

ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTING GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK 15 – 22 JUNE 2009

giftEDnz The Professional Association for Gifted Education

This newly formed national organisation is for professionals working with gifted and talented children and young people. Its goals are networking, sharing, and advocacy.

www.giftednz.org.nz

Tracy Riley, Chairperson - T.L.Riley@massey.ac.nz

NZAGC The New Zealand Association for Gifted Children

The NZAGC exists to promote the needs of gifted children at a national level and foster initiatives at local branch level to meet those needs. We have provided an environment where gifted children, their parents, teachers and other education professionals can meet, learn from each other and gain support for over thirty years. The NZAGC publish *Tall Poppies*, a magazine for families of the gifted child and professionals involved with child development; and *Apex@*, the New Zealand Journal of Gifted Education, a peer-reviewed annual publication for professionals with an interest in the education of gifted students. A well stocked library is also available.

www.giftedchildren.org.nz

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The Gifted Education Centre

Established in 1995 as the George Parkyn National Centre for Gifted Education, the Centre supports gifted children, their families, teachers and schools through a variety of initiatives. The One Day School (ODS) programme operates in 8 regions (North and South Island), for children aged from 6 - 13. Gifted Online (GO) caters for children unable to attend ODS and the Small Poppies programme works with children from 2.5 - 6 years of age in Auckland, Christchurch and Nelson. Professional development programmes are designed for schools, teacher training given at both pre-school and primary school level, and parent workshops are offered.

www.giftededucation.org.nz

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The Gifted Kids Programme (GKP)

GKP provides specialist and targeted support to gifted students and their teachers through a one-day-a-week differentiated and purposely developed primary-intermediate programme, professional development for contributing schools, and consultancy services to schools or clusters of schools wanting to improve their provisions for gifted students. Services are currently delivered from Dargaville to Invercargill, in primary, intermediate and college settings. www.giftedkids.co.nz

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REACH Education

REACH Education specialises in providing professional development in gifted education. It offers the Certificate in Effective Practice in Gifted Education, a semester-length online course with a strong focus on first gaining insight into the world of the gifted child and then developing practical strategies relevant to the teacher's own situation. The course is open to teachers at every level of schooling. REACH also offers a range of practical short workshops for teachers and parents which can tour to different parts of the country, organises events such as the recent Reaching Forward national conference and visits to this country by international experts in the field, and supports individual schools through mentoring, programme review, and similar activities.

www.reachgifted.org.nz

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Canterbury Association for Gifted Children and Youth

The Canterbury Association for Gifted Children and Youth (CAGCY) began in 1976 as a non-profit incorporated society providing information and support for families and educational professionals who are interested in supporting gifted children.

<http://cagcy.org.nz/>

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The Christchurch Association for Gifted Education (CAGE)

CAGE is a teachers' organization formed to provide professional development and support for teachers on all aspects of gifted education. Professional development meetings for educators across all sectors are held once or twice a term on a Thursday from 4.00-5.30pm. At each meeting an invited speaker/s will share an aspect of giftedness, or classroom practice to help teachers with the education of these diverse learners.

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North Canterbury Support for Gifted and Talented Children (NCSGTC)

NCSGTC was formed in 1996 to support gifted children and their families in North Canterbury. We run monthly Challenge Club days for children, publish a bi-monthly newsletter, organise seminars for parents and teachers, have a library of resources available to members and aim to promote a greater community awareness of the needs of these children.

Linda Williams, Chairperson - linda.kevin@paradise.net.nz

OAGAT The Otago Association for the Gifted and Talented

We are a group of parents and teachers of gifted children in Otago who meet regularly in Dunedin to listen to speakers, share ideas and information and discuss issues regarding gifted children and gifted education. Benefits of membership include a parents' library, newsletters and meetings, plus a great opportunity to talk to people about any issues. We also run a Saturday afternoon "Creatability Club" for primary to intermediate aged gifted children. The club provides a diverse range of artistic, scientific and social activities.

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Waikato Association for Gifted Children

The Waikato Association for Gifted Children provides support, information and activities for gifted children, their parents and teachers.

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