



Gifted Awareness Week, 13-19 June 2016

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Ideas to Celebrate Gifted Awareness, 13 to 19 June 2016

Ideas for teachers, centres and schools:

- Complete the GAW Opinion Poll www.nzcge.co.nz/giftedawarenessweek
- Join in the GAW Blog Tour www.nzcge.co.nz/blog
- Read the NZ Gifted Education charities' position statement www.nzcge.co.nz, www.giftednz.org.nz, www.giftedchildren.org.nz
- Showcase the work of gifted and talented learners throughout your school.
- Provide a parent, whanau and community information evening for sharing your organisation's initiatives in gifted and talented education.
- Feature gifted and talented education in your newsletter.
- Run a competition for students – this could be anything from a scrabble-a-thon to a poster contest.
- Share your achievements and those of your students with the local newspaper.
- Write to your local Member of Parliament.
- Encourage your gifted and talented learners and their parents to contact their local MPs, sharing their experiences.
- Invite your local MP to visit. Encourage him or her to talk with teachers, students and parents.
- Host a movie evening! Show a film about gifted and talented individuals. See Hoagie's web page for ideas www.hoagiesgifted.org/movies.htm.
- Run a book discussion group based on biographical or fictional depictions of giftedness. See <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/biographies.htm> or http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/featuring_gifted.htm for some great ideas!
- Join an association for gifted and talented education.
- Dedicate a staff meeting to professional discussions and dialogue about gifted and talented education.
- Distribute professional readings to your staff about

gifted and talented education. Facilitate professional discussions about these.

- Have a special day to celebrate giftedness. Perhaps you could set aside 'a tall poppies day' when students dress in red, draw or create poppies, or plant a garden of poppies. Or how about an 'unfurling of the koru day' to show development and growth, dressing in green, etc. Students can dress as their gifted and talented heroes and heroines and have a 'hero parade'!
- Host a talent quest! Acknowledge the wide range of talents in your students.
- Find out about local and regional services for gifted kids in your area.
- Attend an event hosted by one of our organisations. Visit our websites to find out what is happening in your area!
- Celebrate your students' creativity by having a 'maker space' for an afternoon and use some technology challenges as stimuli for creative problem-solving.

Ideas for professional development providers and teacher educators:

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- Tell your colleagues and students about Gifted Awareness Week.
- Send out daily emails with facts, resources and ideas about gifted and talented education.
- Start writing, edit or submit an article for Tall Poppies, APEX and other journals. www.giftedchildren.org.nz
- Join a national or international organisation for gifted and talented education.

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- Recruit members for national and regional organisations – spread the word about giftEDnz, NZAGC, and other networks.
- Host a teaching and/or research evening for your local educators, parents and whanau or community.
- Write to your local Member of Parliament.
- Send out a press release via your institution. Seek opportunities for publicity within your institution via newsletters, magazines and other communications.
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Ideas for parents and families:

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 - Join an association like the NZAGC, North Canterbury Support for Gifted and Talented Children, etc. www.giftedchildren.org.nz
 - Start a local branch of NZAGC or find out what is happening in an established local branch www.giftedchildren.org.nz
 - Take out a book on giftedness from the NZAGC or your local library. www.giftedchildren.org.nz
 - Write to your local Member of Parliament (template and other information provided).
 - Get together with other families with gifted children for a fun time together or a chance for adults to share their experiences and find out about other like-minds.
- Explore the parents section of Hoagie's Gifted for ideas and support <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/parents.htm>.
 - Check out the parent support offered by the Ministry of Education on the Te Kete Ipurangi website <http://www.tki.org.nz/r/gifted/talented/parents/>.
 - Request a copy of the Ministry of Education 2008 publication, Nurturing Gifted and Talented Children http://www.tki.org.nz/r/gifted/talented/parents/nurturing/index_e.php
 - Make an appointment this week to see your gifted child's teacher and find out how they are doing.
 - Celebrate with your child, something they have been working on or achieved.
 - Pop some popcorn and enjoy a family movie evening watching films about gifted people. See Hoagie's movie list <http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/movies.htm> for ideas.
 - Visit an art gallery, museum, or historical place to create a family learning experience.
 - Validate your child's passions by letting them go on, and on, and on, about them at least for a day.
 - Write to your local Member of Parliament.
 - Gift your son or daughter's centre or school with a membership to an association, a journal or magazine subscription or other resources to support gifted and talented children.
 - Celebrate your child's creativity by having a 'making' time together - make art, craft, bake together, plant a garden together ...
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