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Gifted Resources News

Welcome to the first Gifted Resources newsletter for 2010 I hope you had a great Christmas and are enjoying a relaxing holiday.

I have not had a chance to relax as once again we have had to move house. The landlord wanted to move into our previous home. We are very blessed that our new home is in a lovely quiet street in easy walking distance to Luther College.

To read about Gifted Resources Events planned for the first quarter of 2010 see

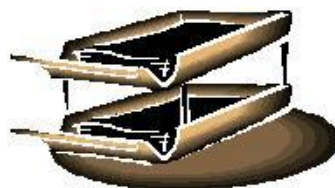
<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/events.htm>

I have included the Critical Agendas flyer in this issue If you have problems reading it ,you can also find a link to it on Gifted Resources Home page and Events page

I used making entries and illustrations for Sprite's Site Blog <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/> as an incentive between packing boxes and managed to create Sprite's P Party. There is a link to a PowerPoint presentation showing the guests arriving dressed in P themed costumes on the Home page of my personal website

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/> Eventually when time and energy permit I will turn Sprite's P Party into a teaching unit.

At present I am planning for the Critical Agendas workshop, writing a Church School program for next term based on Psalms. Updating the Website Lists section of Gifted Resources website and setting up a Delicious Bookmarks account.



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

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
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Critical Agendas

ABN 14 925 211 703

... "Where Knowledge and Foresight are Paramount"

Success in Teaching

Twice-Exceptional Children!

Why do some students apply little or no effort to school tasks while they commit considerable time and effort to demanding, creative activities outside of school? These behaviours are typical of some students who are simultaneously gifted and learning disabled. For many people, however, the terms learning disabilities and giftedness are at opposite ends of a learning continuum.

Who are the Twice-Exceptional (2E) Children?

Children who are both gifted and learning disabled exhibit remarkable talents or strengths in some areas and disabling weaknesses in others. They can be grouped into three categories: 1. Identified gifted students who have subtle learning disabilities. 2. Unidentified students whose gifts and disabilities may be masked by average achievement. 3. Identified learning disabled students who are also gifted.

For Primary and
Secondary Teachers

Thursday March 11th &
Friday March 12th, 2010

Come to One or Both days!

Edis Melbourne Glen Waverley
297 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley

PD Hours: 12 hours

Facilitators:

Jo Freitag and Maxine Cowie

Website: www.criticalagendas.com.au

Enquiries: Ph. 1800 638 002

Email: admin@criticalagendas.com.au

In this workshop you will learn effective strategies and skills to re engage 2E students who have disengaged from learning because of learning difficulties, learning differences or behavioural issues.



Free Parking in the underground car park!

Complete details next page

Success in Teaching Twice-Exceptional (2E) Students!

FD-18c 12 hrs

TIMETABLE for Both Days

Registration: 8:45am - 9:00am Session 1: 9:15am - 11:00am
 MORNING TEA: 11:00am - 11:30am Session 2: 11:30am - 1:00pm
 LUNCH: 1:00pm - 1:30pm Session 3: 1:30pm - 3:15pm

Day One- Thursday March 11th, 2010

Facilitator - Jo Freitag

This workshop uses Edward De Bono's Six Action Steps planning theory and Gagne's Differentiation Model of Giftedness and Talent to investigate types of gifted programs and their suitability for Twice Exceptional students who are gifted and also have a learning disability or difference. Characteristics of these students will be discussed. Practical application exercises will give workshop participants the opportunity to plan programs and teaching strategies for specific 2E students. Social emotional and learning environment issues will also be discussed using thinking tools such as S.C.A.M.P.E.R. and links to valuable resources will be provided.

Day Two-Friday March 12th, 2010

Facilitator - Maxine Cowie

This workshop will equip teachers with the understanding and skills needed to re engage students who have disengaged from learning because of learning difficulties, learning differences or behavioural issues. Teachers will be empowered to deal effectively and positively with those students who cause the most trouble in the classroom. We will focus on the bright ones, who are disruptive, good at avoiding work, who are poorly organized, those who can't work independently and who do not produce work to the standard they are capable of. Find out what causes disengagement from learning and what kids need to be re engaged. Take away strategies to use and the skills and understanding needed to develop your own strategy. Learn how to get the best from the most difficult students!

Book by Fax or Mail!

A letter of confirmation will be sent to the school

Cost One person attending ONE day: \$229 **All prices GST Incl.**
 One person attending BOTH days: \$379
 Two people each attending ONE day \$229 ea
 NB: Two people attending one day each in place of an original booking for one person over 2 days: \$229 ea

Critical Agendas Office: 107 McKillop St, Geelong, 3220
 Postal address: P.O. Box 1407 Geelong 3220
 Phone: 1800 638 012 Fax: 1800 638 021
 Email: admin@criticalagendas.com.au

No application for this program will be accepted after all vacancies have been filled. Unsuccessful applicants will have their names referred to full consideration prior to February 28th, 2010 - will incur a 15% service charge per applicant. No refunds will be issued for non-attendance made on or after February 28th, 2010 or for failure to attend the program. In the event of insufficient applications this program will not proceed until registration reaches its fully allocated. All cancellations need to be written and mailed to us. In the event of this program being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances registration money only will be refunded as Critical Agendas will not accept liability for the payment of any other associated costs. Where a booking is made for one person to attend the faculty program but results in the attendance of two individuals (one day each) for students classes, a charge of 2 x \$229 will apply. Critical Agendas reserves the right to vary the scheduled program prior to commencement. **1800 638 012**

Jo Freitag, who is the mother of four gifted children coordinates the Information Service, *Gifted Awareness* which has an office at The Centre for the Exceptional Learner, Luther College, Croydon, Victoria. Jo has worked in public and school libraries and has home-educated two of her children at secondary level. She produces the *Gifted Awareness* website and newsletter, develops the *Gifted Resource Files* Discussion series and has given presentations at Teacher professional development sessions, *Gifted Education* Conferences and national and international Homeschooling Conferences.

Maxine Cowie, Director of Starjump embarked on a journey to find practical and effective teaching methods for visual spatial learners, which makes up an estimated 30% of the population. This arose from her experience with working with atypical children, who are predominantly visual spatial learners and experiencing the ineffectiveness of traditional teaching methods with these children. Visual spatial learners often struggle in the classroom and end up being labeled as trouble makers and difficult students. Maxine has developed a holistic program for visual spatial learners which has been successfully implemented in schools in Victoria and NSW. Maxine currently trains teachers in her techniques so that they can run the program within their school environment. Her passion is to ensure student's learn and gain self confidence by using their cognitive strengths and passions so that they experience success both in the school environment and in their lives.

Thursday March 11th - Friday March 12th, 2010

Ibis Melbourne Glen Waverley

297 Springvale Rd, Glen Waverley (Ph. 9518 7111)

Cost includes: Program, issued notes, participation certificate, morning tea and lunch.

Registration Form - may be photocopied (Tax Invoice)

Success in Teaching Twice-Exceptional Students! 6 PD hrs per day

Ibis Melbourne Glen Waverley, Vic. **Thurs March 11th - Fri March 12th, 2010**

Please complete and fax or mail to: \$229 per person per day
 \$379 per person for 2 days

CRITICAL AGENDAS
 P.O. BOX 1407 GEELONG 3220

FAX: 1800 638 021

All prices GST Incl.

Name/s (Please Print Clearly and in CAPITALS) Please tick when attending:

1. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Day One <input type="checkbox"/> Day Two
2. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Day One <input type="checkbox"/> Day Two
3. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Day One <input type="checkbox"/> Day Two
4. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Day One <input type="checkbox"/> Day Two
5. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Day One <input type="checkbox"/> Day Two

School: _____

School Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Ph: _____

Mob. Phone: _____ Fax: _____

1. _____ Email: _____

2. _____ Email: _____

3. _____ Email: _____

4. _____ Email: _____

5. _____ Email: _____

Please specify any special dietary needs: _____

All prices GST Incl.

School Order No. _____

Critical Agendas ABN 14 100 211 703

A letter of confirmation will be sent to the school

Declined payment for 2 _____ payable to CRITICAL AGENDAS or please debit my

card via Mastercard Visa to \$ _____

Name on Card _____

Exp. Date _____ Signature _____

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

Melissa Conley Tyler

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

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsleys email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au

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
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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

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 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

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

ACE2010 Digital Diversity Conference

<http://acec2010.info/>

Writers conferences 2010

http://thestorysofar.typepad.com/valeries_blog/2010/01/festivals-festivals-and-more-festivals-in-2010.html

6-9 April 2010 Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

<http://acec2010.info/>

Guide to Online Schools

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

Detecting and preventing plagiarism

<http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/online-teaching/plagiarism>

Tips and tools

<http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/tips-and-tools>

Top 200 Education blogs

<http://www.guidetoonlineschools.com/tips-and-tools/top-education-blogs>

The symphony of science

[http://symphonyofscience.com./](http://symphonyofscience.com/)

The Storymatic

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

Escher and legos

<http://jheer.org/blog/archives/000103.html>

Mindwerx Mega Mind Map

<http://www.fuzz2buzz.com/en/node/3201>

Active History

<http://www.activehistory.co.uk/>

Cybraryman Dyslexia and learning disabilities

<http://cybraryman.com/reading.html#dyslexia>

Success Express newsletter

<http://www.soundsuccess.com.au/>

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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