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## *Gifted Resources News*

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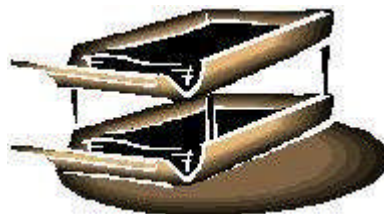
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There has been some confusion about this recently. Even my sister-in-law was caught by it! If you use other email or postal addresses there is a great chance I will not receive whatever you are sending me.



## WHAT'S IN THE IN TRAY?

These items have been received recently and can be found in the In Tray which is located on the Home page of Gifted Resources Website [www.giftedresources.org](http://www.giftedresources.org)

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

**BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK MEETING 7 August 08** [FLYER](#)

**BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM 15 August 2008** [FLYER](#)

**NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 16-24 August 08** [WEBSITE](#)

**GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest speaker Dr Glenison Alsop 26 August 08** [FLYER](#)

**THE ART OF CONVERSATION A new resources available from** [Gifted Resources](#) [MEDIA RELEASE](#)

**ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL GEMM PROGRAM 7 September 2008** [PROGRAM FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

**AUSTRALIAN MENSA GRANTS 2008 APPLICATIONS CLOSING 30 September 08**

For further details contact Cliff Schwarz

Australian Mensa Gifted student fund administrator phone ( 02) 66847134 [WEBSITE](#)

**THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 3** [FLYER](#)

**MINDFUL! Current focus** [FLYER](#)

**THE THINKER'S BRIDGE It's OK to be an introvert 28 October 08** East Melbourne Library, 122 George Street, East Melbourne (upstairs) [PDF FLYER](#)

### **ALISON BROWN**

Playing by the rules Social skills group for boys 5-8 year olds July - September 08 [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 9-12 year olds July - September 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls 5-7 year olds July - August 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls 8-12 year olds July - August 08 [FLYER](#)

**NEO Psychology School & Educational Psychologists Clinical Psychology Seminar Program for 2008** [PDF FLYER](#)

**Reaching Forward : Achieving Sustainability in Gifted Education** March 13 – 15 2009, Rotarua New Zealand. [WEBSITE](#)

**The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009** [PDF FLYER](#)

**Advance notice VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009** [PDF FLYER](#)

### **18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children Promoting the Dream**

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/>

## PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

### GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- \* "Mini Minds" - weekly activities for preschoolers
- \* "Primary Minds" - fortnightly activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- \* "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- \* Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- \* Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- \* Comprehensive members library
- \* Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

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**For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php#event6>**

### TERM THREE SPEAKER

“Smart Girls / Bright Boys: Are gender differences fact or furphy for Gifted Children” presented by Dr Glenison Alsop on behalf of Gifted Support Network

The issues surrounding achievement are complex and include not only levels of intelligence but also the contexts of home and school in addition to wider social interactions. Arguably how these are experienced can indeed be interpreted as a gender issue. What can be done about these gender issues? Come along and find out.

Tuesday 26 August, 7.45 – 9.30pm

Southern Community Church of Christ,

Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members bookings essential

RSVP [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org) or phone Louise 9578 8068

### 'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A new group for parents of gifted children in the Western region of Melbourne

We meet for coffee and a chat at:

Brown's Bakery

28 Pratt Street

Moonee Ponds

On the first Monday of each month at 9.30am

(Public and School holidays excluded)

Anyone interested is welcome to attend and if anyone has queries they may contact

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We are a small group and look forward to welcoming you.

## **MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.**

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday 7 May, 4 June, 2 July

If you have suggestions for family activities, guest speakers, etc. for 2007 please phone or email Jennifer or Louise.

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## **BOOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK MEETING**

Thursday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

Ashburton Primary School

(Fakenham Road, Ashburton, Melways 60 E9)

'The social and emotional needs of gifted children.'

Presented by Carmel Meehan

Two workshops - parents and teachers are invited to attend either session.

Session 1: 4.30 pm Teacher focused workshop, after school.

Session 2: 7 pm. Parent focused workshop, in the evening.

*This invitation is extended to interested teachers, parents and friends from Government, Catholic and Independent, primary and secondary schools.*

'The emotions are the heart and soul of giftedness....While the ability for cognitive learning is in the brain, the motivation for learning, for inner growth, for self actualization is emotional and is in the heart.' Annemarie Roeper. The social and emotional development of gifted children can be out of synch with that of their peers. This can lead to difficulties which can have a negative impact on their social relationships and academic development. This presentation will explore the social / emotional characteristics and needs of gifted students and some of the teaching strategies and class structures which can foster the development of positive social attitudes and supportive peer relationships.

Carmel Meehan was a primary principal for over twenty years and is currently an independent education consultant. She has had a lifelong passion for gifted education and has studied widely in the field. Carmel is the vice-president of the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC).

RSVP by August 5<sup>th</sup> to Boroondara Gifted Network Coordinator Dinah Waldie

e-mail to [waldie.dinah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:waldie.dinah.d@edumail.vic.gov.au) or phone 9885 2559 (just leave a message with the office staff)

## **ACTIVE MINDS WARRNAMBOOL (was S.W.A.M.)**

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria  
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Website [www.activeminds.org.au](http://www.activeminds.org.au)

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## **ACTIVE MINDS GEMM PROGRAM**

Active Minds will once again be running their exciting GEMM Program on 7 September 2008. Visit the [WEBSITE](#) or the In Tray for the [PROGRAM FLYER](#) and contact details

## **NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP**

Updated contact details

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children

For information contact President, Dennis Baker (02) 6059 1888 or 0437 369 522

or Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913

or Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

or got to website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>

## **DIMENSIONS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Regular Meetings, Billanook College Mooroolbark

ALL WELCOME

Stress in Gifted Children

Guest Presenter: Sally-Anne McCormack

15 August 7.30pm, Middle School Centrespace Billanook College

Care and Wellbeing for Parents of Highly Able Children

Guest Presenter: Julie Giles

27 October 7.30pm, Junior Resource Centre Billanook College

For more details contact the Dimensions Office,

on 9724 1158 or [emma.cornish@billanook.vic.edu.au](mailto:emma.cornish@billanook.vic.edu.au)

FOR A FULLER LIST OF PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS PLEASE SEE THE LIST ON GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE SERVICE LOCATOR

SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND DETAILS OF YOUR GROUP'S COMING EVENTS AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER AND/OR THE IN TRAY (NO COST INVOLVED)

## **THE THINKER'S BRIDGE**

### **It's OK to be an introvert!**

Find out why... and how to make the most of the introvert's wonderful, but often hidden, strengths.

**Speaker:** Jodie Valpied MEd

**When?** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 7:00pm

**Where?** East Melbourne Library, 122 George Street, East Melbourne (upstairs)

**Cost?** \$15 per adult (children free)

**For further information** Email: [jodie@thethinkersbridge.org](mailto:jodie@thethinkersbridge.org)

## **NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION**

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## GLENN EWIN

### Glenn Ewin has developed an interactive workshop to explain Visual Thinking

**Visual Thinking at its best** is learning how right brain functioning can be explained in a manner that strengthens a person's strategies, adapting how they use their skills to strengths rather than weaknesses.

This is an interactive workshop designed to explain just what it is that visual thinkers do in their heads. In this workshop we will explore the realities of visual thinking from a hands-on approach to gain a better understanding of what it is that we need to change in order to strengthen the gift of visual thinking.

**Glenn Ewin is** a practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming. NLP is a tool used to understand how people do things in the world. We model successful outcomes, breakdown inappropriate and weak strategies, and re form them into better suited ones. I am a whole brained thinker with a preference for visual processing. Having worked with a number of Visual Spatial people I feel it is time for a better understanding of this difference to be explored, worked with and taken out of the realm of difficult.

Glenn Ewin.

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## TAOC - THE ART OF CONVERSATION

### A new educational game resource available from Gifted Resources

Parenting a gifted child isn't always easy. Being a gifted child isn't always easy. And teaching gifted children can be very difficult indeed...

So many television shows focus on the gifted child from central casting – obedient, motivated and conscientious.

But anyone who has had much experience with these children will tell you that they are usually very individual.

There are as many types of gifted kids as there are of kids in general.

It's fair to say that many of these children lack social skills, and in particular, listening skills.

A new game which promises to help children develop as confident speakers, better listeners and great all round communicators, is expected to have special applications in gifted education.

Following the success of their original game, The Art of Conversation, creators Louise Howland and Keith Lamb have adapted the concept to create The Art of Conversation for Children (TAOC).

Suitable for players from five years to adults, TAOC helps children put complex ideas into words, share their ideas and feelings and respect the views of others.

It also helps them learn to wait their turn – no matter how compelling the information they may want to share – and to speak as clearly as possible. It can be equally valuable in toning down 'over-the-top' types, and in drawing out shy children.

The game may be played in nine different modes, both competitive and non-competitive – there's even a solo mode. Like the original game, it is professionally-accepted as a resource for use in therapy, education (including anti-bullying programmes), counselling and language teaching.

Most gifted children love to share their knowledge, but TAOC helps them to do it in a structured and coherent way, not in a rush. It can also be used with gifted children who suffer from autism spectrum disorders, such as Asperger's syndrome, to help them understand how different people experience the world in different ways.

TAOC will not only help children to become confident speakers and attentive listeners – it's also great fun for players of any age. It's also a handy dispute-resolution tool that can be used within families, school groups and other groups.

The original TAOC is now available in French and German editions, with three English language versions – the Australian original and US and UK variants. More editions are planned soon. The children's version was a logical next step, and provides a great way for gifted children, in particular, to learn new ways of effective communication.

For more information please contact Marie West, 182 High Street, Kangaroo Flat Australia

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## SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

REACH Education Consultancy Online Course  
<http://www.reachgifted.org.nz/onlinecourse.htm>

Find an expert - University of Melbourne  
<http://www.findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/>

Making mathematics  
<http://www2.edc.org/makingmath/default.asp>

Maths and Art  
<http://www.mathcats.com/explore.html>

[http://plus.maths.org/issue33/features/dartnell\\_art/](http://plus.maths.org/issue33/features/dartnell_art/)

<http://php.indiana.edu/~mathart/viewpoints/lessons/>

[http://www.intel.com/corporate/education/emea/eng/za/elem\\_sec/tools\\_resources/plans/tessellation/tessellation.htm](http://www.intel.com/corporate/education/emea/eng/za/elem_sec/tools_resources/plans/tessellation/tessellation.htm)

[http://maths.wrightrobinson.co.uk/new\\_page\\_2.htm](http://maths.wrightrobinson.co.uk/new_page_2.htm)

Thinking Ahead  
<http://www.thinkingahead.com.au/>

The Thinker's Bridge  
<http://www.thethinkersbridge.org/>

TAOC - The Art of Conversation  
<http://www.taoc.com.au/>

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