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Gifted Resources News

Last month I enjoyed participating in the 2013 Reform Symposium and I have written three blog posts about it for Gifted Resources blog

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/10/16/reform-symposium-conference-rscon4-part-1/>

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/10/16/reform-symposium-conference-rscon4-part-2/>

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2013/10/16/reform-symposium-conference-rscon4-part-3/>

All the sessions were recorded and links to the recordings can be found at <http://www.futureofeducation.com/page/2013-rscon-recordings>

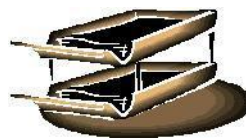
One of the most inspiring presentations was given by the youngest presenter, 13 year old Mallory Fundora, who founded Project Yesu. Her poem can be read at <http://www.futureofeducation.com/profiles/blogs/someone-once-told-me-by-mallory-fundora-13yr-old-founder-of-proje>

On October 11 2013 the DEECD launched an online Resource Booklet about Young Gifted and Talented Children - Making A Difference for Young Gifted and Talented Children

This was prompted by the Victorian Parliamentary Enquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students in Victoria – report released in 2012. It can be read at

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/childhood/professionals/learning/Pages/gtmakedifference.aspx>

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

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC Catherine Wormald Partners in the education of gifted children 11 November 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK SEMINAR Martin Jellinek, Box Hill High School SEAL program Gifted children and the traditional education system: Avoiding the pitfalls 14 November 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Xmas party and Performing Arts workshop 17 November 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

THE 2013 GLOBAL EdCon 18-22 November 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Parent Forum with Dr Gail Byrne 19 November 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE CAMP - Fantasy & Mythology in Melbourne Gembrook Victoria 22-24 November 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](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS FESTIVALS

The Grade 1-6 Festival is on December 12th and 13th and will be held at Lauriston Girls' School in Armadale

The Prep Festival is on December 16th and 17th and will be held at Firbank Grammar School in Brighton [WEBSITE](#)

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

VATE State Conference 2013 Squaring the Circle 5-6 December 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](#)

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, 2013

**'Gifted Children & the Traditional Education System:
Avoiding the Pitfalls'**
Thursday 14 November 2013
7.45 – 9.30pm

Term 4 Seminar

Parents

Gifted Children & the Traditional Education system: avoiding the pitfalls

Thursday 14 November 2013

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine Street, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Martin Jellinek returns presenting an enlightening seminar sharing his insights into how the traditional education system can be at odds with gifted children. He will also discuss how to avoid some of the pitfalls that inevitably come with this system.

About the presenter: Martin Jellinek is the Coordinator of Gifted Education at Box Hill High School and also teaches a number SEAL (Select Entry Accelerated Learning) science classes. He also lectures the subject of Classroom Strategies in Gifted Education as part of the Masters of Education at the University of Melbourne.

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

RSVP: Please phone Louise on [0414 578 806](tel:0414578806) or email admin@giftedsupport.org

'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:

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Ringwood East Vic 3135
Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420

Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.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

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au



Parent forum

with Dr Gail Byrne

The Social and Emotional Development of Intellectually Gifted Children.

Venue: Kardinia International College
Date: Tuesday November 19. Time: 7.00 - 8.30pm
A \$5 donation would be appreciated.

For more than two decades parents have been asked by teachers and other well-meaning professionals to consider the "social and emotional" development of their gifted children.

What does this term actually mean and does it mean the same thing for all children; or, the same thing for parents as it does for teachers?

The session will consider a number of areas of concern that seem to consistently arise in any discussion of gifted children.



Specific discussion will cover:
Acceleration / Grade advancement
Engagement, motivation and 'boredom'
The 'emotionality' / 'sensitivity' of the gifted child
Feeling different
The gifted child's 'difficulty' working with peers

Time will be allowed for questions

An Educational Psychologist, Gail operates a private consultancy. She also consults to a number of schools about their testing programs and the identification and management of exceptional children who may be challenging and complex and need individual education programs developed. Gail is chair of the CHIP Foundation board.

Gail is available to do cognitive assessments during that day. Please contact Sandra Lea-Wood if you are interested sleawood@bigpond.net.au

If you would like to attend please RSVP to sue.bettanin@gmail.com



XMAS PARTY & PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP!

With Amanda Baugh

Bluestone Hall, Hendy St Campus,
Northern Bay College
Sunday Nov 17, from 1pm
FREE LIGHT LUNCH
(please nominate numbers attending)

Workshop runs 2pm - 4pm
(suitable for AGES 8+ places are limited)

Cost is \$10 per child - \$15 for non members.

An Afternoon of Music exploration and improvisation.
Explore music in movies and the use of sound to enhance a movie. Participants will explore the sounds they can create with simple percussion instruments and generate a sound scape for an animated movie, with a final piece of playing their sound effects alongside the movie.

Then based on the hit show "Thank God you're here", participants will create a number of different scenarios for another participant to interpret. The participant will have no idea of what they are walking into and this is when the fun begins!

Amanda Baugh has been teaching Performing Arts for the last 20 years to students across Geelong, providing vast opportunities at the Geelong Performing Arts Centre, Costa Hall and Geelong community events, just to name a few. Amanda's passion for the Arts has seen her and her students invited to participate in performances such as the Victorian State School Spectacular, Morning Melodies at GPAC and part of the ABBA Mania Show at Costa Hall.

To book please email Sue sue.bettanin@gmail.com
by Tuesday Nov 12
with names attending workshop
AND those attending lunch

VAGTC YVONNE PERRET SCHOLARSHIPS

Yvonne Perret Scholarships 2013 - APPLICATIONS EXTENDED TO 30TH

NOVEMBER 2013

For full details see

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>

REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION IN SURVEY FROM 2E NEWSLETTER

Your *2e Newsletter* publishers serve on the Advisory Board for The 2e Center for Research and Professional Development at Bridges Academy in California. The Center is collecting information to help create positive learning environments for atypical students.

Because of your interest in the newsletter and briefing, we're asking you the favor of completing a survey constructed by the 2e Center. The survey is designed to explore the general awareness of the twice-exceptional population and to gain knowledge about existing needs. You can find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/twiceexceptional>. The survey is short and should take no longer than 15 minutes of your time. (Part of it will let you gauge your own expertise at identifying 2e students.)

Your input will help shape plans and activities at the 2e Center, and consequently will help parents and educators better deal with 2e kids in the future -- so let'em know what you think! In addition, please feel free to forward this link to others whose opinions might be helpful to the 2e Center.

Thanks and best regards...

J Mark Bade

Glen Ellyn Media

FROM SALLY- ANNE MCCORMACK Group Programs for 2014

I am often asked if I am running groups, but it is often hard to organise!
I would love to hear some "expressions of interest" from people as to what type of groups they would like (Adult or Child/Teen) and the topic (eg. Depression, Anxiety, Sleep/Insomnia, etc.). They will typically be 5 week programs held in Blackburn.

However if your work place, organisation or school would like to have group sessions run where YOU are, please contact my office on 881 22 373

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Website: <http://www.parentsonline.com.au/>

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SEAWORKS 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown



S E A W O R K S

This event supports the work of ASD Aid.
Bringing the benefits of construction play
to children with Autism Spectrum Disorders.



This event is presented by Inside the Brick. The LEGO Group of companies does not sponsor, authorise or endorse this event

Smart Year 7 Boys Only!
weekly discussion group

Interests

Issues

Girls

Parents

Friends

Big brothers

Social media

Little sisters

The environment

School

Who am I?.....

Confused?.....so are a
lot of yr 7 boys



Lead by Anne Jackson, counsellor, advocate and mother of 3 smart boys

When: Wednesdays 4-6pm 9 Oct - 27 Nov

Where: Black Rock Civic Centre

Cost: \$200

For bookings call 0430 817659 or email: gat.haring@kidslikeus.org.au
www.kidslikeus.org.au a registered charity

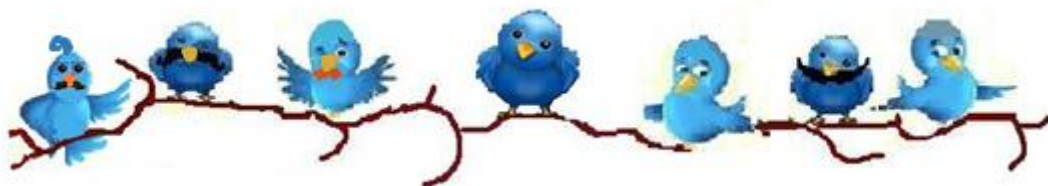


G.A.T.E.WAYS

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS is finishing the year with two festival extravaganzas!
The Grade 1-6 Festival is on December 12th and 13th and will be held at Lauriston Girls' School in Armadale

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For full details see www.gateways.edu.au





Presents...

Partners in the Education of Gifted Children

Catherine Wormald

Catherine Wormald is first and foremost a parent of three gifted children who are now adults. She started out as a secondary math teacher and moved into the field of gifted education. She has worked across education sectors, as a gifted education consultant for the DEC, in the Selective Schools Unit and is currently Secondary Course Coordinator at the University of Notre Dame. Her PhD research studied the reasons for a lack of identification of students who are gifted with learning disabilities.



Discussion is currently taking place by governments about the quality of students entering universities to study teaching and the quality of teacher graduates. The feeling is that both these standards need to be raised if Australia is to improve its international ranking on world tests such as PISA. Therefore what are undergraduates taught at university to prepare them to become teachers? In particular are these teachers being adequately prepared to meet the challenge of teaching students who are gifted? Additionally teachers may need to recognise that these students may also demonstrate difficulties in their learning. Do these courses prepare them for teaching in the 21st century? What would a list look like of things that exist today that did not exist 20 or 30 years ago? In light of that list teachers are faced with challenges today that are different to those of twenty years ago. This presentation will give an overview of teaching training and the challenges faced by new teachers. Additionally it will provide opportunity for participants to have input into how they feel these challenges can be met through school communities working together and in particular what teachers and other relevant professionals can do to increase their knowledge and experience in meeting the educational needs of gifted students.

Monday November 11th at 7:00pm

St Luke's Catholic School Hall, 1 Beaconsfield St Revesby
Cost: GFSG members and teachers: \$20, Non members: \$30

For all seminar bookings and membership enquiries, please email info@gfsg.org.au.

Payment options:

- Electronic transfer to GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC. ANZ, BSB 012-081, Account No 4544-95079 with your FAMILY NAME and "Seminar" in the transaction description.
- Cheque made out to GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC. Please mail cheques to PO Box 51, Miranda NSW 1490.

Please send a confirmatory email to treasurer@gfsg.org.au for all payments made.

FANTASY AND MYTHOLOGY CAMP FOR GIFTED CHILDREN

<http://viccamp2013.eventbrite.com/>

The world has changed and has become a world of magic and imagination where you may meet some familiar characters like Harry Potter, Percy Jackson, Leif from the Deltora Quest, Merlin and ancient gods of mythology. You will find adventure amongst the fairies, dragons, griffons, unicorns, elves, trolls, wizards and ogres; in fact whatever your imagination can conjure. Be whisked away on a Fantasy and Mythology Adventure Camp where the activities will require your imagination, your creativity and your scientific problem solving abilities.

Discount for clients of Starjump or AGSC & VAGTC members

WHEN: 7.30pm Friday 22nd November 2013 to
3pm Sunday 24th November 2013

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.

The strength of the camps has always been the children themselves. Giving gifted children the opportunity to spend time with like minded peers engaged in interesting or challenging activities and social experiences is vital for their wellbeing.

"If gifted and talented students are to achieve their potential, they require expanded educational opportunities beyond the scope of the regular school program. The students need to explore different career options, crafts, ideas and skills that challenge their abilities. Our children need personal attention, adult commitment, role models they can admire and talk to."(Hegeman, 1987, p123) The camp aims to address some of these needs within a fun supportive environment.

REFUND POLICY: Please choose your event carefully as a full refund is not available. If cancellation made within 7 days of event then a 50% refund will be offered, after 7 days then a refund will not be offered. Thank you.

Facilitator Helen Dudeney MEd (COGE) of The AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE

Principal consultant and teacher with expertise in working with gifted children and a special interest in the identification and needs of gifted visual spatial learners who are experiencing school based learning problems.

<http://www.australiangiftedsupport.com/> and <http://www.starjump.com.au/>

For further details about the course please contact Helen Dudeney at enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

Regards
Helen

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

The 2013 Global EdCon 18-22 November 2013

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

VATE State Conference 2013 Squaring the circle 5-6 December

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

NGV Melbourne Now Exhibition 22 November 2013 – 23 March 2014

<http://australiaseries.wordpress.com/2013/10/27/tech-talk-tuesday-takes-a-virtual-excursion-to-melbourne/>

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/exhibitions/melbourne-now>

<http://blog.ngv.vic.gov.au/>

<http://www.ngv.vic.gov.au/whats-on/programs/public-programs/childrens-festival>

<http://www.thisiscoossal.com/2012/01/yayoi-kusama-obiliteration-room/>

Where do you get these sites from? Jo Hart on PLNs

<http://johart1.edublogs.org/2013/10/30/where-do-you-get-these-sites-from/>

Crushing tall poppies

<http://www.crushingtallpoppies.com/2013/08/visual-spatial-learners-tapping-into.html>

Twice Exceptional: Is it a gift?

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/kelly-hirt/twiceexceptionalis-it-a-gift_b_4145977.html

MSI Chicago Virtual chemistry lab

<http://www.msichicago.org/online-science/games-and-apps/goreact/activities/goreact-1/>

Krissy Venosdale Through their lenses

<http://venspired.com/?p=5716>

Net Beans

<https://netbeans.org/>

Visuwords

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

Screen Hunter

http://www.wisdom-soft.com/products/screenhunter_free.htm

Socrative

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

Language Garden

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

Confessions of a Homeschooler

2014 Monthly Blog Planner Free download

<http://www.confessionsofahomeschooler.com/blog/2013/10/2014-monthly-blog-planner-free.html>

Wenda Sheard blog

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

Julian's Drum School

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

Someone told me by Mallory Fundora 13 years old

<http://www.futureofeducation.com/profiles/blogs/someone-once-told-me-by-mallory-fundora-13yr-old-founder-of-proje>

Put on your oxygen mask first

<http://positivelyatypical.wordpress.com/2013/10/06/put-on-your-oxygen-mask-first/#!>

Cybraryman: Educational blogs

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

Deborah Ruf blog series

<http://www.talentigniter.com/blog/self-actualization-and-morality-gifted-environmental-familial-and-personal-factors-deborah-ruf->

Dr Dina Brulles

<http://giftededucationconsultants.com/>

Love, learn, play – Mama, Who makes the rain?

<http://lovelearnplay.blogspot.com.au/2013/10/mama-who-makes-rain.html>

Characters dressed as characters

<http://www.byrdseed.com/halloween-characters-dressed-as-characters/>

Tom Whitby Patience for the unconnected

<http://tomwhitby.wordpress.com/2013/10/07/patience-for-the-unconnected/>

Connected Educators Café

<http://connectededucators.org/connectedcem-cafe/>

Classroom 20

<http://www.classroom20.com/>

The Australia Series

<http://australiaseries.wordpress.com/2013/10/13/tech-talk-tuesday-what-is-a-connected-educator/>

Psychologie Aktuell

http://www.psychologie-aktuell.com/index.php?id=inhaltlesen&tx_ttnews%5Btt_news%5D=2970&tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=204&cHash=9541b722d1

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