



GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

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**Please check the contact
details you have for Gifted
Resources as I keep finding
places still listing old
details.
Full contact details are listed
at the end of the newsletter**

Welcome to the Gifted Resources Email Newsletter in pdf attachment format

Gifted Resources News

June is turning out to be a very busy month!

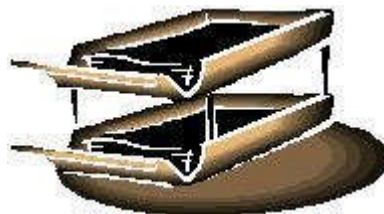
There are all the travel arrangements and preparations for the AAEGT Conference in Hobart where I will be giving a Poster Presentation about the role of Gifted Resources
[\(More on page 4\)](#)

Preparations for Rosemary Cathcart's Victorian workshops at The MacRobertson Girls High School are in full swing
[\(More on page 3\)](#)

You should have recently received the Gifted Resources Newsletter – Holiday and Extension Programs for the coming mid year school holidays. If you missed it you can still read it in the Newsletter Archives 2008 section of the website or in the Extension and Holiday Programs section of the Service Locator on the website

I am also working on the next Children's Church program for the time leading up to Christmas on the theme Emmanuel – God with Us. I will put it up on my personal website when it is complete





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 would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to contributions@giftedresources.org

AAEGT CONFERENCE CELEBRATING ABILITY HOBART 9-11 JULY 2008 [WEBSITE](#)

AAEGT CONFERENCE HOBART PARENT EVENING WITH ROSEMARY CATHCART [WEBPAGE](#)

U.N.E. TALENT ENRICHMENT DAY The Amazing Brain Workshop 21 June 2008 [FLYER & REG. FORM](#)

THINKING AHEAD Winter Holiday Program [WEBSITE](#)

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 3 [FLYER](#)

CHILLY CHIP Holiday Program July 2008 [FLYER](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE Holiday Program [FLYER](#)

V.I.T. new teachers PD website [FLYER](#)

MINDFUL! Current focus [FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON FOR YEAR 7 [FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS [PDF FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM OCTOBER 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

ALISON BROWN

Playing by the rules Social skills group for boys 5-8 year olds July - September 08 [FLYER](#)

Playing by the rules Social skills group 9-12 year olds July - September 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls 5-7 year olds July - August 08 [FLYER](#)

The rainbow connection Social skills group for girls 8-12 year olds July - August 08 [FLYER](#)

NEO Psychology School & Educational Psychologists Clinical Psychology Seminar Program for 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

Giftedness Researchers' Support and Discussion Forum [NOTICE](#)

MONASH UNIVERSITY KRONGOLD CENTRE GIFTED SERVICES [PDF FLYER](#)

The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project Dresden 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

Advance notice VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

ROSEMARY CATHCART WORKSHOPS CHANGE OF VENUE

Due to an overwhelming interest we have changed the venue for Rosemary Cathcart's Melbourne Workshops to:

The MacRobertson Girls' High School

350 – 370 Kingsway, Melbourne

Thursday 17th – 9.00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 17th July 7.30 – 9pm

Friday 18th July - 9.00am – 3.00 pm

The support of The MacRobertson Girls' High School in donating the use of their Function Centre and Theatre is gratefully acknowledged.

This has enabled us to review the cost of the workshops in order to keep prices as low as possible. Groups of teachers from the one school are welcome to attend.

Places are limited and filling fast. Please confirm your attendance by filling in the registration form and sending to us together with your Cheque or Purchase Order as soon as possible.

Enquiries Phone 0434 217 781

ALL THE FLYERS AND REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE HOMEPAGE OF GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE www.giftedresources.org

GLENN EWIN

Glenn Ewin has developed an interactive workshop to explain Visual Thinking

Visual Thinking at its best is learning how right brain functioning can be explained in a manner that strengthens a person's strategies, adapting how they use their skills to strengths rather than weaknesses.

This is an interactive workshop designed to explain just what it is that visual thinkers do in their heads. In this workshop we will explore the realities of visual thinking from a hands-on approach to gain a better understanding of what it is that we need to change in order to strengthen the gift of visual thinking.

Glenn Ewin is a practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming. NLP is a tool used to understand how people do things in the world. We model successful outcomes, breakdown inappropriate and weak strategies, and re-form them into better suited ones. I am a whole-brained thinker with a preference for visual processing. Having worked with a number of Visual Spatial people I feel it is time for a better understanding of this difference to be explored, worked with and taken out of the realm of difficult.

Glenn Ewin.

Lifetime Learnings.

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AAEGT Conference CELEBRATING ABILITY Hobart 9 -11 July 2008

<http://events.conventionwise.com.au/ei/cm.esp?id=217&pageid= 28B0S0N6N>

AAEGT CONFERENCE PARENT SESSION

Parents should take this opportunity to come along and hear Keynote Speaker from New Zealand, Rosemary Cathcart. Parents may attend this separately or as part of conference registration ie **you do not have to be a conference delegate to qualify to attend.**

"The school and your gifted child: How to cope!"

- How do you tell the school you think your child might be gifted without them thinking you're a pushy parent?
- What can you do if they don't seem to listen?
- What if you're not sure whether your child's gifted – how can you tell?
- How can you deal with a teacher who doesn't give your child challenging work?
- How can you build a productive relationship with your child's school?
- How can you help your child at home?
- Should you be worried if your child spends lots of time alone?

This workshop looks at some of those tricky questions that face the parent of a gifted child, with an opportunity for your own questions.

[Register online](#) or turn up on the night and buy a ticket at the Registration Desk. Ticket cost is \$25. The evening starts at 7.30 and goes until 9.00 pm. The session will be held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart - in the Ballroom.

Further information from:
Phil Holmes
Convention Wise
Gifted Conference Secretariat
Ph 6234 1424

Conference Program http://www.conventionwise.com.au/Gifted_Program.pdf

Master class for post graduate students

<http://events.conventionwise.com.au/ei/cm.esp?id=217&pageid= 2DC0PTWQ2>

Interested In Journal Writing & Research In Gifted Education? Master Class for Postgraduate Students who are actively engaged in a postgraduate research programme at either Masters or Doctoral level or who intend to enrol in a programme in the next 12 months

Monday 7th - Tuesday 8th July

Preceding The AAEGT National Conference - University of Tasmania

The masterclass coordinators have worked closely with some of the world's most outstanding researchers in gifted education & have extensive experience in postgraduate education.

They share many years of combined research experience at the highest levels,

PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK

(Formerly Bayside Young Active Minds - BYAMS)

Active network in Melbourne's south eastern region offering the following services to families with gifted children:

- * "Mini Minds" - weekly activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - fortnightly activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime and evening social events for parents to share their experience of parenting the gifted child
- * Comprehensive members library
- * Quarterly newsletter containing professional articles

For further information visit www.giftedsupport.org

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is 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>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A new 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

sally-ann.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.

MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC. INC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on Wednesday
7 May, 4 June, 2 July

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

NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

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

For details about events for gifted children and their families in the Western District of Victoria
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DIMENSIONS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Regular Meetings, Billanook College Mooroolbark

ALL WELCOME

Stress in Gifted Children

Guest Presenter: Sally-Anne McCormack

15 August 7.30pm, Middle School Centrespace Billanook College

Care and Wellbeing for Parents of Highly Able Children

Guest Presenter: Julie Giles

27 October 7.30pm, Junior Resource Centre Billanook College

For more details contact the Dimensions Office,
on 9724 1158 or emma.cornish@billanook.vic.edu.au

FOR A FULLER LIST OF PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS PLEASE SEE THE LIST ON GIFTED RESOURCES WEBSITE UNDER THE HEADING PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS IN THE SERVICE LOCATOR

SECRETARIES, PLEASE SEND DETAILS OF YOUR GROUP'S COMING EVENTS AND I WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE THEM IN THE NEWSLETTER AND/OR THE IN TRAY (NO COST INVOLVED)

PROF MIRACA GROSS HONOURED

Like nearly every other country in the world, Australia has a system of honours and awards so its citizens can be recognised for excellence, achievement or meritorious service. Honours recognise, celebrate and say thank you to those who make a difference, those who achieve their best and those who serve others.

Professor Miraca Gross was amongst the list of those honoured on 9 June/
Congratulations and thank you for your service to the gifted, Miraca Gross!

The citation reads

MEMBER OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA (General Division)

Professor Miraca Una GROSS, NSW. Service to education as an academic, researcher and author through the design and delivery of programs and policies for gifted students and their teachers, to professional development and educational practice.

http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au:80/honours/honour_roll/search.cfm?aus_award_id=1138666&search_type=simple&showInd=true

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX PROGRAMS FOR GIFTED CHILDREN TERM 3, 2008

Thinking Outside The Box is a suite of innovative programs created by Penny Willoughby for gifted children. The programs are available, on a local-area basis, in selected schools in Melbourne. More information about the programs and venues can be found at:

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

The Term 3 Flyer can also be found in the In Tray on Gifted Resources Home Page. Registrations for Term 3, 2008 programs are due by **Friday 20th June**.

THINKING AHEAD (WESTERN AUSTRALIA)

Eureka Program for gifted adolescents

This 3 night residential camp is a new program for gifted or high achieving adolescents and will be held from 29th Sept to 2nd October at New Norcia, about 90 minutes from Perth. The program will focus on the selected academic workshop during the morning with afternoon and evening sessions on a range of topics including personal insight and development and career planning along with time to meet and mix with other gifted young people. More information and details will be added to the website soon at www.thinkingahead.com.au/eureka.htm.

10th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON GIFTEDNESS

14 – 18 July 2008

Nanyang Technological University

Singapore.

<http://www.10apcgifted.org/>

From Hazel Jensen in USA

Hi Jo,

We are still trying to line up suitable housing and work for Kirsten when she returns in July. Are you able to put a notice in your newsletter?

Looking for a room for rent: Responsible, sociable, 16 year old high school graduate, returning to Melbourne from US without family. Starting in July for 9 months. Will be working prior to attending Melbourne Uni next year. Prefers a location close to public transport convenient to city and south eastern Melb.

Contact parent: Hazel Jensen at jjensen313@comcast.net



SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Two success stories

15-year-old high school grad prepares for college this fall

<http://www.martinsvillebulletin.com:80/article.cfm?ID=14205>

Teen Graduates High School, College In Same Week

<http://www.kcci.com/education/16187339/detail.html>

TED Amy Tan Where does creativity hide?

<http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/250>

TED Rick Warren Living a life of purpose

<http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/view/id/71>

Frans Lanting A lyrical view of life on Earth

<http://www.ted.com/talks/view?id=40>

Sheila Patek Measuring the fastest animals

<http://www.ted.com/talks/view?id=77>

Thank you to Sharni Green of Gifted Support Network for these links to articles relating to bullying of gifted students

<http://nswagtc.org.au/info/articles/CampbellStrategiesSensitiveSouls.htm> Practical Strategies for Sensitive Souls

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/05/15/AR2006051501103.html>

Gifted and Tormented : Academic Stars Often Bullied -- and More Likely to Suffer Emotionally as a Result

<http://www.bullyonline.org/schoolbully/gifted.htm> Bullying of gifted children : Giftedness, tall poppy syndrome and bullying by teachers

<http://www.consumeraffairs.com/news04/2006/04/bullies.html> Study: Gifted Students Become Bully Magnets

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/bullies.htm> Bullies and Bullying

http://www.sengifted.org/articles_social/Schuler_TeasingAndGiftedChildren.shtml Teasing and gifted children

Sally-Anne's website is www.sally-annemccormack.com.au – she deals with prevention of depression in children

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You may also access back issues of the newsletter (from January 2005), or change your subscription options, from this address.

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

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