



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

Dear colleagues and friends

I am endeavoring to get the Gifted Resources newsletter up and running again. After my husband, Rainer, passed away in August 2016 I went to live with my younger daughter. Last year passed in a fog and Gifted Resources, my blogs and art were all neglected.

The main connection to the world of the gifted that remained was the weekly Twitter #gtchat powered by TAGT, the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented where I was invited to serve on their Advisory Board.

In July 2016 my computer hard drive failed due to old age and being over worked and I lost my list of contacts and some of my favorite programs. My kind brother in law, Rick Freitag, gave me a new laptop/tablet with Windows 10 and I set to work loading it up and learning the new system. Sadly the programs I used for maintaining the Gifted Resources website are not compatible with Windows 10 and I am still in the process of learning and working out how best to manage the website and newsletter.

Until I have it all sorted out I am going to post the Gifted Resources Newsletters on the Gifted Resources blog <https://giftedresources.wordpress.com/>

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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 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
- * Regular email/Facebook updates on events/articles of interest to families with gifted children

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

P.O. Box PO Box 2808

Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

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

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.

[Join the GSN Forum Facebook GROUP](#) - to discuss anything 'gifted' with other local parents.

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP (NSW)

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

For details of coming events and activities see

<http://gfsg.org.au/whats-on/4583307471>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

All are welcome.

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

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

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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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

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CHIP GEELONG

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=38

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=12

Future events for details see http://www.chipgeelong.ingeelong.com.au/?page_id=63

Contact

Treasurer : Sue Bettanin chipgeelong@gmail.com

Gifted Awareness Week- 2018



Gifted Awareness Week 2018 – March 18 to 24

ACCEPTANCE: Diversity and Equality

AAEGT

http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1676

Queensland

<http://www.qagtc.org.au/qagtc-2018-state-conferenceidentifying-gifts-and-nurturing-talents>

Tasmania

<https://www.tasgifted.com/events-and-activities/current-tag-events-activities/>

Victoria

<https://www.vagtc.org.au/gaw/>

VAGTC

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

News and Events <https://www.vagtc.org.au/news/>

February - Gifted Awareness Week update

This year, Gifted Awareness Week (GAW) is March 18-24

The VAGTC Committee has been busy planning and working towards creating not just an awesome birthday year, but an awesome Gifted Awareness Week. We are planning various events for Gifted Awareness Week, with some extra activities leading up to and after (and throughout the year). For more information on our activities and booking links download our printable sharable and linkable flyer or visit the GAW webpage.

Keep a follow on us via Facebook and Twitter to be updated on new activities and booking links. Some of our events are free or have heavily discounted prices for members, so be sure you are signed up by visiting the Membership Page.

VAGTC on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/vagtc/?ref=br_rs

VAGTC on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/VicAGTC>

PAUL READ
THE MELBOURNE SUSTAINABLE
SOCIETY INSTITUTE

LECTURE

FEBRUARY 22
METHODIST LADIES COLLEGE

SYN FM RADIO

WORKSHOP
& TOUR

MARCH 20
SYN FM RADIO STATION

**HANDS ON
PHILOSOPHY**

WORKSHOP

MARCH 25
NATIONAL GALLERY OF
VICTORIA

VAGTC, CEM & ACU PRESENTS
TWILIGHT SERIES No1

IDENTIFICATION:
BEST PRACTICES

MARCH 05
BURKE HALL, XAVIER COLLEGE

**VAGTC
CELEBRATES**



MODELS OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Prof François Gagné

GAGNE'S DMGT & IMTD

Prof Wilma Vialle

ZIEGLER'S ACTIOTOPE MODEL

Prof John Munro

RENZULLI'S SCHOOLWIDE ENRICHMENT MODEL

THREE LECTURES. TWO PANELS. ONE WORKSHOP. IN ONE AWESOME LOCATION.
MARCH 22, THE PAVILION, ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE

WWW.VAGTC.ORG.AU/GAW



Kids Like Us

Upcoming 2e information evenings - Feb-March 2018

KLU has two 2e information evenings coming up over February and March - 2e or Not 2e (That is the Question) and 2e: What It's All About!

Presented by KLU's Director of Education and Counselling, Anne Jackson, these two events will take two different looks at the different things you need to know about twice-exceptionality.

2e or Not 2e (Feb. 26th) is a forum that will focus on identification and validation of 2e students. This event is for anyone who lives or works with 2e young people.

2e: What It's All About (March 6th) will address what can be done to support 2e students when their differences make the academic system see them as merely average. This event is for anyone who cares about 2e students.

For more information on the two events, and for bookings, visit their pages on Eventbrite below:

- [2e or Not 2e \(That is the Question\):](https://2e-or-not-2e-02-18.eventbrite.com.au/)
<https://2e-or-not-2e-02-18.eventbrite.com.au/>
- [2e: What It's All About:](https://2e-what-its-all-about-03-18.eventbrite.com.au/)
<https://2e-what-its-all-about-03-18.eventbrite.com.au/>

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Kids Like Us

Upcoming dyscalculia and low numeracy events - March 2018

KLU has two dyscalculia and low numeracy events returning in March - Dyscalculia Counts Too: From Assessment for Learning to Interventions and The Cost of Not Counting!

Presented by a team experienced in working with students who have dyscalculia or low numeracy, these two events will provide insights and strategies that you can use to work with students like these.

Dyscalculia Counts Too (March 23rd) is a full-day interactive workshop for teachers (K-10), with a blend of 'lecture-style' learning and small group work, with lots of practical hands-on activities. This event is for teachers (K-10) and interested parents.

The Cost of Not Counting (March 28th) is a two hour workshop providing parents and interested teachers with an enhanced understanding of the theory of dyscalculia, as well as an opportunity to see multi-sensory manipulatives that can be used with children who have dyscalculia or low numeracy. This event is for parents and others who work with children who have dyscalculia or low numeracy.

For more information on the two events, and for bookings, visit their pages on Eventbrite below:

- [Dyscalculia Counts Too: From Assessment for Learning to Interventions:](https://2e-or-not-2e-02-18.eventbrite.com.au/)
<https://2e-or-not-2e-02-18.eventbrite.com.au/>
 - [The Cost of Not Counting:](https://2e-what-its-all-about-03-18.eventbrite.com.au/)
<https://2e-what-its-all-about-03-18.eventbrite.com.au/>
 - **Our mailing address is:**
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- Phone:**
(03) 9013 5582

SUE LARKEY

Dear Jo

If you are planning your Professional Development for 2018, here are dates of my Autism and Asperger Workshops - Teaching Strategies and Behaviour Support for 2018.

All these workshop (includes two Online Courses) are Accredited Training for Teachers and Teacher Aides in all States (see flyer for more details).

If you need training earlier than a workshop near you or can't make it to Live Workshop, please consider my Online Course which is the exactly the same content and can be done at time and place that suits you or your staff.

Please pass onto anyone who could benefit from attending one of these workshops.

Remember you can register now and be invoiced to pay later. Just register online and we will send you an invoice.

Click link below for flyers and more information

<https://suelarkey.com.au/workshops/>

Best Wishes

Sue Larkey

suelarkey.com.au

**PS Look forward to seeing you in 2018, or you joining me for an online workshop.
More information below**

New South Wales

Sydney (Rooty Hill) Friday 9 March Dr Tony Attwood

Wagga Friday 16 March Sue Larkey

Dubbo Thursday 24 May Sue Larkey

Sydney (Sutherland) Friday 25 May Sue Larkey

Coffs Harbour Thursday 28 June Sue Larkey

Sydney (Ryde) Friday 29 June Sue Larkey

Newcastle Friday 17 August Dr Tony Attwood

Queensland

Toowoomba Thursday 22 February Sue Larkey

Brisbane (Chermside) Friday 23 February Sue Larkey

Cairns Thursday 31 May Sue Larkey

Townsville Friday 1 June Sue Larkey

Mackay Thursday 13 September Sue Larkey

Brisbane (Chermside) Friday 14 September Dr Tony Attwood

Victoria

Melbourne (St Kilda) Friday 2 March Sue Larkey

Melbourne (Bulleen) Friday 11 May Sue Larkey

Ballarat Thursday 6 September Dr Tony Attwood

Melbourne Friday 7 September Dr Tony Attwood

South Australia

Adelaide Friday 23 March Sue Larkey

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Friday 22 June Dr Tony Attwood

Tasmania

Hobart Thursday 1 March Sue Larkey

Western Australia

Perth Friday 15 June Sue Larkey

NEW ZEALAND WORKSHOPS

Unfortunately I will not be coming to NZ this year. Please consider my Online Course as it's the same content and can watch anytime, anywhere and any device.

<https://elearning.suelarkey.com.au/>

Online Learning - JUMP START TERM 1 2018

(Same Content as the Live Workshops)

(Please consider if can't make the a LIVE workshop or need training earlier in the school year)

- 45min Open Access Webinar 12-25 Feb 2017 - Increasing Engagement and Participation by Sue Larkey

- 40 min Open Access Webinar 12-25 Feb 2017 - What 7 parts of ASD Diagnosis means to Teachers, Child Care Professionals & profile Girls with ASD by Tony Attwood

- 5 x 1-hour Modules - Available Now for 10 weeks - Teaching Strategies and Behaviour Support - by Sue Larkey

- 5 x 1-hour Modules - Available Now for 10 weeks - A Different Way of Thinking, Learning, Managing Emotions by Dr Tony Attwood

Endorsement providers for Live and Online Workshops:

Accredited for ALL States: VIC (VIT Maintenance),
NSW (NESA), ACT (TQI), QLD (CPD hrs), WA, SA, TAS and NT

To register go online to <https://elearning.suelarkey.com.au/>

For more information or to download registration forms go to our website

<https://suelarkey.com.au/>

NEWS FROM HEN – HOME EDUCATION NETWORK VICTORIA

Newsletter <http://mailchi.mp/d790f351dfa0/hen-news-april-1675137?e=66a5c95539>

This issue includes the link to the **NEW** PDF Guide to Gifted Education in Victoria and news of course materials available free to registered home educators from Distance Education Centre Victoria



PARENTING INFORMATION FORUM

Supporting Parents, Grandparents and Carers

Transition From Kindergarten to Primary School

Whitehorse Council will once again be running this very popular Parenting Information Forum because we know that the transition from Kindergarten/Preschool to Primary school is a significant one for children and their families.

There are often many considerations for parents to work through such as:

- How do I know if they are ready for school?
- Will they be bored if we wait another year?
- How do we choose a Primary School?
- What can we do to prepare our child for this major transition?

Louise Doratt will explore these questions and discuss the importance of the child's social and emotional maturity as well as their academic ability. Practical strategies, including the importance of play will be discussed to prepare your child and family for a smooth and positive transition to school.

Louise has a long history of tertiary teaching including Swinburne, Victoria University and Deakin. She assisted in the establishment of the Westgarth Bush kinder and worked in the bush kinder setting for 2 years. Louise's energetic workshops have taken her around Australia and you can be assured her presentation will be engaging and entertaining.

Date:	Tuesday 27 March 2018
Time:	7.30pm-9.30pm (please arrive at 7pm for registration including tea and coffee)
Venue:	Waratah Room, Whitehorse Centre, 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (rear of Nunawading Library)
Bookings:	Registering your attendance is essential. Please book online at www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Parent-Information-Forums.html
Cost:	\$2 gold coin donation payable on the night.
Other Information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To request additional access support including interpreting please contact Council's Parenting Resource Officer on 9262 6175 or parentresource@whitehorse.vic.gov.au • Please note we are unable to accommodate children.



SOME INTERESTING BLOGS

GTChat Blog

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/02/08/service-learning-and-gifted-students>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/01/27/authentic-learning-in-gifted-education/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/01/25/creating-a-culture-of-kindness-for-gifted-kids/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/01/15/gifted-education-on-a-budget/>

<https://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/2018/01/14/when-gifted-students-own-their-learning/>



2017 #gtchat Advisory Board

CONNECTING THE GIFTED COMMUNITY
Global #gtchat Powered by TAGT

 Ginger Lewman	 Tracy Fisher	 Jeffrey Farley
 Jo Freitag	 Heather Vaughn	 Angie French

Tuesday March 21st 8E/7C/6M/5P US
Wednesday 22nd March 13.00 NZDT/11.00 AEDT/Midnight UK

#gtchat

Hoagies Gifted Blog Hops

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

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

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

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

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum Blogs

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

<https://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blogs/what-is-a-blog-hop/>

<https://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/high-achieving-synonymous-gifted/>

<https://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/invisible-gifted-child-mislabeled-misdiagnosed-unidentified-misunderstood/>

SOME DIGITAL NEWSLETTERS

2E newsletter

http://www.2enewsletter.com/topic_about_the_NL.html

GERRIC newsletter

<http://mailchi.mp/unsu/gerric-enews-july-2608693?e=8eecd666e0>

Gifted Support Network

<http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php>

HEN

<http://mailchi.mp/d790f351dfa0/hen-news-april-1675137?e=66a5c95539>

Sue Larkey newsletter

<https://suelarkey.com.au/dfth-complete-sue-larkey-term-1-2018-newsletter/>

Thinking Outside The Box

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

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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