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Gifted Resources News

"No, you're not a twit if you twitter" says Jennifer Goddard, director of the Buzan Centre in Australia and New Zealand and co-founder of Mindwerx International http://blogs.bnetau.com.au/aussierules/2009/06/18/no-youre-not-a-twit-if-you-twitter/

And Sally L, Admin & Creator of OGTOC http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/ agrees and has prompted OGTOC members to start twittering.

Carolyn K of Hoagies, the all things gifted page http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/ twitters too and has offered RSS feed for a long time now

I have mentioned Twitter in the newsletter before and in 2006 I wrote a teaching unit titled The Twitter Tree www.giftedresources.org/jo

But until now I have not participated in Twitter myself.

Now very carefully, cautiously and conservatively I have started to tweet also. It is good to receive the updates of the people I am following and I now have a few followers myself. The first few who requested to follow me seemed to be just compiling contact lists and I declined their requests. But since then I have made some great contacts.

So if you twitter, please look me up!



c. Jo Freitag 2009



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

GERRIC Call for expressions of interest in a weekend course for parents of G&T children in Melbourne LETTER

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 FLYER

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS 2009 PDF FLYER

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS FLYER 1 FLYER 2

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days WEBSITE

G.E.M.M. Warrnambool Program 26 July 2009 FLYER

18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children Promoting the Dream Vancouver Canada 3-7 August 2009. WEBSITE

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 PDF FLYER PDF BROCHURE WEBSITE

SUE LARKEY Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome 4 September 2009 FLYER

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 3 Guest speaker Dr Leonie Kronborg 10 September 2009 FLYER

WISEONES 12 Annual Conference 'Know thyself' 16 October 2009 FLYER

NSWAGTC Conference 1-2 November 2009 WEBSITE FLYER PDF

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

ABN 36 138 819 595



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 3 GUEST SPEAKER

"Identifying Gifted Students at Home and in the Classroom" presented by Dr Leonie Kronborg on behalf of Gifted Support Network

Discussion will cover the characteristics of gifted children, a range of identification procedures and the implications of why gifted students need to be identified early and for their talents to be developed. Dr Kronborg will also report on the latest research presented at the 2009 World Council for Gifted and Talented Children conference in Vancouver.

7.45 - 9.30pm, Thursday 10 September 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 (after 6pm)

For further information about Gifted Support Network please refer to the website www.giftedsupport.org.

Carolyn Priest Secretary Gifted Support Network Inc Phone: 9576 5137

'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

<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.

BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB Mini/Primary Minds group

For details contact Melissa Conley Tyler m.conleytyler@gmail.com 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 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: <u>activeminds.au@gmail.com</u> Website <u>www.activeminds.org.au</u>

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

G.E.M.M. JULY 26th 2009

All workshops are at Warrnambool College on Grafton Road in Warrnambool. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement to sign in and prepare for the workshops. Registrations should be sent to Leni Brockmuller, Treasurer, Active Minds, P.O. Box 584, Warrnambool, Victoria, 3280 before the cut off date. See attached application form.*Workshops may be added/deleted according to demand. Participants will be notified at the close of the registration period as to their acceptance.

MEMBER: price per workshop-Early Bird
One session \$5.00 Two sessions \$10.00
NON MEMBER: price per workshop- Early Bird
One session \$20.00 Two sessions \$35.00
Add \$5.00 to each workshop for the Non-Early
Bird Registration Option i.e. if you register late after Monday 20th July

Please mail your completed application to Leni Brockmuller, Treasurer @ PO BOX 584, Warrnambool 3280.

More details contact Carolyn Jennings, President activeminds.au@gmail.com 03 55620915 or 0439369394 For full details see Flyer and Registration form in the In Tray on Gifted Resources home page www.giftedresources.org

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 Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

G.A.T.E.WAYS BRAINWAVES CLUB SECOND SEMESTER 2009

There are some vacancies in the G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club for semester 2 at both venues At Ivanhoe there are vacancies in:

CheckMates

Apprentices

Einsteins

At Brighton there are vacancies in all clubs except the Munchkins and the DinoMites. The Brighton venue also has a new club for Bright Buttons (Preps). There is one vacancy left in this club.

All club outlines are available on G.A.T.E.WAYS website http://www.gateways.edu.au/

Giant Research Race steps up a notch

Several thousand young brains around the country are flexing in preparation for one of the year's most exciting school academic contests: The Great Race. This contemporary online competition for primary and secondary school students is based on social science subjects and current world events, and is set to commence its third round on Monday 3 August.

The Great Race is the kingpin in the broad program of finely-tuned learning resources pioneered by Tasmanian company Giant Classroom. The innovative education tool, launched in 2004, has evolved this year into an exhilarating elimination competition concluding an end-of-year Grand Final.

The knockout competition presents students with ten questions each week that are based on a topical international issue. This runs for four five-week rounds, for a total of 20 weeks throughout the year. Recent topics have included the global financial crisis, the Beijing Olympics and Chinese Tibet.

Students submit their answers online and can check their results and rankings against other schools in a friendly real-time environment; creating a "thinking frenzy," as described by former teacher and Giant Classroom founder David Reid.

However, the Great Race also challenges participants to refine their research skills by exploring a variety of information resources, which often proves highly successful in re-engaging students with their school library.

"The look on the students' faces was so precious to me – the sheer glee of gathering knowledge under pressure. If only more learning could take place this way," remarks teacher and Great Race participating coordinator K Bishop of Tamworth of a previous Race.

The third round for the 2009 Great Race knockout competition will commence on Monday 3rd August and the last round on 19th October.

The leading five students from each state after each round will be invited into the Grand Final which will involve answering 30 questions live online in a restricted timeframe. The prize for the winning student will be the choice of either a laptop computer or an iPhone.

For further details or interview, contact:

Darren Gavin, Giant Classroom: Darren@GiantClassroom.com.au

OGTOC Webinar on 2E students which was held recently was conducted by Drs. Brock and Fernette Eide as a fund raiser for their daughter, Karina, who is battling cancer. The excellent 3 day Webinar can now be purchased on DVD For details see http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/04/gifted-2e-webinar-with-eides-now.html

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.

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.

PARENTS OF G&T CHILDREN - Call for expressions of interest for a weekend course in Melbourne Dear GERRIC friends,

Is Your child: more able academically, ... more intense, ...more demanding than others of the same age? Do you suspect, or have you been told, that your child is gifted? Are you feeling unsure about how to be an effective parent to

your gifted child?

For several years now GERRIC has successfully delivered its parenting course in NSW. We now want to extend this great opportunity to parents of gifted children in Victoria. Would you like GERRIC to deliver a two day weekend course for parents in Victoria in 2009?

PLEASE REPLY with your expression of interest by Monday 29th JUNE 2009, and indicate if you would like to attend as a SINGLE OR DOUBLE participant.

Fees, further details and brochure:

http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt_yrch.html

Kind Regards, Miraca Gross

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GERRIC: Meeting the educational, social and emotional needs of gifted children and adolescents by conducting and fostering research and by providing services to these children, their families and schools.

FROM ALISON BROWN

My name is Alison Brown. I am a child psychologist working in Malvern. Over the last 6 years I have run a range of social skills workshops for children, focusing on issues of friendship for girls, and communication and social skills for boys. These programs are designed for children in regular schools, experiencing some problems fitting in or socialising. The workshops are run by qualified psychologists, and are limited to 6-8 children per group.

Please find attached flyers for 3rd term social skills groups. The groups running in third term are as follows:

"Playing by the Rules" (5 - 8 year old boys)

- A social skills program focusing on communication, joining in, taking turns, becoming resilient etc
 - Thursday afternoons (6 weeks)
 - 5.00 6.00pm
 - Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)

"Playing by the Rules" (9 - 12 year old boys)

- A social skills program focusing on communication, joining in, taking turns, becoming resilient etc
 - Tuesday afternoons (6 weeks)
 - 4.30 5.30pm
 - Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)

"The Rainbow Connection" (5 - 8 year old girls)

- A social skills / friendship program focusing on joining in, being assertive, coping with teasing, making friends etc.
 - Thursday afternoons (6 weeks)
 - 6.00 7.00pm
 - Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)

"The Rainbow Connection" (9 - 12 year old girls)

- A social skills / friendship program focusing on joining in, being assertive, coping with teasing, making friends etc.
 - Tuesday afternoons (6 weeks)
 - 5.45 6.45pm
 - Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)

Parents may also be interested in the monthly forums on parenting gifted children, "Riding the Waves" held at Melbourne University Private in Hawthorn.

Feel free to display flyers, or pass on information to interested parents.

If you would like to discuss any of these programs, I can be contacted by phone or email (below), with further information also available on my webpage (below).

With kind regards,

Alison Brown
Psychologist
Melbourne Children's Clinic
2 / 321 Camberwell Road
Camberwell, 3124
(03) 9813 5700
Mob: 0408 177982

www.psychologyandchildren.com.au







RIDING THE WAVES!

(Raising emotionally intense and gifted children) A PARENT 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, an insatiable thirst for knowledge in a 6 year old, and an overly-burdened awareness of the world in an 8 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.

Emotional Intensity (February 2010)

Thirst for Knowledge (May 2010)

Social interactions (June 2010)

Underachievement / Motivation (March 2010)

Perfectionism / self-esteem (April 2010)

As well as general discussion in each forum, these monthly meetings will cover topics as follows:

- Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
- Modifying school & homework tasks (July 2009)
- Choosing schools / talking to teachers (August 2009)
- How to explain "being gifted" to children (Oct 2009)
- ❖ Individuality vs need to conform (November 2009)
- **DATE:** 4th Tuesday of each month
- TIME: 7.30 8.30 pm (tea / coffee & biscuits)
- VENUE: Melbourne University Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road Mel Ref: 59E2)
- COST: \$20.00 per session (Rebates available through most private health funds or through Medicare with a GP referral)

Alison Brown is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher, and a parent. She has been a committee member and Vice President of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children over six years, has presented at a number of state, national and international conferences in the areas of technology, gifted education, and psychology, and has provided extensive consultation and training programs to schools in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Switzerland and Germany. Alison brings experience from both an educational and psychological background. Having taught for seven years at Methodist Ladies' College, Melbourne, 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 undertaking a PhD at La Trobe University looking at the benefits of using narrative therapy in counseling with children.

(Email: alisonbrown@psychologyandchildren.com.au) Phone: (03) 9824 6617/www.psychologyandchildren.com.au)

RIDING THE WAVES (Parent Forum)

 $\rm I/we$ are interested in attending the Parent Forums run by Alison Brown on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Melbourne University, Hawthorn Campus, Auburn Road

Names:		¥
Phone:	Mobiles:	·
Email:		38
Number attending:	Cost: \$20 per person per session	Cash / Cheque / EFT

Mail to: 24 Robinson Street, Malvern 3144 (Phone: (03) 9824 6617 Email: alisonbrown@psychologyandchildren.com.au)

Direct bank deposit to: NAB / Alison Brown – Psychologist / BSB: 083166 / Account: 560401451



WiseOnes

12th Annual

Conference

Friday

16th October

2.30 - 9pm

Includes Dinner

Waverley RSL

Coleman Pde,

Melways Map 71, C2/3

4 hr Parking to 6pm across the street .

\$ 75 pp

Register by

September 19th

Ph 03 9794 8258

Certificates for teachers' VIT points.

"Know Thyself"

"Before we can understand others, we need to understand ourselves".

Come and find out, in full privacy, facts about yourself that you had not realized before. It's for teachers and parents;. Get a baby sitter for this and have a divergent afternoon and night out.

Session1 2.30-4pm

Who am I?

We will use a range of instruments to help you find out and self mark, in privacy, your own results. Find your IQ range and what it means, your personality and what it means. We'll model teaching the gifted child.

Afternoon tea 4-4.30 in the room

Session 2 4.30-6pm

Recognizing Our Instinctive Behaviours

Guest speaker Elinor Meney from Instinx

Dinner 6-7.30 pm

Included in the registration and caters for sensitive systems and vegetarians. Have time to talk to others. Drinks at own expense.

Session 3 7.30-9pm

Implications for Teaching the Gifted Child.

Workshop style learning.

Register by email with name and address to patwise@tpg.com.au.

then

EFT \$75 pp to **WiseOnes**, Bendigo Bank 633000 Account 121096531 with **name a**nd code **WC12** or deposit cash into that account at any Bendigo Bank.

Cheques to Suite 17, 245 Thomas St Dandenong 3175



For full details see the flyer and registration form in the InTray on Gifted Resources home page www.giftedresources.org

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Fuzz2buzz www.fuzz2buzz.com

Tony Buzan's iMind Map http://www.imindmap.com/

Bendigo holiday program

http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/chance-to-be-challenged-taken-as-a-gift/1554139.aspx

Gapminder

http://www.gapminder.org/

http://www.gapminder.org/faq_frequently_asked_questions/#can I

FlashcardExchange http://www.flashcardexchange.com/

Peter's Online typing course http://www.typing-lessons.org/

Ilumina - National Digital Science Library http://www.ilumina-dlib.org/

ECalc Maths Help

http://www.ecalc.com/math-help/

Book in hand

http://www.bookinhand.com.au/index.html

Sue Larkey

http://www.suelarkey.com/

New look Visual Spatial Resource website

http://www.visualspatial.org/

Allie Golon website

http://www.visual-learners.com/index.html

Allie Golon downloadable articles about VSL

http://www.visual-learners.com/articles-visual-spatial-learners.html

ZigZagZine

http://zigzagzine.com/

Moodle

http://demo.moodle.org/

Bridges Academy

http://www.bridges.edu/

Michael on Mind Mapping

http://www.michaelonmindmapping.com/

Drs Eide :Stealth dyslexia in gifted children

http://www.slideshare.net/drseide/stealth-dyslexia-in-gifted-children-1565818

http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2005/09/stealth-dyslexia-when-writing-is.html

Slideshare - Present yourself

http://www.slideshare.net/

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If you have news of events, conferences, lectures, workshops, children's programmes, etc. that you would like included in our newsletter please email contributions@giftedresources.org

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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