME.....

ORGANIZATION.....

ADDRESS.....

..... Postcode .....

PHONE BH .....

PHONE AH.....

MOBILE.....

EMAIL.....

2 Day Teacher PD Workshops \$350

1 Day Making it Different! Teacher Workshop \$220

1 Day Giftedness Threefold! Teacher Workshop \$220

Parent Workshop \$20

AMOUNT.....

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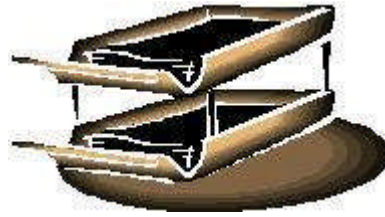
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Send form with payment to Gifted Resources PO Box 4176

Croydon Hills, Victoria 3136

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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)

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

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK 8 May 2008 [FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Gifted services in schools 12 May 2008 [FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK BROCHURE [PDF BROCHURE](#)

V.I.T. new teachers PD website [FLYER](#)

MINDFUL! Tuesday School Form [FORM](#)

MINDFUL! Felix the Rabbit [FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON FOR YEAR 7 [FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS [PDF FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM OCTOBER 2008 [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](#)

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](#)

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](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)

### TERM 2 TALK

"Gifted Services in Schools (2 speakers)" presented by Judy Connell (Catholic Education Office) and Kalliopi Giacco (Oakleigh Greek Orthodox College) on behalf of Gifted Support Network ([www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org))

These presentations will look at identification and programming for gifted children. No prior knowledge expected. School personnel and parents from all schools are encouraged to attend.

Monday 12 May, 7.45 – 9.30pm

St Kevin's Primary School, 74 Glen Orme Ave, Ormond (Mel ref 68 E9)

Cost: \$10 bookings essential, supper provided

RSVP [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org) or phone Louise 9578 8068

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php#event6>**

### 'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A new group for parents of gifted children in the Western region of Melbourne

We meet for coffee and a chat at:

Brown's Bakery

28 Pratt Street

Moonee Ponds

On the first Monday of each month at 9.30am

(Public and School holidays excluded)

Anyone interested is welcome to attend and if anyone has queries they may contact

Tina McCarthy [tina@tinamccarthydesign.com](mailto:tina@tinamccarthydesign.com)

or Sally-Ann Free

[sally-ann.free@research.vu.edu.au](mailto:sally-ann.free@research.vu.edu.au) Ph: 0425 779 829

We are a small group and look forward to welcoming you.

## **MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.**

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

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

### **NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS**

Postal address:

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Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

[louise\\_h@tpg.com.au](mailto:louise_h@tpg.com.au)

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

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria  
PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Website [www.activeminds.org.au](http://www.activeminds.org.au)

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Secretary	Andrea Sampson	5560 3888	<a href="mailto:sampsonsensei@hotmail.com">sampsonsensei@hotmail.com</a>

## **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

**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)**

## **BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK**

**All things for all children – Differentiation with Lee Wills**

**8 MAY 2008**

**ASHBURTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Two workshops 4.15pm and 7.00pm**

**For full details see flyer in Gifted Resources InTray**



## **From Adam Feinstein at AWARES**

[www.awares.org/conferences](http://www.awares.org/conferences)

Wendy Lawson Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

The third in our series of Awares one-day online autism seminars in 2008 features another of the world's most famous writers with autism, Wendy Lawson. Anyone who was lucky enough to catch Wendy's workshop at Autism Cymru's third International Conference in Cardiff last week will know that she is a hugely entertaining and illuminating speaker.

Wendy is an Australian mother of four (including a son with Asperger's syndrome) and is the author of seven books on autism. Wendy prefers the word 'diffability' to disorder and her research seeks to explore what being differently abled means in the world of neuro-diversity. Currently, Wendy is working towards her PhD in Psychology with Deakin University, Victoria, Australia.

The seminar will open at 7am British time on May 6, 2008, to allow delegates from overseas to enter their questions, and will run until 11.59pm GMT that day.

You can register right now for this exciting event at

[www.awares.org/conferences](http://www.awares.org/conferences)

## **THE AUSTRALIA 2020 SUMMIT**

Were you there? A list of the participants

[http://www.australia2020.gov.au/docs/2020\\_participants\\_alphabetical.rtf](http://www.australia2020.gov.au/docs/2020_participants_alphabetical.rtf)

What were the big ideas? The initial report

<http://www.australia2020.gov.au/report/index.cfm>

Have any of you used the Summit as a theme for your classes? I have tried to locate teaching units related to the Summit on the Internet without success but would be very interested to hear about your ideas.

I imagine that if we were still homeschooling the Teddy Dragons would be gathering on a shelf or kitchen bench to hold their own 2020 Summit and wonder what ideas they would have.

If you have used the 2020 Summit as a theme and would like to share about it please email me at [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

**While on the subject of futures have a look at**

**Future Problem Solvers**

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

**Tournament of Minds**

<http://www.tom.edu.au/tom.htm>

**Special Forever Environmental Communication Project**

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

## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

### **New VIT PD site**

<http://www.vit.pdi.vic.edu.au/>

### **Southern skies**

<http://www.southernskies.com.au:80/main.htm>

### **Clunes Book Fair**

<http://www.clunes.org/booktown/>

### **Chicago Tribune story**

[http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-homeschool\\_18apr18,0,4804863.story](http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-homeschool_18apr18,0,4804863.story)

### **Maths games**

[http://www.multiplication.com/interactive\\_games.htm](http://www.multiplication.com/interactive_games.htm)

### **Stephanie Tolan interview on epod**

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/edpod/stories/2008/2223307.htm>

### **GTCASA Saturday Club**

<http://www.gtcasa.asn.au/site/>

### **So you want to be a vet?**

<http://vet.osu.edu/index.php?id=2377>

### **CathNews article**

<http://www.cathnews.com/article.aspx?aeid=6780>

### **The University of Sydney Science Alliance**

<http://www.science.usyd.edu.au/school/>

### **Kidspiration 3 – 30 day trial**

<http://www.inspiration.com/ie/index.cfm?fuseaction=products.kidspiration>

### **Washington Post article**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/04/27/AR2008042702129.html?hpid=news-col-blog>

### **Cheetah Conservation Foundation**

<http://www.cheetah.org/?nd=home>

## **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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<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.

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)

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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