



**GIFTED RESOURCES NEWSLETTER
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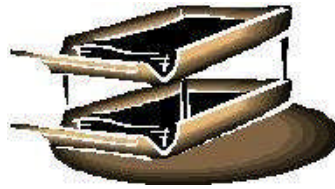
Gifted Resources News

Preparations for the presentation of Feetspeak 2E shoes on Friday 15 May 2009 are going along well. At present I am compiling folders of handouts for the evening and preparing visual aids. See flyer in this issue of the newsletter and the Events section of Gifted Resources website www.giftedresources.org

With so much gloom and doom in the news recently the Church School program I have written for this term is titled Whatsoever Things are Lovely and aims to counteract the grimness by giving the children the opportunity to create their own Good News Papers. It is on my personal website <http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/>

I have not managed to paint cornucopias on the windows yet but hope to get to that soon.





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

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

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS PARENT FORUM 12 May 2009 Alison Brown Organisation for highly able students [PDF FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON [FLYER](#)

FIRBANK GRAMMAR SCHOOL SHARE LEARNING CENTRE
Term 2 2009 Professional Learning [PDF BROCHURE](#)

G.A.T.E.WAYS TERM 2 2009 [FLYER](#)

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

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

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX TERM 2 [FLYER 1](#) [FLYER 2](#) [FLYER 3](#) [FLYER 4](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest speaker Shaun Hatley 2 June 2009 [PDF FLYER](#)

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

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

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

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

Vancouver Canada

August 3 -7th 2009.

<http://www.worldgifted2009.com/> [WEBSITE](#)

Gifted Resources Speaker Evening

Jo Freitag presents



Feetspeak: 2E Shoes

Or

How a sprained ankle, Gagne's DMGT model and De Bono's Six Action Shoes helped me consider the needs of Twice Exceptional (2E) students: those who are gifted and have a learning disability

Friday 15 May 2009

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Centre for the Exceptional Learner Luther College

Plymouth Rd Croydon Vic 3136

Cost: 20.00

Is there an ideal education program to cater for the needs of students who are both gifted and have a learning disability?

This entertaining presentation began life as a short chatty blog entry about Jo's sprained ankle and difficulty in finding shoes which could cater for both feet and the connection to finding programs for 2E students.

However when she read articles on the topic and started to investigate the type of programs available for both gifted and learning disabled students using Edward De Bono's Six Action Shoes as a framework to consider courses of action; Jo discovered the reasons it is so difficult to cater simultaneously for both the gifted and learning disabled aspects of the twice exceptional student.

Along the way humorous anecdotes and animations and a series of Feetspeak cartoons about the practical problems caused by the sprained ankle help to raise awareness of how it feels to be a 'lame cheetah'

Jo Freitag

Jo Freitag, the mother of four gifted children, co-ordinates the not for profit Information Service, Gifted Resources Jo maintains the Gifted Resources website, develops a series of Film Discussions and produces the Gifted Resources email newsletter.

She has worked in public and school libraries and has home-educated two of her children at secondary level. She has also written teaching units and programs for Church Schools.

Jo has given presentations to parent support groups, national and international conferences on topics such as the needs of the gifted and importance of parent support groups, locating information relating to giftedness, film discussions and home educating gifted children

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 12 MAY 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 2 GUEST SPEAKER

"Helping the Gifted Survive and Prosper" presented by Shaun Hately on behalf of Gifted Support Network

Discussion will focus on mentoring gifted children and tips on surviving growing up gifted. Shaun is a qualified primary teacher who has extensive experience in mentoring gifted children and adolescents.

Tuesday 2 June, 2009, 7.45 - 9.30pm

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

'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.

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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Ringwood East Vic 3135
Contact Jennifer Grant
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ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

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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

Website www.activeminds.org.au

Contact Carolyn Jennings 5562 0915 or 0439 369 394 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 460 759

email 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

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

FIREFLASH – program for gifted children.

May 11th 6pm- 7.30pm Group project work

June 15th 6pm – 7.30pm Project showcase night

Registration fees are \$25 per family per year. This primarily covers the cost of the hall, and other bits and pieces.

Please bring a plate of supper to share each week because the kids LOVE supper time!

Address: 40 Intrepid St, Berwick (off Enterprise Ave, opp Berwick station –home of The Winepress Church)

For details contact

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

G.A.T.E.WAYS YEAR 7 - 10 July 6th 7th & 8th



Enrolments open on May 4th for G.A.T.E.WAYS fourth annual secondary program. Programs are city-based and use the city as a resource. Programs offered are as follows:

- Dive Into 3D Animation at the Alfred Brash SoundHouse (Arts Centre)
- Writers, Prepare For A Scare! (scary writing)
- Adorn Me! (fashion design)
- The Designer City (graphic design; architecture)
- Who Are You ? (genealogy; tracing a family tree)
- Daliesque at the National Gallery of Victoria (art program based on the blockbuster Dali Exhibition)
- The Green Gene at the Gene Technology Access Centre
- Raising the Curtain (the world of theatre)
- Flying High at Essendon Airport
- Beyond Reason at the Alfred Brash SoundHouse (music composition and computers)
- Pompeii Unearthed (archaeology/history based on the Pompeii exhibition)
- All Creatures Great and Small at Melbourne University Vet School
- It's Magic! (history and performance of magic in Melbourne)
- The Science Behind Dinosaur Art

The programs run from 9 – 4.30 each day and the cost for most programs is \$105.00

For program and enrolment details see www.gateways.edu.au

Dimensions Parents Forum 12.05.2009 ORGANISATION & STUDY SKILLS

Providing strategies & guidelines for effective learning
(An Information Night for Parents and / or Students)

Bright students often sail through primary school, achieving high grades, with little or no effort. Whilst this makes the primary years enjoyable and easy, these same students often come crashing down in later secondary years when more than intellect alone is necessary to obtain those high results. For students who are not in the habit of doing homework, or who have not developed and practiced effective studying techniques, the study demands at this stage can be a little overwhelming, leaving students feeling disorganized, unmotivated, and doubting themselves and their ability to actually achieve their goals.

This seminar is suitable for both parents and students and looks at very practical ways in which students can manage their time and maximize their learning opportunities, including:

Time management – Prioritising - Understanding your work preferences -

Studying & Note taking - Establishing good work habits - Goal setting and Rewards

Presenter: Alison Brown is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher and a parent. Alison brings experience from both an educational and psychological background. Having taught for seven years at Methodist Ladies' College, and worked as a school psychologist at Kincoppal-Rose Bay, Sydney, she has first-hand experience in recognising and catering for the social, emotional, and academic needs of students. Alison runs a private practice in Melbourne, working particularly in the areas of parenting, counselling and gifted children and is currently undertaking a PhD through La Trobe University.

RSVP essential Dimensions@billanook.vic.edu.au
Dimensions office – 9724 1158

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.
Early bird discounts of 11% are available for all registrations received by Thursday, 30 April.

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.

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:

- ❖ 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

Private Suite 24 Robinson Street Malvern Vic 3144
Phone: (03) 9824 6617 Mobile: 0408 177982 Email: alisonbrown@PsychologyAndChildren.com.au

QAGTC Challenge 2009

Challenge 2009 is a Conference for the Gifted aimed at providing invaluable opportunities for gifted youngsters to experience the excitement of extending their learning in novel and engaging workshops where they will be encouraged to explore their potential.

To register you will need to choose your workshop topics for one or both days.

For a single day registration select just one workshop.

For a two day registration you can choose either a two day topic or a Tuesday and a Wednesday topic.

Fill in the registration form and post it with a signed Parental Consent form and your payment.

Registration closing date is Friday 12 June.

Places are reserved on a first come first served basis

The URL for this year is <http://www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009/index.html>

or briefly www.qagtc.org.au/cc2009

Please direct your queries to the Convenor, Judith Hewton, cc@qagtc.org.au

Regards, Ian

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SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

The Learning Place

<http://www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.asp?pid=15007>

George Betts Autonomous Learner Conference

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

NSW Writers Centre

www.nswwriterscentre.org.au

NSW Writers Centre Online courses

http://www.nswwriterscentre.org.au/html/s02_article/article_view.asp?id=322&nav_cat_id=241&nav_top_id=87&dsb=2421

Hawker Brownlow Education Professional Development Days

http://www.hbe.com.au/profess_dev.asp

Tone Matrix

<http://lab.andre-michelle.com/>

Oh baby look who's reading the news

<http://allday.msnbc.msn.com/archive/2009/04/22/1903068.aspx>

Gifted Minds

http://www.giftedminds.com.au/main/page_home.html

Science by email newsletter

<http://www.csiro.au/helix/sciencemail/newsletter.html>

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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