



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News

Welcome to the April issue of the Gifted Resources Newsletter.
Most schools have now resumed for Term 2 and Daylight Saving Time has finished.

This month sees the VAGTC Inc EmpowerEd Conference on 23-24 April and Parent Session on 23 April (information on pages 8 and 9 of the newsletter)

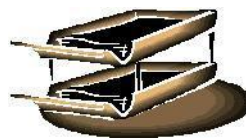
For the last two weeks during the weekly chat session #gtchat became a Trending Topic on Twitter from the U.S. and Canada to Australia!

On Friday, April 19th, #gtchat will be LIVE from the Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education in Pittsburgh, PA at a special time ~ 3PM EDT/2PM CDT/Noon PDT/8PM UK/ 5AM (Sat) Melbourne, AU. Our guest will be Mr. Jerry Blumengarten, aka @cybraryman1 on Twitter. He will be talking to us about his involvement with #gchat and the transformative power of Twitter in the lives of educators and parents of gifted children. See <http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/04/13/organizing-the-gifted-learner/>

I have been engrossed in writing a series of Sprite's Site blog posts particularly for the Australian Writers' Centre Best Australian blogs competition – See page 10.



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

PAGE (Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Education) ANNUAL CONFERENCE Robert Morris University Pittsburgh PA Shooting for the moon 18-19 April 2013 [WEBSITE](#) [FB PAGE](#)

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

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Bonnie Cramond (USA) 27 April 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Chess Day 28 April 2013

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Parent Seminar with Mr David Southwick M.P. 20 May 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Ian Warwick (UK) 25 May 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Robo Robotics 26 May 2013

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC Ladies Retreat 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Art- Veronica O'Heir 23 June 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Joe Baker (Canada) 29 June 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Ellen D Fiedler 27 July 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Forensic science - Sarah Daniele 28 July 2013

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 20th Biennial World Conference "Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity" 10-14 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Catya von Karolyi (USA) 24 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Reptiles 25 August 2013

TAG - Tasmanian Association for Gifted Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens Conference 6-8th September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Insects 15 September 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Grace Malonai (USA) 22 September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

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

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Lisa Van Gemert (USA) 26 October 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Ukulele 27 October 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Lety Hahn (USA) 23 November 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Performing Art (Christmas party) 24 November 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Roya Klingner (Austria) 14 December 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED RESOURCES INFORMATION PACK

The hard copy of the Gifted Resources Information Pack is now ready. The hard copy Info Pack is a collection of brochures, pamphlets, articles and business cards from psychologists, education consultants, parent support groups and extension programs and information about conferences and events relating to giftedness. It is useful for support group libraries, office contact files and waiting room reading tables and situations where a computer is not available.

The current pack contains approx 80 items including A4 sheets, A5 items, tri-fold brochures, business cards and bookmarks Cost of the pack is A\$30.00 which includes the cost of postage.

To order an Information Pack please email jo@giftedresources.org giving your name and postal address and I will put a pack with an invoice included in the mail for you. Packs will not be sent out on approval. <http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2013/01/15/the-gifted-resources-info-pack-for-2013/>

We are now developing a CD version of the pack which will be useful for situations where computer access is available and will be cheaper to post.



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>

Seminar

Parents

at Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham

Monday 20 May 2013

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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MAY

Mr David Southwick MP

"We welcome the Chair of the Victorian Government Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Children"

A must-see seminar as Mr David Southwick MP presents his insights as Chair of the Victorian Government Inquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Children.

David will explain the Inquiry process and how the Committee came to make the 65 recommendations in its final report to Government. As a part of this process, the Committee read more than 100 written submissions and held numerous information sessions to view presentations from many parents, teachers and other professionals.

About the presenter:

David Southwick was elected as the Member for Caulfield in the Victorian Parliament in November 2010. Since taking office, David has been appointed as Chair of the Victorian Parliament's Education and Training Committee.

After completing his university studies, David established a number of businesses including being the founder and managing director of The Body Collection. David has also had a long history of involvement in the charitable sector. In recognition of his work assisting local youth, David was made the City of Stonnington's Citizen of the Year in 2009.

David also spent a number of years in academia, including serving as RMIT's first Entrepreneur in Residence and as Head of the Executive Education Unit (Faculty of Business and Law) at Victoria University. In these roles David used his own business background and experience to help others start their own businesses.

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

Southern Community Church of Christ,

Corner Chesterville Road and Pine Street,
Cheltenham (Mel Ref 86 J1)

RSVP: Please phone Louise on 0414 578 806 or email admin@giftedsupport.org by 20 May

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday 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

All are welcome.

For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central:

Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street).

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

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



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CHIP FSGG Inc. Update

On March 19th we had a very successful parent forum. Unfortunately Dr Nicole Carvill was unable to speak to us as she had a very sick child and we all appreciate that. We hope to reschedule Nicole later this year. Parents were able to discuss issues within a supportive environment so very important for parents as well as CHIP.

Activities planned for this year.

March 19 (Tues) - Parent Forum - Working

Memory - Psych from Lewis and Lewis

April 28 - Chess - Wayne

May 26 - Robo Robotics

June 23 - Art - Veronica O'Heir

July 28 - Forensic Science - Sarah Daniele

Aug 25 - Reptiles

Sept 15 - Insects

Oct 27 - Ukulele

Nov 24 - Performing Art - Amanda Baulch
(Christmas party)

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

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES - ALBURY/WODONGA AREA

For information contact

Cathy Baillie

Phone: (02) 60215913

Gifted Families Support Group

PO Box 51 Miranda NSW 1490

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

Gifted Families Support Group Incorporated is a not for profit group formed in 2012 by local Mums looking for more activities for their children. The group is designed to support families of gifted children. It is our goal to use our experience with our own children, coupled with invaluable advice from others on the gifted journey, to provide families with the support they need. Now taking expressions of interest for a Ladies Retreat to be held from Friday 14th June to Sunday June 16th, 2013!

We will be heading up to the Blue Mountains for a time of relaxation, sharing and teaching. Gifted Families Support Group Inc. will be hosting and co-ordinating the weekend with the invitation extended to our members, friends and state contacts. Preliminary details as below:

- The approximate cost will be \$450 per person, which will include accommodation and all meals from dinner on Friday night up until and including lunch on Sunday; Continental buffet breakfasts; buffet lunches; morning and afternoon tea; 2 course dinner on one night and Chinese Banquet on the other night.
- Programme will include 2 sessions presented by Denise Wood and a panel discussion (plus lots of mingling, talking time, trivia night, board games and the library to browse...)
- Twin share with ensuite in 5 star accommodation.

Please note that we have both a minimum and maximum number of bookings.

Can you please let me know if you are interested in attending the retreat (without obligation), so that we can progress with the arrangements. I would ask that you do this by Saturday 9th of February. Following this date, the Committee will decide if we are able to commence with completing our booking of the venue. Your payment, should you then choose to book in, can be spread over the next couple of months (details will be outlined in the booking form).

Kind regards,
Melinda Gindy
President
GFSG Inc.
<mailto:info@gfsg.org.au>

Session One
Gifted Women; The Invisible Achievers

Session Two
Children, Families and Giftedness:
The Challenges, the Joys and
Some Ways to Survive

Our guest speaker...
Denise Wood has been working with gifted families and children since the early 1990's. Her work is extensive- ranging from teaching and implementing gifted programs in schools and online, to directing teacher education at Charles Sturt University.

The sessions presented by Denise will be interactive and reflective. She will address what giftedness looks like when it is not about high career achievement, as well as take a look at some models of talent development designed to describe women's development.

Weekend Program

FRIDAY
3pm Arrival/unpack/Free time
6:30pm 2 course dinner on site
8:30pm Board games/library browsing/
chat and coffee

SATURDAY
8:30am Continental breakfast
10am Session one with Denise Wood
12pm Buffet lunch
2pm Session two with Denise Wood
4pm Afternoon tea/leisure time
6pm A night out- Chinese Banquet
8pm Trivia night/board games/
library browsing/chat/coffee


SUNDAY
8:30am Continental breakfast
10am Check out of rooms
10:30am Question Panel
12:30pm Buffet lunch
2pm Explore local area/cafes/
Wentworth Falls/Selwood
Science Centre.

(program subject to change)

GFSG Inc is a not-for-profit association whose central focus is to provide support for gifted children and their families.

Our activities include:

- GEM K-6 Games night every month
- Quarterly seminars for parents and educators
- Regular mum's dinners
- Picnics for the family
- GEM excursions
- Little GEMs playgroup held fortnightly on Wednesdays during the school term
- Quarterly eNewsletter for members


www.gfsg.org.au


Gifted Families Support Group Inc.
Invites you to ...

**Ladies
Retreat
2013**

Friday 14 June
to
Sunday 16 June

In the picturesque Blue Mountains, NSW

With guest speaker
Denise Wood



EmpowerEDfor giftedness

The VAGTC will be hosting our biennial conference on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th April 2013.

EmpowerED for Giftedness

A Conference focusing on Differentiation

with Keynote Speaker

Susan Winebrinner

Suan Winebrinner is a full-time consultant in staff development. She presents workshops and seminars nationally and internationally, helping educators translate educational research into classroom practice.

Susan is the author or co-author of *The Cluster Grouping Handbook* (with Dina Brules, PhD.) *Teaching Gifted Kids in the Classroom*, *Teaching Kids with Learning Difficulties in the Regular Classroom*, and *Differentiating Content for Gifted Learners Grades 6-12*.

Expression of Interest

To register your expression of interest please complete the following form and send to VAGTC, PO Box 132, Caulfield South 3163.

Buy your tickets online

Early Bird Registration (pay before 31st December 2012 and save!)

- ★ VAGTC/AAEGT Members (\$495)
- ★ Non Members (\$545)
- ★ Parent Session - Members (\$20)
- ★ Parent Session - Non Members (\$25)

Normal Registration

- ★ VAGTC/AAEGT Members (\$545)
- ★ Non Members (\$595)
- ★ Parents (\$150)

VAGTC Parent Seminar with Susan Winebrenner - This is a not to be missed event for parents!!

Guest speakers:

- ★ Susan Winebrenner - "Parenting Strategies for Students' Lifetime Achievement"

Susan Winebrenner is a consultant and author who works with school districts in the US to help them translate current educational research into classroom practice. She is President of Education Consulting Service, Inc., a speakers' bureau for educational topics, which she founded in 1986. She has taught students in mixed-ability and gifted classes. She presents workshops on a variety of topics, including Teaching Gifted Students, Teaching Students with Learning Difficulties, and the Schoolwide Cluster Grouping Model. She also works as a consultant with individual schools and districts. Susan is the author of many articles and books, her latest being "Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom" published in 2012.

- ★ Dr. Anne Grant - "School readiness or child readiness? What expectations, behaviours, and responses support a gifted child?"
Anne's speciality is early childhood education
- ★ Lynne Mayer, President of TAG (Tasmanian Association for the Gifted) - Acceleration

Cost (GST Inclusive):

VAGTC Members \$20

Non Members \$25

The Parent Conference will be run in conjunction with the EmpowerEd conference on 23 April For full details See <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/empowered-for-giftedness>

Sprite's Site blog

Sprite's Site has been given a new theme as a recent update resulted in large pictures appearing distorted in the previous theme

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4193>

Sprite's Site blog has been nominated in the Australian Writers' Centre Best Australian Blogs 2013 competition; so I am writing a series of posts which showcase the blog. There will probably be two or three more posts in the series.

So far I have written these posts

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4130>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4136>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4174>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4181>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4206>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4212>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4230>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4237>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4243>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4253>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4289>

I would be really happy if you would be so kind as to visit these posts on Sprite's Site and maybe leave a comment or even vote for Sprite's Site!

Apart from the Best Australian Blogs series posts Sprite's Site has recently looked at socialization and homeschooling issues through the experiences of the Tweet family

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4118>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4123>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4126>

and supported Twitter #gtchat sessions

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4143>

<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/blog/?p=4220>

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

School attendance bill

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/reform/Pages/attendance.aspx>

AHA Learners Myths in gifted education

<http://www.aha-learners.org/gifted-myths-psas.html>

What most schools don't teach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nKlu9yen5nc&feature=youtu.be>

Global #gtchat blog: Organizing the gifted learner

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/04/13/organizing-the-gifted-learner/>

Global #gtchat blog: Interview with Dr James Webb

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/04/09/the-misdiagnosis-initiative-an-interview-with-dr-james-webb/>

<http://www.sengifted.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/SENG-Misdiagnosis-in-Gifted-Children-Brochure.pdf>

Global #gtchat blog Labels good bad or simply wrong?

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/04/07/labels-good-bad-or-simply-wrong/>

Love versus Goliath Did someone mention education funding?

<http://teamoyenyi.com/2013/03/20/did-someone-mention-education-funding/>

Deborah Ruf The Flynn Effect

<http://www.talentigniter.com/blog/flynn-effect-affects-gifted-range-even-more-middle-ranges-learners-iq-tests>

Krissy Venosdale Unexplained amazing

<http://venspired.com/?p=4696>

Krissy Venosdale The Letter

<http://venspired.com/?p=2142>

The value of Twitter chats

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/03/25/the-value-of-twitter-chats/>

Quarks and quirks

<http://quarksandquirks.wordpress.com/2013/03/14/twice-exceptional-when-exceptions-are-the-norm/>

Cool tools for 21st century learners

<http://d97cooltools.blogspot.com.au/2012/12/an-updated-digital-differentiation-model.html#more>

50 Ed Tech tools for teachers

<http://edudemic.com/2012/08/50-education-technology-tools-every-teacher-should-know-about/>

Ginger Lewman

<http://gingerlewman.wordpress.com/2013/03/27/a-story-of-giftedness-disabilities-and-bullying/>

World Gifted Conf Kentucky

<http://worldgifted2013.org/>

Mensa for kids A Year of Living Poetically

http://mensaforkids.org/school_template.cfm?showPage=school_poetically.cfm

International Space Station tracker

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

NASA International Space Station

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/index.html

NASA Asteroids

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/asteroids/news/asteroid_initiative.html

Alternative multiverse

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

Cristy's Houseful of Chaos

<http://housefulofchaos.com/shakespeares-language-revisted/>

Seven signs your characters will try to kill you

<http://fictioners.net/2013/04/08/seven-signs-your-characters-will-try-to-kill-you/>

Child Mind Institute Stress and trauma

http://dafjmlate1fc5.cloudfront.net/uploads/assets/guide_stressandresilience_trauma_v2.pdf

Australian Science Innovations

<https://www.asi.edu.au/site/>

Big Science Competition

https://www.asi.edu.au/site/programs_bigscience.php

Australian Science Olympiads

https://www.asi.edu.au/site/programs_aso.php

Asian Science Camp

https://www.asi.edu.au/site/programs_asianscience.php

The global school net Global science

<http://theglobalschool.net/science/>

The global school net Writers' club

<http://theglobalschool.net/writersclub/>

The global school net Global maths

<http://theglobalschool.net/maths/>

Giant Classroom

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

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