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•Has very interesting ideas, but weak in language mechanics (grammar, punctuation, etc)



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Sprite, my little twice exceptional character has been as busy as I have this month. I find her quite delightful but concede that she must drive some of her teachers to distraction!

She exhibits all of the characteristics of GLD students observed by Dr Linda Silverman and most of Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities.

She is exceptionally gifted but her learning differences and disabilities make it hard for her to demonstrate it and make her studies an exhausting experience for her.

She has a great thirst for knowledge and gathers so much by osmosis and intuition. She loves the research but hates writing the essay about it! And really hates the homework!

At the moment I am preparing another section of the Feetspeak:2E shoes material titled Good King Wenceslas and the Purple Riding Boots about the use of biographical studies and mentors in programs for twice exceptional students like my Sprite.



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 The links in the newsletter are not live – please go to the In Tray to access them

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS OUT ON THE TOWN PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest speaker Shaun Hatley 2 June 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

PG Retreat 2-6 July 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC July Workshops [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP BIG WEEK OUT Holiday Program 6-10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS NEXT STEP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 9-10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 28 June - 10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

NSWAGTC Conference November 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#) [CALL FOR PAPERS DOC](#)

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

**18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children
Promoting the Dream**

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7th 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)



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GUEST SPEAKER - GLENN EWIN

Visual thinking at its best!

Friday 31 July 2009

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136

Cost: \$20.00

Glenn Ewin from *Lifetime Learning's* presents,

Visual Thinking at it's best.

Having read many books written by some wonderful people and worked with some extremely talented visual thinkers, Glenn feels that it is time to unleash the secrets of visual thinking. The understanding of this difference in how people think has now been given great credence over the last few years and done much to ease the lives of many so called "learning disabled" people.

Whether you think in pictures, words, feelings or a mixture of all these modalities, your learning style is still quite individual. We now know that the greater majority of teachers are auditory sequential learners and also the largest portion of our medical professionals. Understandably, if you are an auditory sequential learner, you will thrive on words, systems and processes.

What is Visual thinking at its best?

Everything that we do in life involves a strategy. To remember something or perform a task, we use the same sequence every time. Visual thinkers usually have poor or inappropriate strategies to think, remember, organise and even write. The major reason this occurs is because the whole world is set up on a system of left brain, auditory sequential reasoning.

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

How do we do this?

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

Glenn 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. Glenn is a whole brained thinker with a preference for visual processing. Having worked with a number of Visual Spatial people he feels it is time for a better understanding of this difference to be explored, worked with and taken out of the realm of difficult.

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 28 JULY 2009

Phone (03) 97242452 or (03)9876 1349

Email jo@giftedresources.org

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

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is admin@giftedsupport.org

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

TERM 2 GUEST SPEAKER

"Helping the Gifted Survive and Prosper" presented by Shaun Hately on behalf of Gifted Support Network

Discussion will focus on mentoring gifted children and tips on surviving growing up gifted.

Shaun is a qualified primary teacher who has extensive experience in mentoring gifted children and adolescents.

Tuesday 2 June, 2009, 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 or phone Louise 9578 8068

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A 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

Tina McCarthy tina@tinamccarthydesign.com

or Sally-Ann Free

sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au Ph: 0425 779 829 **Note New email address for Sally Ann**

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

BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB
Mini/Primary Minds group

Sunday 21 June 2-5 pm

Scienceworks, 2 Booker St, Spotswood

Hands on science - plus the blockbuster Star Wars Exhibition:

<http://museumvictoria.com.au/Scienceworks/>

(no wet weather plan: indoor venue)

For details contact

Melissa Conley Tyler

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mobile 0409 765 787

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

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

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria contact :

PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Email: activeminds.au@gmail.com

Website www.activeminds.org.au

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 orgadvan@bigpond.net.au

Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire, Phillip island, Wonthaggi area

Megan Leigh would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire.

Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area who would be interested in getting together for a network

Contact Megan Leigh

PO Box 906

Cowes, 3922

Phone (03) 5672 3336

Mobile 0411 469 759

email indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au

Casterton and district area

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Casterton and District area

Contact : Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: antrim@netspace.net.au

Web: <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>

GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia
Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

FIREFLASH – program for gifted children.

May 11th 6pm- 7.30pm Group project work

June 15th 6pm – 7.30pm Project showcase night

Registration fees are \$25 per family per year. This primarily covers the cost of the hall, and other bits and pieces.

Please bring a plate of supper to share each week because the kids LOVE supper time!

Address: 40 Intrepid St, Berwick (off Enterprise Ave, opp Berwick station –home of The Winepress Church)

For details contact

Contact

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G.A.T.E.WAYS YEAR 7 - 10 July 6th 7th & 8th



Enrolments open on May 4th for G.A.T.E.WAYS fourth annual secondary program. Programs are city-based and use the city as a resource. Programs offered are as follows:

- Dive Into 3D Animation at the Alfred Brash SoundHouse (Arts Centre)
- Writers, Prepare For A Scare! (scary writing)
- Adorn Me! (fashion design)
- The Designer City (graphic design; architecture)
- Who Are You ? (genealogy; tracing a family tree)
- Daliesque at the National Gallery of Victoria (art program based on the blockbuster Dali Exhibition)
- The Green Gene at the Gene Technology Access Centre
- Raising the Curtain (the world of theatre)
- Flying High at Essendon Airport
- Beyond Reason at the Alfred Brash SoundHouse (music composition and computers)
- Pompeii Unearthed (archaeology/history based on the Pompeii exhibition)
- All Creatures Great and Small at Melbourne University Vet School
- It's Magic! (history and performance of magic in Melbourne)
- The Science Behind Dinosaur Art

The programs run from 9 – 4.30 each day and the cost for most programs is \$105.00

For program and enrolment details see www.gateways.edu.au

GIFTED – OGTOC ONLINE CONFERENCE WITH MARY RUTH COLEMAN

Please view www.giftedonlineconferences.com to get details and to sign up to participate in the June 18th webinar/conference. The guest expert is Mary Ruth Coleman Ph.D. The topic is 2E-Twice-Exceptionalities. Signup deadline is June 16th. If you have any questions you may contact OurGiftedOnlineConferences@Gmail.com with June 18 in the subject line.

Short Bio: Mary Ruth Coleman, Ph.D., is a senior scientist at the FPG Child Development Institute at the The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and research associate professor in the School of Education. Her research focuses on students with exceptional learning needs, in particular students with learning disabilities and students with gifts. Dr. Coleman has numerous publications and is the junior author on the 11th Edition of the seminal textbook, "Teaching Exceptional Children" by Samuel A. Kirk, James J. Gallagher, and Nicholas J. Anastasiow (2006). Dr.

Coleman served three terms on the Board of Directors for the Association for Gifted (TAG) one of which she was President and recently completed her third term on the Board of the National Association for Gifted Children. She is past President of the Council for Exceptional Children.

Dr. Coleman began her career as

a teacher in public and private elementary schools, with both regular classroom and special education assignments.

Please forward this information to all who may be interested in participating.

www.ourgiftedonlineconferences.com

Kind regards,

Sally L Admin & owner of OGTOC

Visit Gifted - OGTOC at: <http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com>

VAGTC presents:

2009 CONFERENCE - DIFFERENTIATION FOR GIFTED STUDENTS

The **Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children** is proud to bring **Carol Ann Tomlinson** to Melbourne for their forthcoming **2009 Conference**. Carol is an outstanding teacher whose practical approach to differentiation is powerful and inspiring.

Prof. Tomlinson's career as an educator includes 21 years as a public school teacher, including 12 years as a program administrator of special services for struggling and advanced learners. Currently, Prof. Tomlinson is a Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Virginia, where she was named Outstanding Professor in 2004. She is also Co-Director of the university's Institutes on Academic Diversity.

Special interests throughout Prof. Tomlinson's career have included curriculum and instruction for struggling learners and advanced learners, effective instruction in heterogeneous settings and encouraging creative and critical thinking in the classroom. She works throughout the U.S. and abroad with teachers whose goal is to develop more responsive heterogeneous classrooms.

Date: Wednesday, 12 and Thursday 13 August 2009
Time: 8.45am start Wednesday (Registration opens at 7.30am)
Location: CQ Function Centre, 113 Queen Street (cnr. Little Collins St)
Cost: VAGTC/AAEGT Members \$450.00 - Non Members \$495.00
All prices include GST.

Registration for the 2009 Conference is now open. Further details, and registration forms, are available from the VAGTC at PO Box 132, Caulfield South, Vic, 3162 - or via email at conference@vagtc.asn.au.

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENTS FORUM

Living with bright and capable young children can be an absolute delight, as they quickly develop and become increasingly aware of the world around them. This awareness and rapid development, however, often brings with it a heightened intensity in social, emotional and physical issues. Encountering frustrations and perfectionism in a 2 year old, an intense sense of fairness and social justice in a 4 year old, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge in a 6 year old can leave parents wondering how best to meet the needs of bright little children who seem to be “marching to the beat of a different drum”.

“Riding the Waves” is a **monthly forum** for parents of emotionally intense and gifted children. With a range of topics and techniques presented each month, this forum provides an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with parents sharing similar experiences. Come along to the topics that interest you or whichever months you are free. As well as general discussion, these monthly meetings will cover topics as follows:

- ❖ Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
- ❖ Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
- ❖ Modifying school and homework task

DATE: 4th Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7.30 – 8.30pm
VENUE: Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - **Mel Ref: 59E2**)
COST: \$35.00 per session

Private Suite 24 Robinson Street Malvern Vic 3144

Phone: (03) 9824 6617 Mobile: 0408 177982 Email: alisonbrown@PsychologyAndChildren.com.au

QAGTC Challenge 2009

Challenge 2009 is a Conference for the Gifted aimed at providing invaluable opportunities for gifted youngsters to experience the excitement of extending their learning in novel and engaging workshops where they will be encouraged to explore their potential.

To register you will need to choose your workshop topics for one or both days.

For a single day registration select just one workshop.

For a two day registration you can choose either a two day topic or a Tuesday and a Wednesday topic.

Fill in the registration form and post it with a signed Parental Consent form and your payment.

Registration closing date is Friday 12 June.

Places are reserved on a first come first served basis

The URL for this year is <http://www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009/index.html>

or briefly www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009

Please direct your queries to the Convenor, Judith Hewton, cc@qagtc.org.au

Regards, Ian
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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Bill Zimmerman

http://www.billztreasurechest.com/order_contact.html

The Davidson Academy

<http://www.youtube.com/user/DavidsonAcademyNV>

Children of the Code

<http://www.childrenofthecode.org/>

TED talk Joachim de Posada

[http://www.ted.com/talks/joachim de posada says don t eat the marshmallow yet.html](http://www.ted.com/talks/joachim_de_posada_says_don_t_eat_the_marshmallow_yet.html)

Some gifted checklists

<http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/gats/programs/organisation/checklists.htm>

Michael Grose Leadership Program resources

<https://www.youngleadersprogram.com.au/resources.php>

Eide Neurolearning Blogspot: Dr Sue Barry 'Fixing my gaze'

<http://www.eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/>

Dyslexic Advantage

<http://dyslexicadvantage.ning.com/>

ACARA

<http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp>

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