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Gifted Resources News

It is a later than usual, larger than usual newsletter this month. So many have updated their contact details and sent news of their programs for this year.

I outlined my plans for this year in a blog post at <http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2013/01/20/jos-chaos-plan-2/>

I am looking forward to attending the VAGTC Inc EmpowerEd Conference on 23-24 April. A Parent Session will be held on 23 April in conjunction with the EmpowerEd Conference. Cost for attending the Parent Session is a very reasonable \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

And there is a special Conference 2013 offer for non VAGTC members to join the VAGTC by 24 April and receive membership from date of application for one year at half price! Contact the VAGTC at infolorax@vagt.c.asn.au for more information.

During January I have been working on re-cataloguing Gifted Resources Library

<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2013/01/04/re-cataloguing-the-gifted-resources-library-2/>

Updating the Information Pack

<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2013/01/15/the-gifted-resources-info-pack-for-2013/>

And reviewing Gifted Homeschoolers Forum

<http://www.giftedresources.org/giftedblog/2013/02/04/gifted-homeschoolers-forum/>

Things have been rather more relaxed on Sprite's Site blog where the Twitter Birds have been visiting the circus and making and flying kites. <http://giftedresources.org/jo/blog>

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

TAGT PARENT MINI-CONFERENCE AUSTIN AREA 16 February 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CAGE and NZGIFTED Doubly special symposium Christchurch NZ 23 February 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

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

VILLAGE SCHOOL 9-13 Holloway Road, Croydon North Guest speaker Jo Freitag
Quirky kids, Dabrowski dogs and Home/School balance 7 March 2013 7:30pm
RSVP to Vanessa Phone (03) 97264766

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Parent Seminar Murray Evely Helping gifted children and young adolescents make and keep friends 14 March 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Hava Vidergor (Israel) 30 March 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

TAGT ANNUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 8-9 April 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

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](#)

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

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](#)

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](#)

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

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](#)

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

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

VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE EDUCATION OF GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS

Report and Response

Report

http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/etc/Past_Inquiries/EGTS_Inquiry/Final_Report/Gifted_and_Talented_Final_Report.pdf

Government Response

The Government Response was tabled on 11 December 2012.

<http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/etc/article/1341>

http://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/images/stories/committees/etc/Past_Inquiries/EGTS_Inquiry/Government_Response/Gov_Response_Education_Committee.pdf

Article: The Age 11.12.2012

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/fast-track-for-gifted-students-20121210-2b64p.html>

Article: The Age Melissa Conley Tyler When a gift is a burden

<http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/politics/when-a-gift-is-a-burden-20121219-2bn68.html>

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

by Mr Murray Evely

Helping gifted children and young adolescents make and keep friends

Thursday 14 March 2013

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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Psychologist Murray Evely will present an important seminar looking at the individual needs of children and young adolescents when it comes to assisting them to develop friendships. He will address the ways in which parents can encourage and teach their children essential friendship and social competency skills.

Friendship is an important part of any child's development. For many children and young adolescents, making and keeping friends seems to be quite effortless but for others it can be a challenge. Whether it be giftedness, shyness, difficulty relating to others, impulsive behaviour or a specific disability - repeated problems with friendship groups can lead children to feelings of loneliness, isolation and sadness.

Together we will explore some of the key strategies parents can use to help their child achieve greater success with peer acceptance and in making and keeping friendships.

About the presenter: Murray Evely has extensive experience as a teacher-trained psychologist providing practical, hands-on resources and advice to parents, principals, teachers and school communities. Murray works across schools of varying sizes, types and demographics, conducts a part-time practice and for many years, consulted with two private hospitals in Melbourne. He has been a Victorian Department of Education Psychology Stream Leader. He currently works one day a week for the Australian Psychological Society as a Professional Advisor as well as consulting to schools on a weekly basis. In 2011, Murray - along with fellow psychologist Zoe Ganim - launched an exciting new website for schools - www.psych4schools.com.au which has a membership subscription base of schools and school professionals from across Australia.

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 Monday 11 March.

'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's 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

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

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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>

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>

NEWS FROM THE VAGTC

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 Brulles, 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!)

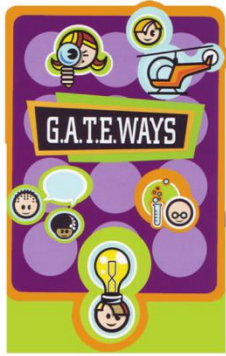
- * VAGTC/AAEGT Members (\$495)
- * Non Members (\$545)
- * Parent Session - Members (\$20)
- * Parent Session - Non Members (\$25)

Normal Registration

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

There will be Parent Conference run in conjunction with the EmpowerEd conference on 23 April For full details See

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/empowered-for-giftedness>



G.A.T.E.WAYS – TERM 1 2013

G.A.T.E.WAYS has a range of programs being offered in Term 1 as follows:

□□ The Brainwaves Club: this Saturday club program runs at three venues (Brighton, Ivanhoe and Taylor's Lakes) from 12.50 to 4.30 on a fortnightly basis - Children from Grade 1 – 6 take out a semester membership (8 club meetings) and join one of the following groups: DinoMites; SciSpies, Einsteins; Apprentices; Tolkiens or Cyberkids. Parents may enrol directly.

□□ Science – It's A Blast: This program is running in various areas of Melbourne during the second half of the term. Children from Years 1-3 attend on one day and children from Years 4 – 6 attend on the other. During the day they rotate through 3 science –based workshops. Venue details and dates can be sourced via the 2013 Calendar on www.gateways.edu.au Students are registered by their schools.

□□ Journeys programs: This term 4 session Journeys for children in Years 1 – 6 in a range of different curriculum areas are running at St Thomas the Apostle PS in Greensborough, Footscray City PS, Fitzroy PS, Mountain Gate PS in Ferntree Gully, Donvale PS, Chirnside Park PS and Mentone Park PS. Program details and dates can be sourced via the Journeys Timetable on www.gateways.edu.au Students are registered by their schools.

□□ On Location programs: This term programs for children in Years 3 – 6 are being run at The Australian Synchrotron, Firkbank Learning and Innovation Centre, Duneira Estate in Mt Macedon, Art Centre Melbourne's Digital Hub, The Australian centre For The Moving Image, Werribee Zoo and The national Gallery of Victoria. . Program details and dates can be sourced via the Journeys Timetable on www.gateways.edu.au Students are registered by their schools.

COMING SOON: Information will soon be available on www.gateways.edu.au about three series of leadership programs for Grade 6 students – 'So You Want To Be A leader' The programs will run on April 11/12, July 8/9 and September 26/27.

Students can enrol for any one or all days. Parents may enrol directly. Contact meg@gateways.edu.au if you would like to receive information when it becomes available.



The 2013 G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club

Enrolments are now open

The Brainwaves Club is based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. In addition, children with specialized skills and talents in advance of their age peers need both affirmation of these abilities and opportunities for talent development

These children also need opportunities to mix with like-minded peers and to form rewarding friendships that further foster their interests, social skills and self-esteem. The need for a high level of mental challenge and stimulation is sometimes not fully appreciated with young children. They may not show advancement in all areas. G.A.T.E.WAYS clubs also seek to provide a setting that promotes positive social interactions, self-confidence and pleasure in learning. All curriculum areas- science, maths, language, technology, philosophy, creative arts and more are offered. Clubs are designed to be challenging, but most of all, fun.

Venues: Ivanhoe Grammar School, The Ridgeway Ivanhoe OF Brighton Grammar School, 29-30 Grosvenor St Brighton
OF Overnewton Anglican Community College, Taylors Lakes Campus, 27 - 37 Robertsons Rd Taylors Lakes,

Club Meeting Dates: Semester 1: 23/2 9/3 23/3 20/4 4/5 18/5 1/6 15/6
Semester 2: 27/7 10/8 24/8 7/7 12/10 26/10 9/9 (except at Overnewton) 16/11 (Overnewton) 23/11

Club Meeting Times: Club times 1.20 - 4:30pm

Fees: A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 within 7 days of registration to secure a place and the balance to be paid by 24th January 2013.
Semester Fee: \$435.00 (includes GST) payable on application and confirmation of place
A 5% discount is available for each sibling member - \$432.25
Annual Fee: A 5% discount is available for annual fee payments in advance - non-refundable - \$864.50

Nomination: G.A.T.E.WAYS requests that parents arrange for an appropriate person to fill in the nomination section. This is to verify that the applicant is highly able. That way, parents and club leaders can be confident that the children will not only enjoy being members of the club but will benefit from the experience. In the past we have felt that some children were not able to cope with the program content which has impacted on their club experience. Further to this, DinoMites club members will require a teacher to nominate them and complete a skills and readiness checklist.

2013 CLUBS

Club	Year Level	Club Focus
DinoMites	1	Cross curricular
Apprentices	2/3	Books/writing
SciSpies	2/3	Maths/science/technology
Talkiens	4/5/6	Books/writing
Einsteins	4/5/6	Maths/science/technology
CyberKids	5/6	Computer technology - Overnewton branch only

ABOUT THE CLUBS

DINOMITES

Albert Einstein believed that imagination was more important than knowledge. At DinoMites, developing our imagination and creativity is at the heart of all we do. As we open up issues and explore a broad range of concepts and ideas, the DinoMites will develop practical thinking skills that are fun and easy to learn. DinoMites will be immersed in a rich learning experience that spans across all curriculum areas- science, maths, language, technology, philosophy, creative arts and more. The program will allow for flexible learning styles and will encourage the development of language and communication skills in various forms.



MATHS / SCIENCE

Children enrolling in these Clubs will participate in a range of different and engaging topics over the semester. Our groups are the SciSpies (Years 2/3), and the Einsteins (Years 4/5/6).

Over two semesters members may (depending on selection):

- hypothesize and experiment
- use abstract thinking and open-ended questions
- practise logical thinking and problem solving
- be involved in 'hands-on' activities
- build on their knowledge of science and technology and discover wide ranging forms of mathematical thinking



BOOKS and WRITING / PERFORMING ARTS

Children who demonstrate advanced language skills with a passion for reading and writing, as well as a love of drama and creative pursuits, can enrol in Apprentices (Years 2/3) or Talkiens (Years 4/5/6)

Over the year, children may:

- read, write and talk about books and learn more about literature
- explore different genres of writing
- develop their vocabularies
- communicate and debate
- be exposed to philosophical discussion and enhance their performance skills



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

- Members of the CyberKids club will learn how to build computer games through the Game Maker platform. Game Maker offers unlimited development possibilities and members will be supported in pursuing their own games development projects. Throughout the semester members will also be given an introduction to drawing and animation in Adobe Flash and taught how to import their own graphics into their own Game Maker games.

Detailed program outlines and application forms available at www.gateways.edu.au. Enrolments for new members are open.

For any inquiries contact Meg at meg@gateways.edu.au



G.A.T.E.WAYS 'Science – It's a Blast!' - TERM 1 2013

YEARS 1, 2 and 3

At various venues from February 27th to March 21st 8.45 am – 3.10 pm

G.A.T.E.WAYS and our host schools are delighted to invite budding young scientists to 'Science – It's a Blast!'

Physicist and educator Julius Sumner Miller once said, "What we do, if we are successful, is to stir interest in the matter at hand, awaken enthusiasm for it, arouse a curiosity, kindle a feeling, fire up the imagination." These science workshops will indeed stir interest, awaken enthusiasm, arouse curiosity and fire up the imagination of budding young scientists. Participants will be involved in three science-based enrichment and extension workshops created and presented by a talented team from G.A.T.E.WAYS.

'The Invisible Party Guests' with Adele Costello

Parties *are* a blast. They offer lots of fun, food and friends. However, every now and then some uninvited microscopic guests arrive to feast on the delicious party food. Who are they, how do they make their way to the party and how do we know when they have arrived? This science workshop is all about the little things (very little things) called bacteria that can appear at our party table. During the session we will investigate ways to detect bacteria, categorise the different types, and discover what makes them so interesting. Importantly, we will determine ways to ensure that we go home from our party without taking any of these uninvited guests with us! Are you ready to find out who is really at a party?

Adele Costello loves a 'hands on' approach to learning. With unusual topics and amazing workshops, G.A.T.E.WAYS makes it easy for her to explore with, and inspire, young minds. In this workshop she is looking forward to teaching her enthusiastic scientists some amazing facts about microbes.

'Tim's Top Ten Science Toys' with Tim Byrne

Tim's Top Ten Science Toys is about ten special toys. These toys are not modern. Children have played with them for hundreds of years: some of the toys were played with by the Romans 2000 years ago and some toys were known to be used by indigenous children the world over. The toys can help us understand the science behind flying, spinning, balancing, sound and the storing of energy. In this workshop you will make and explore a range of toys. We will experiment with variations on the toy design taking into account the physics of motion, energy transfer and gravity. You will become toy engineers learning new skills and having fun trying. *Please bring along a clean avocado seed, a large button (10-20 cent size), a bendable metal teaspoon and a metal coat-hanger.*

Tim Byrne has been interested in hand made toys since his father-in-law showed him how to use a wooden thingamajig and a mysterious spring-back toy. As an adult he has way more toys than when he was a boy. He enjoys showing students how to make them too.

'Awesome Animals' with Rebecca O'Connell

Survival! It's not all about having big teeth and a fierce roar. Insects, sea creatures and amphibians have amazing – and sometimes deadly - methods for evading predators. Ordinary as they may appear, these animals are the superheroes of the natural world. Using their special 'powers', they whizz, fizz, pop and launch their way out of danger. Defeating their enemies requires some serious science! Your job in this workshop will be to figure out the science behind animal defence mechanisms. What happens if you bother a bombardier beetle, perturb a python or frighten a flying frog? Together we'll investigate the exciting world of jet propulsion, chemical reactions and air resistance. We'll unlock the secrets of these outstanding animals and see if we can recreate some of their explosive power in our own experiments. Come and join in – it'll be a blast!

Rebecca O'Connell has a passion for primary school science and believes firmly in firing imagination and interest with hands-on learning. As well as her experience as a primary teacher and science co-ordinator she has also worked as a presenter at a UK science museum where she was able to share her enthusiasm for science in a fun and engaging way, inspiring kids of all ages.

For further information about dates and venues please go to www.gateways.edu.au
Follow the link to 2013 Calendar



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'Risky Business: The Science of Fear and Excitement!' with Sue Sturges

These days many adrenaline junkies, thrill seekers and even ordinary people are on the constant lookout for new ways to challenge themselves physically. Sometimes this involves trying sports which range from the simply fun to the absolutely insane! Extreme sports are the perfect avenue for individuals to try out things that they would otherwise never even dream of doing. All for the adrenaline rush which results from pushing themselves to conquer their biggest fears by defying logic and reason and just taking the plunge, quite literally! In this workshop we will explore the body's chemistry as well as the psychology behind the pursuit of risky business!

Sue Sturges has long provided G.A.T.E.WAYS with an array of absorbing, topical programs designed to challenge, extend and enhance children's awareness and understanding of the world around them. She responds with warmth and humour to the demands of active young minds and gains great satisfaction from participating in students' development throughout their schooling.

'Up and Atom' with Justin McKenzie

Nuclear reactions are the ultimate blast! The energy radiating from an explosion using just a tiny amount of mass is truly mind-blowing. The size and scope of the sun's epic explosions are also simply spectacular. Since early last century, scientists have worked to harness the power of nuclear reactions in order to generate energy here on Earth, producing electricity in power stations for our consumption. In this high powered workshop we will investigate atoms, isotopes, chain reactions and nuclear reactions. Children will learn to differentiate between three different types of reactions: fusion, fission and radioactive decay, and be amazed by the amounts of energy that they can produce. They will see demonstrations, conduct experiments and complete hands-on activities to ensure a better understanding of nuclear science. The children will leave the workshop 'radiating' with knowledge.

Justin McKenzie has a passion for mathematics and science and a drive to pass this on to his students. Initially an electronic technician, Justin now specializes in teaching mathematics, science and technology and has presented many well received programs with G.A.T.E.WAYS. His infectious enthusiasm will have his students revelling in the excitement of maths.

'Three, Two, OneBlast Off!' with Emma Carter

How hard can it be to send a rocket into space? Spaceflight is certainly a challenge. It is one thing to use a rocket to launch a spacecraft out of Earth's atmosphere but it is another to ensure that it ends up at its destination without any catastrophic failures. Aerospace engineers have been designing rockets, satellites and probes for many years but so far only three countries have managed to send humans and animals into space safely and successfully. In this workshop children will become rocket engineers and investigate how rockets are used to launch a satellite or probe into space. We will take into account important considerations such as method of launch, how much fuel will be required, launch location and direction as well as what celestial bodies may be encountered that may affect the spacecraft's orbit. Just to see how the experts do it, the children will take a tour of the International Space Station, before following the path of Curiosity, the most recent Mars Rover. The children will certainly have an 'out of this world' experience!

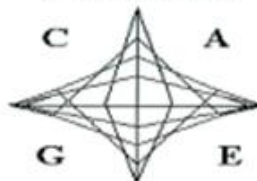
Emma Carter has Bachelor Degrees in Science (majoring in Physics) and Electrical Engineering from the University of Melbourne. She has taught secondary school maths, science and physics and has worked at Scienceworks, and as an education officer for the Discovery Science and Technology Museum.

For further information and dates for the Eureka program please go to www.gateways.edu.au
Follow the link to 2013 Calendar



**CAGE and GiftEDnz are combining to bring an exciting
symposium to Christchurch in 2013**

**Christchurch Association
for
Gifted Education**



Doubly Special

***A day dedicated to understanding gifted students challenged
by learning difficulties.***

Affordable PD for teachers working with our twice exceptional students.

Key Note Speaker:

Nathan Mikaere-Wallace
'X Factor Education'

Panel Discussion

Table Presentations

Networking

When: 23 February 2013

Where: Avonhead School

Time: 9.30-4.00

Cost: \$30.00 members, \$45.00 non-members

(includes lunch, morning tea, drinks and nibbles)

Expressions of interest to Anna Meuli: <mailto:giftednz@gmail.com>

FROM PRIME SCI!

Dear friends,

Firstly, we wish to thank you for your support in the past of the Monash Science Centre and their science education services.

A review in September 2012 recommended that Monash University should “focus its science education programs on students of secondary education level and beyond” resulting in the closure of the Monash Science Centre at the Clayton Campus.

Moving forward in 2013, the primary education services (previously provided by the Monash Science Centre) will continue to be supported by Monash University under the auspices of **PrimeSci!**.

We are no longer able to operate out of our beloved Monash Science Centre (Building 74), but will still be able to offer the popular the Evening **Science Shaping Society** Lectures. The speakers and venue are still to be confirmed for 2013, and we will resume on Wednesday 24th April.

If you wish to promote the **PrimeSci!** science education services to your local school, please find enclosed the **PrimeSci!** brochure with details of our extensive range of **School-based Hands-On Lesson** and **Lending Library Kits**.

PrimeSci! will also continue to provide the **School Holiday Programs** of hands-on science workshops for children from Kindergarten to Year 8, the **Family Science Nights** and **Water Science (Year 9 – 10)** programs. Teacher PD Sessions will also be re-offered mid-year. Please be aware that the School Holiday Program flyer for April 2013 will be sent out on 4th March 2013.

We look forward to your continued support during 2013, and beyond.

Kind regards,

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Giftedfamilies Yahoo email group

Just a minor announcement -

Did you know our Yahoo Group now has 630 active members!?

Recall a while back I created a meetup group to facilitate face to face support meetings? I have just updated the group website to include information about the meetup group.

Just for clarity, this community now has 3 websites:

- 1) The giftedfamilies website (<http://giftedfamilies.org>) - for information about giftedness
- 2) The giftedfamilies Yahoo group (<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/giftedfamilies>) - for online support
- 3) The giftedfamilies Meetup website (<http://www.giftedfamilies.org/index.php>) - for face to face meetings

If you are keen to help promote and grow any of these services, please do get in touch, or forward information like this email to your friends who might benefit from giving or receiving support.

Thanks,
Chris.

The WCGTC World Council Scholarship Fund

The WCGTC World Council Scholarship Fund will provide six (6) paid registrations for Graduate Students and Educators to attend the 2013 World Conference in Louisville, Kentucky USA. Scholarship applicants must be members of the World Council by the time of application and show evidence of need for support for the registration fees (each worth approximately \$550 USD). (If joining the World Council is a financial hardship please notify the WCGTC to review your situation.) The students and educators who receive the scholarship registrations must pay their own transportation and accommodation to the World Conference in Louisville. Applicants must complete the scholarship forms attached and return to WCGTC Headquarters by March 1, 2013. If you previously applied for a scholarship during this past year and would like to maintain your application status, please contact Tracy Harkins, WCGTC Executive Administrator, at theadquarters@world-gifted.org or tracy.harkins@wku.edu

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Email: beth@writeawaywithme.com
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VILLAGE SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER

7 March 2013 7:30pm

Guest speaker Jo Freitag

Quirky kids, Dabrowski dogs and Home/School balance

Finding excellent education provisions for students with special educational needs can be a challenge.

Asynchronous development, unusual learning style preferences and heightened sensitivities compound the issue.

Jo Freitag who maintains the Information service, Gifted Resources, home-educated two of her children and would have welcomed the opportunity to participate in a program such as the part-time homeschoolers program offered by Village School.

9-13 Holloway Road, Croydon North

RSVP Vanessa 97264766

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Village School Part-time homeschoolers program

<http://www.villageschool.vic.edu.au/curriculum/home-schooling>

The Age Schools set to suffer as budget cuts hit hard

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/schools-set-to-suffer-as-budget-cuts-hit-hard-20130129-2dizq.html>

Tiki-toki Gifted timeline

http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/25781/Influential-People-in-Gifted-Education/#vars!date=2007-03-26_04:58:34!

National Maths Summer School

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

(02) 9351 2049

Australian Science Olympiad

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

National Youth Science Forum

<http://www.nysf.edu.au/>

Green sheep poetry

<http://sheepishpoetry.wordpress.com/guide/>

NAGC Position Paper

Identifying and Serving Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Gifted Students

http://www.nagc.org/uploadedFiles/PDF/Position_Statement_PDFs/Identifying%20and%20Serving%20Culturally%20and%20Linguistically%20Diverse%20Gifted%20Students.pdf

TED Blog Ten places where anyone can learn to code

<http://blog.ted.com/2013/01/29/10-places-where-anyone-can-learn-to-code/>

Why you can't say hashtag in France

<http://mashable.com/2013/01/29/france-renames-twitter-hashtag/>

Sensational kids

<http://www.sensationalkids.com.au/index.php>

Maths of planet Earth

<http://events.unimelb.edu.au/events/2739-maths-of-planet-earth-australia-launch-and-public-lecture>

First grader creates mobile video game app

<http://www.phillytrib.com/cityandregionarticles/item/7418-first-grader-creates-mobile-app-video-game.html#.UQNxz8vIKA.email>

Wonderopolis

<http://wonderopolis.org/>

<http://wonderopolis.org/wonder/which-bird-flies-the-fastest/>

The Up-goer 5 Text editor explanation of Dabrowski

<fb.me/1nbOktZCq>

Jim Parsons to produce Prodigies series

http://www.adventuresingiftedness.com/?p=642&goback=.gde_2736801_member_207182961

#gtchat Instructional strategies for gifted education

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/01/19/instructional-strategies-for-gifted-education/>

Arizona Assoc for Gifted & Talented Conference 7-8 February 2013

<http://www.arizonagifted.org/conference/>

Jean Watts cartoons

<http://www.greatpotentialpress.com/in-search-of-perspective>

<http://www.greatpotentialpress.com/off-hours>

So you are gifted now what?

<http://www.adifferentplace.org/giftedwebquest.htm>

http://www.adifferentplace.org/wq_intro.htm

Off the charts

<http://www.rfwp.com/book/off-the-charts-asynchrony-and-the-gifted-child>

Gifted strategies

Teaching High Ability students in your classroom

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lsYmx_qUzNY

Davidson Institute articles

http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10075.aspx

Cybraryman Assessments page

<http://cybraryman.com/assessments.html>

<http://www.slideshare.net/acoleman/differentiation-for-high-ability-learners-presentation>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5pOYF9dI2o>

<http://prezi.com/dqv9w65mw3w/gifted-instructional-strategies/>

Burrinja

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

Open culture free online certificate courses

http://www.openculture.com/free_certificate_courses

Paper models of polyhedra

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

Prufrock Press Free Friday offers

http://www.prufrock.com/assets/clientpages/free_fridays.aspx

Course Hero

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

Making the choice review by Lisa Conrad

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2011/09/making-choice.html>

Blog Talk Radio Dr Linda Silverman

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thecoffeeklatch/2013/01/10/bright-not-broken--dr-linda-silverman-giftedness-101>

Blog Talk Radio Dr Cheri Florance

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/thecoffeeklatch/2013/01/31/dr-cheri-florance-highly-visual-thinkers--maverick-mind>

The Australia e-series

<http://australiaseries.wordpress.com/>

Phil Hart Recognition of prior learning by E-portfolio

<http://philhart.edublogs.org/2012/10/04/recognition-of-prior-learning-by-e-portfolio/>

Balancing the two faces of e-Portfolios

<http://electronicportfolios.org/balance/>

Make your own classroom posters

<http://venspired.com/?p=775>

Krissy Venosdale Never give up!

<http://venspired.com/?p=4369>

Aaron Swartz

<http://edition.cnn.com/2013/01/12/us/new-york-reddit-founder-suicide/index.html?iphoneemail>

Who is the Aaron Swartz in your life?

<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/creative-synthesis/201301/who-is-the-aaron-swartz-in-your-life>

SENG Adolescence and gifted: Addressing Existential dread

<http://www.sengifted.org/archives/articles/adolescence-and-gifted-addressing-existential-dread>

Jen Merrill Gifted is.

<http://laughingatchaos.com/2013/01/13/gifted-is/>

Linda Silverman

<http://www.gifteddevelopment.com/Articles/counseling/c230.pdf>

Gifted people and their problems

<http://bit.ly/UJmKiO>

<http://pespmc1.vub.ac.be/Papers/GiftedProblems.pdf>

GT Adults Facebook page

<http://t.co/7wzeOYha>

GT Network Gifted Adults resources

<http://gtnetwork.ie/index.php/gifted-adults/>

Hoagies Gifted Adults page

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/gifted_adults.htm

School Leadership summit

<http://admin20.org/page/summit>

Sing the alphabet in 8 languages

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/48741/singing-abcs-8-different-languages>

What do school dropouts cost us?

<http://theconversation.edu.au/closing-doors-what-do-school-dropouts-cost-us-9499>

Meeting of the minds unconference

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

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