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*****STOP PRESS*****

**There are a few places left in
the Warrnambool GEMM
Program on 26 July in
Creative writing
Screen printing
Electronic music production
and
Speed Chess Tournament**

**Also there are Southern
Right Whales with calves
Close in to shore at the
moment,
Contact Carolyn Jennings
ASAP on (03) 55620915
or 0439369394**

Gifted Resources News

"No, you're not a twit if you twitter" says Jennifer Goddard, director of the Buzan Centre in Australia and New Zealand and co-founder of Mindwerx International

<http://blogs.bnetau.com.au/aussierules/2009/06/18/no-youre-not-a-twit-if-you-twitter/>

And Sally L, Admin & Creator of OGTOC

<http://giftedonlineconferences.ning.com/> agrees and has prompted OGTOC members to start twittering.

Carolyn K of Hoagies, the all things gifted page

<http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/> twitters too and has offered RSS feed for a long time now

I have mentioned Twitter in the newsletter before and in 2006 I wrote a teaching unit titled The Twitter Tree

www.giftedresources.org/jo

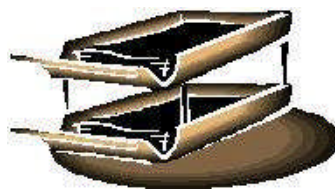
But until now I have not participated in Twitter myself.

Now very carefully, cautiously and conservatively I have started to tweet also. It is good to receive the updates of the people I am following and I now have a few followers myself. The first few who requested to follow me seemed to be just compiling contact lists and I declined their requests. But since then I have made some great contacts.

So if you twitter, please look me up!



c. Jo Freitag 2009



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 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

GERRIC Call for expressions of interest in a weekend course for parents of G&T children in Melbourne [LETTER](#)

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010 [FLYER](#)

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

GIANT CLASSROOM FLYERS [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#)

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

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

CHIP GEELONG Mike Jackson Family Concert and 2 workshops 2 August 2009 [FLYER](#)

BOROONDARA GIFTED NETWORK Guest speaker Dr Gail Byrne 6 August 2009 [FLYER](#)

18th World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children Promoting the Dream Vancouver Canada 3-7 August 2009. [WEBSITE](#)

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

SUE LARKEY Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome 4 September 2009 [FLYER](#)

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

WISEONES 12 Annual Conference 'Know thyself' 16 October 2009 [FLYER](#)

NSWAGTC Conference 1-2 November 2009 [WEBSITE](#) [FLYER PDF](#)

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



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

Phone (03) 97242452 or (03)9876 1349

Email jo@giftedresources.org

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 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 or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

For further information about Gifted Support Network please refer to the website 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

or Sally-Ann Free

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

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:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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 contact :

PO Box 584

Warrnambool Vic 3280

Email: activeminds.au@gmail.com

Website www.activeminds.org.au

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 orgadvan@bigpond.net.au

G.E.M.M. JULY 26th 2009

All workshops are at Warrnambool College on Grafton Road in Warrnambool. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement to sign in and prepare for the workshops. Registrations should be sent to Leni Brockmuller, Treasurer, Active Minds, P.O. Box 584, Warrnambool, Victoria, 3280 before the cut off date. See attached application form.*Workshops may be added/deleted according to demand. Participants will be notified at the close of the registration period as to their acceptance.

MEMBER: price per workshop-Early Bird

One session \$5.00 Two sessions \$10.00

NON MEMBER: price per workshop- Early Bird

One session \$20.00 Two sessions \$35.00

Add \$5.00 to each workshop for the Non-Early

Bird Registration Option i.e. if you register late after Monday 20th July

Please mail your completed application to Leni Brockmuller, Treasurer @ PO BOX 584, Warrnambool 3280.

More details contact Carolyn Jennings, President activeminds.au@gmail.com 03 55620915 or 0439369394 For full details see Flyer and Registration form in the In Tray on Gifted Resources home page www.giftedresources.org

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

Casterton and district area

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

Contact : Catriona Hill

Phone (03)55812529

Mobile 0419008734

Email: 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

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.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/>

Giant Research Race steps up a notch

Several thousand young brains around the country are flexing in preparation for one of the year's most exciting school academic contests: The Great Race. This contemporary online competition for primary and secondary school students is based on social science subjects and current world events, and is set to commence its third round on Monday 3 August.

The Great Race is the kingpin in the broad program of finely-tuned learning resources pioneered by Tasmanian company Giant Classroom. The innovative education tool, launched in 2004, has evolved this year into an exhilarating elimination competition concluding an end-of-year Grand Final.

The knockout competition presents students with ten questions each week that are based on a topical international issue. This runs for four five-week rounds, for a total of 20 weeks throughout the year. Recent topics have included the global financial crisis, the Beijing Olympics and Chinese Tibet.

Students submit their answers online and can check their results and rankings against other schools in a friendly real-time environment; creating a "thinking frenzy," as described by former teacher and Giant Classroom founder David Reid.

However, the Great Race also challenges participants to refine their research skills by exploring a variety of information resources, which often proves highly successful in re-engaging students with their school library.

"The look on the students' faces was so precious to me – the sheer glee of gathering knowledge under pressure. If only more learning could take place this way," remarks teacher and Great Race participating coordinator K Bishop of Tamworth of a previous Race.

The third round for the 2009 Great Race knockout competition will commence on Monday 3rd August and the last round on 19th October.

The leading five students from each state after each round will be invited into the Grand Final which will involve answering 30 questions live online in a restricted timeframe. The prize for the winning student will be the choice of either a laptop computer or an iPhone.

For further details or interview, contact:

Darren Gavin, Giant Classroom: Darren@GiantClassroom.com.au

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.

PARENTS OF G&T CHILDREN - Call for expressions of interest for a weekend course in Melbourne

Dear GERRIC friends,

Is Your child: more able academically, ... more intense, ...more demanding than others of the same age? Do you suspect, or have you been told, that your child is gifted? Are you feeling unsure about how to be an effective parent to your gifted child?

For several years now GERRIC has successfully delivered its parenting course in NSW. We now want to extend this great opportunity to parents of gifted children in Victoria. Would you like GERRIC to deliver a two day weekend course for parents in Victoria in 2009?

PLEASE REPLY with your expression of interest by Monday 29th JUNE 2009, and indicate if you would like to attend as a SINGLE OR DOUBLE participant.

Fees, further details and brochure:

http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt_yrch.html

Kind Regards,
Miraca Gross

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GERRIC: Meeting the educational, social and emotional needs of gifted children and adolescents by conducting and fostering research and by providing services to these children, their families and schools.

FROM ALISON BROWN

My name is Alison Brown. I am a child psychologist working in Malvern. Over the last 6 years I have run a range of social skills workshops for children, focusing on issues of friendship for girls, and communication and social skills for boys. These programs are designed for children in regular schools, experiencing some problems fitting in or socialising. The workshops are run by qualified psychologists, and are limited to 6 – 8 children per group.

Please find attached flyers for 3rd term social skills groups. The groups running in third term are as follows:

“Playing by the Rules” (5 - 8 year old boys)

- **A social skills program focusing on communication, joining in, taking turns, becoming resilient etc**
- **Thursday afternoons (6 weeks)**
- **5.00 – 6.00pm**
- **Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)**

“Playing by the Rules” (9 - 12 year old boys)

- **A social skills program focusing on communication, joining in, taking turns, becoming resilient etc**
- **Tuesday afternoons (6 weeks)**
- **4.30 - 5.30pm**
- **Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)**

“The Rainbow Connection” (5 - 8 year old girls)

- **A social skills / friendship program focusing on joining in, being assertive, coping with teasing, making friends etc.**
- **Thursday afternoons (6 weeks)**
- **6.00 - 7.00pm**
- **Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)**

“The Rainbow Connection” (9 - 12 year old girls)

- **A social skills / friendship program focusing on joining in, being assertive, coping with teasing, making friends etc.**
- **Tuesday afternoons (6 weeks)**
- **5.45 - 6.45pm**
- **Bowen Street Community Centre, Camberwell (Cnr Toorak Road)**

Parents may also be interested in the monthly forums on parenting gifted children, "**Riding the Waves**" held at Melbourne University Private in Hawthorn.

Feel free to display flyers, or pass on information to interested parents.

If you would like to discuss any of these programs, I can be contacted by phone or email (below), with further information also available on my webpage (below).

With kind regards,

Alison Brown
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Camberwell, 3124
(03) 9813 5700
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www.psychologyandchildren.com.au

ALISON BROWN RIDING THE WAVES PARENT FORUMS 2009-2010

For full details see the Flyer in the InTray and the Online version of the newsletter on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

WISEONES 12th Annual Conference 'Know thyself' 16 October 2009

For full details see the Flyer in the InTray and the Online version of the newsletter on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

**SUE LARKEY Teaching Strategies & Behaviour Support Autism/Asperger's Syndrome
4 September 2009**

For full details see the Flyer and Registration Form in the InTray and the Online version of the newsletter on the Home page and in the Newsletter Archives

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Fuzz2buzz

www.fuzz2buzz.com

Tony Buzan's iMind Map

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

Bendigo holiday program

<http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/news/local/news/general/chance-to-be-challenged-taken-as-a-gift/1554139.aspx>

Gapminder

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

http://www.gapminder.org/faq_frequently_asked_questions/#can I

FlashcardExchange

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

Peter's Online typing course

<http://www.typing-lessons.org/>

Ilumina - National Digital Science Library

<http://www.ilumina-dlib.org/>

ECalc Maths Help

<http://www.ecalc.com/math-help/>

Book in hand

<http://www.bookinhand.com.au/index.html>

Sue Larkey

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

New look Visual Spatial Resource website

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

Allie Golon website

<http://www.visual-learners.com/index.html>

Allie Golon downloadable articles about VSL

<http://www.visual-learners.com/articles-visual-spatial-learners.html>

ZigZagZine

<http://zigzagzine.com/>

Moodle

<http://demo.moodle.org/>

Bridges Academy

<http://www.bridges.edu/>

Michael on Mind Mapping

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

Drs Eide :Stealth dyslexia in gifted children

<http://www.slideshare.net/drseide/stealth-dyslexia-in-gifted-children-1565818>

<http://eideneurolearningblog.blogspot.com/2005/09/stealth-dyslexia-when-writing-is.html>

Slideshare – Present yourself

<http://www.slideshare.net/>

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