



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER MAY 2014 NO 1

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Gifted Resources News



Here are the messages that Columbus Cheetah would most like to give to everyone who is involved with the care, advocacy and education of gifted students. Recently I prepared a single page handout which could be used to provide a basic introduction to some of the important reference material and explain how Gifted Resources can help locate services and information relating to giftedness. You can read about it on Page 14.

Columbus Cheetah has a spare sign. What would you add as an important message about giftedness that you would like to convey?

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 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

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK INC Double seminar with Penny Willoughby and Christine Ireland 1 May 2014 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

GLENN EWIN An invitation to a transformation 4 May 2014 [PDF FLYER](#)

VAGTC Twilight Seminar 27 May 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

PARENTING POSITIVELY Sleep and Settling 0-12 months workshop Kilsyth 22 or 27 May 2014 [PDF FLYER](#)

CLEARING SKIES Guiding Gifted Children Workshops for Parents Woolongong 24-25 May 2014 [PDF FLYER](#)

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP Parent/Teacher Seminar Michele Juratowitch Make a twist 26 May 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Applications close for COGE Semester 2 30 May 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

PARENTING POSITIVELY Bringing Up Great Kids Workshops for parents Kilsyth Wednesdays May-June 2014 [PDF FLYER](#)

SENG GROWING GIFTED GLOBALLY Annual Conference 18-20 July 2014 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC Parenting course 13-14 September 2014 [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>

Thursday, 1 May 2014

GSN are excited to bring you our first ever 'double' seminar, jointly presented by Penny Willoughby and Christine Ireland. You are welcome to come to one seminar only or both.

5:30 - 7:00pm Seminar 1: Perspectives on educating and parenting gifted children

7:00 - 7:30pm Light dinner

7:30 - 9:00pm Seminar 2: Understanding and supporting social and emotional development in gifted children: A new perspective

RSVP essential! [Further details on the flyer \(pdf\)](#)

Also remember to visit and 'Like' the [Gifted Support Network Facebook page](#) to join in the conversation and keep up to date with other events, articles and news specifically for gifted families (<https://www.facebook.com/GiftedSupportNetwork>).

'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

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

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au

Yvonne Perret Scholarships 2015

Two Yvonne Perret scholarships are being offered for 2015 - one for a student in an urban area and another for a student in a rural area.

Each scholarship is to the value of \$2000 and is to be used over a twelve month period to enhance the potential of a gifted child. Applicants must be able to demonstrate a talent, passion or skill in their chosen area of endeavour and have a potential for this activity (e.g. music, art, sport, educational achievements etc.).

The scholarship is not able to be used to pay for school fees or uniforms.

To apply please download the form below and send it to VAGTC - PO Box 132, Caulfield South 3162. Applications close 30th September 2014.

See <http://www.vagtc.asn.au/yvonne-perret-scholarships-2015>

VAGTC



The Global Classroom: an ideas Centred Inquiry approach for Bright Secondary Learners.

"The Global Classroom: an ideas Centred Inquiry approach for Bright Secondary Learners" will be led by Susan Knopfelmacher.

Susan is a VAGTC committee member and is head of the Gifted Education and Extension Program at Presbyterian Ladies College in Burwood.

The seminar will begin with light afternoon tea at 4.30pm followed by the seminar from 5.00 to 6.30pm.

Venue: Camberwell Grammar School - 55 Mont Albert Road, Canterbury

Cost: VAGTC Members \$30 (GST inclusive)
Non VAGTC Members \$40 (GST inclusive)

Time: 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Venue: Camberwell Grammar School

Contact: infolorax@vagtc.asn.au

Dates: 27 May 2014

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/global-classroom-ideas-centred-inquiry-approach-for-bright-secondary-learners>

Parent / Teacher Seminar

Michele Juratowitch speaking on:

Make a Twist:

**Students, teachers and parents
working together to differentiate for
gifted students**



Gifted students require curriculum differentiation to remain engaged learners. In response to requests from teachers, unsure about how to select and implement appropriate curriculum differentiation strategies, Michele Juratowitch and Rosanne Blundell have developed *Make a Twist*, an interactive resource designed to provide a collaborative, practical approach to implementing curriculum differentiation for gifted students.

Concerns expressed by parents, frustrated at the lack of differentiation provided in schools, together with gifted students' needs for greater academic challenges were further stimuli for developing this resource. *Make a Twist* guides students, teachers and parents through the differentiation process; encouraging students to develop greater autonomy while increasing engagement in challenging academic work.

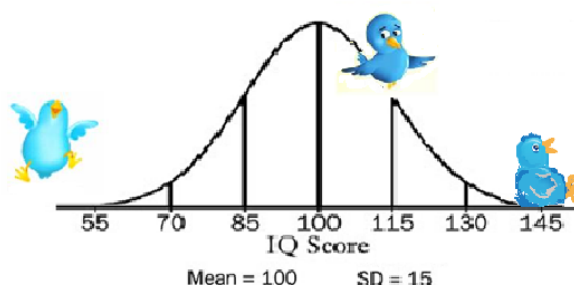
Michele will talk about how students, teachers and parents can be involved in differentiating curriculum for gifted students.

Monday May 26th, 7:00pm—9:00pm

Venue TBC.

Cost: GFSG members \$20, Teachers \$25 and Non members: \$30

For further information keep an eye on our website and Facebook page.



THE LATEST NEWS FROM G.A.T.E.WAYS

Year 5 and 6 - So You Want To Be a Leader – SERIES 2 AND 3 PARENT ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN!

Enrolments are now open for the second and third leadership series for 2014. Series 2 is on 3 and 4 July , whilst Series 3 is on 25 and 26 September. It is open to highly able students with leadership potential. Students can attend on one or both days and Series 1 attendance IS NOT a prerequisite..

The following comments are typical of children's responses to the program:

'I learnt to be determined and strive for what you believe'
'I learnt to never give up, and complete your goals'
'I learnt to fight for what you believe in, and that anything is possible'
'I liked the fact that we could interact and find out which way we work the best'

The format of the days is as follows:

Day 1 –morning seminar , afternoon workshops, Q and A panel discussion with expert panel

Day 2 – students rotate through 3 skills-based workshops

For detailed information see <http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/leadership>

Parents can book online from the Leadership program page

The Brainwaves Clubs – ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 2: INTRODUCING TECHNOKIDS AT BRIGHTON

The Brainwaves Club operates at venues in Brighton, Ivanhoe and Taylors Lakes. Children take out a semester (8 club meetings) or annual membership (16 club meetings), and meet on a fortnightly basis on a Saturday afternoon. The following clubs are offered and current club availability is outlined below.

Parents can enrol directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS by ringing 9894 2116 for all clubs except for TechnoKids Brighton, which is enrolling online via the G.A.T.E.WAYS website Brainwaves Club link:

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/brainwaves/club-philosophy-and-overview>

Club	Year Level	Club Focus	AVAILABILITY
DinoMites	1	Cross curricular	Brighton and Taylors Lakes
Apprentices	2/3	Books/writing	All venues
SciSpies	2/3	science/maths/technology	No availability
Tolkiens	4/5/6	Books/writing	Brighton and Taylors Lakes
Einsteins	4/5/6	science/maths/technology	Taylors Lakes
CyberKids	5/6	Computer technology – Taylors Lakes branch only	Taylors Lakes
TechnoKids	3/4	Technology – Brighton and Ivanhoe	Brighton

Term 2 Journeys and On Location programs

G.A.T.E.WAYS is currently enrolling for Journeys programs at Wesley College in Glen Waverley, St Thomas the apostle PS in Greensborough, Gladesville PS in Kilsyth, Mentone Park PS, Our Lady's PS in Donvale and Chirnside Park PS.

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/journeys/host-schools-dates-and-current-programs-2014>

On Location programs at the National Gallery of Victoria, Art Centre Melbourne's Digital Hub, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and Duneira Estate are also enrolling

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/on-location/host-locations-dates-and-programs-2014>

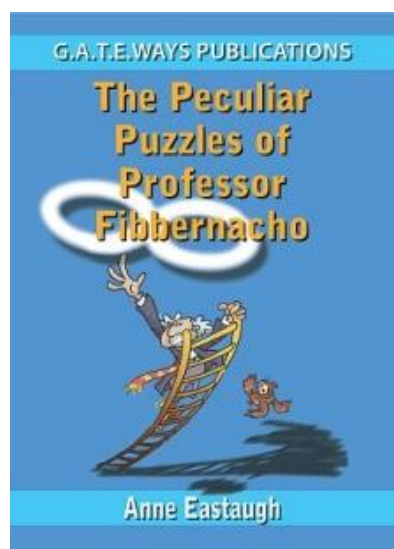
Participation in these programs is by teacher selection. For detailed information on all of these programs

see www.gateways.edu.au

Mid Year Festival Of Workshops At Firbank GGS : ONLINE ENROLMENTS OPEN MAY 12

Once again G.A.T.E.WAYS will run a two day Festival on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 June. The program is open to children from Years 1 -6 and a wide choice of workshops will be on offer at all levels. For program and enrolment information go to: <http://www.gateways.edu.au/programs/festivals/mid-year-festivals>

HOT OFF THE PRESS FROM FROM G.A.T.E.WAYS PUBLICATIONS!!



THE PECULIAR PUZZLES OF PROFESSOR FIBBERNACHO - \$49.95

Mathematics is meant to be fun! The Peculiar Puzzles of Professor Fibbernacho brings fun into the classroom. The book has been especially designed for middle school students (Years 5 – 8) who love a challenge and who have a keen interest in mathematics, codes and secrets.

The chapters cover many aspects of mathematics as well as a wide range of topics, such as history and general science. Each chapter introduces a new topic and has a new puzzle to solve. Each puzzle has certain clues, and a coded message. Students use the mathematics they have just learnt to help crack the code, and help Prof. Fibb and his sidekick Sophie the owl solve the puzzle.

Topics Include:

Binary Numbers	Perfect Numbers	Square Numbers	Infinity
Clock Arithmetic	Prime Numbers	Square Roots	Sets and Numbers
Fibonacci Numbers	Prime Factorization	Topology	
The Golden Ratio	Sequences	Triangle Numbers	

An order form for the book is available at

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/publications/the-peculiar-puzzles-professor-fibbernacho>

Guiding Gifted Children: Workshops for Parents

These one day workshops for parents 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: \$150 (including GST) per day
\$125 Early Bird Registration by 1st May
Venue: Smith's Hill High School,
Wollongong

For Bookings please
visit: <http://www.trybooking.com/EMBM>

For further information please email
michele@clearingskies.com.au or
phone: 0438 744 994

Saturday 24th May, 2014 – 9:30am-4:30pm

For parents of primary school aged children and preschoolers

Sessions include:

- Identification and psychometric (IQ) testing: why, how and when
- Parenting sensitive gifted children
- 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

Sunday 25th May, 2014 – 9:30am-4:30pm

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
- Against the odds: learning and other disabilities
- Making a successful transition to university and careers



PRESENTERS

Michele Juratowitch is Director of Clearing Skies; provides counselling for gifted children; has worked in and introduced provisions to support gifted students in schools. At the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales, Michele taught in parent courses; lectured teachers in a postgraduate course in Gifted Education; developed programs for students and conducted research. Michele was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the 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.

OZPOD

How a child learns to learn will impact his or her life forever...

Ozpod Pty Ltd was founded in 2000, to supply quality, creative play material for Australian children. It is good to know that these interactive designs come in the form of beautiful objects, for both building minds and a lifetime of play.

Ozpod has recently launched a new website and online store at www.ozpod.com.au

They stock Froebel blocks and will be adding more blocks in the coming weeks

Read about Friedrich Froebel at Froebel Web <http://www.froebelweb.org>



School Focused Youth Service presents...

Dr. Michael Carr-Gregg

on



CYBERSAFETY

Tuesday 27th May 2014
9am - 1pm
Registrations open at 8.30am

Foothills Conference Centre, 48 Edinburgh Rd, Mooroolbark



Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia's highest profile psychologists and an internationally recognised authority on teenage behaviour.

RSVP by Tuesday May 20th 2014
Samantha Ruckle
s.ruckle@yarraranges.vic.gov.au
9294 6716

Please note: Schools have priority

**FREE
EVENT**
Morning tea and lunch provided



STEAM Residentials

Stuartholme is hosting two residential programs for intellectually and creatively gifted girls who demonstrate interest and academic talents in areas known collectively as STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

Gifted girls will have an opportunity to learn alongside students with similar abilities and interests. Girls will have fun, learning with others who think like them. They will be encouraged to talk about issues that are important to learning, thriving and becoming the best they can be. Students will meet women working in STEAM related areas, learn about career opportunities and find out what it takes to achieve personally, academically and professionally.

Students will be taught by experienced teachers who can provide challenges in STEAM subject areas. The Residential has an advanced, integrated program to engage gifted girls intellectually, academically, socially and emotionally. Girls will learn about themselves and others while gaining knowledge and developing skills essential for building bright futures.

VENUE:	Stuartholme School, Toowong, Brisbane
DATES:	6-9 July 2014..... Girls in Years 5 to 7 January 2015..... Girls entering Years 8 to 10
COST:	\$350 (includes accommodation, meals, activities and classes)
UPDATES:	For further information or to receive updates, please email Michele Juratowitch: michele@clearingskies.com.au

Clearing Skies and Michele Juratowitch

Michele Juratowitch is Director of Clearing Skies, and provides a range of services to meet the needs of gifted children, adolescents, their parents and teachers.

Michele was Manager of Residential Programs, and conducted the APTS, ASSETS and Scientia Residentials within the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at UNSW.

She was a regular lecturer in the postgraduate course in Gifted Education at GERRIC and is co-author of *Make a Twist*, a guide for differentiating curriculum for gifted students.

Michele provides counselling for gifted youth and parents. She was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the needs of gifted children.



STUARTHOLME SCHOOL

To be the best she can be

GERRIC

GERRIC Short courses

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/study/short-courses/>

GERRIC Parenting course 13-14 September 2014

<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-parents/gerric-parent-course/>



Thinking Outside The Box Programs

Programs for Term 2, 2014

For more information contact Penny Willoughby:
0418 520023, 9752 6523 or penny.willoughby@mac.com
www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

General Information

Introduction to Thinking Outside The Box' Programs

Thinking Outside The Box programs are developed by Penny Willoughby, who is an experienced educator specialising in gifted & talented children. Penny has proven success in extending high ability children and has developed a suite of varied and stimulating programs. Children are challenged to work beyond their usual level and are likely to be surprised by what they achieve. Participants in the programs will develop more rigorous thinking habits and practise creative problem solving.

Thinking Outside The Box programs have been developed through discussions with educators and parents. They aim to:

- Provide quality programs for highly able children in Grades Prep to 6, at an affordable cost to parents.
- Allow highly able children to learn in small classes of like-minded peers.
- Support parents of highly able children by providing expert advice and information.

Thinking Outside The Box programs are for children who have been identified as having high ability. They are available to students from a range of local schools. The goals of the programs are to:

- Develop deeper thinking habits and strategies.
- Learn and practise a range of problem-solving skills.
- Develop reflective skills and encourage students to challenge themselves in any learning environment.
- Build children's confidence in their abilities and increase their expectations about what they can achieve.
- Encourage each child to develop and pursue personal interests and passions.

These programs have the potential to be of great value to participants. They offer a unique opportunity and are in high demand. For more information about *Thinking Outside The Box* programs, visit the website at: www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

How to register

1. **Select** the program you would like your child to attend. (Please consult with your child's teacher as needed.)
2. To **register**:
 - Call Penny Willoughby on 0418 520 023 or 03 9752 6523
 - OR send the completed Registration Form to:
 - penny.willoughby@mac.com, or
 - Thinking Outside The Box, P.O. Box 1389, Upwey, Victoria 3158.
3. **Payment** should be made **at the time of registration**; Instructions are on the Registration Form. Your child's place will be held for one week from the time of registration, pending receipt of your payment.

Places in the programs are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Minimum and maximum class numbers apply.

How to know if your child is suitable

Any child who loves learning and shows high aptitude in the program subject may be suitable. You can discuss your child's suitability for a program with their teacher or by calling Penny Willoughby on the numbers at the top of the page. Assessments of children's aptitude are available by arrangement with Penny.

Transport to and from classes

Parents will need to arrange transport for their child to and from classes. You may wish to coordinate with other nearby parents to share transport. Please contact us if you would like to be put in contact with other parents to organise shared transport.

Early bird registrations due:
Final registrations due:

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Monday, May 12, 2014



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www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

General Information

Host school

- Upwey Primary, 15 Darling Avenue, Upwey 3158. Tel: 9754 2369 Principal: Mr Malcolm Aspinall

Important notes

- Full payment must be received within one week of registering for your child's place to be held (unless special arrangements have been made).
- If you withdraw your child less than two weeks before the program commences an administration fee of 20% may apply.
- Registrations received after a program is full will be placed on a waiting list and notified if a place becomes available.
- A minimum number of enrolments may be required for each program to go ahead. If there are insufficient enrolments, the program may be cancelled and you will be offered a place on another program (if there is a vacancy), or your payment will be refunded in full.

Guarantee

We are so confident in the quality of *Thinking Outside The Box Programs* that we offer a refund if you are not satisfied.

Programs

Grades 1 & 2

Venue: Upwey Primary Times: 9:00 am – 11:00 am Day: Tuesdays (6 weeks) Dates: 20, 27 May, 3, 10, 17, 24 June Early bird registration 30 April 2014: \$214 Regular registration 12 May 2014: \$ 238 * All prices include GST	That's Not How It Ended! (Language) Teacher: Rhonda Ooi Then the three bears went to a football match and cheered for Goldie Locks' team to win... Jack grew beans for a living and was always poor because he had to pay the giant back... After Hansel and Gretel turned the witch into a worm, they stayed in the gingerbread house and got very fat ... Cinderella decided she didn't like the wimpy prince after all and she came to my school to teach us karate ... But these aren't the endings we usually hear! What if you don't like the way a story ends? Why not change it? Are there any stories you'd like to change? Would you make a new hero? Will you surprise other children with your different ideas? In this program you will hear lots of unusual stories. You'll rewrite well-known stories and make up new ones. You might change an ending, create new characters or make boring stories funny. We'll do some activities to help you think differently and be imaginative. At the end of the program we'll put on a puppet concert to perform one of our stories.
	<i>The best thing about this program will be that you'll love how the story ends!</i>

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www.thinkingoutsidethebox.com.au

Programs

Grades 3&4

<p>Venue: Upwey Primary</p> <p>Times: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm (Includes 30 minute break)</p> <p>Day: Wednesdays (4 weeks)</p> <p>Dates: 21, 28 May, 4, 11 June</p> <p>Early bird registration 30 April 2014: \$214</p> <p>Regular registration 12 May 2014: \$ 238</p> <p>* All prices include GST</p>	<p>Why does Superman Wear His Underpants on the Outside? (Language) Teacher: Rhonda Ooi</p> <p>In this program you will be investigating and reporting on important questions such as: Why does Superman wear his underpants on the outside? Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him? How do those dead bugs get into enclosed light fixtures? Why is it that whatever colour bubble bath you use the bubbles are always white? What's the speed of dark? How do you grow seedless watermelons?</p> <p>Do you know what Clark Kent did when he wasn't being Superman? How did Lois Lane fill her days? Of course, they were journalists reporting on daily news and events. If you've ever wondered about being a journalist, then this could be the program for you!</p> <p>In this program you will be working for the <i>Thinking Outside The Box Times</i>. Your job will be to interview people, investigate unusual stories and write brilliant articles. You might write a news item, a community story, a sporting story or a student council report. Perhaps you'll write an article about a puzzling or mysterious question. You could also write about the environment, some letters to the editor or an interesting story about someone important. There will be plenty of other newspaper sections to contribute to such as entertainment, competitions, weather, pocket money and the 'funnies'. In the end, you'll help create your very own version of the <i>Thinking Outside The Box Times</i>.</p>
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<p>Venue: Upwey Primary</p> <p>Times: 12:00 noon – 3:30 pm (Includes a 30 minute break)</p> <p>Day: Tuesdays (4 weeks)</p> <p>Dates: 20, 27 May, 3, 10 June</p> <p>Early bird registration 30 April 2014: \$214</p> <p>Regular registration 12 May 2014: \$ 238</p> <p>* All prices include GST</p>	<p>Grades 5 & 6</p> <p>The Word Revolution (Language) Teacher: Rhonda Ooi</p> <p>The world has become overrun by too many words. Individuals, schools and organisations are being swamped by millions of emails, texts and tweets and our brains are going into overload. In fact there are so many words everywhere that people don't take any notice any more. They're ignoring important messages and signs and it has to stop!</p> <p>This is your opportunity to join the Word Revolution and find some solutions to the problem. Your job is to reduce the number of words in every sentence by rejecting a category of words. You might decide to remove all the adjectives, conjunctions, prepositions, pronouns or adverbs. Perhaps you'll be more radical and outlaw the use of nouns or verbs! It's your choice. Once you've decided on a solution, you will need to explain your choices and show how people can make sense without the missing group of words. There will be other challenges such as demonstrating how your solution will work with three different forms of communication and creating beautiful and eloquent language despite the new restrictions. You'll also need to explain how language change will affect different parts of society. You can present your changes through poetry, humour, mime, music, costumes or another method. Whatever the case, you'll have to think carefully and be convincing. Can you do it</p>
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One Page to Tell



I needed to prepare a single page handout which could be used to provide a basic introduction to some of the important reference material and explain how Gifted Resources can help locate services and information relating to giftedness.

My first thought was to provide a page full of QR codes for all my favourite websites with the Sprite's Site characters playing with the blocks and building with them.

However, after experimenting with QR codes that were reduced in size and finding they were not clear enough to scan, I realised that I would not be able to fit all the QR codes of my favourite sites on a single page.

So I ended up creating the page pictured the top of this post. I am happy that almost all the topics I would most want to discuss are represented in some way in the picture.

I managed to include the signpost for information Gifted Resources can provide, all the methods of contacting me plus words or pictures relating to key issues such as

- The specific educational and social/emotional needs of gifted people,
- The Columbus Group definition of giftedness as asynchronous development
- The Bell curve showing distribution of IQ levels in the population
- Gagne's DMGT model of development of innate giftedness into fully developed talent (emphasising the importance of internal and situation influences)
- The diagram of underachievement (showing our role as teachers and parents in building a guard rail to prevent students falling into underachievement)
- Myths surrounding giftedness
- Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities represented by the Dabrowski Dogs

In order to include more topics and give links to my favourite web sites I would need a much bigger page. I am thinking that a board game format could be very effective.

If you had only one page on which to record as many things that were important to you about a particular topic as you could how would you choose to do it?



PARENTING POSITIVELY

Is offering this evidence based New Parent Workshop

Sleep and Settling 0-12 months

How/When:

1 x 2 hour workshop

2014 Dates:

Thursday 22nd May

OR

Tuesday 27th May

Time:

10.00am -12.00noon

Venue:

Parenting Positively
Unit 31/128 Canterbury
Road
Kilsyth VIC 3137
(In the Milton Park
Industrial Estate)
(Melways Map 51F10
Parking available on site)

Cost:

\$40 per participant or
\$60 per couple

Following the philosophy of *Safe Sleep Space* Principals Helen Stevens and Cindy Davenport we will explore the *Safe Sleep Space* Approach



A response based approach that specialises in settling babies and toddlers without Controlled Crying.....

Registration:

Please register your interest by sending an email to: admin@parentingpositively.com.au
Include your name, contact details and the ages of your children.

Please note:

There are **no** child minding facilities available at this venue.

Maximum 12 participants so register your interest early to guarantee your place

An invitation to a transformation

A workshop on mindfulness presented by Glenn Ewin

Everyday I hear from clients and people I meet, a growing conversation about anxiety. This "fiction of the mind" has over the last few years permeated all aspects of our society. To understand something means to "transform" it. To understand anxiety you have to understand time and it's relevance to how we, as humans, think about time.

Once you understand how something works, you can then transform your response to it. That is what the meaning of personal transformation is. It is much less an inner transformation as it is a change in the way you view what happens around you.

Anxious moments occur for many different reasons. They produce **"real feelings of physical stress born of something we have imagined that is yet to become a reality." (and by the way may never actually occur)** In this workshop we explore the concept of what is reality for us and what is perhaps something that has been triggered by past events, a random thought that has the ability to set us up for emotional by play that has no longer any relevance to our current life.

Bio. Glenn has explored the areas of emotions, personal transformation and human behaviour over many years. First as a hairdresser and then more recently as a practitioner of NLP, neuro linguistic programming. He is passionate about helping people to understand emotions and breaking down the barriers to a happy and peaceful existence.

"It's all about the journey. The path we walk can be a rocky route full of emotional pitfalls and worry, or it can be a journey of wonder and peace with greater understanding about ourselves and how we meet life's gifts."

How do we begin?

To learn about anxiety we must explore the concept of mindfulness, living in the moment and how not doing so creates anxiety. When learn to break down the anxiety producing habits of our thinking, the beauty of life opens up to us all.

Who is this workshop for.

Anyone who is a WORRIER, and finds it hard to relax in life.

Anyone who has experienced huge changes in their lifestyle such as divorce, becoming a parent or perhaps the death of a loved one.

People or family and friends of those who have been diagnosed with cancer or any illness that seriously challenges their lifestyle and how they view their future.

VCE and Tertiary students who find that working towards a measured result creates anxiety.

Many of us just experience *general* anxiety caused by the constant demands of a much more hectic lifestyle.

Where. Shop 6 Liverpool Street. Melbourne. 3000.

When. Sunday May the 4th.

Time. 9.30 am to 4.00.

Cost. \$130.00 Full time students. \$80.00

What to bring. Comfortable clothes. A cushion or bean bag for comfort. Lunch and coffee and tea will be provided. Please advise us of any special dietary requirements.

Outline of the day.

9.30. Registration and refreshments.

10.0 We begin with building an understanding of our programming and how this causes our response to outside events.

11.30 Drink break.

11.45 Workshop. What is anxiety and how do we transform it into the truth of the present.

1.0 Lunch.

1.50 Workshop. We explore mindfulness and how to put it all together with understanding and clarity.

3.35. Open discussion and drink.

To **book a place** in this exploration of the mind workshop, call me on 0407 338 846 or email me at lifetimelearnings@bigpond.com or hairbyglenn@bigpond.com

Payment can be made by card, eftpos, funds transfer or cash payment on the day.

n.b. A deposit must be made for all bookings at least 1 week prior to workshop.

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES



GHF April Blog Hop

<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/blog-hops/promoting-health-wellness-gifted-2e-child/>

Sprite's Site April Blog Hop

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/04/21/april-blog-hop/>

Sprite's Site On the April Blog Hop

<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/2014/04/28/on-the-april-blog-hop/>

GTChat What does success look like to you?

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytgt.wordpress.com/2014/04/14/what-does-success-look-like-to-you/>

GTChat What do parents want from a gifted organization?

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytgt.wordpress.com/2014/04/22/what-do-parents-want-from-a-gifted-organization/>

GTChat Gifted children - Getting a good night's sleep

<http://globalgtchatpoweredbytgt.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/gifted-children-getting-a-good-nights-sleep/>

Gifted Resources blog Guest on Twitter #gtchat

<http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/2014/04/05/guest-on-twitter-gtchat/>

SENG David Kane Stress & Anxiety Helping gifted kids cope

http://www.sengifted.org/wp-content/webinars/webinar_file_uploads/kane04262011/kane04262011.pdf

G.A.T.E.WAYS new website

<http://www.gateways.edu.au/>

Quidditch at William E Norris School

http://www.wmnorris.com/pages/WilliamENorris_School/Classrooms/Specials/Physical_Education

Big Science Competition

https://www.asi.edu.au/site/programs_bigscience.php

What the Bleep is PG?

<http://yellowreadis.blogspot.com.au/2013/11/homeschooling-my-gifted-kid-part-2-what.html>

Deborah Ruf

<http://talentigniter.com/resources/how-smart-is-my-child>

NASA Royalty free resources

http://www.nasa.gov/connect/artspace/participate/royalty_free_resources.html

World Council for Gifted & Talented Children

[http://www.world-gifted.org/sites/default/files/GTI28\(1&2\)2013_0.pdf](http://www.world-gifted.org/sites/default/files/GTI28(1&2)2013_0.pdf)

Paula Prober

<http://www.rainforestmind.com/>

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

Lovely Learning

<http://www.lovelylearning.com/>

Better than crayons? Gail Lovely

<http://www.slideshare.net/glovely/gail-lovely-aste-2014-better-than-crayons>

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<http://www.suddenlyitclicks.com/>

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