

About 'Mathematical Mysteries' – Term 3, 2006

- Both of the children have thoroughly enjoyed their G.A.T.E.WAYS experience..(they) always come home with a wealth of knowledge and experiences to pass on (*S. Broadway*)
- Michael is still buzzing two days after the program and wants to continually 'tease' his parents with his new-found maths puzzles (*M. de Vries*)
- For a young girl who is quite reserved, she had a great time. Thanks (*B. Collins*)
- Jess obviously enjoyed herself, made friends and learnt lots of things that interest her. Thanks for a great program (*J Sutton*)
- Nick came home very enthusiastic about the day. He learnt quite a bit and loved the bridge without nuts and bolts (*N. Conway*)
- Sam loves G.A.T.E.WAYS and would rather attend Dinomites and workshops than school (*S McAuley*)
- I believe these programs are fantastic opportunities for children like Abby. I would like to thank you for allowing her to participate (*A. Juras*)
- Lachlan enjoyed being challenged and mentally stimulated by your program (*L. Hutchison*)
- Emma thought this day was more fun than a normal school day (*E. Gross*)
- One of the best school days ever. He was excited to be eligible, excited on the day and just as excited when he came home (*J Irvine*)
- The workshops are always well run and enjoyable (*A. Wilton*)
- My daughter loved the program. We have been trying to get her in for years. (*M . Fonstin*)
- G.A.T.E.WAYS is stimulating and exciting.
- It was a fun-filled learning day today. She was very happy with the program (*A. Rao*)
- James enjoyed the day very much, preferring it to school (*J. Fayle*)
- Grant thoroughly enjoys the programs and comes home full of information. If only all teachers could engage and enthuse him as much as yours do. (*G. van Galenburg*)
- Taylor came home very excited about what she'd learnt and she made friends with a girl from another school. She had a terrific day.
- Thank you for providing such an informative and diverse program. It was clear that Lexie had an exciting, provocative day. Now he understands why big brother Max was such a keen participant (*V. Haslam*)

What did you like best about your day:

- Being made to think differently about solving problems
- The teachers were really cool
- I liked meeting kids from other schools
- All of it!
- The way they taught us more with fun
- It was fun because we got to test the myths
- That they taught us a lot
- That I learnt a lot of maths and had a lot of fun doing it!
- I liked the fact that we were not doing simple maths, but things I never really thought about being mathematical
- The teachers are always heaps of fun
- They taught things that you would not think of as maths
- Mostly everything wasn't boring and I met someone I liked from another school
- It was very challenging and interesting

About 'Warped' – Term 2 2006

- I think the program is fabulous and it is exciting to watch my child become involved and widen his horizons (*N. Turner*)
- I was pleased to see such a positive and enthusiastic child at the end of the day – full of new info, further questions, and with so much to tell (*S. Gotze*)
- A positive experience, great leaders. Well done and thank you. (*S. Morgan*)
- It's great to see Elizabeth grow her imagination and participate in a large, diverse and fun learning community (*E. Leschen*)
- He did not stop talking about his day. A very positive time/experience for our son. Thank you (*M. Bullock*)
- Sarah was so excited after the workshop that she could not wait to show me her work. A bit difficult to drive home when she insisted I should look at her work and listen to what all the experiments were about (*S. Goh*)
- Jacquie had a fabulous day and really benefited from the entire experience. She has already made more crazy animals since she came home (*J. Eyres*)
- Findlay absolutely loved it, especially the drawing – has been doing it ever since. (*F. Miller*)
- Lachlan loved going and said he wanted to go every Wednesday. Great job G.A.T.E.WAYS. Keep up the good work. (*L. Cook*)
- Thank you for organising an excellent program and looking after our children so well (*A.H.*)
- Fantastic program again! Please let us know of any future programs – similar ones! Thanks (*A. Miles*)
- Could not stop talking about the program; loved the topic and the enthusiasm of the teachers was contagious! Well done G.A.T.E.WAYS !!! (*S. Katsivelis*)
- I Have never seen him so enthusiastic about getting dressed in the morning! He loved it and I would love for him to do it again. Staff were inspiring and and friendly too. Great to meet up with other kids and not feel 'different' for once. (*J. Abougelis*)
- Aaron was so excited when I picked him up, he was very eager to tell me all he learnt throughout the day. Overall it was a great experience (I would love for him to do it again) (*A. Mandanici*)
- Harry was genuinely excited about his whole day (quite rare for Harry). Many thanks for your efforts (*E. Blanchare*)
- Marcus enjoyed the day and talked non-stop for hours afterwards. He is very keen to do more. Thanks to the staff for their inspiration (*M. Saunders*)
- Jessie came home from G.A.T.E.WAYS buzzing with excitement, eager to show us the work she had done and the awesome things she had learnt during the day. It was wonderful to see the sparkle in her eye, the bounce in her step and constant chatter. What fun! (*J. Gesthuizen*)
- Samuel had a tremendous time, especially loved the 'freaky food' section. Gained such a lot and would love to do it all again. He also made some new friends. Such a wonderful experience. (*S. Abbott*)
- Jade had a wonderful day and was very excited, before, during and after the program. It was a very positive and uplifting for our whole family. (*J. Guarner*)
- They didn't stop talking all the way home and couldn't wait to do more experiments. I wish I was there too! What a great job you all have. (*D. Zoros*)
- She had been counting the days down and was not disappointed. (*C. Marshall-Roth*)
- Jasmine was having some issues at school with confidence, but after attending G.A.T.E.WAYS she came home and wrote pages and pages about her experience without worrying about mistakes. It gave her a real boost and helped a lot with her motivation (*J Hunter-Clear*)
- Madison had a wonderful time..talked about it all night (*M. Elmer*)
- She loved every minute of it and can't wait to do another one. I was pleased it was so well organised and felt comfortable enough to leave her. (*G. Kuru*)

What did you like best about your day:

- The whole thing
- I really liked the experiments
- Learning new things
- The teachers were good fun. I liked the topics. They were interesting.
- The teachers were passionate; some things were new; fun and interesting facts
- I made friends and had good teachers,

About the Canberra 'Festival of Workshops' – June 2006

- Matt's normal school day is pretty ho-hum. His excitement and enthusiasm for this program was a joy to see. He came home buzzing and eager to share his experiences (*M. Northfield*)
- Michael came home bursting with enthusiasm and wanting to go again straight away. (*M. Turnbell*)
- My son really enjoyed being able to use all his skills openly and unashamedly. (*T. Friel*)
- David came out full of enthusiasm and talked about the day all the way home. "Did you know this" and "did you know that ." Thank you for giving him a wonderful, fun-filled, eye-opening day. (*D. Patton*)
- Jessica had a fabulous day – I have rarely seen her as engaged and excited by a day's activities. Thank you. (*J. Gruen*)
- The day was very well organised. Ryan had a fantastic time. He was quite calm at the end of the day and talkative about the activities (*R. Turner*)
- Often Olivia will simply say her day was 'good' and when asked to tell me about it she will claim she 'didn't do much' or she 'can't remember'. Today, after G.A.T.E.WAYS, she said she had a wonderful day. She was animated, full of detailed explanations of the activities that she had done. She volunteered so much information. It was a delight to be with her and hear all about the day without me having to extract it from her. Thank you and congratulations to your staff providing such a thoughtful, age-appropriate, and well planned program (*R. Lindsey*)