





## 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) 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](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

ACTIVE MINDS INC WARRNAMBOOL Annual Meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. Tea 6.30pm meeting 7.30pm.

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

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK MEETING 'Transition' 2 December 2009 [FLYER](#)

MIND AND ITS POTENTIAL CONFERENCE Sydney 2-3 December 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK book Stomp out the ANTs Publication 4 December 2009

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

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 [FLYER](#)

GERRIC STUDENT PROGRAMS 2010 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER](#) [PDF](#)

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

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days [WEBSITE](#)

DR. SUSAN NIKAKIS Expert educators - a handbook for new and inexperienced teachers [FLYER](#)

PLIESE PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

SUE LARKEY AND TONY ATTWOOD WORKSHOP DATES [WEBSITE](#)

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

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

11<sup>th</sup> International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](#)

# 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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto: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](mailto:tina@tinamccarthydesign.com)

or Sally-Ann Free

[sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au](mailto: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

Melissa Conley Tyler

[m.conleytyler@gmail.com](mailto:m.conleytyler@gmail.com)

mobile 0409 765 787

## 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

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

[ijgrant@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ijgrant@optusnet.com.au)

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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

## CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email [Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au)

## **CLIFTON HILL GOLD ST P.S.**

Clifton Hill Gold St P.S. now has a parent support group [gifted@goldstreetparents.org](mailto:gifted@goldstreetparents.org)

On Tuesday 15th September they held a meeting in the library at Clifton Hill PS, 185 Gold St Clifton Hill where Principal Mr Geoff Warren, together with educational psychologist Dr. Glen Alsop, experienced in the management of children with high intellectual potential, from CHIP spoke

They plan to have another evening in term 4 discussing SEAL schools and other options for secondary schooling.

They are a new, small parents' group and usually meet informally for chats and coffee or just by email. New members from the Gold St community are warmly welcomed.

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/goldstreetgifted/>

Contact [goldstreetgifted@gmail.com](mailto:goldstreetgifted@gmail.com) if you have any queries or plan to come.

## **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](mailto:activeminds.au@gmail.com)

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

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 [orgadvan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:orgadvan@bigpond.net.au)

## **FROM CAROLYN JENNINGS**

Please don't forget the AGM on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. Tea 6.30pm meeting 7.30pm.

If we do not get executive committee members we will fold temporarily and GEMM will not happen next year. I have several ordinary committee members (thanks Elaine & Michael) but as their children are at Uni they are not going to take on an executive role. We need a secretary and treasurer for the organisation to continue. Sorry to sound all DOOM & GLOOM but they are the incorporated rules.

So please have a good hard look at your availability, especially if you have younger children that will benefit in the future. Many hands make light work!

I also need numbers for the restaurant. ASAP

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)

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## **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

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS end of year 'Festivals of Workshops'**

Have you enrolled your highly able /gifted children in the G.A.T.E.WAYS end of year 'Festivals of Workshops' ?

The Prep festival will be held on Thursday December 10th and Friday December 11th at Firbank GS in Brighton

The Grade 1 - 6 festival will be held on Monday December 14th and Tuesday December 15th at Wesley College in Glen Waverley.

Whilst many programs are now full, we still have availability in some programs. If you would like to enrol your child please ring 9894 2116 or email

[info@gateways.edu.au](mailto:info@gateways.edu.au)

## FROM DINAH WALDIE BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK

Hello Boroondara Gifted Network

I hope the year has been kind to you - it certainly seems to have flashed by from my point of view. We were to have had a meeting earlier in this term but a special Arts Week at my school took my attention early in the term and then the dreaded reports consumed my life. I feel like I am just getting my head above water and here we are - almost December!! So, apologies for the lateness of this meeting.

I am very aware that this time of year is just as busy for all of you but I thought I would offer the opportunity for a get together before the end of the year for those who are interested. I thought the topic of 'Transition' would be timely so if you are able and interested please come along for a Christmas drink and informal discussion about this issue (see flyer for details). Please do ensure that you reply if you are intending to come because if there is not sufficient interest it will not proceed.

In addition the (relatively) new Regional Network Principal is rearranging the networks in the Boroondara area for 2010 and this has huge implications for our network. We will also be discussing this and our 2010 plans at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting but have some ideas on how this network can support you and your gifted child/students please drop me a line as we really need your input. Please consider these questions:

How could the Boroondara Gifted Network assist you with issues concerning/affected by your child's/student's giftedness?

What has this Network offered in the past that has been useful to you?

What topics would you like covered at future meetings?

Also I have had a query from a family new to the Boroondara area with a gifted 2 1/2 year old boy who was wondering if there were any activities/playgroups etc which might be available to them. If you have any information please let me know and I'll pass it on. I had some people who have been referred to me by council contacts but I don't know who at the council may have this role - any information about other local support would be appreciated.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe summer break and I'll keep you informed about the future of the Gifted Network as soon as I know what is happening.

I hope to see you on December 2nd

Warm regards

Dinah Waldie  
(Boroondara Gifted Network Leader)

## 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/bfrfm.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/bfrfm.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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## **SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK**

Change of website address - now [www.WebPsychologist.com.au](http://www.WebPsychologist.com.au) Please change your bookmarks.

Her first book being published on **December 4th!** It is a short book called "**Stomp Out The ANTs**" (ANT is an acronym for Automatic Negative Thoughts) which is ideal for those who have been challenged by depression or anxiety, those who know people who have negative thinking patterns, or those who want to have more control over their thoughts.

**Sally-Anne McCormack**

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[www.WebPsychologist.com.au](http://www.WebPsychologist.com.au)

[www.ParentsOnline.com.au](http://www.ParentsOnline.com.au)

And soon... [www.CyberPsych.com.au](http://www.CyberPsych.com.au)

## FROM STEPHANIE TOLAN

Dear friends and colleagues,

This message is to announce my new website, [www.StoryHealer.com](http://www.StoryHealer.com), which was launched last week. The website was designed to make my new book, *Change Your Story, Change Your Life*, available for download. The book describes what I call Story Principle and provides methods for putting it to use to improve one's life experience. It can be downloaded as a free PDF under a Creative Commons license. On the website there is also an excerpt that allows people to sample the material; a list of "Resources"—the books I read over the fifteen years during which I came to understand the power of consciousness to affect experience—and a page devoted to "Stories That Work." These are stories sent to me by people who read early drafts of the book and began using Story Principle to make changes in their lives.

I hope you'll go to the site and check it out. If you like what you see, please recommend it to anyone you think might find it useful or helpful. Maybe sometime it will be a hard copy book, but for now, the important thing is that it's available for those who would like to try using it.

All best,

Stef

[www.stephanietolan.com](http://www.stephanietolan.com)

[www.StoryHealer.com](http://www.StoryHealer.com)

**"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way!**

**On a quiet day, if you listen carefully, You can hear her breathing."-- Arundhati Roy**

### A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

OGTOC list members enjoyed Judy Galbraith's webinar on social and emotional issues - Growing Up Gifted: Issues, Concerns & the Importance of Self-Esteem.

If you missed it, you can now access the archived webinar. It is just like your being there is real life! Several additional resources are noted along with information to download a book authored by Judy. the download is free.

Judy is very generous and has offered to all OGTOC list members 20% off of items available on [www.freespirit.com](http://www.freespirit.com)

Please use code GFT09 at the time of your purchase online, via telephone or fax. This will help my shopping for the holidays.

Certainly feel free to send thanks to Judy at [Galbraith@freespirit.com](mailto:Galbraith@freespirit.com) for sharing her time and expertise. As you may know, it takes many months to organize and make arrangement for nationally and internationally guest experts to join OGTOC list members to discuss topics in their area of expertise.

To access the archived Judy Galbraith webinar visit [www.giftedonlineconferences.com](http://www.giftedonlineconferences.com) \$10

To access prior webinars send a request to [OurGiftedOnlineConferences@Gmail.com](mailto:OurGiftedOnlineConferences@Gmail.com) \$10

Thanks everyone for your participation in real time or after the fact via the archived version.

Kindest regards,

Sally\_L Admin

To access the archived webinar with Judy Galbraith visit [www.giftedonlineconferences.com](http://www.giftedonlineconferences.com)

To access prior webinars send a request to [OurGiftedOnlineConferences@Gmail.com](mailto:OurGiftedOnlineConferences@Gmail.com)

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# LETTER FROM ALAN ROGERSON

Dear friends connected to Mathematics Education,

Apologies in advance for any cross-mailings but hopefully the information below will be of interest to you.

We are very pleased, honoured and excited that our next International Conference will be held in South Africa in 2011 co-hosted by Rhodes University at Grahamstown, with Professor Marc Schafer as Chairman of the Local Organising Committee.

You may not be aware that our Project, which was founded in 1986, and all of our conferences, ten so far starting in 1999, are entirely educational and philanthropic, non-profit making and non-commercial. All of our work to help innovate the teaching and learning of mathematics is done on an unpaid voluntary basis, so we rely on the goodwill and cooperation of colleagues world-wide to spread the word about our conferences and, we hope, to encourage students and local teachers to attend.

Even though we have no direct funding as such we do try with our limited sponsorship funds to assist especially teachers and students from the host country to attend our conference, and we always include a special two day programme for local teachers at the beginning of the conference. The 2011 Conference will be held from September 10 (arrival day)-16 so we are planning our special local teachers programme for the two days Monday/Tuesday September 11-12.

We would be most grateful if you could support us in one or more of the following ways:

- Post the Preliminary Announcement below on any electronic bulletin boards, email lists and journals you know of
- Print a hard copy and pin the notice on your Department Notice Board
- Encourage your colleagues, your students, and any local teachers you have contact with, to attend the conference
- Prepare and send me your own proposal to present a workshop or paper at our conference
- Enquire now about local funding to help you and/or colleagues, students, teachers to attend the conference in 2011

Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information. We thank you in advance for whatever help you can give us and we look forward very much to meeting and working with you in South Africa in 2011!

Alan Rogerson , Chairman of the International Programme Committee  
Marc Schafer, Chairman of the Local Organising Committee

For flyer see the In Tray on Gifted Resources website

## **SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

Web 2.0 for schools

<http://slav.globalteacher.org.au/2009/11/11/connect-and-web-2-0/>

Video stories of acceleration

[http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Personal\\_Stories/Video\\_Stories.aspx](http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Personal_Stories/Video_Stories.aspx)

Sites for teachers

<http://www.sitesforteachers.com/index.html>

Websites to Generate Student Poetry Online

<http://tinyurl.com/n7dxq7>

Poem generator

<http://tinyurl.com/pl9vk2>

Story starters

<http://classtools.net/twitter/tweet.php?message=Storystarter%253A%2520Writing%2520Creatio%2520Tool%2520for%2520students&url=http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/storystarters/storystarter1.htm>

Free Spirit downloads

[http://www.freespirit.com/parents/downloads.cfm?subj\\_id=54](http://www.freespirit.com/parents/downloads.cfm?subj_id=54)

Bluey's outback dreaming a long way from nightmares of Burma

<http://www.smh.com.au/news/entertainment/arts/blueys-outback-dreaming-a-long-way-from-burma/2009/11/15/1258219754446.html>

The Happiness Project

[http://www.happiness-project.com/happiness\\_project/2009/11/some-counterintuitive-facts-about-loneliness.html](http://www.happiness-project.com/happiness_project/2009/11/some-counterintuitive-facts-about-loneliness.html)

Pranav Mistry TED video on Sixth Sense Technology:

<http://bit.ly/2zly4S>

Mrs P.

<http://www.mrsp.com/>

Davidson Institute

Social networking – Impacting the world of Gifted Education

[http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10563.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10563.aspx)

McAfee warns about The 12 Scams of Christmas

[http://news.cnet.com/8301-19518\\_3-10403100-238.html?tag=newsLatestHeadlinesArea.0](http://news.cnet.com/8301-19518_3-10403100-238.html?tag=newsLatestHeadlinesArea.0)

Destination ImagiNation

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

Math by Design

<http://mathbydesign.thinkport.org/default.aspx?skipTo=home>

NAGC Webinars on Wednesdays

[http://www.nagc.org/wow.aspx#WOW\\_registration\\_info](http://www.nagc.org/wow.aspx#WOW_registration_info)

Thank you to Paula from W.A. for these links

Cogito

[www.cogito.org](http://www.cogito.org)

Have sum fun online

[www.havesumfunonline.com](http://www.havesumfunonline.com)

Philosothon Philosophy competition for schools (initiated in WA)

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

Algebasics – Show me how, now

<http://www.algebasics.com/index.html>

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