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## Gifted Resources News



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It was like Christmas!

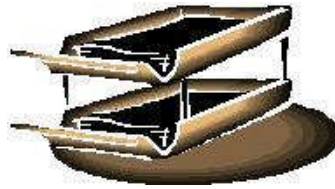
Bill Zimmerman of <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com/> and <http://www.billztreasurechest.com/> sent me a selection of his books. I will be placing an order shortly and Bill's books will be available from Gifted Resources.

Sprite, my little twice exceptional cartoon character, helped me open the box and grabbed the Butterfly Wishes book straight away. But I know she will probably want to dictate to me because she has wonderful thoughts but very untidy writing and she is such a perfectionist she won't want to spoil the journal. She loves butterflies as much as fractal ferns, tessellated birds, cheetah soft toys, cats and frogs (see picture at end of newsletter)

Sprite and I were not the only ones who were impressed. The teachers I showed the books to said some of them would be great for introductory exercises, springboards for journal writing and compiling oral histories and others would make great awards or gifts

There is an article about Bill on Eleanor Traubman's blog <http://creativetimes.blogspot.com/2007/08/world-of-bill-zimmerman.html>

Oh, and Sprite has hijacked my personal blog at <http://giftedresources.org/jo/> Originally Jamie Tarling, my tech guru, titled the blog Ho Ho – it's Jo: A very merry blog when he set it up for me last Christmas. But it is now Sprite's Site and I will use it to record our conversations etc. Sometimes her thoughts are profound – other times they are just plain silly!



## 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) The links in the newsletter are not live – 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](mailto:contributions@giftedresources.org)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUMS 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS OUT ON THE TOWN PROGRAM [FLYER](#)

HAWKER BROWNLOW EDUCATION Professional Development Days [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG CARTOONING WORKSHOP 20 June 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

PG Retreat 2-6 July 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [WEBSITE](#)

C.H.I.P. Family Support Group Roaming reptiles 5 July 2009 [FLYER](#)

GERRIC July Workshops [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP BIG WEEK OUT Holiday Program 6-10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS NEXT STEP LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 9-10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 28 June - 10 July 2009 [PDF BROCHURE](#)

G.E.M.M. Warrnambool Program 26 July 2009 [FLYER](#)

VAGTC Inc Conference August 2009 [PDF FLYER](#) [PDF BROCHURE](#) [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Term 3 Guest speaker Dr Leonie Kronborg 10 September 2009 [FLYER](#)

NSWAGTC Conference November 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#) [CALL FOR PAPERS DOC](#)

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

18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children  
Promoting the Dream  
Vancouver Canada  
August 3 -7<sup>th</sup> 2009.  
<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)



# Gifted Resources

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## **GUEST SPEAKER - GLENN EWIN**

### **Visual thinking at its best!**

Friday 31 July 2009

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136

Cost: \$20.00

**Glenn Ewin from **Lifetime Learning's** presents,**

### **Visual Thinking at it's best.**

Having read many books written by some wonderful people and worked with some extremely talented visual thinkers, Glenn feels that it is time to unleash the secrets of visual thinking. The understanding of this difference in how people think has now been given great credence over the last few years and done much to ease the lives of many so called "learning disabled" people.

Whether you think in pictures, words, feelings or a mixture of all these modalities, your learning style is still quite individual. We now know that the greater majority of teachers are auditory sequential learners and also the largest portion of our medical professionals. Understandably, if you are an auditory sequential learner, you will thrive on words, systems and processes.

#### **What is Visual thinking at its best?**

Everything that we do in life involves a strategy. To remember something or perform a task, we use the same sequence every time. Visual thinkers usually have poor or inappropriate strategies to think, remember, organise and even write. The major reason this occurs is because the whole world is set up on a system of left brain, auditory sequential reasoning.

**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.

#### **How do we do this?**

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**

Glenn 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. Glenn is a whole brained thinker with a preference for visual processing. Having worked with a number of Visual Spatial people he feels it is time for a better understanding of this difference to be explored, worked with and taken out of the realm of difficult.

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 28 JULY 2009

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# 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](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>**

### TERM 3 GUEST SPEAKER

"Identifying Gifted Students at Home and in the Classroom"

presented by Dr Leonie Kronborg on behalf of Gifted Support Network

Discussion will cover the characteristics of gifted children, a range of identification procedures and the implications of why gifted students need to be identified early and for their talents to be developed. Dr Kronborg will also report on the latest research presented at the 2009 World Council for Gifted and Talented Children conference in Vancouver.

7.45 - 9.30pm, Thursday 10 September

Southern Community Church of Christ,

Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)

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

RSVP [admin@giftedsupport.org](mailto:admin@giftedsupport.org) or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

For further information about Gifted Support Network please refer to the website [www.giftedsupport.org](http://www.giftedsupport.org).

Carolyn Priest

Secretary

Gifted Support Network Inc

Phone: 9576 5137

## 'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

A 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

[sallyann.free@live.vu.edu.au](mailto:sallyann.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.

## **BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB**

### **Mini/Primary Minds group**

For details contact

Melissa Conley Tyler

[m.conleytyler@gmail.com](mailto:m.conleytyler@gmail.com)

mobile 0409 765 787

## **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 contact :

PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

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

Website [www.activeminds.org.au](http://www.activeminds.org.au)

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 [orgadvan@bigpond.net.au](mailto:orgadvan@bigpond.net.au)

## **Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire, Phillip island, Wonthaggi area**

Megan Leigh would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Bass Coast/South Gippsland shire.

Phillip Island, Wonthaggi area who would be interested in getting together for a network

Contact Megan Leigh

PO Box 906

Cowes, 3922

Phone (03) 5672 3336

Mobile 0411 469 759

email [indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au](mailto:indigo2crystal@yahoo.com.au)

## **Casterton and district area**

Catrina Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in the Casterton and District area

Contact : Catrina Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: [antrim@netspace.net.au](mailto: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

Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.

Contact

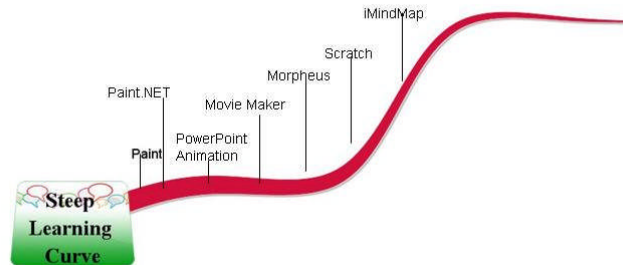
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## ONWARD AND UPWARD – the Steep Learning Curve continues with great people and exciting discoveries on the way!



As I work on preparing the Feetspeak: 2E shoes material for publication and presentation at conferences and P.D. sessions I am discovering and making a valiant attempt at using new computer programs. In rapid succession I have met and dabbled in Scratch <http://scratch.mit.edu/> , CoffeeCup GIF Animator <http://www.coffeecup.com/gif-animator/> , Paint.NET <http://www.getpaint.net/> , MS Photo Editor, Morpheus <http://www.morpheussoftware.net/> , GMaker, MapMaker <http://www.mapmaker.com/> , Movie Maker, Papel and Ashampoo Open Office Presentations.

**The most recent exciting discovery is Tony Buzan's iMindMap <http://www.imindmap.com/> and Jennifer Goddard's mind mapping and creativity site fuzz2buzz <http://www.fuzz2buzz.com/>**

## G.A.T.E.WAYS BRAINWAVES CLUB SECOND SEMESTER 2009

There are some vacancies in the G.A.T.E.WAYS Brainwaves Club for semester 2 at both venues  
At Ivanhoe there are vacancies in:

CheckMates  
Apprentices  
Einsteins

At Brighton there are vacancies in all clubs except the Munchkins and the DinoMites. The Brighton venue also has a new club for Bright Buttons (Preps). There is one vacancy left in this club.

All club outlines are available on G.A.T.E.WAYS website <http://www.gatewayways.edu.au/>

## A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

Dear OGTOC members,

A phenomenal cutting edge 2E-RTI webinar as presented by a national expert, Mary Ruth Coleman PhD was held on June 18th . This webinar will remain online until July 13, 2009. If you now have time and interest, please send me an email indicating such. I will supply you with the link and you can view as many times until July 13th. It is not the usual 2E presentation. It is a must for parents, teachers, administrators and 2E students to view and understand how "RTI" - Response to Intervention applies to 2E. There is also a fountain of knowledge about advocacy and its importance from k-12 and college.

This webinar will hopefully allow the funds to provide a scholarship to a grad student studying GT with a focus on 2E.. If such is collected details will be set forth.

Kind regards Sally L OGTOC Admin & creator.

Visit Gifted - OGTOC at: <http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com>

I was fortunate enough to participate in this Webinar and found it very valuable

**Another OGTOC Webinar** on 2E students which was held recently was conducted by Drs. Brock and Fernette Eide as a fund raiser for their daughter, Karina, who is battling cancer. The excellent 3 day Webinar can now be purchased on DVD For details see <http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/04/gifted-2e-webinar-with-eides-now.html>

**VAGTC presents:**

### **2009 CONFERENCE - DIFFERENTIATION FOR GIFTED STUDENTS**

The **Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children** is proud to bring **Carol Ann Tomlinson** to Melbourne for their forthcoming **2009 Conference**. Carol is an outstanding teacher whose practical approach to differentiation is powerful and inspiring.

Prof. Tomlinson's career as an educator includes 21 years as a public school teacher, including 12 years as a program administrator of special services for struggling and advanced learners. Currently, Prof. Tomlinson is a Professor of Educational Leadership at the University of Virginia, where she was named Outstanding Professor in 2004. She is also Co-Director of the university's Institutes on Academic Diversity.

Special interests throughout Prof. Tomlinson's career have included curriculum and instruction for struggling learners and advanced learners, effective instruction in heterogeneous settings and encouraging creative and critical thinking in the classroom. She works throughout the U.S. and abroad with teachers whose goal is to develop more responsive heterogeneous classrooms.

**Date:** Wednesday, 12 and Thursday 13 August 2009  
**Time:** 8.45am start Wednesday (Registration opens at 7.30am)  
**Location:** CQ Function Centre, 113 Queen Street (cnr. Little Collins St)  
**Cost:** VAGTC/AAEGT Members \$450.00 - Non Members \$495.00  
All prices include GST.

**Registration** for the 2009 Conference is now open. Further details, and registration forms, are available from the VAGTC at PO Box 132, Caulfield South, Vic, 3162 - or via email at [conference@vagtc.asn.au](mailto:conference@vagtc.asn.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:

- ❖ Extra curricular activities (July 2009)
- ❖ Modifying school and homework task

**DATE:** 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
**TIME:** 7.30 – 8.30pm  
**VENUE:** Melbourne University – Hawthorn Campus (Auburn Road - **Mel Ref: 59E2**)  
**COST:** \$35.00 per session

Private Suite 24 Robinson Street Malvern Vic 3144  
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## **SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES**

**Webb: Dabrowski and existential depression**

[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_counseling/DabrowskisTheory.pdf](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_counseling/DabrowskisTheory.pdf)

**Webb: Misdiagnosis and dual diagnosis of gifted children**

[http://www.sengifted.org/articles\\_counseling/Webb\\_MisdiagnosisAndDualDiagnosisOfGiftedChildren.pdf](http://www.sengifted.org/articles_counseling/Webb_MisdiagnosisAndDualDiagnosisOfGiftedChildren.pdf)

**Randy Pausch's last lecture**

<http://www.cmu.edu/randyslecture/>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BODHsU3hDo4>

**RTI Response to Intervention**

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/searchresults.asp?cx=003230009967409896371%3Amvzj-rcp38&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=RTI#959>

**NEAG Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development**

<http://www.gifted.uconn.edu/nrcgt/newsletter/spring98/sprng984.html>

**Slashdot News for Nerds 11 year old astrophysicist**

<http://news.slashdot.org/story/09/06/08/1444215/11-Year-Old-Graduates-With-Degree-In-Astrophysics>

**Earth speaks**

<http://earthspeaks.seti.org/>

**A Life – vocational guidance**

<http://www.alife.net.au/>

**ABC**

**National entry scores for universities**

<http://www.abc.net.au/am/content/2009/s2593915.htm>

**Ockham's Razor Thinking about memes, minds and cultural evolution**

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/ockhamsrazor/stories/2009/2595621.htm>

**Fuzz2buzz**

[www.fuzz2buzz.com](http://www.fuzz2buzz.com)

**Tony Buzan's iMind Map**

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

**Search for a perfect writing tool**

<http://fencer.wordpress.com/2006/07/07/the-search-for-the-perfect-writing-tool/>

**IXL Math**

<http://www.ixl.com/math/>

**Homeless student heads to Harvard**

<http://www.gnn.com/article/homeless-student-heads-to-harvard/539624?icid=main>



## Support thinking

[http://www.fhs.vic.edu.au/FrankstonFederation/thinking%20proformas/support\\_think.htm](http://www.fhs.vic.edu.au/FrankstonFederation/thinking%20proformas/support_think.htm)

## NRich Maths

<http://nrich.maths.org/content/id/5641/preview/#>

## Eide Neurolearning Blog – Creativity for non-visual thinkers

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2009/06/creativity-for-non-visual-thinkers.html>

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