

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2013 NO 1

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Gífted Resources News

I have finished cleaning up and repairing the broken links in both the Gifted Resources blog and Sprite's Site blog now and also loaded the Psych Owl Ogist series and the De Bono's 6 Action Shoes series into the new blog. The inclusion of these two series helps to explain to the new readers on Edublogs what the site is about and what my areas of interest are. Links to the blogs which I gave during webinars, Twitter chats and included in previous newsletters which will probably not be able to be remedied.

A reminder that the blogs now have new addresses Gifted Resources Blog <u>http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/</u> Sprite's Site Blog <u>http://spritessite.wordpress.com/</u> Sprite's Site also has a completely independent Sprite's New Site on the Edublogs platform at http://jofrei5.edublogs.org/

If you have bookmarked the sites or included them in your blog roll please update your bookmarks.



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 <u>www.giftedresources.org</u> If you are not able to access the links here 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

JUDY POLL Tuning into kids Monday evenings 12 August -16 September 2013 PDF FLYER

VAGTC Twilight Seminar: Differentiating for Highly Able Learners in an Inquiry Framework 6 August 2013 WEBSITE

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 20th Biennial World Conference "Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity" 10-14 August 2013 WEBSITE

IRABINA CHILDHOOD AUTISM SERVICES Autism masterclass with Michelle Garcia Winner 15-16 August 2013 PDF FLYER

WISEONES CONFERENCE 16 August 2013 PDF FLYER

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Catya von Karolyi (USA) 24 August 2013 WEBSITE

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Reptiles 25 August 2013

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Parent Seminar with Dr Gail Byrne 27 August 2013 WEBITE

CLEARING SKIES WORKSHOPS 31 August - 1 September 2013 PDF FLYER

TAG - Tasmanian Association for Gifted Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens Conference 6-8th September 2013 WEBSITE

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Insects 15 September 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Grace Malonai (USA) 22 September 2013 WEBSITE

ICTDE Turkey 25-28 September 2013 WEBSITE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF QUEENSLAND Inc Parents 'and Children's Conference 2013 Children with Potential 2-3 October 2013 WEBSITE

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Lisa Van Gemert (USA) 26 October 2013 WEBSITE

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Ukulele 27 October 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Lety Hahn (USA) 23 November 2013 WEBSITE

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Performing Art (Christmas party) 24 November 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life : Roya Klingner (Austria) 14 December 2013 WEBSITE

GIFTED 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
- 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



at Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham Tuesday 27 August 2013 7.45pm - 9.30pm



Dr Gail Byrne

Understanding emotional and social development in gifted children. Parent's and teacher's top 5 questions answered!

About the presenter

Dr Gail Byrne is principal psychologist of Exceptional Children and is also a teacher and Coordinator of Individual Differences. For the past twelve years, she has served as Chairperson of the CHIP (Children of High Intellectual Potential) Foundation. She has many years experience working with children who may not be experiencing success in the classroom for any number of reasons.

Gail has coordinated Special Education Departments and Gifted Programs in a number of schools and is particularly skilled at understanding the ramifications of an assessment and explaining to teachers and parents how best to work with the child in the classroom and at home.

Gail has completed doctoral studies in the underachievement of gifted children whilst her Masters in Education concentrated on curriculum differentiation and meeting children's needs in the classroom

Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Receipt provided. (You may join Gifted Support Network at the Seminar and receive the discounted price.)

Southern Community Church of Christ. Corner Chesterville Road and Pine Street. Cheltenahm (Mel 86 J1)

RSVP: Please phone Louise on 🚯 0414 578 806 or email admin@giftedsupport.org by Monday 26 August.

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at: The Coffee Club Shop 49-50 Moonee Ponds Central 14-16 Hall Street Moonee Ponds All are welcome. For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central: Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street). For more information please contact: Nicole Lawrence nicole lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN"S PARENTS' ASSOC.

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 ijgrant@optusnet.com.au Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912 louise_h@tpg.com.au

BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays **Contact Heike Reich** Phone (03) 9752 5420 Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong Contact Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in 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 Contact Victoria Poulos Phone 0420 286 307 Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES - ALBURY/WODONGA AREA For information contact Cathy Baillie Phone: (02) 60215913



GO GRAPHIC Online Holiday Program http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/464/

This program will be held again later in the year at a time which will suit Australian students. Contact Mary St George with expressions of interest.

VAGTC Twilight Seminar: Differentiating for Highly Able Learners in an Inquiry Framework	Date: Tuesday August 6, 2013 Venue: Korowa Anglican Girls School, Ranfurlie Cres Glen Iris Dickson Room (enter via smaller gate on Ranfurlie Cres) Time: 5 – 6.30 (afternoon tea supplied, from 4.30, workshop from 5) Audience: PRIMARY classroom teachers and specialists Cost: \$40 non-members \$35 VAGTC members http://www.vagtc.asn.au/
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Guiding Gifted Children: Workshops for Parents

workshops for parents are filled with practical are filled with practical information, with a solid research base, presented by experts in the field with real life experience, to help you better understand giftedness and how to help your gifted child thrive. Select one or both workshops

Cost: \$110 (including GST) per day Venue: Liverpool Rd, Ashfield

For Bookings please visit: http://www.trybooking.com/CYSN

For further information please email michele@clearingskies.com.au or lindywalsh@gmail.com or 0416 250073

PRIMARY SCHOOL DAY Saturday 31 st August

For parents of primary school aged children and preschoolers

Sessions include:

- Identification and psychometric (IQ) testing: why, how and when Parenting sensitive gifted children
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- Motivating gifted children to develop their abilities Gifted children, their friendships and relationships
- Gifted children with learning and other disabilities
- Advocating for your child in the school system

SECONDARY SCHOOL DAY Sunday1st September

For parents of high school students and for parents of younger children who want to be prepared for adolescence.

Sessions include:

- Understanding the gifted adolescent
- Maintaining motivation in the secondary years Mental health, resilience and emotional well-being
- Developing academic and study skills Computers, gaming, social media and the gifted
- adolescent
- Making a successful transition to university and careers



PRESENTERS

Michele Juratowitch is Director of Clearing Skies and provides a range of services to meet the needs of gifted children, their parents and teachers. Michele has qualifications in counselling, and gifted education and provides counselling for gifted youth and their families. She worked in schools for over twenty years and has instituted a range of programs and provisions for gifted students. Michele was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the counselling and intervention needs of oifted counselling and intervention needs of gifted children.

Rosalind Walsh is a trained high school teacher who holds a MEd (Gifted Education) from UNSW. She was the manager of the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales for 10 years. Rosalind has worked with teachers around Australia at both primary and secondary levels. Rosalind is currently undertaking PhD study at Macquarie University researching successful interventions for gifted children in prior to school settings. She also works part time as the co-ordinator of a gifted program in Sydpay unbile primary estad in Sydney public primary school



Giftedness is a greater awareness, a greater sensitivity, and a greater ability to understand and transform perceptions

into intellectual and emotional experiences. (Annemarie Roeper, 1982)



WiseOnes

16th Annual Conference

Friday

16th August

5.00 – 8pm

Matthew Flinders Hotel

Cnr Warrigal Rd and Batesford Rd Chadstone

Behind/beside BWS Melways Map 69, G 1

Near Freeway .

\$ 50 pp

Register by August 1st 2013

Ph 0418 578 552

Certificates will be issued for teachers' VIT points.

patwise@tpg.com.au

"Tests- what do the results mean?"

"Understanding test results".

Come and find out how to interpret your child's test results. It is for **parents and teachers** and is specifically about gifted children some of whom have difficulties too. Get a baby sitter for this and have a divergent evening out, in like minded company.

Session1 5pm -6pm

Psychological testing with Sally-Anne McCormack WiseOnes entry testing Pat Slattery

We will help you understand what those figures & percentiles mean.

Dinner 6 to 7pm Buy your own

<u>Session 2 7.00- 8 pm</u>

Issues arising from the <u>Victorian Association</u> for Gifted Children Conference 2013.

Pat Rogers-Truscott on acceleration issues

Claudine Berman on Gifted Education in 3 countries.

Pat Slattery on Dr Susan <u>Winebrenners's</u> <u>Cluster</u> method for school grouping based on the Zone of Proximal Development.

Dinner 6.00 - 7.00 pm

Have time to talk to others. Drinks & food at own expense.

Register by Aug 1st please.

EFT \$50 pp to **WiseOnes**, Bendigo Bank 633000 Account 121096531 with **name a**nd code **WC16** or deposit cash into that account at any Bendigo Bank or pay by cheque to WiseOnes

Please confirm your payment by email to info@wiseones.com.au_or

WiseOnes Conference, Suite 17, 245 Thomas St Dandenong 3175

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World Council for Gifted and Talented Children 20th World Conference

Louisville Kentucky 10-14 August 2013 http://worldgifted2013.org/

Keep up with the World Conference on social media

WCGTC Facebook Page: <u>www.world-gifted.org/fb</u> Conference Facebook Page: <u>www.world-gifted.org/cfb</u> Flickr Photo Account: <u>www.world-gifted.org/flickr</u> Twitter Account: <u>www.world-gifted.org/twitter</u> YouTube Account: <u>www.world-gifted.org/youtube</u> SlideShare Account: <u>www.world-gifted.org/slideshare</u> Twitter and Facebook Hashtag: <u>#wcgtc13</u> Broadcasting from WCGTC <u>http://mixlr.com/wcgtc/me/</u>

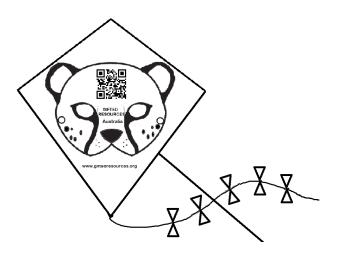
Fly a kite for giftedness <u>http://iygc.wordpress.com/fly-a-kite-for-giftedness/</u>

Dr Megan Foley Nicpon <u>http://iygc.wordpress.com/2013/07/24/wcgtc13-iygc-megan-foley-nicpon-phd-speaking-on-twice-exceptional-children-raises-a-kite-for-giftedness-and-creativity/</u>

Dr Laurie Croft <u>http://iygc.wordpress.com/2013/07/29/wcgtc-iygc-dr-laurie-croft-phd-</u> <u>from-iowa-speaking-at-the-20th-world-conference-raises-her-kite-for-giftedness/</u>

Peter Csermely <u>http://iygc.wordpress.com/2013/07/26/wcgtc13-iycg-peter-csermely-keynote-flys-his-kite-creatively-through-science-for-giftedness-talent/</u>

Dr Dorothy Sisk and the Edna McMillan scholarships <u>http://iygc.wordpress.com/2013/07/31/wcgtc-iygc-dr-dorothy-sisk-lamar-university-flys-a-kite-for-giftedness-in-memory-of-edna-mcmillan-with-a-scholarship-aimed-at-parents-with-passion/</u>



TRIBUTE TO DAVID HARRISON OF GIFTED AND CREATIVE SERVICES, AUSTRALIA

Speaker: David Overton during

A Ceremony of Celebration of Life - David Harrison. Thurs. 23 May 2013 at Warragul, Vic.

David was born on 26 February 1946, at Hartlepool, England. His parents were Ernest and May Harrison and he has a brother Rodger and a sister Yvonne.

The family migrated to Australia in 1951, when David was about 5 years old. They followed the path of numerous young families from Britain and parts of Europe: sailing to towards Australia with their first port of call at Fremantle and then continuing to Melbourne.

At that time, the Eildon Weir, a significant water project, was under development to the north of Melbourne. Ernest gained employed there as a Laboratory Assistant, and the family settled into the small community nearby.

David duly attended a local primary school and later, his education was completed at secondary school in Morwell because the family had moved to the Latrobe Valley approximately 1957. He achieved a scholarship for Primary School Teacher training and, although he attained that qualification, he did not go on to be appointed to a school because he had been awarded a further scholarship which would eventually carry him into a different occupation.

David was awarded an extended scholarship for study and eventually completed a degree in Health Administration but not before riding his motor bike in the company of a friend through central Australia. On his way to Darwin, David stopped near Alice Springs and worked on construction of the Ghan railway. When he reached Darwin David worked for the Department of Meteorology; a job he very much enjoyed.

When David came home, he completed his degree in Sydney and had eventually worked at the Alfred Hospital. David then joined the Victorian Public Service where he worked in the cabinet office. He then went on to be Regional Health Director based at Benalla and he has very fond memories of area and of the people he worked with in his "team". Indeed some of you here will remember from that time.

David left the Victorian Health Department to join SPICE Consulting, a not for profit project of the MS Society. He worked on many projects and again enjoyed the company of the people he worked with. One highlight of his career at this time was his research in the National Cervical Cancer Program.

David's last formal position was with Monash University as Director of MONRAS; the Monash University Research for an Aging Society.

Later David joined Lesley in working with Gifted people of all ages. His particular joy was working with children who showed potential well above the usual level for their age group. He was so good at working with and assessing children that many wanted to come back and visit him again.

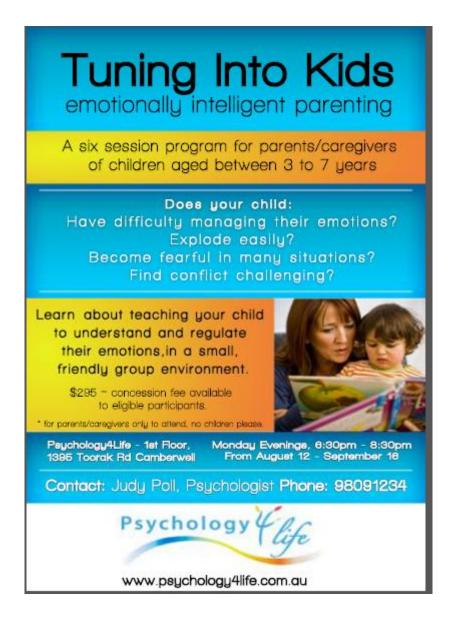
David would often draw with the children or build towers out of blocks. The children then had the fun of knocking them down and starting again. He had a collection of model aeroplanes which are flown by remote control and he would share his love of these with the children who found them fascinating. It was obvious that David had as much fun as the children when he involved them with these powerful models and also when he showed them the flight plans he created on the computer. All these things demonstrated his love of working with the children.

David was himself a possessor of special gifts. Among these were that he could nurture and inspire others to participate, reach further and to excel. He could and did connect with Gifted children and adults and he had a particular soft spot for the mothers of these children who can often be difficult to parent. With his enormous capacity for absorbing details and his endless curiosity about life, the universe and everything, he could inspire people by his enthusiasm.

David was also an extremely talented photographer and artist.

Whatever position he held in his careers, he had no need to rely on external trappings and he treated the people he worked with and for, with courtesy and humanity. The atmosphere around him in his workplace and in his private life - a warm and productive one with individuals working and achieving to their utmost - is testimony to his special personal style.

David lived with wisdom, humility, tolerance and love. And with a real clarity of purpose and strong values, he demonstrated how to achieve what is important. These qualities, so strong in him, were keys to his success, and a few of the reasons why he will always be remembered with love and respect, by so many.



National Council of Women, Parents' and Children's Conference

The program is designed as a two day conference, with talks for the children with their parents, then workshops for the children and seminars for their parents for the rest of the day. There are even conference bags for the children.

The workshops aim to stimulate children who love to learn; we hope the talks will prove of lasting value, giving the children (and their parents) a better understanding of themselves.

The cost has been kept very low; the college is again providing the venue at no cost.

The class size for the workshops is limited to 20 students.

Date: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Location: The Lakes College, College St, North Lakes, Brisbane

Cost: \$35 per child per day and \$30 for the parents' program.

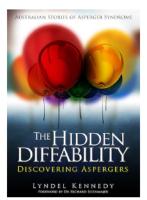
Contact: Pat Burgess

Email: convenor@ncwq.org.au

Phone: (07) 3379 1318

The web site, <u>ncwq.org.au/cc/</u> has descriptions of the seminars and workshops as well as venue, registration and contact details.

Ian Burgess



THE HIDDEN DIFFABILITY: DISCOVERING ASPERGERS

By Lyndel Kennedy

Blasck Publishing RRP \$39.95

Publication Date December 2012

Available from Amazon, Dymocks, Readings and author website

'Aspergers is not a mental illness requiring medication to make it 'go away'. It is not a disease. It is a difference in brain wiring and function, that gives great gifts in some areas yet makes it harder to learn skills others find easy to attain.' (p.2)

The Hidden Diffability: Discovering Aspergers illuminates the journey families face when a loved one has Asperger Syndrome, from the turbulence of diagnosis to finding the right support, therapies and funding. Lyndel Kennedy has combined 15 in-depth family interviews with personal and professional experience and extensive research to provide a much-needed and current Australian resource.

First in a series of Australian Stories of Asperger Syndrome, this book enables parents, carers and individuals with Aspergers to share their strategies, successes and lessons learnt along the way. Easy to read and informative, it covers:

- Identifying the first signs
- Getting and sharing the diagnosis
- Current therapies and interventions
- Funding and support

- The positives of being an 'Aspie'
- An extensive glossary, full diagnostic criteria including the new DSM-5*
- Recommended reading and resources.

Lyndel Kennedy is a writer, researcher, editor and mother of three, including a teenager with Aspergers. She volunteers for Asperger Syndrome Support Network Victoria as vice president, parent support group facilitator and website curator. *The Hidden Diffability: Discovering Aspergers* is her first self-published book in a series of three.

'This book deals with the real questions families face . . . the strength of this Autism Spectrum collection is in the range of viewpoints, logical structure, excellent editing and cover, but also in having real experiences to share.'

--Hazel Edwards, Reading Ambassador, author <u>www.hazeledwards.com</u>

"From experience I know that the path to diagnosis and ongoing management can be... bewildering. Whilst community awareness of Asperger's syndrome is improving, there remains a great need for 'down to earth' accurate information relevant to the Australian context. I bighly recommend this book as a unique and easy-to-read resource."

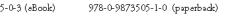
-- Dr Richard Eisenmajer, Clinical Psychologist, Director The ASD Clinic, Melbourne. Ph 03 8851 3600

Contact Details:

Email: <u>lyndel@blasck.com</u> Mobile: 0414 344 335 (available until 11pm)

Lyndel Kennedy is available for interview and speaker engagements. *The Hidden Diffability: Discovering Aspergers* is available for extract. High resolution cover images are available.

ISBN: 978-0-9873505-0-3 (eBook)



* DSM-5 is the diagnostic 'bible': Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders edition 5, due for release in May 2013.

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Managing Dyslexia

Three 2-hour sessions that will empower parents, educators and other professionals of secondary school students that have Specific Learning Differences (SLD).

Presenters:

Glyn Jones Director, Dyslexia Management Services B Social Work; Dip Arts Deborah Zang Director, LD Network

The Managing Dyslexia short course aims to assist parents and educators through increasing their understanding of learning differences as well as how to best support their children or students at home and at school. The individual units for the upcoming Managing Dyslexia short course at Eltham High School are as follows:

Unit 1: Understanding and Managing Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Differences (SLD). Date: Wednesday 14 August

This unit focuses on helping attendees gain understanding and insight into some of the day-to day challenges students with SLD experience in the classroom and at home. It will also provide practical, easy-to-implement strategies for home and at school that help address these challenges.

Unit 2: Building Resilience

Date: Wednesday 28 August

This unit looks at the emotional impact of SLD on these young people as well as other family members. It also discusses prerequisites for resilience building, and introduces practical strategies for effective communication and fadilitating healthy self-esteem.

Unit 3: Bridging the Gap. Communicating and Collaborating

Date: Thursday 5 September

This unit provides an understanding of the importance of building a partnership between students, parents and schools. Attendees will also learn how to develop these partnerships and work closely as a team, including the role Student Support Groups and Individual Learning Plans play.

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Dyslexia Management Services

Dates: Unit 1: Wed 14 Aug Unit 2: Wed 28 Aug Unit 3: Thur 5 Sept

Time: 7-9pm

Venue: Eltham High School Withers Way, Eltham

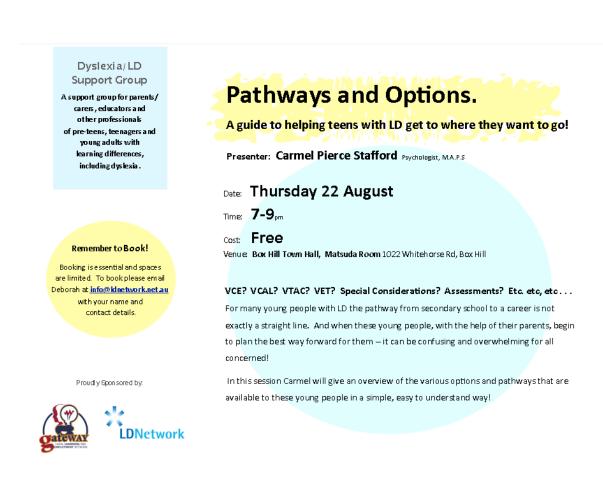
Cost of Short Course: \$60/person \$90 for both parents \$30 Health Card Holders

Book through TryBooking

Spaces are limited so ensure your place today! To book log onto <u>www.trybooking.com/dexi</u>

For more information please contact Deborahon: info@ldnetwork.net.au M: 0429 051 108

> Attendance Certificates provided. Please request when booking.



SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Mary St George's list of Gifted Pages on Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/notes/gifted-online/list-of-gifted-pages-and-groups-on-fb/265281473523447</u>

Global #Gtchat Powered by TAGT Blog http://globalgtchatpoweredbytagt.wordpress.com/

The world as 100 people http://www.100people.org/statistics_100stats.php

Australia E-series Blog http://australiaseries.wordpress.com/

DeMOOC Webinars http://australiaseries.wordpress.com/demooc-webinars/

E-verything Bits and pieces http://johart1.edublogs.org/bits-and-pieces/ Dream school commons

http://site.dreamschoolcommons.org/dsc/articles/view-articles/the-three-columnschools

KQED Mind/Shift A new role for Avatars: learning languages http://blogs.kged.org/mindshift/2013/05/a-new-role-for-avatars-learning-languages/

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