



Media Release: Gifted Awareness Week Australia 2017 Launched

Today, Dr Jae Yup Jung, Secretary of the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT) launches the program for Gifted Awareness Week 2017 beginning Sunday 12 March 2017, encouraging all members of the public to get involved.

Gifted Awareness Week celebrates gifted children around Australia, through promoting their needs and increasing understanding and awareness in the community.

Dr Jae Yup Jung says “This year’s theme for the week is Diversity: Recognise, Realise and Respond. We are asking the community to; recognise gifted children come from many different backgrounds, realise the need to use different methods to identify them and respond to their learning and friendship needs.

“Gifted students have special needs. They are often alert, rapid and complex learners with a large vocabulary and excellent memory. It is essential that we are able to identify their gifts, understand how to develop their potential and stand up for what they need.”

Gifted Awareness Week events are being held around Australia. With special guest speaker Dr Susan Assouline presenting in NSW and Tasmania and special guest speaker Dr Natalie Rimlinger presenting in the ACT.

Dr Jung continues “Increasing awareness of the high-quality research on gifted education conducted in Australia will also feature during the week. This includes connecting families and the community with some of the gifted education researchers in Australia.”

Researchers participating this year are;

- Dr Jae Yup Jung, University of NSW
- Dr Catherine Wormald, University of Wollongong and Dr Michelle Bannister Tyrell, University of New England
- Dr Denise Woods, Charles Sturt University
- Dr Rosalind Walsh, Macquarie University and
- Dr Margaret Plunkett, Federation University Australia

Be part of the celebrations and discoveries!

A complete list of events can be found on the AAEGT webpage at http://www.aegt.net.au/?page_id=1538

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