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Gifted Resources News

The school year is drawing to a close and this will be the last regular Gifted Resources newsletter for the year. There may still be a holiday programs newsletter to come.

I have now posted reviews of the 2009 Gifted Resources activities and the planning for 2010. See About Us page <http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/gris.html>

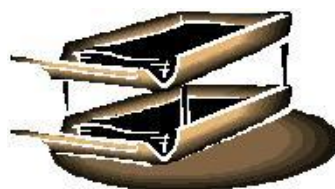
I have also posted news of Gifted Resources Events for the first quarter of 2010
<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/events.htm>

In order to make this newsletter small enough to send it was necessary to omit the Critical Agendas flyer . Please see Events page and In Tray on the website.

Sprite's Site Blog <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/> has continued to deal with Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities and Visual Spatial Learners' memories. Sprite has had fun interacting with the MrsP. Children's story reading website and is now planning a P themed party and decorating her room for Christmas

Please read my Christmas and New Year greetings on the Gifted Resources home page www.giftedresources.org and on my own website <http://giftedresources.org/jo/> and have a happy, safe, relaxing, wonderful holiday and we will do it all again next year!





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 The links in the newsletter are not live – please go to the In Tray to access them

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

WARRNAMBOOL ART GALLERY Christmas Workshops November - December 2009 [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festival of Workshops 10-11 and 14-15 December 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [LIST OF VACANCIES](#)

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

CHIP LITTLE WEEK OUT HOLIDAY PROGRAM 18-22 January 2010 [PDF FLYER](#)

CRITICAL AGENDAS Success in teaching twice exceptional children Jo Freitag & Maxine Cowie
11-12 March 2010 PDF [FLYER](#)

ACE2010 Digital Diversity Conference Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre 6-9 April 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

11th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE GIFTED 2010 29 SYDNEY July - 1 August 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

Call for Papers [WEBSITE](#)

11th International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project
Turning Dreams into Reality: Transformations and Paradigm Shifts in Mathematics Education
Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa September 10– 16, 2011 Preliminary
Announcement and Call for Papers [FLYER](#)



GIFTED RESOURCES SUMMER SELECTIONS DAYS

Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 January 2010

Jo Freitag will be available in the Gifted Resources office at CEL Luther College **between 10.00am and 3.00pm** for teachers to book a time to visit to discuss options and gather resources for the coming year.

It is an opportunity for teachers to visit during the week before the start of the 2010 school year to gain inspiration and purchase resources.

Please note: there will not be any child minding facilities.

RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE OR ORDER FROM

Hawker Brownlow Education
ReadyEd Publications
Free Spirit Willow Connection

The Updated version of the Gifted Resources Info Pack and other resources

For further details contact

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FEBRUARY

GUEST SPEAKER SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK STOMP OUT THE ANTs



Friday 19 February 2010

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136

Cost: \$20.00

Sally-Anne McCormack (psychologist, media consultant, former teacher) has published her first book – “Stomp Out The ANTs”. ANTs (Automatic Negative Thoughts) are annoying creatures that trouble everyone! This simple guide is effective due to its content and the practical writing style of the author, and can be referred to by anyone who is dealing with a plague of ANTs!

During this presentation, Sally-Anne will talk about the analogy of the ANTs – everyone gets them, they are hard to get rid of, and we often don't notice them until there is a huge pile of black pests hiding all of the good things underneath them. She will describe some popular strategies to “stomp” out the ANTs, and ways of helping yourself to prevent future infestations! If you have ever been anxious, depressed, or had any negative thoughts, then this presentation is for you!

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 17.03.201
Phone (03) 97242452
Email jo@giftedresources.org

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" - activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - 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 admin@giftedsupport.org

For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at

<http://www.giftedsupport.org>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A 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

or Sally-Ann Free

sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au Ph: 0425 779 829 Note New email address for Sally Ann

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

BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB

Mini/Primary Minds group

For details contact

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MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

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CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.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 contact :
PO Box 584
Warrnambool Vic 3280
Email: activeminds.au@gmail.com
Website www.activeminds.org.au
Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 orgadvan@bigpond.net.au

LETTER FROM CAROLYN JENNINGS

Hi all,

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I have to inform you that Active Minds is going to cease to exist. Due to lack of Parental commitment we do not have enough committee members to field a core executive group. Thanks to Elaine and Michael Leong for standing again as General Committee members (but their children are both left home & we need the support of parents with school age children.) I have been accepted as President but this is still short of what we need and I will take on a caretaker role for now. Thanks to our Advisor Jeff Keith (who helped Angela and I to get started) and to all past committee members.

WE NEED a Treasurer and a Secretary for it function as per incorporated rules.

As a consequence our annual GEMM event & Leadership day will not happen in 2010. Also our pizza & games nights are off the agenda as well. If you know anyone that would be able to spare some time as a committee member to help to initiate the continuation of these wonderful programs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

It has been a fabulous organisation to be involved with and I know (that not only for my children and that of other committee members) we have had some terrific memories and learnt so much. It has been over seven years that we have supported, challenged and extended the gifted and talented students of the South West, which I am extremely proud of!

We have had 3 years of leadership days to work with upper secondary school students and 5 super GEMM days. Our presenters always came with such passion and enthusiasm as they new the students were such a pleasure to have; with their thirst for knowledge and an exciting motivation to explore the unknown! Thanks especially to Peter Martina & Margaret Sinnot and Ryan who presented at all 5 of our GEMM days.

Many pizza and games days were popular and friendships were formed, also thanks to the Catholic Education sector for originally funding the games to kick that off, much appreciated. To Jammo, (our only Active Mind's school member) and to Brauer & Warrnambool College for your on-going support and your ever willing desire to help when required.

Last but not least to my wonderful family, Peter for putting up with all the hours I have poured into this, Ryan (our first newsletter editor; X10D & GEMM Presenter for 5 years) & Courtney (GEMM Presenter 3 for years) for the many, many hours that you have assisted in the planning and carrying out events. Not to mention all the technical support! I could not have done it without them.

I sincerely hope that I will get to reverse this decision, perhaps some time in the future as I have put my heart & soul into this group; but once again it is out of my hands.

Take care and all the best for a safe holiday break, Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year
Cheers Carolyn

Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire, Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area

Megan Leigh would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire. Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area who would be interested in getting together for a network

Contact Megan Leigh

PO Box 906

Cowes, 3922

Phone (03) 5672 3336

Mobile 0411 469 759

email indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au

Casterton and district area

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Casterton and District area

Contact : Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: antrim@netspace.net.au

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

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

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES

[NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP](#)

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children

For information contact

Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913

Phone: 02 60215913

Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>

NEW SOUTH WALES

NEW GROUP in the St George/Sutherland area

Just letting everyone know that a support group has started for gifted children 2-5yrs (or there about) and their parents/carers in the St George/Sutherland area.

We meet each Thursday of school term 10am -12pm.

We are finalising a hall, so are meeting at a park for the time being.

It is a relaxed friendly and supportive group where children get an opportunity to mix with like minds and the adults feel comfortable to discuss G&T issues :)

Bring drinks/snacks and a smile.

Louise

Mobile 0411 586 830

News from GERRIC

FROM GERRIC

Dear GERRIC Friends,

HURRY! A few vacancies left in some of our workshops.

Whilst places continue to fill fast we encourage our existing and valued students to send in application forms if they would like to attend the January Student programs.

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/brrfm.html>

GERRIC also warmly congratulates our Scientia Challenge presenter Dr Marcus Cole who was honoured at the 2009 Young Tall Poppy Awards hosted by the Australian Institute of Policy and Science. The Tall Poppies Award recognises young scientists who excel at research, leadership and communication. Marcus conducts his research into two fields of molecular science: the methods for hydrogen storage for fuel/energy applications, and the discovery of applications for, and isolation of, heavy metals such as uranium. To read more:

<http://www.science.unsw.edu.au/news/tall-poppies-are-the-pick-of-the-crop/>

*** Dr Marcus Cole will be teaching at GERRIC in January 2010 - ***Living Healthy on a Dying Planet: Realising a Hydrogen Future***

WANT TO APPLY FOR THIS WORKSHOP or others?

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/brrfm.html>

January 2010 programs provide you with the opportunity for new learning, stimulation, friendship and fun!

We hope to see you here at UNSW in January 2010.

Kind regards,
GERRIC Student Programs Team

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11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

On behalf of the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT), we look forward to welcoming you to Sydney, Australia for the 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness. The theme of our conference is "Thinking Smart: Effective Partnerships for Talent Development", which signals our belief that we all need to work collaboratively to ensure that gifted students are provided with the best possible education.

It is an important time for gifted education internationally and we have secured dynamic gifted educators from across the globe to stimulate and challenge our thinking. It will be a great opportunity to hear new ideas and to renew connections with old friends and colleagues from the Asia-Pacific rim and beyond. Australian educators, too, are keen to share their practices in gifted education with our international colleagues.

The AAEGT is committed to raising the profile of gifted education through the promotion of professional knowledge and skills, policy development and advocacy, research and scholarship, and the dissemination of information. Hosting the Asia Pacific Conference in 2010 is part of that commitment. The Asia Pacific Federation is affiliated with the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children and holds its biennial conference in even years while the World Council holds its biennial conference in odd years. This provides members from the Asia Pacific rim an opportunity every year to gather together, to share ideas, and renew enthusiasm for meeting the needs of gifted children, their families, and their teachers.

We invite you to join us for an engaging and thought-provoking conference in 2010.

Registration for the Think Bank Program and Youth Summit is now open. You can click [here](#) to register for the conference or to find out about partnering the conference through valuable sponsorship opportunities.

Wilma Vialle, PhD

Chair , 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness

President, Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted & Talented

FROM ALAN ROGERSON

International Directory of Mathematics Educators

Dear friends,

Professor Peter Gates at Nottingham University created and maintained for many years the International Directory of Mathematics Educators to help mathematics educators keep in touch world wide and for them to know who was working in various countries. The Directory consists of one Main File, containing all individual names in alphabetical order, and also files listing individuals country by country. The Directory has now moved to a new home <http://www.DirectoryMathsEd.net/> where it will be maintained and updated in future by Alan Rogerson

How do names get on the Directory? In general names are not solicited or nominated. Every entry is made only by the individual concerned, and on a voluntary basis. The Directory is OPEN in the sense there are no strict criteria or requirements for entry, other than an interest and/or involvement in research/innovation in the teaching and learning of mathematics.. So it is basically up to each individual to nominate themselves.

We warmly invite people who are not yet on the list to enter, and for those on the list to encourage their colleagues to join us, so the Directory can hopefully expand and serve a wider audience world-wide. Please suggest to your international contacts that they also send in their entries to me, whether or not their country is represented yet, we can easily add new countries.

If you would like to be included in The Directory please send me at alan@rogerson.pol.pl. your complete entry in standard format, and I will cut and paste it into the Directory so your entry will be "owned" by you.

The standard format in the Directory consists of the following items, all in one continuous line, separated by commas and spaces:

surname or family name, given name(s), email address, postal address(es), telephone number(s) (and URL(s) if you wish)

Please follow this example in its formatting:

Gates, Peter, peter.gates@nottingham.ac.uk, Centre for the Study of Mathematics Education, School of Education, University of Nottingham, Jubilee Campus, Nottingham NG8 1BB, UK, (+44) (0) 115 951 4432, Fax: (+44) (0) 115 846 6600, <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/education/staff/pgates/htm>

Notice that personal titles are not included.

If you are already on the list, would you be kind enough to verify that all your details are currently correct and your email addresses and URLs actually work, and if not could you send me your complete updated version formatted exactly as above? Many of the entries are quite old now and some of you might well have had several promotions since your entry was added!

You may notice some minor inconsistencies in formatting on the Directory pages at present, especially extra line spaces. This is a small technical glitch caused by different default formats for different entries, and will be fixed later when the whole site is revamped.

Looking forward to getting more entries, and thanks to all of you for your patience and cooperation.

Vive Le Directoir! as they say, Alan

FROM SUE LARKEY

New Year often means new teachers and new support staff. It is important they are given training and understanding of an Autism Spectrum Disorder. The big challenge is finding the time, plus many teachers/teacher assistants do not find out until very late they are having a student with an ASD. Whether in that situation or just wanting some new ideas for 2010, watching a DVD can be a great way to gather knowledge, ideas and strategies.

I often think a miner would not be sent down a mine with no prior training YET often this is what we do in education. In the recent Journal of Special Education a key factor for successful inclusion was teaching training in special education.

Dr Tony Attwood at a recent workshop said "Without an understanding of Asperger's Syndrome, people make a moral judgment."

To read or download an easy to read version follow this link

http://www.suelarkey.com/media/Training_Staff.pdf

Below is a plain text version of this information.

** Please note my diary is filling fast for 2010, please contact me asap if you would like a staff training session. If you would like to run a training session at your school/preschool in 2010 the above DVDs are fantastic to support learning and understanding.

Best Regards

Sue

www.suelarkey.com

PLAIN TEXT VERSION

TRAINING STAFF, PARENTS & FAMILIES

- GREAT DVDs to Support Understanding

UNDERSTANDING & WORKING WITH AUTISM: WENDY LAWSON - \$50 ** NEW 2009 **

Wendy Lawson is an adult with an autism spectrum disorder. Wendy prefers the word 'diffability' to disorder or disability and her research seeks to explore what being differently 'abled' means in the world of neuro-diversity. 1 hour DVD that gives you great insights and ideas from a person with an ASD.

Wendy reflects on herself as a child, at school, teenage and beyond. Her insights give us valuable insights into people with an ASD, and how they interact differently.

Live Recording of session held in Sydney 2009

DVD: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS: SUE LARKEY & DR LEE STURGEON - \$50

*** NEW 2009 ***

This is a live recording of a full day presentation. Includes 100s of great ideas and explanations.

- DVD PACK: 3 x DVDs Sue Larkey: 2 Discs 149mins and Dr. Lee Sturgeon: 1 Disc 100 mins

- Dr Lee Sturgeon Clinical Psychologist is an entertaining and informative presenter who specialises in the provision of practical behavioural interventions

1) An introduction to ASD

2) Anxiety management in ASD with a focus on practical strategies.

- Sue Larkey 10 Essential Strategies for Teaching students with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Lots of practical and realistic strategies for school and home

-Communication, Social, Sensory & Behaviour.

IMAGINE HAVING ASPERGER'S SYNDROME: DR RICHARD EISENMAJER -\$85

- A First Consultation with Dr Richard Eisenmajer PhD

Using anecdotes and case studies from his clinical practice, well known Melbourne psychologist explains the main features of Autism Spectrum Disorder. He provides insights into how people with ASD experience the world around them and reasons why they either excel or struggle with everyday activities. Suitable for parents, families, teachers and other professionals and carers

New Dimensions Health Special; This is perfect for a 1 hours staff meeting. It is a great beginning point for people who are new to an ASD and discusses diagnosis and strategies. The PD Pack comes with a discussion guide, handout, transcript of DVD and tips sheets

NEW DIMENSION HEALTH SPECIAL on ABC with George Negus & Dr Norman Swan

As George Negus concludes "I don't think I have seen a clearer explanation of Autism Spectrum Disorders".
DVD & PD Pack Ideal for Staff Training - \$88
This includes everything you need to run your own staff training on ASD. Watch the DVD and do the activities to increase awareness and develop programmes for students with ASD. DVD (without PD Pack) - \$60

Education Events Pty Ltd, PO Box 20, Artarmon, NSW, Australia, 1570

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

ACE2010 Digital Diversity Conference

6-9 April 2010 Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

<http://acec2010.info/>

High Ability Blog

<http://highability.wordpress.com/2009/11/23/my-new-baby-a-gifted-blog/>

Ryan's Early College Experience

<http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art64483.asp>

A window of time clear calendar

<http://www.awindowoftime.net/>

OEdb 200 online courses

<http://oedb.org/library/beginning-online-learning/200-free-online-classes-to-learn-anything>

Nobel Prize Educational Games

http://nobelprize.org/educational_games/

Vander Ark/ Ratcliff Tom's Blog

http://www.varpartners.net/?page_id=101

Introduction to Twitter for Educators

<http://yourhistorysite.edublogs.org/2009/08/28/introduction-to-twitter-for-educators/>

Driving Information Literacy – a Prezi

<http://slav.globalteacher.org.au/2009/11/30/driving-information-literacy-a-prezi/>

The Lang School opening September 2010

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

The Edublog awards

<http://edublogawards.com/>

The Teacher Chronicles

<http://www.mindomo.com/view.htm?m=48511abfb7e4145a33dbe6453d0f8af>

Cybaryman Web 2.0 tools

<http://cybaryman.com/web2.0.html>

Larry Ferlazzo Blog Online resources to teach about plagiarism

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/09/21/the-best-online-resources-to-teach-about-plagiarism/>

Annie Fox book The teen survival guide to dating and relating Free Download

<http://anniefox.com/books/tsg.html>

Free resources for education
<http://pdonaghy.blogspot.com/>

Flockdraw Collaborative drawing tool
<http://flockdraw.com/>

Dr Michele Borba Teaching kids to be appreciative even when disappointed with the gift

<http://www.micheleborba.com/blog/2009/12/06/michele-borba-post-the-overlooked-holiday-skill-teaching-kids-to-be-appreciative-when-disappointed/>

Mindwerx Mega Mind Map
<http://www.fuzz2buzz.com/en/node/3201>

Russel Tarr's Active History website
<http://www.activehistory.co.uk/>

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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

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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