



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

A NEW PAGE ON GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE

Feetspeak: 2E shoes

I have just added a new page to the Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org – a page dedicated to Feetspeak: 2E shoes giving information about the topics included and the topics that are still being developed.

Feetspeak: 2E shoes is about planning programs that will be suitable for gifted students who also have a learning difficulty or different learning style using Edward De Bono's 6 Action Shoes as the planning tool.

I also intend to add a Cheetah page soon.
You will notice that the sidebar has been slightly reorganised.

SPRITE'S SITE BLOG

Sprite is my little twice exceptional cartoon character. She is the Poster Child for my Feetspeak: 2E shoes presentations. Contrary to popular belief Sprite is not me or any of our children. She is a composite figure. She is always depicted as having an injured ankle and needing to wear different shoes on each foot to illustrate the concept that she needs educational provisions for both her giftedness and her learning difference and disability.

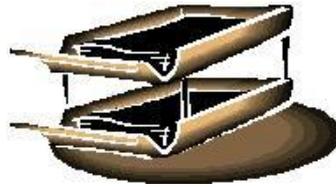
She has a great thirst for knowledge and gathers so much by osmosis and intuition. She loves the research but hates writing the essay about it! And really hates the homework!

I use Sprite's Site Blog to present information about programs, books, events etc and to have fun with a few amusing anecdotes and flights of fancy about Sprite. We have covered a few heavy topics there also such as the Black Dog series of entries about depression.

TWITTER

I love Twitter. I am following some great teachers, gifted education consultants, thinking skills experts, technical gurus, authors and wise, caring parents. It gives me many more interesting website links to share with you.





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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 4 Speaker David Harrison 26 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

ALBURY-WODONGA GIFTED SUPPORT GROUP Jo Freitag Feetspeak 27 October 2009

WANGARATTA HIGH SCHOOL Jo Freitag Gifted and Learning Disabled 28 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

CHIP FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP GEELONG INC Back to school 2010 1 November 2009 [FLYER](#)

NSWAGTC Conference 1-2 November 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#)

MIND AND ITS POTENTIAL CONFERENCE Sydney 2-3 December 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK book Stomp out the ANTs Publication 4 December 2009

N.A.G.C. Virtual Convention November 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

STARJUMP AND AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE Helen Dudaney Visual Spatial Learners workshop 12 November 2009 [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festival of Workshops 10-11 and 14-15 December 2009 [WEBSITE](#)

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 [FLYER](#)

GERRIC STUDENT PROGRAMS 2010 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#)

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

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

DR. SUSAN NIKAKIS Expert educators - a handbook for new and inexperienced teachers [FLYER](#)

PLIESE PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

SUE LARKEY AND TONY ATTWOOD WORKSHOP DATES [WEBSITE](#)

**11th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE GIFTED 2010 29 SYDNEY July - 1 August 2010 [WEBSITE](#)
Call for Papers [WEBSITE](#)**

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" - activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - 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 4 GUEST SPEAKER

"Liaising with your gifted child's school" presented by David Harrison

on behalf of Gifted Support Network

This presentation will explore strategies and approaches available to parents in effectively liaising with the many educators involved with their child's schooling, including principals, teachers and gifted program coordinators.

7.45 - 9.30pm, Monday 26 October

Southern Community Church of Christ,

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

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members bookings essential (payment on the night)

RSVP admin@giftedsupport.org or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

'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

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

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.au

CLIFTON HILL GOLD ST P.S.

Clifton Hill Gold St P.S. now has a parent support group gifted@goldstreetparents.org

On Tuesday 15th September they held a meeting in the library at Clifton Hill PS, 185 Gold St Clifton Hill where Principal Mr Geoff Warren, together with educational psychologist Dr. Glen Alsop, experienced in the management of children with high intellectual potential, from CHIP spoke

They plan to have another evening in term 4 discussing SEAL schools and other options for secondary schooling.

They are a new, small parents' group and usually meet informally for chats and coffee or just by email. New members from the Gold St community are warmly welcomed.

<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/goldstreetgifted/>

Contact goldstreetgifted@gmail.com if you have any queries or plan to come.

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

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES

[NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP](#)

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

For information contact

Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913

Phone: 02 60215913

Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073

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

G.A.T.E.WAYS end of year 'Festivals of Workshops'

The Prep Festival will be held at Firkbank Grammar School on Thursday December 10th and Friday December 11th from 9.30 - 3.15. There will be a choice of twelve programs each day, with each program comprising a different morning and afternoon workshop. Children can attend for one or both days.

The Grade 1 - 6 Festival will be held at Wesley College, Glen Waverley, on Monday December 14th and Tuesday December 15th. Once again there will be a wide range of workshops from which to choose.

Staggered enrolments open on October 19th. Festival and enrolment details will be available on www.gateways.edu.au from September 28th.

Parents may enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS for this program.

“A new idea is delicate. It can be killed by a sneer or a yawn...stabbed to death by a quip...worried to death by a frown...” - C. Brower

News from GERRIC

It is with great excitement we advise that the 2010 GERRIC Student Programs Brochure is **now available!**

Visit the GERRIC website now to check out what NEW workshops GERRIC has on offer in 2010.

For full brochure, workshop descriptions and January 2010 application forms:

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/>

Require further information?

ph: 1800 626 824

email: gerric@unsw.edu.au

www: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au>

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2010 Student Programs!

Does your teacher have a CERTIFICATE OF GIFTED EDUCATION?

For more details: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/tchr_coge.html

Kind Regards,

The GERRIC Student Programs team

GERRIC

Gifted Education Research Resource and Information Centre

The University of New South Wales

UNSW SYDNEY NSW 2052

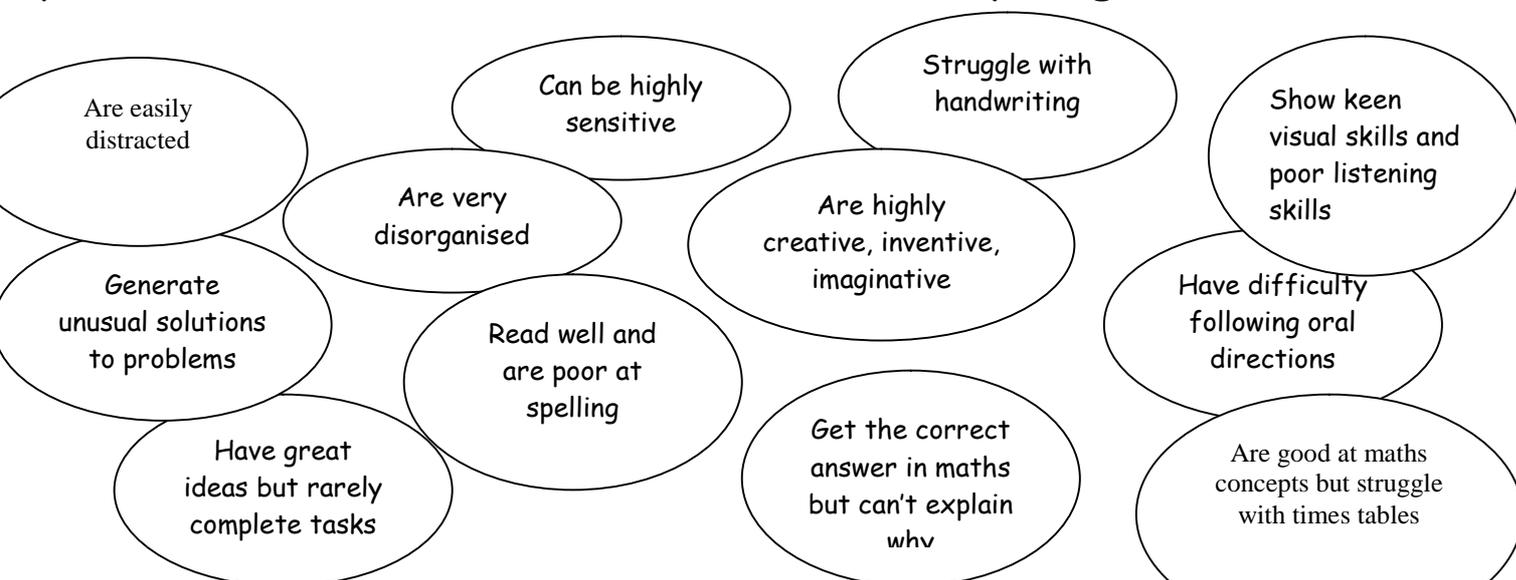
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Web: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au>



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS and TEACHERS you have a child or student who is obviously bright BUT:



Then this workshop is for you.

DATE: Thursday 12th November, 2009 7.00pm – 9.30pm

VENUE: CLIFTON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL, 185 Gold Street CLIFTON HILL

COST: \$30.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple (handouts and afternoon tea provided)

DISCOUNT RATE: \$20.00 Per person or \$35.00 per couple

****Discount for Clifton Hills School Community, Starjump Schools and clients, Members of VAGTC or SPELD Vic**

Online Booking Essential - visit <http://visualspatialcliftonhills.eventbrite.com>

PAYMENT : BY Credit Card – Paypal on booking site or manually by

EFT to BSB 032 179 Account 239711

Cheque payable to Australian Gifted Support Centre and mailed with order to P O Box 500 Winston Hills 2153

PRESENTER: Helen Dudeney (M.Ed, COGE,) of The AUSTRALIAN GIFTGED SUPPORT CENTRE is a consultant and teacher with expertise in working with gifted children and a special interest in the identification and needs of gifted visual spatial learners who are experiencing school based learning problems.

NEWS FROM ANNE JACKSON

The time has come to announce that due to the ever increasing costs of petrol, the outlay involved in running my Burwood base and several exciting family issues, I have sold the property at 381 Burwood Hwy.

So..... 381 Burwood Hwy will close forever on 5/12/09. However Mindful! **will** continue from a base in Parkdale.

To cope with the shift and a trip to the UK I will stop working on 5/12/09. I will work on 11th, 18th, 25th January and restart full time on 1/2/10.

Please contact me soon with regard to your potential needs next year.

Anne Jackson
Phone 0402 300 784
Email: AJxn@bigpond.com

Fun and challenging activities for gifted children

Laura Parsons has launched her new website Fun and challenging activities for gifted children and her "Games-In-A-Box" project <http://giftedchildren.webs.com/>

In her email she told me
I'm excited about my "Games-In- A- Box" project.
I think it would be ideal for country people esp. homeschoolers too
Even when you live in a city it can be hard (& expensive) to find good educational games and puzzles.
I have also written a book entitled "Mindgames" which is almost ready to go.
It is currently ready as an ebook via my website.

Laura Parsons and Games-In-A-Box will be featured on Sprite's Site Blog soon

Laura Parsons can be contacted at
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ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010

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For full details see the Flyer in the InTray on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK

1. Change of website address - now www.WebPsychologist.com.au Please change your bookmarks.
2. Her first book being published on **December 4th!** It is a short book called "**Stomp Out The ANTs**" (ANT is an acronym for Automatic Negative Thoughts) which is ideal for those who have been challenged by depression or anxiety, those who know people who have negative thinking patterns, or those who want to have more control over their thoughts.
3. Next "Stomp Out The ANTs" prevention program for children and adolescents from Grade 5 to Year10 runs for 6 weeks next term in the week starting October 19. If your child/teen has a Mental Health Care Plan, it includes up to 12 individual sessions AND up to 12 group sessions, so they can claim a partial rebate through Medicare.
4. A new website will be up and running shortly called "Cyber Psych". Sally-Anne has been doing a lot of media interviews with regards to Cyber Bullying as well as Internet Addiction. On ABC 774 radio on **October 5th** from **3pm - 4pm** she will be participating in an interesting interview with some audio clips of teens who have been involved in Cyber Bullying (both victims AND perpetrators).

Sally-Anne McCormack

Phone(03) 881 22 373

www.WebPsychologist.com.au

www.ParentsOnline.com.au

And soon... www.CyberPsych.com.au

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

TED Talks Willard Wigan Hold your breath for microsculpture

<http://ow.ly/qvzB>

RPG Gamemaker XP

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xifmDDU8HDM>

Sound Success

<http://www.soundsuccess.com.au/>

Radio National Life Matters interview with Rosemary Tannock re ADHD

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2009/2693372.htm>

High Ability Blog

<http://highability.wordpress.com/>

Nathan Sawaya The Brick Artist

<http://brickartist.com/>

Math forum sketchup

<http://mathforum.org/sketchup/>

RTI for gifted? Are you sure!?!? Blog entry

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/unwrapping_the_gifted/2009/08/rti_and_the_gifted.html

2E newsletter Blogspot

<http://2enewsletter.blogspot.com/>

Teach a gifted kid blogspot

<http://teachagiftedkid.com/2009/10/16/gifts-and-talents-coaching-and-the-classroom/>

Reactiongrid
<http://reactiongrid.com/>

Thinkfinity teacher resources
<http://www.thinkfinity.org/EducatorHome.aspx>

Google's 80/20 formula
<http://smartstorming.wordpress.com/2009/10/05/379/>

Adrian Bruce's Roman numerals webquest
http://www.adrianbruce.com/roman_numerals/roman_numerals.htm

My Friend quest
<http://www.myfriendquest.com/#>

Beautiful Minds article
http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/pdf/magazine16_09_09.pdf

Conversation clock
<http://social.cs.uiuc.edu/projects/conversationclock.html>

Excerpt from Queen bees and wannabees
<http://www.docstoc.com/docs/13215622/Queen-Bees-and-Wannabes-by-Rosalind-Wiseman---Excerpt>

Monash Science School
<http://www.theage.com.au/national/education/getting-down-to-specifics-20091016-h0w7.html>

Fun and challenging activities for gifted children
<http://giftedchildren.webs.com/>

Colorado Dept of Education resources
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/gt/publications.htm>

A letter to gifted children from Linda Silverman
http://www.gifteddevelopment.com/LS_Column/letter.htm

Alcumus
<http://www.artofproblemsolving.com/Alcumus/Introduction.php>

The Quirkles
<http://www.quirkles.com/index.htm>

Scientific American article Getting it wrong – surprising tips on how to learn
<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=getting-it-wrong>

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