



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2007

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<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>

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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

GIFTED RESOURCES NEWS

OUR WEBSITE - www.giftedresources.org

I have been suffering from a few problems with my computer recently and have been doing much of the work on my laptop. This has caused me to be a bit slow with getting some of the updates and additions done and also explains why this September newsletter is a bit later than usual.

The problems with my own computer and the fact that the website is on the verge of further expansion made me express to my husband, Rainer that I felt Gifted Resources website should be housed on a computer of its own.

He has recently changed over to a laptop and has given me his old machine to be the new website home. The search facility needs improvement as do some other aspects of the site and we will be working on this sometime soon (probably during uni holidays).

A new section called the In Tray has been added. Now I can display the attractive flyers and announcements for events which you send me. The link to the In Tray can be found on the main page.

I often receive email which should go to the owner of the giftedchildren.com.au website. I AM NOT THE OWNER OF THAT SITE.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Phasing out of the virtual and vicnet email addresses is almost complete. PLEASE can you ensure that the address you have for Gifted Resources is jo@giftedresources.org and the email address for the newsletter is contributions@giftedresources.org

GIFTED RESOURCES LIBRARY

I have recently received several generous donations of books for the Gifted Resources Library from Catriona Coote, Jamie Tarling and Jennifer Grant and have a new bookshelf installed in the office. As I have been shifting the books I have been restickering them with current contact details and making many more of the books in the Gifted Resources library available for loan.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday 3 October, 7 November, 5 December

If you have suggestions for family activities, guest speakers, etc. for 2007 please phone or email Jennifer or Louise.

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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 gifted-support@hotmail.com

GSN Gifted Expo

Tuesday 30 October 2007

7.30pm onwards

Parents, teachers and community members with an interest in supporting gifted children are invited to join us for an evening of guest speakers and exhibitors of products & services catering to the needs of gifted children.

Our presenters include:

StarJump - helping gifted visual spatial learners

WiseOnes - enrichment program for gifted students

Curious Kids - enhancing children's learning through play

This is a free event and supper is provided.

Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ

Cnr Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel Ref 86 J1)

Cost: Free!

RSVP (for catering purposes) email gifted-support@hotmail.com

For the full program of Gifted Support Network activities see the excellent calendar of events at <http://www.giftedsupport.org/news.php#event6>

ACTIVE MINDS (was S.W.A.M.) WARRNAMBOOL

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GIFTED EDUCATION NETWORK PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia

Meets regularly every fourth Tuesday of the month from 7.30 - 9.00pm at the Beaconsfield Community Centre, O'Neil Rd, Beaconsfield.

Contact

Karen Grubb (Coordinator of Parent Support Group)

kgrubb@optusnet.com.au

and

Lyn Chudleigh (Gifted Education Network Coordinator)

c/o Berwick Lodge Primary School

ph: 9707 1766

V.A.G.T.C. Inc

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<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/index.html>

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DSNSG Defence Special Needs Support Group

A support group for Australian Defence Force families who have members with special needs, including giftedness & talent. DSNSG provides support and information for Defence families posted throughout Australia and overseas

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Gifted & Talented Coordinator

Defence Special Needs Support Group

Phone contact 1800 037 674

www.dsnsq.org.au

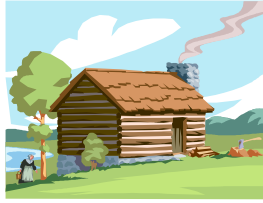
NSW Association of Gifted & Talented Children Albury/Wodonga Support Group

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga and welcomes interested parents & teachers

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 23/10/07 6pm. Dr Anne Flood of the Tall Poppies Centre, Wagga Wagga will be our guest speaker.

For venue details & information phone Dennis Baker, President, (02)60591888





NEW HOME EDUCATION REGULATIONS

The new Education Act was declared and came into effect on 1 July 2007

See this statement on the DET website " The Act came into effect when it was proclaimed on Sunday 1st July 2007 by the Governor in Council."

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/directions/reviewleg.htm>

The new Education Act requires that home educators be registered. More details on the requirements are available here <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/category/victorian-legal-situation/> including a downloadable pdf <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2007/04/victorianlegalinformation.pdf> giving details of the Education Act and associated regulations.

The VRQA now have registration forms on their website here

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/homeSchool/application.htm> and explanatory information here <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/homeSchool/support.htm>

A PDF giving details of the relevant sections of the legislation and regulations is available on the HEN website here <http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/2007/07/02/education-act-declared-1st-july-2007/>

The information about the Homeschooling Advisory Committee is now online here <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/enrolling/hsac.htm>



STARJUMP FOR VISUAL SPATIAL LEARNERS

Unlocking Literacy - Building systems of thinking using cognitive strengths.

The Starjump Literacy program is now available on CD for Visual Spatial Learners from 6 to 12 years of age. If your child has difficulties with reading, writing, or spelling come and find out more at the next Parent Information Night. More details about the CD on Gifted Resources Visual Spatial Learner page

See details of the CD and the next Information Night in the In Tray section on the Gifted Resources homepage <http://www.giftedresources.org/>

For details call Maxine Cowie on 9596 8288

or email maxine@starjump.com.au to register.

ASSOC PROF. JOHN MUNRO Free Public Lecture

Wednesday 31 October 2007 5.30-7.00 pm

The paradox of students who are both gifted and have learning disabilities

The ELDI Cluster (Faculty of Education) and the Association of Graduates in Early Childhood Studies invite you to a free public lecture

Venue Public Policy Lecture Theatre

Level 2, 234 Queensberry St The University of Melbourne

Enquiries to Anne Grant

Email: annecg@unimelb.edu.au

Phone 8344 0985

See the flyer Night in the In Tray section on the Gifted Resources homepage

<http://www.giftedresources.org/>

GIFTEDFAMILIES MEETING

A group of giftedfamilies email list members is meeting at Healesville Sanctuary (Victoria) on Friday October 5th. There will be a 90 minute customised problem-solving session for the kids which includes hands-on experiences with wildlife.

For full details including RSVP details see the flyer at

<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/files/healesvilleflier.pdf>

MINDFUL! TERM 4 PROGRAMS

See the flyer Night in the In Tray section on the Gifted Resources homepage

<http://www.giftedresources.org/>

CGS PD Seminar Programme

Programming for gifted students in schools

Monday 22 October 2007

Presenter Judy Parker

This program is focussed on developing a full range of school provisions for gifted students, with emphasis on their affective as well as academic needs. It will be closely based on the worksheets of the presenter's book "School Provisions for Gifted Students", a copy of which is included in the cost

Monday 22 October 2007

9.30am – 3.30pm (Registration 9.15am)

Australian Institute of Management

181 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda

For details contact

CGS Extension Services

P.O Box 610 Elsternwick 3185

Telephone: 03 9524 6222 Fax: 03 9524 6303

Email: seminars@caulfieldgs.vic.edu.au

For the flyer see the In Tray section on the Gifted Resources homepage

<http://www.giftedresources.org/>

ON NOW !

OGTOC ONLINE CONFERENCE

THOMAS S. GREENSPON Ph.D., LP, LMFT

September 17-19, 2007

PERFECTIONISM: THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Perfectionism can sap emotional energy, cause difficulties in relationships, and even interfere with performance. Perfectionism is not about doing one's best, or about pursuing excellence; it's about the desire to be perfect, the fear of imperfection, and the emotional conviction that perfection is the only route to acceptability as a person. Whether you have concerns about children or partners, find out what perfectionism is, where it comes from, and what concrete steps can be taken to launch a recovery process by building an environment of acceptance.

BIO

Tom Greenspon is a Licensed Psychologist and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, in private practice in Minneapolis. He earned a B.A. from Yale and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Illinois in 1968. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Rochester, NY, he joined the faculty of the Medical Center at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, where he was involved in teaching, research, and counseling until moving to the Twin Cities in 1977. Tom lectures and writes on a variety of topics, including couples' and family relationships, and the emotional needs of gifted children and adults. He is a member of several professional organizations, he has authored a monograph on adolescent-adult relationships for the Unitarian Universalist Association, entitled Human Connections, and a number of his articles have appeared in professional journals. His book, Freeing Our Families From Perfectionism, has won the National Parenting Publications Gold Award and a Parents' Choice Award.

Tom is married to Barbara C. Greenspon, M.A., his partner in the private practice of psychotherapy with individuals, couples, and families

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Greenspon, T.S. (In press). What is perfectionism? Making sense of error

Thomas S. Greenspon, Ph.D., LP, LMFT

P.O. Box 16325, Minneapolis, MN 55416-032

Related Link: <http://surfaquarium.com/TOE/2007/slyon.htm>

From Dr Nicolas Colangelo

A Nation Deceived, Three Years Later:

Impact on Attitudes, Practices, and Policies about Acceleration

The Belin-Blank Center for Gifted Education at the University of Iowa invites you to participate in a research study that involves completion of a brief (less than 10 minutes) online survey on the impact of the report A Nation Deceived. The purpose of the study is to evaluate how the release of A Nation Deceived three years ago has influenced attitudes, practices, and policies about academic acceleration.

The link to the Nation Deceived survey is <http://tinyurl.com/2jrojb>.

The survey also can be accessed at the Belin-Blank Website:

<http://www.education.uiowa.edu/belinblank/>

Please share this notice with colleagues who may be interested in completing the survey.

For more information, or if you believe you have received this message in error, please contact Nicholas Colangelo, Ph.D., at nick-colangelo@uiowa.edu, 319-335-6148 or 800-336-6463.

A Letter from Glenn Ewin

Gifted Adult Evenings.

Having recently had several conversations with Jo Freitag it has been highlighted to me that there is a need for gifted adults out there in the world to connect. I am currently looking at setting up workshops that have an interactive type forum with gifted related topics. I am an NLP (Neuro Linguistic Practitioner) and a gifted adult myself.

My interest in this area is related to

- Assisting those adults who find it hard to relate the world outside
- Passing on different tools and strategies to allow these people to find a better way of being around this.

My thinking at this stage is to have several different workshops with varying themes to open up a conversation that will allow people to relate to other adults of similar minds.

If you are interested in this type of forum, please email me at petaglennandgirls@bigpond.com so that I can give the idea some serious thought.

I am also available for personal sessions if anyone does have a need to see someone to discuss any difficulties that they may be having with being a gifted adult out there in the world.

Yours truly
Glenn Ewin.
Phone 0407 338 846.

WiseOnes

Annual Conference Friday 26th October.

Brandon Park Primary School

the topics are yet to be decided but the sessions will be run as if they were WiseOnes lessons; so teachers can get the feel of participation in a gifted class. It promises to be challenging in pace, complexity and dealing with abstract principles to over aspects of Intellectual, Moral and Social issues.

See the flyer in the In Tray section on the Gifted Resources homepage

<http://www.giftedresources.org/>

Email the office office23@tpg.com.au

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WiseOnes Expressions of Interest Sought

WiseOnes is interested in talking to teachers who may be interested in some part time contract work either teaching or promoting, or both, our programs in schools in their area.

WiseOnes is in its 10th year of providing the gifted program but would like to reach out to more schools so that more children can have their special needs met. We have decided to trial the idea of an Area Development Officer to promote to and care for several schools in their own area. They may teach at some of them on a separate contract. The ADO contract is performance based on the numbers of children in the program. Check us on www.wiseones.com.au and send an email of inquiry to patwise@tpg.com.au

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CALL FOR PAPERS

AAEGT 12th National Gifted and Talented Conference

Hosted by Tasmanian Association for the Gifted Inc

Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart Tasmania

9th - 11th July 2008

The theme of the 2008 conference is Celebrating Ability. The conference will provide all participants a stimulating and inspiring opportunity to explore a range of issues and challenges, ideas and resources. Participants include parents and educators who are highly motivated about the education and enrichment opportunities for gifted/highly able children.

A special invitation is extended to Tasmanian teachers - we want to hear about your innovative approach to Gifted Education.

The "Call for Papers" can be downloaded from the conference web page

http://www.conventionwise.com.au/GT_Call_for_Presenters.pdf

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

3D boards

<http://www.3dboards.com.au/>

<http://www.3dboards.com.au/schools.htm>

http://www.buildingcentre.com/smartproducts/perspective_drawing_boards.php

Uni of Sydney

THE ROLE OF AURAL AND VISUAL CUES IN DEVELOPING NAVIGATION STRATEGIES IN VIRTUAL WORLDS

<http://faculty.arch.usyd.edu.au/kcdc/seminars/2004/abstracts.html>

The Association of Chief Psychologists with Ontario School Boards

Conversion table for derived scores

<http://www.acposb.on.ca:80/conversion.htm>

Zoo programs for gifted students

http://www.zoo.org.au/education/pdf/worz_gifted.pdf

http://www.zoo.org.au/education/pdf/careers_flyer.pdf

Outgrowing ADHD? Eide Blogspot

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com:80/2007/09/outgrowing-adhd.html>

RITCHIES IGA COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Gifted Resources is participating in the Ritchies IGA Community Benefits scheme. To give Gifted Resources benefit every time you shop for groceries ask at any Ritchies IGA for a Community Benefits card and nominate **Gifted Resources Number 90417**

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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