

Dear GERRIC Supporter,

**An Important Message about July Small Poppies and Poppyseeds  
(14-15 & 17-18 July)**

As I'm sure you know, the celebrations for World Youth Day (WYD08) will be held in Sydney from Tuesday 15 to Sunday 20 July 2008. GERRIC's July *Small Poppies* and *Poppyseeds* programs are also scheduled for that week.

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and a huge influx of visitors to Sydney is anticipated. The NSW Government has recently announced 500 declared clearways and 300 road closures, including a quarter of the Central Business District which is expected to attract crowds of up to half a million people.

As Randwick Racecourse is a key World Youth Week venue, the UNSW campus - where our Gifted Student Programs are located - will be significantly affected. In addition the road closures and consequent high traffic loadings on other roads will also affect possible alternative venues that we might have utilised.

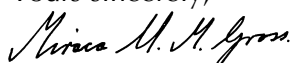
To guarantee our program service quality to you, as our valued supporters, **we have decided to postpone Small Poppies and Poppyseeds for the July 2008 school holidays.** Poppyseeds was scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July and Small Poppies for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but I am sure you will understand that this is due to circumstances beyond our control.

**Scientia Challenge and Junior Scientia, which run the previous week (7-8 & 10-11 July), will be going ahead as planned.**

As you can appreciate, rescheduling our younger Student Programs is a complex planning exercise - as soon as we have determined the new dates we will let you know. Please feel welcome to periodically check our website <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/> for the new dates.

I thank you for your continued support and patronage of GERRIC's Gifted Student Programs - and I do apologise again for the postponement of July's Poppyseeds and Small Poppies.

Yours sincerely,



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