



**Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?
giftEDnz Annual General Meeting
14 March 2015
University of Auckland Epsom Campus H4.04
10:00 – 1:00**

- 10:00 Morning Refreshments
- 10:30 Welcome from Tracy Riley, Chairperson
- 10:45-11:45 Panel Discussion of Current giftEDnz Initiatives to Support

Eunice and Sue Barriball: Newsletter

Sue: The newsletter grew from “News Bulletin” style to include research and people’s work, and children’s writing etc. Sue is grateful to Eunice and Emma for their enthusiasm in taking over the responsibility of the newsletter.

Eunice: Eunice and Emma will be building on the platform of the existing newsletter towards a magazine format. This ‘magazine’ will seek to discuss the issues for gifted educationalists. Each issue will be theme related, include member bios to share the expertise of the members in relation to the theme. This will also enable the members to form more relationships with each other in relation to their specific foci in relation to giftedness. The magazine will continue to look at programmes and practical info for example “10 ways to”, “How not to...” etc. This will include upcoming events.

Suggestions for themes:

- Technology in gifted ed
- Defining giftedness
- Cultural responsiveness within gifted education programmes
- Issues for GATE co-ordinators

Useful sections within the magazine would be:

- Practical strategies
- Upcoming sponsorship opportunities

Upcoming events section.

Karen “Sunny” Bush: Conference and events

Ignited was successful for the attendees with lots of positive feedback. But there were challenges in bolstering attendance. Sunny suggests if there is another regional conference it would be beneficial to have a Board member within the region, or second a member to the Board from the region. It would also be beneficial to run small events prior to the conference to engender more attendees. The APEX edition from the conference is in process.

Tracy Riley - Special Interest Groups:

Early Years group: A book on giftedness within the early years is with the publishing company currently. This is the culmination of the initial members of the Early Years Special Interest group. Thanks to Valerie Margrain as the leader of this group, the team has driven to produce this book. There is a range of research and practical ideas.

Maori group: Lots of initial momentum, but this is ‘fizzling’ a bit. A large group gathered to provide ideas within Nelson. The idea of looking to the Teacher Led Research fund to initiate research was mooted.

Twice Exceptional learners: many people at this meeting in Nelson. This started as a large group but has dwindled. There will be the drive to encourage a ‘rejuvenation’ of the group. Seek multiple approaches to reach the members regarding this interest – the TKI website is not the only way.

giftEDnz has initiatives for the SIGs to be allocated funding to grow the SIG or develop further. This will need to be readdressed with the incoming Chair.

Possibly the need for a Secondary/High school interest group – maybe advertise in the newsletter to see if this is an interest with the members.

Louise Tapper: Speakers’ Bureau:

The purpose of the Speakers’ Bureau is for members to seek professional learning opportunities, and to support groups who may find it difficult to attend the national seminars/conferences.

We will be looking to update the list of speakers.

If you have any questions, ideas, and initiatives contact Louise.

Mary St. George: Website:

“I value your complaints!” If you need things to be fixed or added, contact Mary. Mary is happy to have other people help out if they would like to add items.

Mary also co-ordinates the “Blog tour” for Gifted Awareness Week. If you would like to be involved in this, write an opinion piece and submit to Mary during this week. It can also be an opportunity for the children whom you teach. It gets children an authentic audience to get viewpoints on their writing. Parent pieces are also accepted – anything to keep the gifted conversation happening.

If you want to contribute, email giftednz@gmail.com.

On the Virtual Learning Network giftEDnz has a presence but it could be busier. Talk to Mary if you would like to do more here.

Andi Delaune: Membership:

Membership consists of 160 members. The majority of institutional members are Secondary/High schools, closely followed by Primary schools. Underrepresented groups include Kura Kaupapa and ECE.

The majority of our individual members come from Canterbury, closely followed by Auckland, and Wellington. We have few members from Dunedin.

To grow the organization, we could...

- Shoulder tap individuals within the regions to work on growing the presence of giftEDnz within the region. This could be a “Regional Liason” position. Communication for these groups could be facilitated through Facebook groups.
- Have a hui within the regions. The Regional Liasons would have expectations. This would be reimbursed through incentives such as reduced membership fees and conference fees.
- We should establish a Facebook group for giftEDnz, with separate pages for the SIGs also.
- Have a “sign up a new member” initiative for a shared reduced rate.
- We can put together a flyer about us a group and provide for members to share with their contacts.

Louise Tapper: Emerging Researchers’ Special Interest Group

This is a new group that just started last year. There was a research retreat in Hanmer for members to apply to attend. There was a great response with 4 researchers attending with 3 mentors.

A criterion for attending the retreat was an article draft, which would then be worked on at the retreat, and completed for APEX.

The retreat resulted in a Facebook group page for the attendees (thanks to Mel Wong), which has since grown to include many other giftEDnz members who could not attend, and new joint editors of the newsletter. Meeting at Nelson showed there is great interest in this SIG, and it can aid the dissemination of ideas out into the practice arena.

11:45-12:30 Open Discussion of Future Initiatives facilitated by Board
(See Attachment)

12:30-1:00 AGM and Election Results

2015 Annual General Meeting

Meeting opened 12:32pm

1. Opening remarks

Welcome from Tracy Riley

2. Apologies received

Catherine Rawlinson; Kate Niederer; Sue Breen; Deb Walker; Anna Mueli; Pearl Naulder.

3. Proxy votes – None to account for

4. Minutes of the previous AGM

Moved: Tracy –

Seconded: Sunny

Carried

5. Correspondence

None to report

6. Chairperson's report

Moved: Tracy

Seconded: Andi

Carried

7. Treasurer's report

Moved: Janna

Seconded: Mary

Carried

Sunny – Grateful for giftednz's contribution to the region to host *Ignited*. There would not have been the opportunity to break even without this seeding fund. Suggests that if we continue to go to the regions there would need to continue to be the seeding fund.

Janna - The goodwill generated cannot be quantified economically. There was a great deal of this.

8. Notices of Motion

None

9. Election Results

Chair: Louise Tapper

Board: Jo Dean

Lynda Garrett

Vanessa White

10. General business

None

Meeting ended 1:04pm