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Gifted Resources News

Recent posts on the updated Gifted Resources blog

A new Australian collection of papers on topics relating to justice in the education of gifted students edited by Dr Susan Nikakis, Gifted & Talented Education Officer Catholic Education Office Melbourne, will be launched at Parliament House by David Southwick MP on Tuesday 16 October 2012
Gifted Resources Blog post
<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/10/03/let-the-tall-poppies-flourish/>

News about GT Chat
<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/10/03/gt-chat/>

Doc Sykes Psycho Educational Resources DVD
<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/09/17/doc-sykes-psycho-educational-resource-dvd/>

Virtually attending the ECHA Conference
<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2012/09/14/virtually-attending-the-echa-conference/>

Soon to be written – reviews on Mindjet Mind Manager Mindmapping program and Sally-Anne McCormack's new book Life with ANTs, the children's companion book to her book Stomp out the ANTs.

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 are not able to access the links here 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

C.O.G.E. MASTER CLASSES 6 October 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG ROBOSOCCER 14 October 2012 [PDF FLYER](#)

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE CAMP GEMBROOK, VIC 19-21 October 2012
[WEBSITE](#)

NAGC UK It's alright to be Bright week 20-27 October 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in SECOND LIFE [WEBSITE](#) Karen Bendelman (USA) 27 October 2012

SEVEN STEPS WRITING WORKSHOP 31 October 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

KIDS LIKE US & TRUGS Having fun and teaching struggling readers to read! 7-8 November 2012
[PDF FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

STEPPING STONES SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM 10-11 November [2012 PDF FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 4 Parent Seminar 14 November 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

MENSA AMC CAMP 16-18 November 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

TAGT CONFERENCE Building connections 28-30 November 2012 [WEBSITE](#)

VAGTC CONFERENCE EmpowerEd for Giftedness 23-24 April 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

ICTDE Turkey 25-28 September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED 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

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>

Term 4 Seminar

Parents

Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham

Wednesday 14 November 2012

7.45-9.30pm

WED
14
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Identifying and supporting development in young gifted children.

This seminar will focus on identifying, understanding and supporting early giftedness, from infancy to beginning school. It will consider a number of issues around giftedness in early childhood, including discussion of the following:

- Vygotsky's zone of proximal development as a useful concept for parents and educators of young gifted children.
- The value of play for developing thinking and creativity.
- Consideration of issues and challenges for early childhood education and care programmes in providing for young gifted children.
- Transition to school

Anne-Marie Morrissey is a Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Education at Deakin University. She has a long-standing interest in early gifted development and education, and has researched and published internationally in this area. She has recently published an introductory text on young gifted children for parents and early childhood educators. Anne-Marie has also had extensive experience as a teacher and director in kindergartens childcare centres and primary schools, and 11 years a moderator for the National Childcare Accreditation Council. She is also a member of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's Early Years Learning and Advisory Group.

Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Receipt provided. (You may join Gifted Support Network on the night and receive the discounted price).

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

RSVP: Please phone Louise on 0414 578 806 or email admin@giftedsupport.org by Monday 12th November.

'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

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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
Contact Jennifer Grant
Phone 9779 4218
ijgrant@optusnet.com.au
Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912
louise_h@tpg.com.au

BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays
Contact Heike Reich
Phone (03) 9752 5420
Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong
Contact
Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in 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
Contact
Victoria Poulos
Phone 0420 286 307
Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

BADGER – BAIRNSDALE AND DISTRICT GIFTED EDUCATION REFORM

Contact
Email badger.org@aapt.net.au.
Phone 0423 708 061

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>

NEWS FROM THE VAGTC

VAGTC Annual General Meeting

Jun 19th, 2012

CHANGE OF DATE

The VAGTC AGM will be held on Tuesday October 30th, 2012, at Camberwell Grammar School.
The meeting will begin at 7.00pm.

All members are invited to attend.



Sad news about World Gifted 2013 Soul of Giftedness NZ Conference cancellation
<http://worldgifted2013.blogspot.co.nz/2012/10/cancellation.html>

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From Sally-Anne McCormack's newsletter

The Australian Government has made an unsupported decision that 10 sessions of psychology per year are sufficient to help someone in need (i.e. less than 1 per month!). Research shows that **15 - 20 sessions is required** to make any meaningful change in a person's life. The media ([link here](#)) revealed 2 weeks ago that 3,600 scripts for antidepressants were processed through Medicare for children under 6 years, with an increase in scripts for ALL age groups of children (many in primary school!). Cutting back sessions forces parents to turn to the medical field in order to treat the growing number of mental health issues despite most medical professionals agreeing with the research that psychology (i.e. CBT) is the most effective treatment (and causes NO harm!).

Please follow [this link](#), print off several copies of this sheet, collect signatures from your family, friends, neighbours, people at parties, colleagues/clients at work, in fact EVERYBODY who has ever known a person who has had a mental illness (which is more than 25% of the population!).

Let the government know that you take your mental health seriously and you want to have access to the most effective (and least harmful!) treatment!

These MUST be posted back to the P.O. Box on the form **before October 15th** to be presented to the Minister for Health.

At one point there were people suggesting that this is a self-serving petition. In fact, it is for the CLIENTS - I get paid the same amount whether a person gets a rebate or not. Some psychologists bulk bill. This affects the consumer not the health professional. Having 10 sessions is like only having half of your antibiotics course - it is not enough!



ROBOT SOCCER WORKSHOP

**Learn how to play Robot Soccer
from the creator of
World Robot Olympiad GEN II Soccer.**

**Sunday AFTERNOON - October 14
PLEASE NOTE - NEW VENUE**

LARA LAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
(SESSION TIMES TO BE ADVISED)

Brian (Tommo) Thomas will take students through the building and programming of robots using LEGO Mindstorms.

The students will then use special sensors to find a soccer ball and to kick goals. The day will finish with a friendly Robot Soccer game between the students, proving that they are ready to take on the world in RoboCup Junior or WRO next year.

Suitable for Grade 4 to Secondary

Tommo is fundraising to take students to WRO Kuala Lumpur in November. A \$10 donation per child would be greatly appreciated.

to book: please email jo.bailey@westnet.com.au
Please RSVP by **MONDAY Oct 8**

Please note: Siblings attending, but not participating in CHIP workshops are not permitted to stay/play unsupervised on school grounds.



Having fun and teaching struggling readers to read!

Kids Like Us and Anne Jackson invite you to experience an amazingly simple, highly addictive, phonics based approach to aid the teaching of reading. Joanna Jeffery MBE, MA(Ed), AMBDA is visiting Melbourne as part of an Australian tour to give a series of professional phonics presentations which will include fun activities leaving everyone inspired and coming away with new ideas for the classroom and at home. During the presentation she will be demonstrating the benefits of using the trugs decodable card games that enable students to practise, reinforce and consolidate their reading skills.

When:	Wednesday 7th Nov 7.30pm – 9.30pm (presentation)
Who:	Parents, guardians & educators
Where:	Eley Park Community Centre, 87 Eley Road, Blackburn South
Cost:	\$5 on the door, refreshments provided
When:	Thursday 8th Nov 8.00am–8.30am (drop in) 8.30am–10.00am (presentation)
Who:	Students, parents, guardians & educators
Where:	The Warrawong Annex, 32 Richmond Street, Blackburn South
Cost:	\$5 on the door, refreshments provided
Bookings:	enquiries@kidslikeus.org.au
Tel:	0430 817659

For more information:

Trugs' web site: <http://www.readsuccessfully.com/>
The cards in action: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bt5HqQn3qE>



Web: www.kidslikeus.org.au
Email: enquiries@kidslikeus.org.au
ABN: 25583616774

HARRY POTTER AND THE PROFESSORS CAMP

There are still some vacancies for the camp on 19 - 21st October.

We currently have about 25 children booked in and would love to have up to about 45 plus as many parents as wish to come.

We would also love to have at least 4 teenagers (ideally in Y8 - 11) who would be the house Prefects for the weekend - a love of Harry Potter and enjoying working with younger children the main qualifications needed.

The Theme Harry Potter provides inspiration for a wide range of activities including workshops with the "Professors" including Snape, McGonagall, Dumbledore and others. All these workshops will be explored through craft, creation, invention, drama, storytelling, and other hands on activities. There will be plenty of time for imagination, fun and making new friends.

WHEN: 7.30pm Friday 19th October, 2012 TO 3pm Sunday 21st October 2012

WHERE: Gilwell Park, Launching Place Road, Gembrook

AGES: 6 – 14 year olds children under 8 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

Parents of all children are very welcome.

FEES: Registration includes accommodation in shared bunk houses, all meals and all activities, workshops and materials.
Most special dietary needs can be met.

Discount clients of Starjump or AGSC Stepping Stones & VAGTC and support group members

Facilitator Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE)

Full Details are on our booking site <http://2012vicharrypotter.eventbrite.com.au/>

or general camp information on our website <http://www.australiangiftedsupport.com/gpage12.html>

We have reduced the age to 6yrs and families with younger siblings who wish to attend as a whole family are welcome to bring younger ones.

Parents can contact us to arrange progress payments and also costs for younger siblings (under 6yrs).

If you have any questions please let me know.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in a few weeks time

Regards
Maxine Cowie

NEWS FROM CHEETAH CONSERVATION FUND



P.O. Box 2496
Alexandria, VA 22301
866-909-3399

Dr. Laurie Marker Attends the 2012 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting, CCF Commits to Expanding Bushblok!

The past few days Dr. Laurie Marker has been attending the 2012 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting. The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to solve the world's most challenging problems. Dr. Marker is a CGI member and attended the meeting alongside high-ranking government officials, business leaders and NGO's from around the world.

CCF is proud to announce that as part of its commitment to CGI, we will increase efforts to tackle bush encroachment in Namibia and to develop a biomass industry, thereby protecting the bush/veld ecosystem, creating jobs, and providing clean, renewable energy. When completed, CCF's commitment will yield over 600 metric tons of biomass fuel per month, employ dozens of Namibians, and restore nearly 1400 acres of habitat to productive use.

CCF will purchase new harvest equipment, re-tool its Bushblok biomass factory, and train new factory employees on the equipment. CCF will also educate local farmers in sustainable harvesting methods. The production process will be streamlined and will more efficiently harvest thornbush and produce biomass fuel.

CCF's Bushblok business was developed a decade ago when Dr. Laurie Marker, CCF's Founder and Executive Director, discovered that bush encroachment was injuring cheetahs and significantly reducing available productive rangeland and farmland. With the help of a USAID grant, CCF developed sustainable methods of selectively harvesting the bush, and processed it into an award-winning low-emission, high heat fuel log called Bushblok. Bushblok won the Intel Tech Award for the Environment in 2008.

CCF believes that developing biomass fuel opportunities in Namibia can address several critical issues. First, it restores valuable acreage that has been lost to bush encroachment, rendering it fit for use again as productive livestock farming land, and incidentally as rangeland for cheetahs and their prey. One 2008 study estimated that the problems of bush encroachment cost the Namibian economy over \$700 million Namibian dollars (?\$100 million USD) a year.

Additionally, CCF hopes by its efforts to encourage wider use of biomass energy. Biomass energy has the potential to provide a clean, renewable resource for electric generation. Namibia's electric utility, NamPower, is estimating a power generation deficit of over 150 Megawatts by the end of 2013, with most of its power being supplied by aging coal-fired plants. With tens of millions of hectares of thornbush available for harvest, which could potentially provide over 100 million tons of fuel, Namibia could easily meet its current and future generation needs by developing the proper capacity. Such an effort would also generate hundreds of jobs, which, in a



Dr. Laurie Marker at the 2012 Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting



A package of Bushblok fuel logs, ready for sale

country with an estimated 50% unemployment rate, is no small matter.

To realize its commitment, CCF will be seeking corporations and individuals who can provide investment funding, expertise, or other resources toward the development and implementation of best-practices and strategies for bush harvest and processing as part of an emerging biomass fuel industry in Namibia.

CCF's goal is to restore the habitat of the bushland, increase available grazing lands and stimulate the biomass industry in Namibia. The biomass industry will eventually create hundreds of entry-level jobs, which are desperately needed in Namibia. Even more compelling is the fact that the factors in play in Namibia that make biomass energy such an opportunity are not unique in Africa. Solutions developed by CCF in Namibia can be exported to other sub-Saharan African countries with similar issues.

The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, convenes global leaders to create and implement innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges. CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 150 heads of state, 20 Nobel Prize laureates, and hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations and NGOs, major philanthropists, and members of the media. To date CGI members have made more than 2,100 commitments, which are already improving the lives of nearly 400 million people in more than 180 countries. When fully funded and implemented, these commitments will be valued at \$69.2 billion.

CGI also convenes CGI America, a meeting focused on collaborative solutions to economic recovery in the United States, and CGI University (CGI U), which brings together undergraduate and graduate students to address pressing challenges in their community or around the world. For more information, visit clintonlobalinitiative.org and follow us on Twitter [@ClintonGlobal](https://twitter.com/ClintonGlobal) and Facebook at facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative.



Dr. Marker with Chelsea Clinton at the CGI Annual Meeting

NEWS FROM GERRIC



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Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences

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The Certificate of Gifted Education

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-educators/coge/>

Face to face in Sydney or Online 2013

[Applications Now Open! \(PDF\) \(3 Mb\)](#)

http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/media/File/COGE_2013_Brochure_.pdf

Master classes 6 October 2012

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/for-educators/master-class/>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

NAGC UK It's alright to be Bright week 20-27 October 2012

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

Kids Like Us

<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/>

Serendipity webinars

Storing CC images

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/10/02/edublogs-serendipity-webinar-overview-cc-images-storing-for-future-use/>

Serendipity and Prezi

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2012/09/25/two-edublogs-webinars-serendipity-and-prezi/>

Hexaflexagons

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIVlegSt81k>

David Lohman Best practices in using standardized tests to identify talent

<http://faculty.education.uiowa.edu/dlohman/pdf/Best%20Practices%20in%20Using%20Standardized%20Tests%20for%20Talent%20Indetification.pdf>

World Peace Day - not alone in a laptop screen

<http://murcha.wordpress.com/2012/09/27/not-alone-in-a-laptop-screen/>

NAGC Fact sheets

http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/new_parents_main.php?contentid=308&webid=259

Developing talent – What should society expect from brilliance?

<http://ameanderingjourney.wordpress.com/2012/09/29/developing-talent-what-should-society-expect-from-brilliance/comment-page-1/#comment-27>

I tweet therefore I learn

<http://venspired.com/?p=3368>

Gifted Phoenix

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/09/06/can-social-media-help-overcome-the-problems-we-face-in-gifted-education-part-two/>

Psychology today Bullying and the gifted

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/gifted-ed-guru/201208/bullying-and-the-gifted-welcome-back-school>

How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop by Rick Lavoie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhzh9kt8z7c&feature=autoplay&list=PL86BCBE9D53BDA766&playnext=7>

IRPA

<http://www.accelerationinstitute.org/Default.aspx>

What is the price of inspiration?

<http://www.standard.net.au/story/316918/what-is-the-price-of-inspiration/?cs=75>

It's not about the tools CC pictures

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/langwitches/sets/72157625532948563/>

The Norton Anthology of Children's Literature

<http://www.wwnorton.com/college/english/nacl/index.html>

Greetings from ECHA Conference Munster

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNWBYPqfY68&feature=share>

This is Alisa claymation

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkEvmUDf9Vw&feature=youtu.be>

Not just child's play blog

<http://notjustchildsplay.blogspot.com.au/>

Physics lessons

<http://www.physicslessons.com/iphysics.htm>

Connected Educators

<http://www.myowntutors.com/2012/09/connected-educators-top-45-teachers-on-twitter/>

Standardization implications for gifted

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2012/09/standardization-implications-for-gifted.html>

Its alright to be bright 2012 activity booklet

http://www.nagcbrtain.org.uk/file_upload/iatbb/iatbb.pdf

Learning Technologies at the University of Sheffield

<http://learningtechnologiesteam.blogspot.com.au/2012/09/top-5-open-educational-resource-sites.html?spref=fb>

Healthcare guide to gifted

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/downloads/HealthcareGuidetoGifted.pdf>

The ECHA Conference

<http://giftedphoenix.wordpress.com/2012/09/20/review-of-the-european-council-for-high-ability-echa-conference-2012/>

GT Chat blog

<http://txgifted.org/aggregator/sources/1>

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