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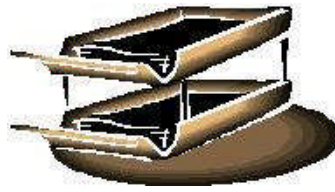
Gifted Resources News

LIVE LINKS

I am still experimenting with the updated version of the PDF creator my husband installed for me. The links to the Interesting Websites are "live" for most people now. However for opening the files which are found on the InTray page of Gifted Resources website it will still be necessary to go to the InTray as the files will not open from within the email newsletter. My tech guru, Jamie is looking into it for me too

GROWING LIKE TOPSY

The article about planning provisions for 2E Twice Exceptional gifted with learning difficulties students based on De Bono's 6 Action Shoes and my sprained ankle which was to be a short chatty blog entry type has expanded into a full length article and presentation and also a series of Feetspeak cartoons which can be used to make points during the presentation and could be put up on staff room pin boards to help teachers think about how it feels to be a 2E student. I have not quite finished yet! But I have included a sneak peek of one of the Feetspeak cartoons Along the way I also discovered Paint cartooning, PowerPoint animating and Scratch animation and sat up till the early hours on several nights playing with them. Scratch is an animation program which can be downloaded free from MIT I have included the link in the newsletter



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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK TERM 1 2009 ACTIVITIES [PDF BROCHURE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK GUEST SPEAKER Jodi Valpied Gifted Introverts from the Inside Out
12 March 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

STEPPING STONES TERM 1 [FLYER](#)

COGE Certificate of Gifted Education ONLINE 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

DEEWR Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Gifted Education Professional Development Package [WEBSITE](#)

REACH EDUCATION CONSULTANCY ONLINE Certificate in Effective Practice in Gifted Education
[WEBSITE](#)

CHIP FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP GEELONG Meeting to vote to establish an Incorporated group
11 March 2009 [FLYER](#)

GTCASA Saturday Club @ The Mount 7-8 March 2009 Mount Gambier South Australia
Parent / Teacher Sessions [FLYER](#) Activities for Pre-school and Primary children [FLYER](#)

Reaching Forward : Achieving Sustainability in Gifted Education March 13 – 15 2009,
Rotorua New Zealand. [WEBSITE](#)

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS Tony Ryan "The Magic of Thinking" workshop Monday 16th March
[PDF FLYER](#)

MONASH UNIVERSITY Free Lecture Why bilingualism makes a difference March 18 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

ACTIVE MINDS Pizza and Games Night 20 March 2009 [FLYER](#)

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK Meeting 26 March 2009 [FLYER](#)

WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO Survival into the future for High Potential Learners March 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

GATCAWA The 10 Commandments of Academic Talent Development 17 March 2009 [FLYER](#)

GTCASA From Gagne into the Future: Generating Change. Conference and a parent workshop
23 March 2009 [CONFERENCE PDF BROCHURE](#) [PARENT WORKSHOP PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC A twilight seminar with Francoys Gagne 31 March 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

NSWAGTC Professor François Gagné, focusing on his Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent (2008), Full Day workshop 02 April 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [PDF REGISTRATION FORM](#) [WEBSITE](#)

Modern ways for ancient words National Indigenous languages and Information Communication Technology Forum 1-2 April 2009 [POSTER](#)

The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

PG Retreat 2-6 July 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) Call for Papers [WEBSITE](#)

18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children

Promoting the Dream

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7th 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)

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 admin@giftedsupport.org

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

Please note that the RSVP for our Coffee N Chat evening at Brown Cow on Monday 16 February has changed. Please contact Colleen on 0418 595 036 or just look out for the yellow balloon on the table when you arrive at Brown Cow. For full details please refer to our website events page at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/>

TERM 1 SPEAKER

Jodie Valpied

(MEd (Spec Needs), PostgradDipPsych, COGE, BA/BTeach)

"Gifted Introverts from the Inside Out"

Thursday 12 March, 2009, 7.45 - 9.30pm

Introversion is one of Western Society's least valued personality types, and one of the more common personality types found among the gifted population. This personality type stems from physiological traits fundamental to the day-to-day functioning of many gifted children. The implications of these traits extend well beyond the realm of social interaction, impacting areas as diverse as learning styles, energy levels and noise tolerance. These

children bring a special gift to humanity, if that gift is allowed to flourish. Yet they are often incorrectly labeled as shy, antisocial, neurotic or having Asperger's Disorder.

This session will explore the physiological underpinnings of introversion, along with characteristics and needs that stem from this physiology. Practical strategies will be given for teaching and parenting introverted children and teens, helping them gain the most from classroom, home and other settings. No prior knowledge expected.

School personnel and parents are encouraged to attend.

Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members, bookings essential

RSVP Louise by email admin@giftedsupport.org

or phone 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

'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.

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

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

NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

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jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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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
PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Website : www.activeminds.org.au

Email : activeminds.au@gmail.com **Note: New Email address**

President	Carolyn Jennings	5562 0915 or 0429 380 962	orgadvan@bigpond.net.au
Vice-President	Warwick Price	5560 3888	warwickp@brauer.vic.edu.au
Secretary	Andrea Sampson	5560 3888	sampsonsensei@hotmail.com

PIZZA AND GAMES NIGHT

What? Pizza, Drinks & Board Games

Where? Warrnambool East Primary School, Ward Street, Warrnambool

When? Friday March 20th, 2009

Who For? Anyone from Gr 3 –Yr 10

Cost: \$7.00 (Inc pizza & drinks)

\$5.00 for Active Minds members

Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm

Why go? Meet other like minded students who like to play board games, think laterally, have fun and of course.

EAT PIZZA!!

Feel free to bring a friend.

If you are interested in coming along please contact

Carolyn Jennings (03) 55620915/0439369394 or

Adrian Calderwood (03) 55624100

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 460 759

email indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au

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

FIREFLASH – program for gifted children.

March 2 nd	6pm – 7.30pm	Problem solving night
March 23 rd	6pm – 7.30pm	Group project work
April 20 th	6pm – 7.30pm	Group project work
May 11 th	6pm- 7.30pm	Group project work
June 15 th	6pm – 7.30pm	Project showcase night

Registration fees are \$25 per family per year. This primarily covers the cost of the hall, and other bits and pieces.

Please bring a plate of supper to share each week because the kids LOVE supper time!

Address: 40 Intrepid St, Berwick (off Enterprise Ave, opp Berwick station –home of The Winepress Church)

For details contact

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Tony Ryan “The Magic of Thinking”

workshop for primary and secondary teachers

Date: Monday 16 March 2009

Venue: Camberwell Grammar School, Canterbury

For details see the flyer in the In Tray on Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org
or from the Victoria section of the T.O.M. website <http://www.tom.edu.au/>



SCRATCH ANIMATION

Scratch makes it easy to program your own interactive stories, games, and animations -- and share your creations on the web. As you create and share projects with Scratch, you learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. Scratch is a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the MIT Media Lab. It is available for free download from <http://scratch.mit.edu>

NOTICE OF MEETING

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

To be Held on Wednesday 11th March 2009 at 7.30pm

at Highton Primary School, Roslyn Road, Highton.

Interested parents are invited to attend a meeting to vote to establish an incorporated association

called "CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Inc." and to:

- Authorise a person to apply for incorporation of the association ("the public officer")
- Approve the proposed statement of purposes of the association;
- Approve the proposed rules of the association;
- Nominate for membership of the association;
- Elect office bearers for the committee of membership (President, Secretary/Vice President, Treasurer) and two ordinary committee members; and
- Approve the Entrance fees and Annual fees to be charged by the incorporated body.

(Proposed fees for membership - Entrance fee: \$10.00 (once off) Annual fee: \$20.00 per family per annum.)

Further information regarding the meeting is available from Dr Sandra Lea-Wood telephone 0407 320 043.

Hope you can come along to help set up a new body to support families with children of high intellectual potential in Geelong.

RSVP would be really helpful to kingsleys@optusnet.com.au by 9th March 2009.



TERM 1 G.A.T.E.WAYS PROGRAMS

G.A.T.E.WAYS is now enrolling for the following Term 1 programs

- The 2 day **Eureka** program - Big Questions (Grade 1-6) being hosted throughout the term by Highvale PS, Ivanhoe GGS, Brunswick South West PS, Parktone PS, Southwood BGS

Grade 5/6 **On Location** programs :

- DigiTales - digital story telling (at [Sh@re](#) Community Campus at Firbank GS in Brighton)
- Stop It! Animated Art at the Australian Centre For the Moving Image at Federation Square
- Take 5 - film making- at the Australian Centre For the Moving Image at Federation Square
- ArtTrax at the National Gallery and the Alfred Brash SoundHouse - Arts Centre , Melbourne - art and digital imaging

Four session **Journeys** programs :

- Banyule Primary School
 - * Grade 5/6 - A Spot of Blood Tells All - (forensic science mystery)
- Pembroke Primary School and Templestowe Heights Primary School
 - * Grade 5/6 - From Magic to Medicine - A Journey Through The History of Healing (developed after a very popular short workshop in the Eureka program in 2008)
- Brunswick North Primary School
 - * Grade 5/6 - There's Something About Money - an introduction to economics and finance
- Mill Park Heights Primary School
 - * Grade 1/2 - Balancing Nature (environmental science issues)
 - * Grade 3/4 girls - Gadget, Gidget and Gismos (technology)
 - * Grade 5/6 -The Mysterious Case of the Voynich Mystery (history/science mystery)
- Knox Gardens Primary School
 - * Grade 1/2 - Please Hurry - Supersnoopers Allowed (maths/science focus)
 - * Grade 3/4 - At The Crossroads With Cairo Jim (literature/writing)
 - * Grade 5/6 - Proofs, Paradoxes, Primes and Puzzles (maths)
- Burwood Heights Primary School
 - *Grade 5/6 - Look Out It's Raining (thinking skills/philosophy)

- Wesley College - Elterwick

- *Grade 3/4 - At The Crossroads With Cairo Jim (literature/writing)
- * Grade 5/6 - Buried Treasure (writing)

- Eastona Park Primary School

- * Grade 1/2 - Chess Magic
- * Grade 3/4 - How Inventive (technology)
- * Grade 5/6 - Many Gears Make Light Work (technology)

All programs information, dates and costs are available at www.gateways.edu.au

Follow the links to Journeys and Eureka timetables. For enrolments contact your school's G.A.T.E.WAYS co-ordinator or ring G.A.T.E.WAYS on 9894 2116.

WISEONES

WiseOnes is pleased to announce that its fast learners support service to schools is now available north of the Yarra River. Eltham and Streeton primary schools have commenced using our gifted programs in 2009. We would like to have another Licensed Education Manager in the northern area to manage the development of the service there. If any teacher interested in the gifted and willing to be assisted to set up in their own business wants to contact me I will be available February and then April onwards at patwise@tpg.com.au and 03 9794 8258. We are keen to help rural cities, the Wodonga area and interstate areas too but need leaders who can lead a team of teachers to provide the support.

Pat Slattery

Dip.Teach. B.Ed, B.Theol, COGE, AMACEL, MHIQS

WiseOnes for Education of the Gifted

Email: patwise@tpg.com.au

Tel: 03 9794 8258

PROF FRANCOYS GAGNE IN AUSTRALIA



Professor François Gagné, a charming French Canadian from Montreal, obtained his Ph.D. in Educational Psychology (1966) at l'Université de Montréal. After devoting a decade to the study of student evaluations of teaching, he spent the rest of his career in the department of Psychology, at l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM). He soon adopted giftedness as his field of study, a field in which he has published extensively on theoretical matters, peer identification, and motivational issues. He is well known in the U.S.A. and abroad for his Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent (DMGT)), which has been endorsed by educational authorities in many countries. Dr. Gagné has won major awards in the field of gifted education, among them NAGC's Distinguished Scholar Award (1996). Since retiring in 2001, Dr. Gagné has maintained international publishing and keynoting activities.

Western Australia

Parent seminar The Ten Commandments of Talent Development

Perth Modern School

parking is on the basketball courts which can be accessed from Subiaco Rd

Tuesday March 17th from 7.30 – 9.30

Parents and teachers will find this session of interest.

Cost is \$25 per person.

Check the GATCA website for more information <http://www.gatcawa.org/>

A session for teachers will be held at Perth Modern School from 3pm – 7.30pm also in the auditorium at Perth Modern School. 3 topics will be covered during this session Cost is \$30 Contact Val, Ian or Roger on (08) 9380 0555 for more information or to register.

South Australia

Teachers Conference

Theme: "From Gagné into the future: Generating Change"

Monday 23rd March 2009- Bradley Forum, Hawke Building of University of SA, City West Campus.

9 am - 3.30 pm

Keynote speaker Francoys Gagné

Other workshops on Spiritual Intelligence, Visual Spatial Learners and Interpreting the WISC IV.

Further details, Registration form and site map of the University now available to download from the GTCASA website.

Parent conference.

Francoys Gagné is well known for his Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent, and released a revised model earlier this year. He will present a workshop for parents of gifted children on the evening of Monday March 23rd, 2009 between 7.30pm and 9.30pm in the Bradley Forum of the Hawke Building of the University of SA, City West Campus.

Further details, Registration form now available for download together with a site map of the University.

[CONFERENCE PDF BROCHURE](#) [PARENT WORKSHOP PDF BROCHURE](#)

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[WEBSITE http://www.gtcasa.asn.au/site/index.php?module=announce&ANN_user_op=view&ANN_id=151](http://www.gtcasa.asn.au/site/index.php?module=announce&ANN_user_op=view&ANN_id=151)

New South Wales

A Day with Professor Francoys Gagné - WHO? <http://www3.telus.net/giftedcanada/page4.html>

Gagne's Differentiated Model of Giftedness and Talent 2008 - WHAT?

http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/gifftal/identification_idenchar.htm

A Full Day Presentation/Workshop for Teachers, Counsellors, Educators and Parents.

Venue: James Ruse Agricultural High School, Felton Road, Carlingford.

Date: Thursday 2nd April 2009 9.00am - 4.30pm

Includes Morning tea, Light lunch and Afternoon tea

\$110 for NSWAGTC Members - not a member? Attached is the membership form and for \$60 per annum you receive discounts to events, copious amounts of information and resources and a free library that will mail books to you at no cost! What a bargain

Please email registration to bookings@nswagtc.org.au or for further information contact Denise Wood dwood@csu.edu.au

WEBSITE

http://www.nswagtc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=341:professor-frans-gagneminar-carlingford-2-apr-09&catid=20:nswagtc-events&Itemid=57

Victoria

VAGTC Inc A twilight seminar with Francoys Gagne

Venue: Camberwell Grammar School

Date: Tuesday 31st March 2009 4.15am - 8.00pm

Light refreshments included

Seminar 1 Focus on gifted

Seminar 2 The emergence of talents- What makes a difference?

For full details see VAGTC Inc WEBSITE

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/assets/pdf/09%20Twilight%20Seminars%20pdfs/Twilight%20Seminar%20Franc.%20Gagne.pdf>

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENTS FORUM

Living with bright and capable young children can be an absolute delight, as they quickly develop and become increasingly aware of the world around them. This awareness and rapid development, however, often brings with it a heightened intensity in social, emotional and physical issues. Encountering frustrations and perfectionism in a 2 year old, an intense sense of fairness and social justice in a 4 year old, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge in a 6 year old can leave parents wondering how best to meet the needs of bright little children who seem to be "marching to the beat of a different drum".

"Riding the Waves" is a **monthly forum** for parents of emotionally intense and gifted children. With a range of topics and techniques presented each month, this forum provides an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with parents sharing similar experiences. Come along to the topics that interest you or whichever months you are free.

As well as general discussion, these monthly meetings will cover topics as follows:

- ❖ Social interactions (March 2009)
- ❖ Thirst for knowledge (April 2009)
- ❖ Organisational skills (May 2009)
- ❖ Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
- ❖ Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
- ❖ Modifying school and homework task

DATE: 4th Tuesday of each month

TIME: 7.30 – 8.30pm

VENUE: Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - **Mel Ref: 59E2**)

COST: \$35.00 per session

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Malvern Vic 3144

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Email: alisonbrown@PsychologyAndChildren.com.au

Feetspeak

How
come you
get all the
attention?



**Twice exceptional gifted
students sometimes wonder
why only their problems seem
to be recognised**

by Jo Freitag
2009

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Big Brother is watching

Check out this link of the 2009 presidential inauguration. Double click anywhere on the crowd to zoom closer. Keep going to zoom in on an individual. The picture was taken with a robotic camera at 1,474 megapixels! It's quite amazing. Who's watching us now?

<http://gigapan.org/viewGigapanFullscreen.php?auth=033ef14483ee899496648c2b4b06233c>

Peter The Poet talks to Radio National

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/audio/2009/02/17/2493559.htm>

SENG Conference

http://www.sengifted.org/conference_programs.shtml

Uni San Diego Online G&T Course

<http://extension.ucsd.edu/programs/index.cfm?vAction=certDetail&vCertificateID=36&vStudyAreaID=8>

VAGTC Writing competition

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/assets/pdf/09%20Competitions/whatever%20it%20takes.pdf>

EdGO Canada

<http://www.edgo.ca/>

Investigating systems – A free course of study

<http://www.marionbrady.com/2008/10/investigating-systems-course-of-study.html>

Twitter tutorial

<http://www.butterscotch.com/showdtl.html?s=twitterbeginners&e=1&src=btsc2>

Learning Strategies Center

<http://www.learningstrategiescenter.com/resources.html>

Scratch Animator program from MIT

<http://scratch.mit.edu/>

Free download of Scratch

http://www.download.com/Scratch/3000-2051_4-10680857.html

Dr Alex Benzer tells why the smartest people have the most trouble dating

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dr-alex-benzer/why-the-smartest-people-h_b_169939.html

National Indigenous languages and Information Communication Technology Modern ways for ancient words Forum
1-2 April 2009

<http://www.starjump.com.au/pages/indigenous-ed.php>

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