



## GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018 NO 1

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## *Gifted Resources News*

Welcome to the November 2018 edition of the Gifted Resources Newsletter

Please note: Not all the links in the newsletter are live links.

If you would like your information to be included in the newsletter please email me at [jo@giftedresources.org](mailto:jo@giftedresources.org). And also email [jo@giftedresources.org](mailto:jo@giftedresources.org) if you would like to change the email address at which you receive the newsletter or to unsubscribe. Be sure to include the original address at which you received the newsletter so that I am able to change your details.

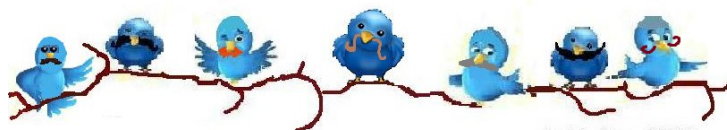
Kind regards

Jo Freitag

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Twittermos - Twitter Birds participating in November



Jo Freitag 2010

## GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS

### GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK INC.

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern, western and north eastern regions offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- \* "Mini Minds" - activities for pre-schoolers
- \* "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
- \* Regular email/Facebook updates on events/articles of interest to families with gifted children

For further information visit [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

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

News of activities see <http://www.giftedsupport.org/events>

### GSN on Facebook

[Like our Gifted Support Network Facebook PAGE](#) - to keep up to date with events, articles, info for parents of gifted children etc.

### '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

Contact Jennifer Grant

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Louise Howe

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[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)

## **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](mailto:antrim@netspace.net.au)  
Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

## **CHIP GEELONG**

<http://chipcentregeelong.com.au/>  
Event Schedule  
<http://chipcentregeelong.com.au/2018-event-schedule/>  
CHIP Family Support Group Geelong  
<http://chipcentregeelong.com.au/support-group/>

## **VAGTC**

<https://www.vagtc.org.au/>  
VAGTC on Facebook  
[https://www.facebook.com/vagtc/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/vagtc/?ref=br_rs)  
VAGTC on Twitter  
<https://twitter.com/VicAGTC>

### **This year the VAGTC celebrates 40 years of service to Gifted Education**

The "Identify, Support Educate" Rural series of 5 Seminars for Parents and Educators has now been completed and as usual many networking activities were successfully created. Once again these seminars were well received and repeat venues were pleased to see that their call for ongoing support was recognised and honoured.

The Gifted Awareness activities for students and teachers that commenced during GAW have been continuing across the year as a mark of our 40 years of advocacy for the Gifted in Victoria celebration (also because we believe strongly in keeping the GAW momentum alive and active ).  
These student and adult educational activities that have been taking place across Melbourne have had an active preference for the inclusion of students from all sectors of the educational landscape.

## **Association for the Education of Gifted and Talented Education, Victoria - AGATEVic**

For details of events go to  
<https://sites.google.com/agatevic.org/website/presentations-events>

## GATEWAYS FESTIVALS

### **G.A.T.E.WAYS END OF YEAR FESTIVALS ARE ON AGAIN - PARENT ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!**

The **Prep Festival** will be hosted by Brighton GS in Brighton on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

The **Year 1-6 Festival** will be hosted by Firbank GGS on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 14<sup>th</sup>.

Parents can enrol from the Festival page on our website where program information and enrolment instructions can also be found. Programs fill very quickly, so if you are interested, don't delay!

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/end-of-year-festivals>

## GATEWAYS THE CHALLENGE

It is not too late to be part of the Team 4, **team-based competition** The G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge. This year, the challenges are brand new and very exciting.

**Would a team of your Years 3 and 4 students enjoy the challenge and fun of:**

1. restoring huge tracts of land that have mysteriously disappeared from the Island of Serendipity, thus allowing the evacuated inhabitants to return?
2. Re-engaging the students at Harmony Heights PS with their learning by jazzing up their lessons and teaching them via song?
3. Locating centenarian Aunt Lottie through a series of coded messages and saving a rescued artwork from the hands of a criminal gang?
4. Identifying a genuine, priceless artefact from a number of replicas using nuclear forensics, thus saving the reputation of a museum's curator?

# GATEWAYS THE CHALLENGE

Would a team of your Year 5 and 6 students enjoy the challenge and fun of:

1. ensuring that thrill-seeker Humpty's record breaking attempt to bungee jump and land as close as possible to the ground without coming to grief 'comes off'?
2. Saving our literary heritage from destruction by artificially intelligent Storybots by proving that the human touch is a vital part of story-telling?
3. Planning and coordinating a trip of a lifetime for a group of travellers with diverse bucket lists?
4. Making history by deciphering what scientists believe could be an alien number system?  
...with just 30 minutes to succeed in each of these challenges...

If the answer is 'yes' then they could take part in the G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge. Talk to your school G.A.T.E.WAYS co-ordinator about the possibility.

Please note that the following Challenge venues are **fully subscribed** as follows:

Year 5 and 6: Tintern and Bialik are full (places are still available at other Melbourne venues)

Years 3 and 4: Places still available at all Melbourne venues

[Dates and venues for the 2018 Challenge](#)

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/challenge/host-school-and-dates/Action/Edit>

[Scenarios and Expressions of Interest for Years 3 -6](#)

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/challenge/challenge-handbook>

Website: [www.gateways.edu.au](http://www.gateways.edu.au)



# Kids Like Us

## Just announced! Games and Activities for Reading and Spelling KLU information evening

We're happy to announce that the wonderful Dr. Cheryl Dobbs will be returning to the presentation floor at Kids Like Us this November!



### Games and Activities for Reading and Spelling

Join us to learn more about using games within a structured, synthetic phonic approach to the teaching of reading and spelling. This hands-on session will help you to gather and create your own resource bank of activities to engage students as they learn through explicit teaching and practice. It will include a selection of:

- commercial card games
- technologies and educational software (including Wordshark)
- ideas to create some simple games of your own

#### Event details:

**Date:** Wednesday 7th November

**Time:** 18:30 - 20:30

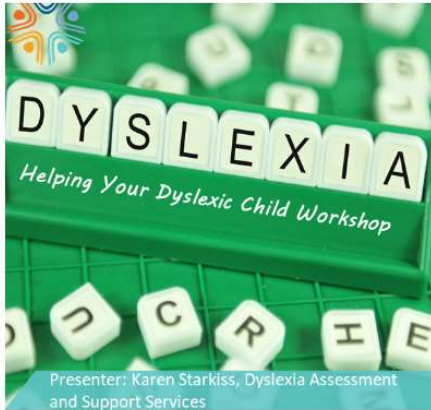
**Who:** This event is primarily aimed at parents, grandparents and carers, but will also suit teachers and other professionals

**Cost:** \$25 per person (+ GST & cost of booking)

**Booking:** Through Eventbrite at <https://gars-11-18.eventbrite.com.au>



# Kids Like Us



## Helping Your Dyslexic Child Workshop - Second Session Added

It is estimated that up to 10% of the Australian population is dyslexic. A dyslexic child, who finds it difficult to read and write, can also suffer anguish and lack of confidence with some aspects of the school curriculum and/or when they compare themselves to their friends.

Dyslexia is a learning disability; however there is so much that can be done with appropriate support and resources to help children who are dyslexic, both at home and at school. The workshop will explain how to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia and how to help your child at home. It will also cover how to work in partnership with the school to support your child in reaching his/her potential.

- The difference between a learning difficulty and a learning disorder and why we must teach differently
- What is dyslexia and what causes it?
- How to recognise the signs and symptoms of dyslexia in children
- A dyslexic child's strengths and talents
- What does it feel like to be dyslexic? – practical sessions to help parents understand their child's difficulties

### Event details:

**Date:** Monday 26th November

**Time:** 18:30 - 20:30

**Who:** Professionals and parents/carers

**Cost:** \$25 per person (+ GST & cost of booking)

**Booking:** <https://dyslexic-child-workshop-11-18.eventbrite.com.au>



# GERRIC

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/>

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/community-engagement/professional-development-learning/>

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/events/>

## GERRIC Holiday Programs For Gifted Students

**Dates:** Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd January, 2019

**Daily times:** 8:45am - 3:30pm

**Venue:** Various rooms at UNSW Kensington Campus

**Cost:** \$365 - \$385 per child

The GERRIC Student Programs provides students in years 3-10 at school with the opportunity to explore an interest for 3 days during the school holidays at the beautiful UNSW Kensington campus. We offer workshops in a huge range of topics, from art to engineering, with everything in between! Giving gifted students an avenue to explore their passions helps extend their thinking and reignite a passion for learning in a supportive environment. Program details and available workshops for January can be found here for Junior Scientia ([3-6](#)) and Scientia Challenge ([7-10](#)).

### **Registration for the student programs is changing.**

In response to parent feedback, there will no longer be an applications process for regular participants, and placement in workshops will be on a first-come first-served basis. There will be a three week window prior to regular registrations for equity consideration and scholarship applications. Please make sure you read this [Enrolment Guide](#) to ensure the smoothest process for yourself when it comes to registration.





Equity and scholarships applications for the January 2019 GERRIC Student Programs are now open! Program details and available workshops can be found [here](#). Applications for equity and scholarships close on the **16th November, 11pm**.

### **Scholarships**

Scholarships requirements and application form can be found [here](#). Please ensure all fields on the application have been filled out and all documentation attached. Any applications without the required documentation will be considered incomplete and ineligible for consideration.

### **Equity**

Does your child address any of the following?

*Twice Exceptional*

*Rural/Remote*

*Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander*

*Non-English-Speaking-Background*

If yes, they may be eligible for early placement into the programs. See [here](#) for details on how to apply.

**Scholarship and Equity Applications Open:** 29 October 2018, 7am  
**Scholarship and Equity Applications Close:** 16 November 2018, 11pm  
**Regular Applications Open:** 3 December, 7am

*Please note that no applications for scholarships or equity consideration can be taken after 16 November 2018. After this date, regular registration procedures will be in place.*



Australian Gifted Support Centre

*invites you to come on*

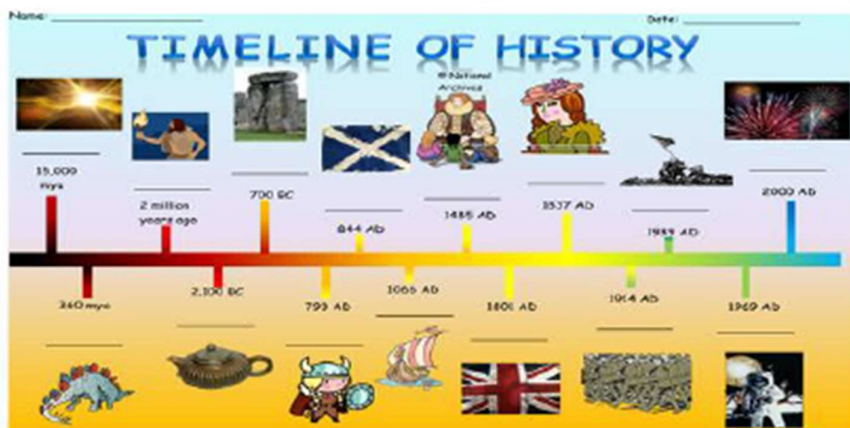
*A Journey into the Past!*



*Weekend Camps*



*Explore our historical world from prehistoric times, through ancient civilizations and through to more modern times.*



PERTH 8 - 10<sup>th</sup> June Lansdale

MORRISET - 10 - 12<sup>th</sup> August

MELBOURNE - 26 - 28<sup>th</sup> October Gembrook

CANBERRA 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November Stromlo

You will find more details here

<http://australiangiftedsupport.com/services/weekend-residential-camps/>

or ring Helen on 0417 208 562



We are excited to announce that the theme for the upcoming 2019 World Conference is *A World of Possibilities: Gifts, Talents, and Potential*. This theme exemplifies the mission and vision of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. We look forward to welcoming you to Nashville to share ideas and information about gifted students around the world. Think about all of the possibilities we have when we recognize and cultivate the potential of gifted and talented children around the world.

A tentative timeline for the World Conference is included below.

- August 15 – December 15, 2018: Abstract Proposal Submission Available
- March 15, 2019: Abstract Proposal Acceptance Notification Deadline
- April 15, 2019: Last Day for Presenters to Register
- April 15, 2019: Early Registration Ends
- April 16 – June 30, 2019: Regular Registration
- May 15, 2019: Conference Schedule Finalized
- July 1 – 28, 2019: Late Registration

Stay tuned for more information!

We are excited to announce the opening of proposal submissions for the 2019 World Conference! Please carefully review the submission guide on our website at <https://worldgifted2019.com/submit/>

Registration is also open. We look forward to seeing you in Nashville as we discuss *A World of Possibilities: Gifts, Talents, & Potential*.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

For further information <https://worldgifted2019.com/>

## SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

### GT Chat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/10/30/procrastination-and-gifted-students/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/10/23/gifted-education-coordinator-stakeholder-or-gatekeeper/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/10/14/embracing-multipotentiality-in-gifted-students/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/10/07/building-intentional-leadership-in-gifted-learners/>

### Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

[http://hoagiesgifted.org/blog/www\\_hops.htm](http://hoagiesgifted.org/blog/www_hops.htm)

[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog\\_hop\\_under\\_achievers.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/blog_hop_under_achievers.htm)

### Gifted Homeschoolers Forum Blogs

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs-2/>

<https://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/gifted-child-here-are-our-single-best-tips/>

## SOME INTERESTING WEB PAGES

Byrdseed Gifted Stand up to jargon

<https://www.byrdseed.com/jargon/>

Counseling Concerns of Gifted and Talented Adolescents: Implications for School Counselors

<http://jsc.montana.edu/articles/v7n1.pdf>

### DISCLAIMER

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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