



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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Gifted Resources News

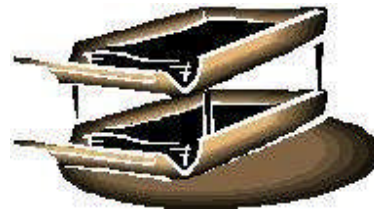
Is procrastination infectious?

I seem to have caught a bout of it this month! I am sorry this issue is being sent out so late in the month. But at least important dates have been included in the In Tray on the website and so have not been completely missed.

I have been busy with maintaining and updating the Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org and my personal website <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/> and have also been involved with events at Luther College such as the Night of the Notables and Mark Collard Inspire your group PD session and assisting with the setting up of the Outer Eastern Gifted Network for secondary teachers involved in gifted education in the outer eastern suburbs and its online community.

I painted the windows for the Emmanuel Eternity church school program but have not painted the Christmas windows yet. When I arrived the following week I found that the kinder which uses the building during the week had just held a working bee and had washed the windows. The heart and house pictures were washed into distorted shapes and the world picture was almost completely gone so I had to repair and repaint.

Recent additions to Gifted Resources selection of Resources for Sale, which are valuable tools and would also make great Christmas gifts are TAOC – The Art of Conversation game, the books No Props by Mark Collard and Mellow Out by Michael Piechowski and Lesley Sword's DVD Understanding Giftedness. You will find information about these in the Resources for Sale section of Gifted Resources website



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

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS DATES [WEBSITE](#)

THE ART OF CONVERSATION A new resources available from [Gifted Resources](#) [MEDIA RELEASE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK TERM 4 [PDF NEWSLETTER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM 27 October 2008 [FLYER](#)

THE THINKER'S BRIDGE It's OK to be an introvert 28 October 08 East Melbourne Library, 122 George Street, East Melbourne (upstairs) [PDF FLYER](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK TERM 4 SPEAKER 30 October 2008 [FLYER](#)
Jennifer Grant The Advocacy Journey

ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AMPHIBIAN CRISIS Year 7/8 Gifted Student Conference
30-31 October [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Challenge in Bendigo 5-6 November 2008 [FLYER](#)

CRITICAL AGENDAS SEMINAR How to cater for gifted and highly able students for primary and secondary teachers 13-14 November 2008 [PDF FLYER](#)

GLENN EWIN VISUAL THINKING AT ITS BEST 18 November 2008 [FLYER](#)

ALISON BROWN Riding the Waves Parent Forum 25 November 2008 [FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS Festival of workshops 17-18 December 2008 [FLYER](#)

Reaching Forward : Achieving Sustainability in Gifted Education March 13 – 15 2009,
Rotorua New Zealand. [WEBSITE](#)

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

Advance notice VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) Call for Papers [WEBSITE](#)

18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children
Promoting the Dream

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7th 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/>

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>

Guest Speaker Jennifer Grant

The Advocacy Journey—One family's story of successfully negotiating the education system for gifted children

Thursday 30 October, 2008 7.45 - 9.30pm

at Southern Community Church of Christ
Cnr Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham
(Mel Ref 86 J1)

Jennifer has advocated for almost every educational option available for gifted children from early entrance to kindergarten, school and university, through numerous types of enrichment, grouping, mentoring and accelerative options.

No prior knowledge expected.

School personnel and parents are encouraged to attend.

Cost: \$5 members, \$10 non-members

Bookings essential

RSVP Louise by email admin@giftedsupport.org

Or phone 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

'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 the first Wednesday of the month

NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

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
PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Website : www.activeminds.org.au

Email : activeminds.au@gmail.com **Note: New Email address**

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TERM 4 ACTIVITY

What? Pizza, Drinks & Board Games

Where? Warrnambool Primary School gym, Jamieson Street, Warrnambool

When? Friday October 31st, 2008

Who For? Anyone from Gr 3 –Yr 10

Cost: \$7.00 (Inc pizza & drinks)

\$5.00 for Active Minds members

Time: 4.30pm-6.30pm

Why go? Meet other like minded students who like to play board games, think laterally, have fun and of course

EAT PIZZA!!

Carolyn Jennings

President: Active Minds

E-mail: orgadvan@bigpond.net.au

www.activeminds.org.au

03 55620915 or 0439369394

P.O. Box 584 Warrnambool, Victoria, 3280

DIMENSIONS PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Regular Meetings, Billanook College Mooroolbark

ALL WELCOME

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)

THE THINKER'S BRIDGE

It's OK to be an introvert!

Find out why... and how to make the most of the introvert's wonderful, but often hidden, strengths.

Speaker: Jodie Valpied MEd

When? Tuesday 28th October, 7:00pm

Where? East Melbourne Library, 122 George Street, East Melbourne (upstairs)

Cost? \$15 per adult (children free)

For further information Email: jodie@thethinkersbridge.org

SALLY-ANNE McCORMACK - STOMP OUT THE ANTs PROGRAM

Sally-Anne is offering students the opportunity to be a part of the "**Stomp out the ANTs**" program (*formerly Life Strategies Program*); which was written in response to the growing number of children and adolescents who are at risk for or suffering from depression.

Sally-Anne is offering three children's programs - one for students in Grades 5 & 6, another for those in Years 7 to 9, and a group for Years 10 - 12 - to be involved in for 5 weeks.

She is also introducing a **parent version** of the program, to help teach parents how best to recognise and help their children prevent depression. It will run for 2 weeks on Wednesday mornings for 2 hours. Please register your interest for the next Parent Program by emailing [Sally Anne McCormack](mailto:Sally-Anne-McCormack).

If you are interested in your child or teen participating in the "**Stomp out the ANTs**" Program, please register on-line or telephone 8812 2373 (or email Sally-Anne) and leave your contact details and a short message.

Parents - please telephone or email to enrol and learn more about reducing the risks of depression for your child. Sally-Anne will get back to you to confirm your enrolment.

P.O. Box 2324

Blackburn South

Vic 3130

Phone (03) 8812 2373

Email: sally-anne@optusnet.com.au

Website: <http://www.psychonline.com.au/>

Website: <http://www.parentsonline.com.au/>

From Lynette Hendry - PA to Fiona Smith

This is Lynette Hendry, Fiona Smith's PA – this is not SPAM .

We are getting inundated with calls wanting to know if Fiona is ok. Fiona is ok but Fiona's computer has fallen victim to an internet SCAM and her Hotmail address has been hijacked – ftalbotsmith@hotmail.com

Any mail sent to her Hotmail address is going directly to the scammers.

You may have received an email saying Fiona is in the UK and needs \$2500 as she has had an accident.

Delete this email and also delete from the 'Delete Box' – and do not reply as your address will then go to the scammers and show you as 'active'.

Fiona has asked if you could send any emails in the interim to Optus address lynetteadmin@optusnet.com.au

Hopefully we will have the new website up and running shortly and Fiona will have her new email address.

Kind regards,

Lynette.

Lynette Hendry

personal assistant to

FIONA SMITH

Gateways Education

Suite 424 1 Georgina St

Newtown NSW 2042

P 02 9592 0081 | M 0407 434424 | F 02 9592 0407

Email lynetteadmin@optusnet.com.au

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENTS FORUM

Living with bright and capable young children can be an absolute delight, as they quickly develop and become increasingly aware of the world around them. This awareness and rapid development, however, often brings with it a heightened intensity in social, emotional and physical issues. Encountering frustrations and perfectionism in a 2 year old, an intense sense of fairness and social justice in a 4 year old, and an insatiable thirst for knowledge in a 6 year old can leave parents wondering how best to meet the needs of bright little children who seem to be “marching to the beat of a different drum”.

“Riding the Waves” is a **monthly forum** for parents of emotionally intense and gifted children. With a range of topics and techniques presented each month, this forum provides an opportunity to meet and discuss issues with parents sharing similar experiences. Come along to the topics that interest you or whichever months you are free.

As well as general discussion, these monthly meetings will cover topics as follows:

- ❖ Emotional Intensity (November 2008)
- ❖ Perfectionism (February 2009)
- ❖ Social interactions (March 2009)
- ❖ Thirst for knowledge (April 2009)
- ❖ Organisational skills (May 2009)
- ❖ Obsessive behaviours (June 2009)
- ❖ Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
- ❖ Modifying school and homework task



DATE: 4th Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7.30 – 8.30pm
VENUE: Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - **Mel Ref: 59E2**)
COST: \$35.00 per session (*Rebates available through most private health funds or through Medicare with a GP referral*)

These forums will be held on Tuesday evenings in Hawthorn.

Alison is considering providing these forums next year once a month during the morning in Croydon. Please contact Alison to register your interest.

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Malvern Vic 3144
Phone: (03) 9824 6617
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Email:

alisonbrown@PsychologyAndChildren.com.au



Visual Thinking at Its Best

An interactive workshop designed to explain what it is that visual thinkers do in their heads and what it is that creates such a challenge for the left brained auditory sequential world.

Many thanks to Lesley Sword, who re-phrased the term Visual Spatial Learner into Visual Thinker! Firstly she obviously understands right brained thinking and how a Visual Thinker operates, and secondly it is so nice to have a phrase that explains just what it is that they do and takes the label away.

What we will explore.

Anyone who lives with, teaches or is a Visual Thinker will know how incredibly different this way of being is compared to Left brained auditory sequential people. The sad fact is that what most often happens when a VT is identified is that straight away we start translating for them. If we actually understood what it is that they do in their heads, we might just stop translating and begin teaching to their strengths instead.

In this workshop we will explore right-brained visual strategies that will assist the Visual thinker to operate more simply, navigate learning experiences and move more freely in our overly weighted left brained world.

Who should attend?

- Visual thinkers old enough to understand that they can benefit by having a better knowing of how they think, learn and organize themselves
- Families, parents and people who have one or more visual thinker in their midst.
- In particular, any left brained, auditory sequential learner who experiences frustration because they don't understand the visual thinker living in their house.
- Teachers who have identified learning differences with right brained children, teenagers or even adults.

When Tuesday November the 18th at 7.30 pm.

Where. 36 Albert Road South Melbourne.

Cost. \$60.00 per person. Families \$95.00.

How to register. Email lifetimelearnings@bigpond.com or call 0407 338 846 by Tuesday November 11th.

Glenn Ewin is a practitioner of Neuro Linguistic Programming. NLP is a tool used to understand how people do things in the world.. 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.

110 A Lucerne Crescent

Alphington. 3078

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Nanowrimo

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

SEE Stanford Engineering Everywhere

<http://see.stanford.edu/default.aspx>

Online French course from University of Texas

<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/fi/>

Donna Young printables and resources for homeschoolers

<http://donnayoung.org/>

Archimedes Lab

<http://www.archimedes-lab.org/index.html>

High IQ kids

<http://www.greenfire-creative.com/writing/HIQ.htm#toc>

Roland Liu – young man on campus

http://www.boston.com/news/education/higher/articles/2008/09/23/young_man_on_campus/

The Dana Foundation

<http://www.dana.org/default.aspx>

Human Rights Photo competition

http://www.humanrights.gov.au/photo_comp/

AFTRS Australian Film, Television and Radio School

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

Virtual Worlds

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au/disciplines/virtualworlds/studyingvirtualworlds.aspx>

Game Design

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au/disciplines/gamedesign/studyinggamedesign.aspx>

CraftsRUs scrapbooking supplies

<http://craftsrus.com.au/>

High Ability Blog

<http://highability.org/>

Changing needs of gifted education Eide Neurolearning blog

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2008/10/changing-needs-of-gifted-education.html>

Get Farming watermelon growing challenge

http://www.getfarming.com.au/pages/farming/articles_view.php?fld=6420081007151101

Children's Week Calendar of events

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/childrensweek/events.htm>

The Melbourne Medieval Fayre and Tournay 16th & 17th November.

<http://www.mmfat.org.au/main.php>

Kathryn Bunn articles on Suite 101

<http://www.suite101.com/profile.cfm/kathryn18>

Savant Syndrome

http://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/savant_syndrome/

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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

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