

## DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- ... it is Gifted Awareness Week from 13 to 19 June 2011?
- ... gifted and talented children are found in all cultures, socioeconomic groups, and amongst those with disabilities?
- ... gifts and talents can be demonstrated in a wide range of intellectual, academic, creative, cultural, leadership, artistic, and physical abilities and qualities?
- ... some children can be gifted and talented but also have learning or behavioural disabilities such as ADHD, Aspergers, dyslexia or dyspraxia?
- ... all schools in New Zealand are required to identify and provide appropriately for gifted and talented students under the National Administration Guidelines?

### BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- ... there are no explicit requirements for gifted and talented children in early childhood education to be identified or provided for appropriately?
- ... only \$1.2 million is allocated by Government for gifted and talented education this year? If 5% of New Zealand's school students are gifted and talented, this amounts to about \$35 per child per annum!
- ... schools' reporting for performance on National Standards to the Ministry of Education only acknowledges those above the standard, but not well-above the standard?
- ... gifted and talented students are not entitled to receive assessment and intervention services through Group Special Education?

### AND DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

- ... the schools identified by ERO as providing most appropriately for gifted and talented students were those that had received significant professional learning support?
- ... giftedEDnz advocates for the needs of over 200 professionals working with gifted and talented children, young people, and those who support them?
- ... **you** can join giftedEDnz, a professional association aiming for equitable opportunities and outcomes for gifted and talented children and young people through advocacy, communication, networking, and support?

**Did you know you can show your support for our country's future leaders  
by saying YES to gifted and talented education?**

**You CAN make a difference!**

**Join giftedEDnz: The Professional Association for Gifted Education**

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Nurture our gifted children*