



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER  
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## *Gifted Resources News*

### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING...**

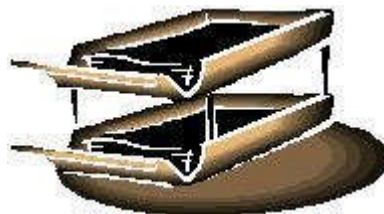
I know it seems a long way off now but it is the right time to start thinking about some things relating to Christmas. Some organized people, like our younger daughter, have started their preparations already.

I am already thinking of Christmas also; both from the point of view of stocking the Resources for Sale section and also from the point of view of the Christmas program for our Children's Church and window painting.

The program, Emmanuel Eternity, has been finished and can be read in the Church School Programs section of my personal website. Most of the fish have been washed off the windows (see the Window painting section of my personal website) and this year's Christmas windows are in the planning stage. <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/>

Recent additions to Gifted Resources selection of Resources for Sale, which are valuable tools for working with groups of any type, and would also make great Christmas gifts are TAOC – The Art of Conversation game and the book No Props by Mark Collard. You will find information about both of 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](http://www.giftedresources.org)

If you would like information included in the newsletter and/or the In Tray please send to [contributions@giftedresources.org](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS DATES** [WEBSITE](#)

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

**C,H.I.P. LINE UP WITH CHIP HOLIDAY PROGRAM** [PDF FLYER](#)

**MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM** [PDF FLYER](#)

**AUSTRALIAN MENSA GRANTS 2008 APPLICATIONS CLOSING 30 September 08**

For further details contact Cliff Schwarz

Australian Mensa Gifted student fund administrator phone ( 02) 66847134 [WEBSITE](#)

**G.A.T.E.WAYS NEXT STEP SEMINAR SERIES 6- 8 October 2008** [PDF FLYER](#)

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

**MINDFUL!** Current focus [FLYER](#)

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

**ADDRESSING THE GLOBAL AMPHIBIAN CRISIS Year 7/8 Gifted Student Conference**

30-31 October [WEBSITE](#) [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](#)

**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](#)

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

**Reaching Forward : Achieving Sustainability in Gifted Education March 13 – 15 2009,** Rotarua 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](#)

**18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children** <http://www.worldgifted2009.com/>  
**Promoting the Dream**

Vancouver Canada August 3 -7<sup>th</sup> 2009.

## 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" - 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](http://www.giftedsupport.org)

or phone Carolyn (9576 5137)

P.O. Box 2808 Cheltenham, 3192

Email address is [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org)

**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](mailto:tina@tinamccarthydesign.com)

or Sally-Ann Free

[sally-ann.free@live.vu.edu.au](mailto: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

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

### NOTE NEW POSTAL ADDRESS

Postal address:

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Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

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Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

[louise\\_h@tpg.com.au](mailto:louise_h@tpg.com.au)

## **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](http://www.activeminds.org.au)

Email : [activeminds.au@gmail.com](mailto:activeminds.au@gmail.com) **Note: New Email address**

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Secretary	Andrea Sampson	5560 3888	<a href="mailto:sampsonsensei@hotmail.com">sampsonsensei@hotmail.com</a>

## **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](mailto: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)

## **CHANGES TO CONTACT DETAILS**

New email for Active Minds

[activeminds.au@gmail.com](mailto:activeminds.au@gmail.com)

Change of phone number for Maxine Cowie of Starjump for Visual Spatial Learners

Ph (03) 9592 7253

Taryn Bloom

Clinical psychologist

New information is the following:

[Sydney Child Assessment and Testing Service](http://www.sydneychildtesting.com.au)

Phone: (02) 9660-7688

Fax: (02) 9660 7699

E-mail: [info@sydneychildtesting.com.au](mailto:info@sydneychildtesting.com.au)

Website: [www.sydneychildtesting.com.au](http://www.sydneychildtesting.com.au)

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jodie@thethinkersbridge.org)

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS 'Next Step' 2008 Seminar Series**

This is a unique opportunity for gifted students in the last term of their primary school education to come together with like minded peers and develop their creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and communication skills in preparation for secondary school. Students will expand and challenge their thinking in core subjects such as mathematics, history and literacy and take time to consider many of the essential skills they will require in the coming year. These workshops have been specifically created and presented by a talented team from G.A.T.E.WAYS. The Seminar Series will be launched each day with a key note speaker, inspiring students to develop their talents, follow their passion and make a positive contribution to their world

G.A.T.E.WAYS 'Next Step' Seminar Series will be held at **City Cite, L/12, 474 Flinders Street, Melbourne**, over three days, **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 2008.**

**For full details see** <http://www.gateways.edu.au/>

## **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 persons 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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## **LIMITED TIME OFFER: FREE Activity Book from Mark Collard author of No Props**

[www.inspireyourgroup.com/gifted.htm](http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/gifted.htm)

Do you work with groups? Would you like to get your hands on the Ten Easiest & Most Successful Ice-Breakers and Group Games Ever?

Mark Collard, one of Australia's leading adventure educators, and author of the popular 'No Props' activity book, has just released a BRAND NEW ebook describing TEN of the MOST SUCCESSFUL ice-breaker and interactive group activities he knows, each with easy to follow step-by-step instructions and illustrations. Go to [www.inspireyourgroup.com/gifted.htm](http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/gifted.htm) to instantly download your FREE copy. Thirty pages of the best group games ever!

EXPIRES 30th September, 2008.



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### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

From October 1<sup>st</sup> WiseOnes becomes a Licensed operation. WiseOnes will approve suitable Licensees to operate a business using our Trademark, logo and intellectual property, developed over the last 11 years in the field of Gifted Education and in other special needs programs.

If you would like to own your own time, manage your own income needs, have school holidays even with your own business, receive great professional satisfaction and make use of the wonderful talents you have developed over your educational career then look no further. Email now and find out more to [patwise@tpg.com.au](mailto:patwise@tpg.com.au)

The low entry fee and low ongoing fees will enable more well-qualified teachers to start their own business furthering the AIMS of WiseOnes in assisting in areas of need.

Those who are suited to this are teacher leaders who are looking to retire from the principal's job or their assistants or deputies. This can be done anywhere in Australia and does not have to be a big operation. It can be working with a couple of schools in a country town or a large area of a state. It depends on your capabilities.

WiseOnes already operates in government and non government schools in Victoria and New South Wales assisting them to provide more varied programs for the gifted whose needs go past enrichment into greater difference. Inquire about joining our professional team

**Pat Slattery, Principal/Director**

See [www.wiseones.com.au](http://www.wiseones.com.au)

Email: [patwise@tpg.com.au](mailto:patwise@tpg.com.au)

**SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

Open Source Victoria  
<http://www.osv.org.au/>

Free Open Source software for schools  
[http://www.cybersource.com.au/about/education\\_FOSS\\_catalog.pdf](http://www.cybersource.com.au/about/education_FOSS_catalog.pdf)

Sourceforge Open Source Software  
<http://sourceforge.net/>

Gifted Homeschoolers Forum  
<http://giftedhomeschoolers.org/about.html>

Carol-Anne Hammond  
Learning Advantage  
<http://www.learningadvantage.com.au/>

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

Change of venue for Books Illustrated  
<http://www.booksillustrated.com.au/aboutus.php>

Science Alliance The University of Sydney Faculty of Science  
<http://www.science.usyd.edu.au/outreach/index.shtml>

University of Newcastle Gifted and Talented Program  
<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/giftedandtalented/index.html>  
<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/giftedandtalented/courses-2008.html>

DocSykes  
<http://docsykes.com/>

Inspire your group  
<http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/>

Gifted Exchange Blogspot  
<http://www.giftedexchange.blogspot.com/>

Gifted Dropouts  
<http://giftedexchange.blogspot.com/2008/09/are-20-of-high-school-drop-outs-gifted.html>

Keating College new school opening in Melbourne city 2009 Open Day 16 November 2008  
<http://www.keatingcollege.com.au/>

Make Beliefs Comix  
<http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/Comix/>

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