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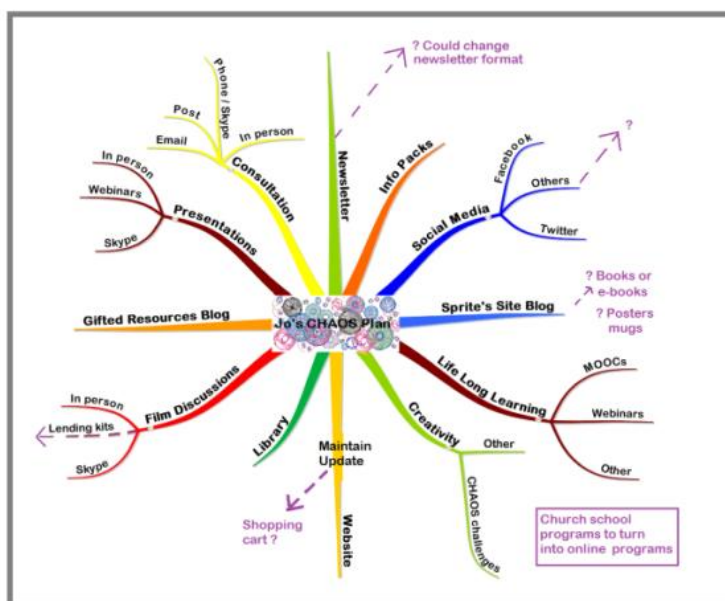
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## Gifted Resources News



We are now more than 3/4 of the way through 2013 and I have taken some time to evaluate my progress in the plans I had made for this year.

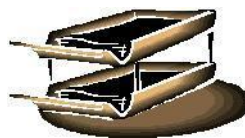
You can read about my progress at

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2013/09/09/chaos-plan-check/>

And the Twitter Birds are conducting Work Experience Week at the Twitter Stream See

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2013/08/18/the-twitter-stream/> and the following four posts

## WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?



These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org) 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](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF QUEENSLAND Inc  
Parents 'and Children's Conference 2013 Children with Potential 2-3 October 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

THE GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Conference: The Development of Giftedness & Talent in the 21st Century Toulouse France 5-6 October 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTEDNESS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: INSIGHTS FOR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE Deakin University Melbourne 11 October 2013 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

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

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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org>**

### **'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'**

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first 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](mailto: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

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Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

[louise\\_h@tpg.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au)

### **CHIP GEELONG**

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email [mauradonohue@aapt.net.au](mailto: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

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Email: [antrim@netspace.net.au](mailto:antrim@netspace.net.au)

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

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

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Contact

Victoria Poulos

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# GIFTEDNESS IN EARLY CHILDHOOD: INSIGHTS FOR RESEARCH AND PRACTICE



**Friday 11 October, 2013**

**9.00 am-4.00 pm (registrations from 8.30 am)**

**Deakin University Melbourne City Centre**

**Level 3, 550 Bourke Street**

**Melbourne Vic 3000**

This conference is for parents and educators of young children (0-8 years) with advanced development/giftedness. It is a unique opportunity to hear from Australasian researchers about giftedness in early childhood. There will also be opportunities for questions, and discussion about the implications of their research for parenting and teaching.

For registration and more information please see the Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI) Deakin University website

[www.deakin.edu.au/artsed/efi/conferences/giftedness.php](http://www.deakin.edu.au/artsed/efi/conferences/giftedness.php)

This conference is sponsored by Deakin University, Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children, and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

## **For information regarding registration**

Please contact Lisa Angelini, Coordinator Centre for Research in Educational Futures and Innovation (CREFI) Deakin University [lisa.angelini@deakin.edu.au](mailto:lisa.angelini@deakin.edu.au) or phone (03) 9251 7147.

## **For information regarding the program**

Please contact Anne Grant [grantan@deakin.edu.au](mailto:grantan@deakin.edu.au) or phone (03) 9877 1463.

## RESOURCE BOOKLET

On October 11 **2013** the DEECD will launch an online Resource Booklet about Young Gifted and Talented Children - Making A Difference for Young Gifted and Talented Children. It will be freely available online.

This exciting venture was prompted by the Victorian Parliamentary Enquiry into the Education of Gifted and Talented Students in Victoria – report released in 2012. The Herald Sun welcomed the upcoming release of this online Resource on 27-09-2013.

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/victoria/guidelines-seek-to-ensure-talented-students-get-their-chance-to-excel/story-fni0fit3-1226727881205>

In doing so it provided reasonably balanced publicity to the wider community about the needs of families with young gifted children and the support that should be provided in the educational settings of both prior to school and the early years of school.

It is important to note however, that the Herald Sun article's opening lines talked about '*Children as young as three will be assessed for being gifted ...*' and that this statement can be misleading.

The online Resource advocates the use of a range of forms of identification of giftedness, with the most appropriate for very young children being informal approaches rather than formal assessment. Informal approaches include observations by both the family and early childhood professionals of behaviours indicating that a child's development is advanced, in one or a number of areas of learning. This approach to assessment, to support identification of young gifted children, is the one emphasised by both the authors of the Resource and by the DEECD. As well, the Resource describes the main formal assessment approaches but explains that these would be appropriate only in a minority of cases and for very specific situations. One reason for this is that formal assessment of children under the age of six is not dependable.

The main emphasis in the Resource is on why early identification is important, how to identify, and how to provide a satisfactory learning program. It is hoped that this online Resource will help towards a change of attitudes in the community and amongst teachers about the learning needs of gifted children. If early childhood educators and teachers in the early years of school have information about the characteristics of young gifted children and professional support for how to provide a learning program then it is hopeful that satisfactory educational provision for these children will become standard. The extent or nature of further support by the current government is still to emerge as decisions are yet to be made about how to implement the recommendations of the Final Report on the Education of Gifted and Talented Students.

*Anne Grant*

### VAGTC YVONNE PERRET SCHOLARSHIPS

Yvonne Perret Scholarships 2013 - APPLICATIONS EXTENDED TO 30TH  
NOVEMBER 2013

For full details see

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

# Picture Time Competition

Insights into Dyslexia through Arts



**Picture Time** is about letting the world know **how dyslexia impacts you or someone else's life** -- whether you are a person with dyslexia, or know someone with dyslexia such as a brother or sister, parent, spouse, friend, teacher or co-worker.

How you want to **picture dyslexia** -- is entirely up to you! You can **draw, paint, make a sculpture or collage** about your experiences. You can write a **story** or a **poem**. You can make a **short film**. Or take a **picture**. You can even write a **song** and sing about it. *It's up to you!*

The three categories of entries are:

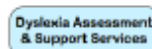
**Primary School; Secondary School and Adults 18+.**

**An exhibition** and the announcement of the winning entries will be held on Friday 18 October 5.30 - 7.30 at Box Hill Institute TAFE Convention Centre - Fountains Restaurant. Further details on exhibition to come!

**Picture Time** submissions **close 31 September 2013.**

For more information including Conditions of Entry and Entry Forms visit:

[www.ldnetwork.net.au](http://www.ldnetwork.net.au)



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## Conditions of Entry

### Categories

The 3 Entry Categories are:

- Primary School
- Secondary School
- Adults 18+

### Criteria

Competition entries must be related to dyslexia and will be open to anyone that is dyslexic or that knows someone with dyslexia (such as a sibling, parent, teacher, etc.).

### Rules

- Entry is Free
- Entries must be related to dyslexia.
- Entries must be original work.
- One entry per person.
- Entries must be submitted by 31 September 2013
- The Sponsor and Organiser has the right to refuse any entry if deemed inappropriate.
- Entries cannot be returned.
- Entries and their creators first names be used in the press or other appropriate media vehicles, including Gateway, LD Network and Supporter's websites.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of judges selected by the Sponsor and Organiser. Judges decisions will be final.
- Entries may be exhibited on other dates and locations in addition to the Exhibition on Friday 18 October 2013.

### Short Film submission rules:

- Your film must not be longer than 3 minutes
- Be in 16:9 aspect ratio and submitted as a high res.
- Not screened anywhere else prior

## National Council of Women, Parents' and Children's Conference

The program is designed as a two day conference, with talks for the children with their parents, then workshops for the children and seminars for their parents for the rest of the day.

There are even conference bags for the children.

The workshops aim to stimulate children who love to learn; we hope the talks will prove of lasting value, giving the children (and their parents) a better understanding of themselves.

The cost has been kept very low; the college is again providing the venue at no cost.

The class size for the workshops is limited to 20 students.

Date: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Location: The Lakes College, College St, North Lakes, Brisbane

Cost: \$35 per child per day and \$30 for the parents' program.

Contact: Pat Burgess

Email: [convenor@ncwq.org.au](mailto:convenor@ncwq.org.au)

Phone: (07) 3379 1318

The web site, [ncwq.org.au/cc/](http://ncwq.org.au/cc/) has descriptions of the seminars and workshops as well as venue, registration and contact details.

Ian Burgess

The graphic features a yellow header with the text "Upcoming Virtual, Open, and Free Conferences". Below the header are five columns, each with a logo and a corresponding event name and date:

Logo	Event Name	Date
	Connected Educator Month	October
	The Reform Symposium	Oct. 11-13
	Connected Librarians Day	Oct. 14
	Library 2.013: The Future of Libraries	Oct. 18-19
	The 2013 GlobalEdCon	Nov. 18-22

In October and November there will be several exciting free virtual open access global education conferences and webinars

October is Connected Educator Month <http://connectededucators.org/>

The Reform Symposium 11-13 October 2013

<http://www.futureofeducation.com/page/2013-reform-symposium>

Connected Librarians Day 14 October 2013

<http://www.library20.com/page/connected-librarians>

The future of libraries 18-19 October 2013 <http://www.library20.com/2013>

The 2013 Global EdCon 18-22 November 2013

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



## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Gifted Phoenix updated blog

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

VATE State Conference 2013 Squaring the circle 5-6 December

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

Byrdseed Book review of Revelations by Allis Wade

<http://www.byrdseed.com/review-revelations/>

Mom lets 4 yo finish her pictures

<http://www.pleated-jeans.com/2013/09/02/mom-lets-4-year-old-finish-her-drawings/>

The Maker Mom

<http://www.themakermom.com/2013/09/this-i-believe-gifted-education-edition.html>

#gtchat: Gifted adults and Impostor Syndrome

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/09/29/gifted-adults-and-impostor-syndrome/>

#gtchat: The gifted introvert

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/09/08/the-gifted-introvert/>

#gtchat Using Twitter in the gifted classroom

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2013/09/22/using-twitter-in-the-gifted-classroom/>

Twitter discussion on Anne Mirtchin's Australia series webinar

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/jwsdetect/playback.inlp?psid=2013-09-09.2349.M.8E9164EF4A906BAE6A9DFC3D752030.vcr&sid=2007026>

Lanwitches blog Twitter in the classroom

<http://langwitches.org/blog/2012/09/19/twitter-hots-establishing-a-twitter-routine-in-the-classroom/>

That's not autism it's simply a brainy introverted boy

[http://www.salon.com/2013/09/21/thats\\_not\\_autism\\_its\\_simply\\_a\\_brainy\\_introverted\\_boy/](http://www.salon.com/2013/09/21/thats_not_autism_its_simply_a_brainy_introverted_boy/)

Debra Lemieux If then Creativity

<http://www.ifthencreativity.com/blog>

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You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), unsubscribe or change your subscription options, from this address.

If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

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Gifted Resources aims to provide information about events, services and websites that could be of interest. Inclusion in Gifted Resources Newsletter does not necessarily imply any endorsement or guarantee of quality or suitability to meet your specific needs.

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