

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER APRIL 2009

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Gifted Resources News

APPROVALS AND BLESSINGS

Last week I visited the De Bono Institute in Melbourne and showed my Feetspeak presentation to the CEO, Susan Mackie. I wanted to make sure that I had used the De Bono Six Action Shoes correctly. Susan assured me that I had indeed used them correctly and that the presentation gave a powerful metaphor for the twice exceptional student.

And the week before that I was honoured to be introduced to Prof. Francoys Gagne when he was in Melbourne and was able to ask permission for my Sprite to road test the De Bono Action Shoes by trotting across his DMGT model diagram in the animations for my presentation. And he gave his blessing for me to use it that way in a very charming manner.

Prof. Gagne introduced an updated version of his DMGT model. He called it 2.0 You can read about it by following the links to the VAGTC and NSWAGTC in the Interesting Websites section of this newsletter

My Sprite was trotting across a previous version (2000 Update version) and the appearance of the DMGT model diagram has changed somewhat now

I will be giving the presentation on Friday 15 May 2009 See flyer in this issue of the newsletter and the Events section of Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org



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

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM 12 May 2009 Alison Brown Organisation for highly able students **PDF FLYER**

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G.A.T.E.WAYS TERM 2 2009 FLYER

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 2 FLYER 1 FLYER 2 FLYER 3 FLYER 4

OGTOC ONLINE 2E CONFERENCE 21-23 April 2009 with Drs Brock and Fernette Eide to benefit Karina Eide **FLYER** TO REGISTER GO TO WEBSITE

CHIP News BROCHURE

CHIP GEELONG Circus skills and clowning 26 April 2009 FLYER 1 FLYER 2

CHIP Work out with CHIP Holiday Program April 2009 FLYER

Monash Science Centre Holiday Program April 2009 FLYER

The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009 PDF FLYER

PG Retreat 2-6 July 2009 PDF FLYER WEBSITE

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 PDF FLYER PDF BROCHURE WEBSITE

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

Vancouver Canada August 3 -7th 2009.

http://www.worldgifted2009.com/ WEBSITE

Gifted Resources Speaker Evening

Jo Freitag presents



Feetspeak: 2E Shoes

Or

How a sprained ankle, Gagne's DMGT model and De Bono's Six Action Shoes helped me consider the needs of Twice Exceptional (2E) students: those who are gifted and have a learning disability

Friday 15 May 2009 7.00pm for 7.30pm start Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136 Cost: 20.00

Is there an ideal education program to cater for the needs of students who are both gifted and have a learning disability?

This entertaining presentation began life as a short chatty blog entry about Jo's sprained ankle and difficulty in finding shoes which could cater for both feet and the connection to finding programs for 2E students. However when she read articles on the topic and started to investigate the type of programs available for both gifted and learning disabled students using Edward De Bono's Six Action Shoes as a framework to consider courses of action; Jo discovered the reasons it is so difficult to cater simultaneously for both the gifted and learning disabled aspects of the twice exceptional student.

Along the way humorous anecdotes and animations and a series of Feetspeak cartoons about the practical problems caused by the sprained ankle help to raise awareness of how it feels to be a 'lame cheetah'

Jo Freitag

Jo Freitag, the mother of four gifted children, co-ordinates the not for profit Information Service, Gifted Resources Jo maintains the Gifted Resources website, develops a series of Film Discussions and produces the Gifted Resources email newsletter.

She has worked in public and school libraries and has home-educated two of her children at secondary level. She has also written teaching units and programs for Church Schools.

Jo has given presentations to parent support groups, national and international conferences on topics such as the needs of the gifted and importance of parent support groups, locating information relating to giftedness, film discussions and home educating gifted children

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 12 MAY 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

'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 gueries they may contact

Tina McCarthy tina@tinamccarthydesign.com

or Sally-Ann Free

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

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

ijgrant@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 460 759

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@qmail.com

FIREFLASH – program for gifted children.

March 2 nd	6pm – 7.30pm	Problem solving night
March 23 rd	6pm – 7.30pm	Group project work
April 20 th	6pm - 7.30pm	Group project work
May 11 th	6pm- 7.30pm	Group project work
June 15 th	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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Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

Dimensions Parents Forum 12.04.2009 ORGANISATION & STUDY SKILLS

Providing strategies & guidelines for effective learning (An Information Night for Parents and / or Students)

Bright students often sail through primary school, achieving high grades, with little or no effort. Whilst this makes the primary years enjoyable and easy, these same students often come crashing down in later secondary years when more than intellect alone is necessary to obtain those high results. For students who are not in the habit of doing homework, or who have not developed and practiced effective studying techniques, the study demands at this stage can be a little overwhelming, leaving students feeling disorganized, unmotivated, and doubting themselves and their ability to actually achieve their goals.

This seminar is suitable for both parents and students and looks at very practical ways in which students can manage their time and maximize their learning opportunities, including:

Time management – Prioritising - Understanding your work preferences - Studying & Note taking - Establishing good work habits - Goal setting and Rewards

Presenter: Alison Brown is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher and a parent. Alison brings experience from both an educational and psychological background. Having taught for seven years at Methodist Ladies' College, and worked as a school psychologist at Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Sydney, she has first-hand experience in recognising and catering for the social, emotional, and academic needs of students. Alison runs a private practice in Melbourne, working particularly in the areas of parenting, counselling and gifted children and is currently undertaking a PhD through La Trobe University.

RSVP essential Dimensions@billanook.vic.edu.au Dimensions office – 9724 1158

A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

OGTOC is proud to present an upcoming conference to be held April 21, 22, 23, 2009 on Gifted / 2E 8:30 PM to 10 PM EST.

Registration is required no later than April 18th for this Fundraiser conference to benefit Karina Eide, 12 year old daughter of Brock and Fernette Eide, who is battling a rare metastatic cancer.

Register online at http://www.karinasfund.blogspot.com

via mail at 6701 139th PL SW Edmonds WA 98026 Include check, contact, information, email address

Guest Experts: Drs Brock & Fernette Eide authors of The Mislabeled Child SCHEDULE:

Day 1: Understanding Gifted Children

Day 2: 2E Children: Dyslexia and Dysgraphia

Day 3: 2E Children: Sensory Processing, Attention 7 social challenges

DONATIONS greatly appreciated for more, but no less than

\$40 for 3 days OR \$30 for 2 days per registrant.

Sessions will be archived and available for 3 weeks after the conference.

Individuals who missed the conference may also donate

and view during the following 3 weeks.

Computer requirements: Browsers - Internet Explorer or Firefox using Adobe Flash and speakers

Please know that a flyer is available and permission to post this information about the Gifted/ Twice Exceptional Webinar to benefit Karina's Health Fund is granted.

Thanks for reading and your consideration to donate and participate in the OGTOC Webinar April 21-23, 2009 to benefit Karina.

Kindest regards,

Sally_L owner & admin

PS Drs Eides have been past guest experts on OGTOC and all participants were very pleased to have had the opportunity to learn from these nationally recognized experts.

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

From Kylie Walker

Hi Everyone,

Many of you are aware that in addition to my voluntary work with NSWAGTC (as SSGAT coordinator) I recently started my own gifted education consultancy.

I have been asked by many or you to start holding kids workshops on weekends in the southern end of Sydney. Well, I have finally done it!

I need to make you all aware that I am running these workshops privately...not for the NSWAGTC. In order to ensure there is not conflict of interest I wanted to explicitly point this out and encourage you to also attend Explorama in the holidays. Explorama is run by NSWAGTC and details can be found on their website- I am also presenting a kids workshop there. I will, however, be giving a discount to NSWAGTC members as with all my fees. Please visit: www.soundsuccess.com.au and go to the workshop page for more information. I have also attached a flier for you to pass onto anyone who may be interested.

I am really excited about this step forward for gifted education in the southern suburbs and can't wait to work with your kids.

Kind Regards,
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Gifted Education Consultant
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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)

VAGTC/AAEGT Members \$450.00 - Non Members \$495.00

All prices include GST.

Early bird discounts of 11% are available for all registrations

received by Thursday, 30 April.

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:

Social interactions (March 2009)
 Thirst for knowledge (April 2009)
 Organisational skills (May 2009)
 Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
 Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
 Modifying school and homework task

DATE: 4th Tuesday of each month

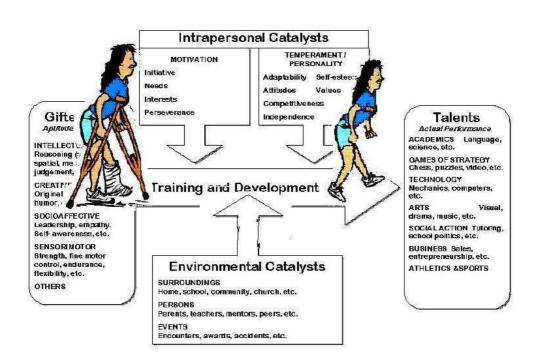
TIME: 7.30 – 8.30pm

VENUE: Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - Mel Ref: 59E2)

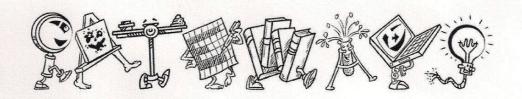
COST: \$35.00 per session

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With favourable influences from Intrapersonal and Environmental Catalysts both Gifted and Twice Exceptional (gifted with learning disabilities) students can successfully complete the transition from giftedness to talent on Gagne's DMGT model (2000 Update version) diagram



G.A.T.E.WAYS IN TERM 2

G.A.T.E.WAYS is now enrolling for the following Journeys and On Location programs:

At Bonbeach PS

- o Landlubbers Beware Grade 1/2 (drama)
- o At The Crossroads With Cairo Jim Grade 3/4 (literature and writing)
- Tune In We're On Air Grade 5/6 (making a radio program)

At Banyule PS

- Chest of Mysteries Grade 1/2 (problem solving)
- o Early Exploits and Extraordinary Events Children in History Grade 3/4 (history)
- o My Family and Other Animals Grade 5/6 (writing)

At Knox Gardens PS

- o Landlubbers Beware Grade 1/2 (drama)
- o The Art of War- Kung Fu Chess Grade3/4 (chess)
- o From Magic to Medicine Grade 5/6 (history)

At Fitzroy PS

- o Time and Tide- Grade 1/2 (science)
- o From Panther to Purr and from Wolf to Woof- Grade 3/4 (science and art)
- o The Mind of Moebius Grade 5/6 (maths)

At Kilvington GGS

- o Mordant and Me- Grade 1/2 (philosophy)
- o Journey to the Land of Nod-Grade3/4 (maths)
- o Many Gears Make Light Work- Grade 5/6 (technology)

At Eltham East PS

- o Blowing In the Wind- Grade 1/2 (science)
- o Switched On! Grade 3/4 (electronics)
- Look Out It's Raining Grade 5/6 (philosophy)

At Burwood Heights PS

- o Dinorama- Grade 1/2 (science and art)
- o How Inventive-Grade3/4 (technology)
- o Beat Street- Grade 5/6 (dance)

At The Alfred Brash SoundHouse, Arts Centre

- o Sculpting With Sound- Grade 5/6 (science and computing)
- o Imaginate- Grade 5/6 (publishing)

At Sh@re CC - Firbank GGS

o Go RoboGirl – Grade 5/6 girls (robotics)

G.A.T.E.WAYS will be enrolling shortly for the term 2 Eureka program 'Maths on the Move' (last week of March

Information will be available early in Term 2 for : Year 7 – 10 'Out On The Town' program
Grade 6 Seminar Program
Mid year Festival of Workshops at Firbank GGS

See www.gateways.edu.au for all program details

To enrol: speak to your school co-ordinator or ring G.A.T.E.WAYS ON 9894 2116

FROM BETH GREEN

My name is Beth and I volunteer to help spread the word about a new free Obsessive compulsive disorder online support group.

As I know this falls within your interest I thought that you might want to help us in the quest to reach as many people as possible (the more people know about the group the better help they will get). You can support us in many ways (not financially): telling people you know, linking to it, writing a blog or forum post and participating in the group discussions.

Your help is much needed and any support will be most appreciated. You can check out the group at: mdjunction.com/obsessive-compulsive-disorder

Sincerely, Beth Green, POB 200067, Pittsburgh, PA

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

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

http://www.challengeyourstudents.org/

http://www.ms.unimelb.edu.au/~mums/puzzlehunt/

Wombat Education http://www.wombateducation.net/

Poisson rouge

http://www.poissonrouge.com/

Learning Difficulties Coalition http://www.ldc.org.au/

Sound Success

http://www.soundsuccess.com.au/default.htm

All in the mind blog http://blogs.abc.net.au/allinthemind/

The Art of Problem Solving

http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Resources/AoPS R Problems.php

The Art of problem solving forum

http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Forum/index.php

Fantasticcontraption

http://www.fantasticcontraption.net/

Learning Difficulties Coalition (NSW)

http://www.ldc.org.au/default.html

Gagne in NSW

http://www.nswagtc.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=394:professor-gagnes-presentation&catid=38:for-teachers&Itemid=81

Gagne in Victoria

http://www.vagtc.asn.au/

Drs. Brock and Fernette Eide Dyslexia Talent Blogspot

http://dyslexiatalent.blogspot.com/

George Betts Autonomous Learner Conference

http://www.alpspublishing.com/

Yates gardening club

http://www.yates.com.au/kids-gardening/school-stuff/school-grants

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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