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## Gifted Resources News

NOVEMBER That crazy penultimate month of the year when men grow moustaches <http://www.movember.com/> authors endeavour to write a whole novel in the month <http://www.nanowrimo.org/> and Americans celebrate Thanksgiving.

For Australians a horse race, the Melbourne Cup stops the Nation on the first Tuesday of the month and ladies wear fancy hats and fascinators.

I considered participating in Nanowrimo but the task seemed a bit daunting so I am opting to attempt to write a blog post every day in November in the same way as they do at NaBloPoMo

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

Sprite's Site blog <http://giftedresources.org/jo/blog> has received over 65,000 viewings since it began in June 2009 During November I have reviewed some of the characters, settings and themes of the blog and written a series about intellect vs. imagination, The Tree Octopus.

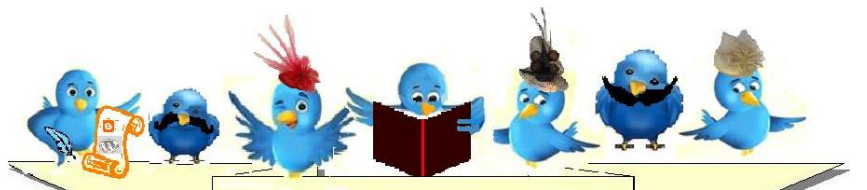
It is also the month when reviews are made of the current year and plans are made for Christmas and the year to come.

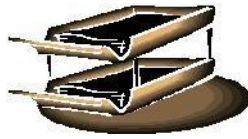
A link to Gifted Resources activity report for 2010 can be found be on Gifted Resources About Us section

<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/gris.html>

I have a developed a program for the Church Sunday school titled The Christmas Planner which helps you organize a busy Christian Christmas season. It is based on the Christmas song The Twelve Days of Christmas and you can read it or download a copy for yourself at <http://giftedresources.org/jo/> I had hoped that we could use sales of the booklet to benefit the church's missionary ministry but the printing costs made it unrealistic for our small congregation. So I would like to suggest that you use the Pay it Forward principle. Download a copy, print it out, give it an attractive cover and use it for your own planning or give it as a gift and if you feel so moved- make a donation to a cause of your own choosing.

I am sorry that this edition of the newsletter is much later than usual. This is partly because my computer died and had to be replaced and reloaded with all my programs and files and partly because for the whole of last week I was participating in the online Global Education Conference via Elluminate. You will find a write up of the conference in this issue.





## 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)

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 4 [FLYER](#)**

**ALISON BROWN Teacher Workshops/Seminars [FLYER](#)**

**ALISON BROWN In-Synch Girls Groups Saturday mornings (October 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK Stomp Out The ANTs PD Friday 26 November 2010**  
[WEBSITE](#)

**G.A.T.E.WAYS FESTIVAL OF WORKSHOPS The Prep Festival December 9th and 10th Firbank Grammar School, Grade 1 - 6 Festival will be held on December 13th and 14th Wesley College .**  
[WEBSITE](#) [BROCHURE 1](#) [BROCHURE 2](#) [BROCHURE 3](#) [BROCHURE 4](#)

**GLEN PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE Creative Writing Workshop for children 12 December 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**Born Storytellers Holiday Program - Discovering the writer within Workshops 4-7 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**Born Storytellers Holiday Program – Discovering the artist within 4-7 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**GERRIC Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge: 19-21 January 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Adelaide 12-13 March 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**GERRIC Parent weekend workshops Sydney 27- 28 August 2011 [WEBSITE](#)**

**GLOBAL VIRTUAL MEETING in secondlife January 29, 2011 at 9pm CEST, 8pm UK.**  
Invited speakers are Dr. Deborah Ruf from USA, Mary St George from New Zealand.  
Topic: "UNDERACHIEVER" [WEBSITE](#)

**19th WORLD CONFERENCE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Incheon Korea 8-12 August 2011**  
[WEBSITE](#)

**VAGTC Inc. Biennial Conference 2011 8-9 September 2011 [FLYER](#)**

**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'

**The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:**

### The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

3 hours of free undercover parking is available in the Moonee Ponds Central car park

Contacts:

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## BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB

### Mini/Primary Minds group

For details contact

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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

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## CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

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

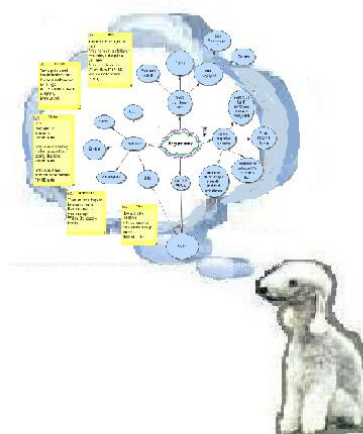
## **GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA**

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)  
Email [victoriapoulos@gmail.com](mailto: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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Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073  
website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>



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## **Born Storytellers Holiday Program - Discovering the writer within...**

Kevin Price's writing workshops allows young writers to develop a range of skills required by writers in the creation of stories. This series of workshops is suitable for students in year 4 onwards. Participants are to bring a notebook, pen, dictionary and thesaurus. The cost of the writing workshop (4 x 3hrs) is \$140. More information about Kevin is available at: <http://www.bornstorytellers.net/>

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-12 noon.**

Session One: *Observation and Ekphrases*. Students will learn how to observe, and practise writing detailed visual pieces, exploring techniques for writing vivid images.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 9- 12 noon.**

Session Two: *Naturalness and Flow*. Students will learn techniques of free writing, looking at ways they can tap into the natural flow of writing and make use of flow as part of their expression. They will explore writing in partnership to further enhance their understanding of 'flow'.

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 9-12 noon.**

Session Three: *Visualising and Change*. Students will explore situations that can be changed through writing, learning about the power of writing as a medium of change and a force for seeing things differently.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 9 – 12 noon**

Session Four: *Clarity and Simplicity*. Students will explore ways of improving the clarity of their writing and developing an understanding of the power of simple form and language, and the difference between descriptive writing and clutter.

## **Born Storytellers Holiday Program – Discovering the artist within...**

Judith Price's drawing workshops allows young artists to develop a range of drawing skills. Her philosophy is that drawing is the basis of all art and expression, and to learn drawing skills at a young age puts students in a position of great advantage. Judith will teach observation skills and ways to transpose what a student sees onto the page. She will focus on basic shapes and how all objectives can be observed through the basic shapes, allowing students' drawing to become more organic and less mechanical. Judith's portrait gallery can be viewed at: <http://www.judithpriceartist.com> Drawing students materials supplied. This series of workshops is suitable for students in years 2 onwards. The cost of the drawing workshop (4 x 3 hrs) is \$180.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1-4pm** Session One.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 1-4pm** Session Two.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 1-4pm.**Session Three.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 1-4pm** Session Four.

Both facilitators have current Working with Children Checks.

The workshops will be held in the Carnaby Room at Moerlina School, 16 Brockway Road in Mount Claremont, WA.

Bookings and registrations can be made by visiting <http://bornstorytellers.net> or email [kevin@bornstorytellers.net](mailto:kevin@bornstorytellers.net) or phone 9594 6211

## A message to all members of The Global Education Collaborative

Dear Global Education Collaborative Members -

On behalf of my Global Education Conference co-chair, Steve Hargadon of [Classroom 2.0](#), and myself, I want to extend our deep felt thanks to all who participated in last week's online conference. We are particularly grateful for our amazing volunteers, partner organizations, and presenters who gave shared their expertise during the course of the week. Professional generosity really made this unique conference happen!

This free event took place entirely online using the videoconferencing tool, Elluminate. Everything went relatively smoothly with 15,028 unique logins, 8,372 hours of presentations attended, and 32,681 web site visits just this week. Sessions were recorded and can be viewed at your leisure [on the conference web site](#).

We are really pleased with the success of our inaugural event and are thinking of how we can best carry the spirit of the conference forward. As the official social network of the conference, we hope everyone will stay in contact through this site and keep developing the feeling of community that many of us experienced, particularly during the closing session. Please continue to use the Global Education Collaborative to share your work, to point out great resources, and to nurture global friendships!

If you were able to attend any live sessions, we'd love your feedback, so please take time to reply to [this post](#). Leave comments or post a link to your blog if you've already reflected on what you've learned. Please also visit the [conference wiki](#), and considering joining this space to add to our growing collection of global education materials.

Stay tuned for more developments! The conference is only the beginning!

With thanks,  
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Global Education Conference Co-Chair  
Global Education Collaborative Founder  
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### Conference Quick Links

Wiki - search for resources or add your own

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

Mentor Program - become a mentor or find partners for collaborative projects

<http://www.globaleducationconference.com/mentor-program.html>

Social Network - keep the conversations going

<http://globaleducation.ning.com>

Facebook - become a fan

<http://www.facebook.com/#%21/pages/Global-Education-Conference/125602090788788>

Flickr - share photos; participate in simple collaborative conference activities

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/globaledcon/>

Slideshare - presenters, post your slides here

<http://www.slideshare.net/event/the-global-education-conference>

Twitter - follow conference announcements

<http://twitter.com/#%21/globaledcon>

Twitter Search - check out what others are saying about the conference

<http://twitter.com/#%21/search/globaledcon>

Map - add your location to this Google Map

<http://tinyurl.com/globaledconmap>

Networking Directory -find and quickly connect to other conference attendees

<http://tinyurl.com/gecdirectory>

Visit The Global Education Collaborative at: [http://globaleducation.ning.com/?xg\\_source=msg\\_mes\\_network](http://globaleducation.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network)

<http://globaleducation.ning.com/forum/topics/globaledcon-so-what-do-you>

## GERRIC

Application forms for the January Student Programs are available via our website:

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-gifted-students/registration/>

Get your forms in as soon as possible as places are limited and applications are closing soon.

### Dates of workshops:

Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge: 19-21 January 2011

Further information and workshop descriptions: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-gifted-students/>

### PARENTS:

GERRIC will once again be hosting its weekend courses for parents of gifted children in 2011.

**Dates:** Adelaide 12-13 March and Sydney 27-28 August

**Further details:** <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-parents/parent-courses/>

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## BAVARIAN CENTRE FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN VIRTUAL GIFTED CONFERENCES IN SECOND LIFE

Next Global virtual meeting in secondlife will be held on Saturday

January 29, 2011, at 9pm CEST, 8pm UK.

Invited speakers are Dr. Deborah Ruf from USA, Mary St George from New Zealand.

Topic: "UNDERACHIEVER"

Here is some information on how to join:

1. Please create an avatar in secondlife

<http://secondlife.com/whatis/avatar/?lang=en-US>)

2. Send us your avatar's name under [info@begabungszentrum-bayern.de](mailto:info@begabungszentrum-bayern.de)

3. To participate in this meeting you need a headset.

4. The meeting will take place in

<http://slurl.com/secondlife/Degar/229/86/59>)

Our 3rd Global Virtual Meeting in Gifted Education in Secondlife was very successful!

Invited speaker: Dr. Monita Leavitt from USA.

Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zh7POgkS5U>

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## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Geoff Cain blog Concept maps and visual pedagogy

<http://cain.blogspot.com/2010/11/concept-maps-visual-pedagogy.html>

Mrs Padget's wiki

<http://tekkieoldteacher.wikispaces.com/>

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Global Virtual Meeting in secondlife

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zh7POgkS5U>

If kids were robots

<http://teachfactory.com/?p=518>

Behavior Solutions in the Inclusion Classroom

[http://www.suelarkey.com/Promo\\_Behavior\\_Solutions.php](http://www.suelarkey.com/Promo_Behavior_Solutions.php)

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)

The book seer

<http://bookseer.com/>

Tech & learning blog Differentiating with Web 2.0 technologies

<http://www.techlearning.com/blogs/34530>

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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