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Gifted Resources News

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Under the Juniper Tree

One of the lovely ladies at our church, Kerryn Jeffreys, who is also a Special Ed teacher in Primary Student Support Services at Donvale Christian College has noticed that many of the ladies are stressed and weary and so she is organizing A Night under the Juniper Tree – a time of refreshing for the body, soul and spirit.

I have noticed that some of the people whose online support of Gifted Education I most appreciate need some appreciation and encouragement too.

One is Sally L of the OGTOC Online Conferences.

She has given a huge amount of time to create a wonderful place for gifted people to meet with each other. NING is withdrawing its free platform, so Sally is now looking for a new venue for OGTOC There is a note from Sally about this in this newsletter.

Carolyn K of Hoagies, the "all things gifted" website is another person who deserves appreciation and support for her work. You can give financial support to Hoagies by visiting their website before you make purchases from Amazon

http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/shopping_guide.htm

And I have a request for myself!

Gifted Resources hosts Guest Speaker evenings with speakers recognized as authorities in the field of Gifted Education, many of whom have spoken at International conferences. I keep the cost very reasonable so that parents will be able to afford to attend and the payment is made at the door during the registration time which saves clerical work time and expense.

You are required to RSVP if you wish to attend but many people do not RSVP and just turn up on the night. Others indicate that they will come and reserve places but then do not come. This means I never have an accurate count of numbers that will attend and consequently how many seats, hand out notes etc are needed. Sometimes it even means that I over cater and am personally out of pocket. As I do not receive a salary or funding and Gifted Resources operates on a shoe-string budget I cannot afford to do this. If people will RSVP I will know if there will not be sufficient attendees and I can cancel and know who needs to be notified. If I am going to be overwhelmed with large numbers I can organize a larger room

SO My request is

PLEASE RSVP BY THE STATED DATE IF YOU INTEND TO COME TO SPEAKER EVENINGS AND THEN COME UNLESS A REAL EMERGENCY ARISES.



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

QAGTC Underwood Qld Guest Speaker Carol Barnes 13 May 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

CAFE GET SMART MONASH SCIENCE CENTRE 20 May 2010 [FLYER](#)

SCRATCH DAY 22 May 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

QAGTC Corinda Qld Guest Speaker Carol Barnes 25 May 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Guest Speaker Pat Slattery 25.05.2010 [FLYER](#)

GERRIC PARENT WORKSHOP MELBOURNE 29-30 May 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS Tom Ryan Thinkers keys PD 28.05.2010 [FLYER](#)

BILLANOOK DIMENSIONS Guest Speaker Jo Freitag 8 June 2010 [FLYER](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON [FLYER](#) Victorian Regionals – 15 – 23 June 2010

COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP MONASH UNIVERSITY 3-9 July 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

GERRIC PROGRAMS [WEBSITE](#)

Poppyseeds and Small Poppies: 5 - 6 July 2010

Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge: 8-9 July 2010

Scientia Challenge RESIDENTIAL: 7-9 July 2010

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY, BENDIGO Able Learners' Enrichment Program Friday 9th July, 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

DA VINCI DECATHLON Vic State Final – Wed 21 July 2010

11th ASIA PACIFIC CONFERENCE GIFTED 2010 SYDNEY 29 July - 1 August 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG PARENTS GROUP A G M Wednesday 4 August 2010

GIFTED RESOURCES Guest Speaker Alison Brown 27 August 2010

GERRIC PARENT WORKSHOP SYDNEY 4-5 September 2010 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED RESOURCES Guest Speaker Emma Donaldson 10 September 2010

DA VINCI DECATHLON Nationals – 27-29 September 2010

AUSTRALIAN GIFTED SUPPORT CENTRE Harry P and the Professors Hogwarts in Melbourne

Gifted Camp 15-17 October 2010 [FLYER](#)

11th International Conference of The Mathematics Education into the 21st Century Project

Turning Dreams into Reality: Transformations and Paradigm Shifts in Mathematics Education

Rhodes University, Grahamstown, South Africa September 10– 16, 2011 Preliminary Announcement and Call for Papers [FLYER](#)

JUNE

GUEST SPEAKER

DR. GAIL BYRNE

YOU HAVE AN ASSESSMENT - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Friday 18 June 2010

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

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

Cost: \$20.00

Having had an assessment of your child you should now have a report which contains some educational recommendations.

What do you do with that report?

To whom do you hand the report?

What can you expect from the school if you hand them the report?

When is acceleration (grade advancement) likely to be considered an option by a school?

How do schools view it? How can you achieve it if it is considered appropriate for your child?

What is an IEP or ILP – does your child need one?

Dr Gail Byrne

As a psychologist Gail operates a private consultancy specialising in the IQ assessment of children and adolescents and consults to a number of schools about their testing programs and the identification and management of exceptional children who may be challenging and complex and need individual education programs developed.

Gail's involvement in the gifted field started some 20 years ago. She has been involved with the CHIP Foundation since 1989 and was elected Chairperson in 2001, a role she still holds.

After completing a Master of Education (1992) in curriculum differentiation, and a Graduate Diploma in Counselling (1995), Gail was awarded a Doctorate in Psychology in 2002 for her research into the levels of academic achievement and underachievement in a group of 50 children with IQs ranging between 125 and 200.

Gail is sought after as a speaker on giftedness, underachievement and testing; has completed a DEET project on giftedness and has authored a number of papers on exceptional children.

As a registered psychologist, practising teacher and parent of two gifted children (now adults) she has developed a quite unique understanding of intellectual giftedness.

BOOKING BY 16.06.2010 IS ESSENTIAL

TO BOOK OR FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
CONTACT GIFTED RESOURCES BY 16.06.2010

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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" - 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

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>

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 9.30am (School and Public Holidays excepted) at:

The Coffee Club

Shop 49-50

Moonee Ponds Central

14-16 Hall Street

Moonee Ponds

3 hours of free undercover parking is available in the Moonee Ponds Central car park

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BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB

Mini/Primary Minds group

For details contact

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MAROONDAH GIFTED CHILDREN'S PARENTS' ASSOC.

Morning Coffee at MacDonald's, Maroondah Hwy. Croydon Vic. at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of the month

Postal address:

c/- 13 Heathwood St

Ringwood East Vic 3135

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ijgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Meg Kinsley email Kingsleys@optusnet.com.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

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/>

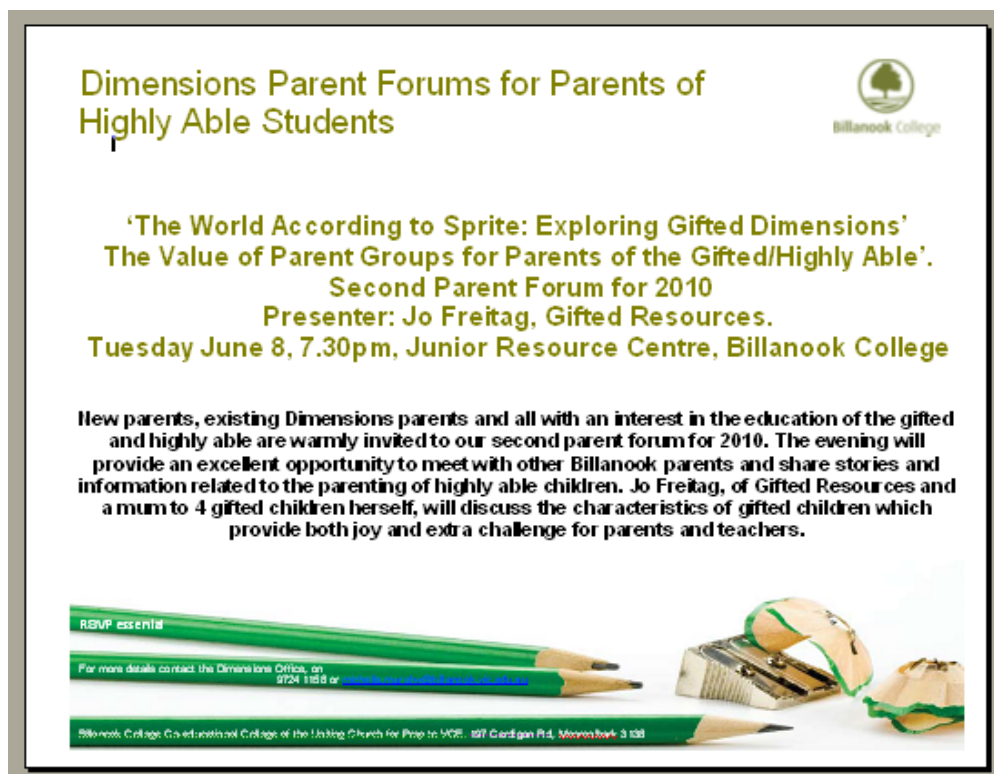
GIFTED RESOURCE AND INFORMATION GROUP - CASEY/CARDINIA

For families with gifted children in Casey/Cardinia
Meets at Maranatha Christian School Rix Rd, Officer.
Contact
Victoria Poulos
Phone 0420 286 307
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VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES

[NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED & TALENTED CHILDREN ALBURY/WODONGA SUPPORT GROUP](#)

Meets bi-monthly in Wodonga, Victoria, and welcomes parents & teachers of gifted children
For information contact
Secretary, Cathy Baillie (02) 6021 5913
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Assistant Secretary, Jeannie Bowen (02) 6021 2073
website link <http://www.nswagtc.org.au/albury-wodonga>



Dimensions Parent Forums for Parents of Highly Able Students

**'The World According to Sprite: Exploring Gifted Dimensions'
The Value of Parent Groups for Parents of the Gifted/Highly Able'.
Second Parent Forum for 2010
Presenter: Jo Freitag, Gifted Resources.
Tuesday June 8, 7.30pm, Junior Resource Centre, Billanook College**

New parents, existing Dimensions parents and all with an interest in the education of the gifted and highly able are warmly invited to our second parent forum for 2010. The evening will provide an excellent opportunity to meet with other Billanook parents and share stories and information related to the parenting of highly able children. Jo Freitag, of Gifted Resources and a mum to 4 gifted children herself, will discuss the characteristics of gifted children which provide both joy and extra challenge for parents and teachers.

RGVP essentials
For more details contact the Dimensions Office, on 9224 1118 or dimensions@billanook.vic.edu.au

Billanook College Co-educational College of the United Church for Prep to VCE, 127 Cardigan Rd, Morwell, Vic 3608



Presents

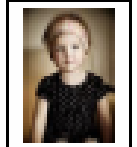
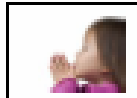
Pat Slattery

Dip. Teach. B.Ed. B.Theol. COGE, AMACEL, MHQS

“What do you mean by the Sensitive Gifted Child?”

Tuesday 25 May, 2010, 7.45 - 9.30pm

Often you can see the reaction when a parent says “My child is very sensitive”.
“Yeah! Yeah! They all say that”. So what do we mean? It’s not that simple for the gifted.



- Physically sensitive-sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch
- Emotionally sensitive-love, kindness, hate, violence, abuse
- Allergic- pollen, foods, chemicals, eggs, peanuts, asthma, ADHD
- Ethically sensitive- injustice, equity, theft, lies,
- Highly Empathetic- can stand in the victim’s shoes
- Intuitive – deep knowledge beyond the facts
- Spiritual – interest in death, God, eternity, peace, love, cruelty
- Introverted- likes to be alone and have time to deepen thinking
- Integrity- self image as perfect can’t be negated or let down.
- Artistic – bodily feeling expressed in art , craft, dance or music.

Dealing with sensitivity can be one of the most challenging issues for the gifted child and their parents and teachers. Pat has many years of experience with gifted children and will share her wealth of knowledge on this topic.

*No prior knowledge expected
School personnel and parents are encouraged to attend.*

**Venue: Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Rd & Pine St, Cheltenham (Mel ref 86 J1)**

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

Bookings essential (payment on the night)

RSVP by email admin@giftedsupport.org

or phone Louise 9578 8068 (after 6pm)

11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness

<http://www.gifted2010.com.au/>

The theme for the conference in Sydney in 2010 is
"Thinking Smart: Effective partnerships for talent development".

The conference will feature the **Think Bank Workshop, Think Bank Program** and **Youth Summit**. This event provides the opportunity for educators, professionals, students and parents to gather for meaningful discussion, exchange ideas and opinions and learnings through plenary sessions and workshops

The program outline can be downloaded at http://www.gifted2010.com.au/wp-content/uploads/gifted_2010_program_outline12.pdf

In conjunction with the Conference, a Youth Summit will be running for gifted students in Year 5 - 12. The Innovation Generation program provides opportunities for creative and critical thinking, problem solving and team work as students listen to keynote speakers and are involved in the process of inventing. Parents (or guardians) will need to escort the students to their conference and pick them up each day (this is not a residential program). Information and a flier about this program can be found at <http://www.gifted2010.com.au/youth-summit/> Students will be travelling from a number of Asian countries to attend this Youth Summit and organisers are also hoping to encourage groups of students from each of the states to attend. It would be a wonderful opportunity for gifted students to meet and work with like minds.

Helen McGowan
WSM for GIFTED 2010
11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness
Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted & Talented
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MACPHERSON SMITH RURAL FOUNDATION YOUTH LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Applications are presently being sought for these tertiary study scholarships. Each is worth \$15,000 per year, for three years, commencing 2011. They are being offered to young Victorians (2010 YEAR 12) from rural and regional areas who are keen to further their studies are interested in pursuing and growing their leadership interests and plan to eventually return to a rural or regional community.

For further details, contact David Hatherell on 0419 560 753, visit THE website at <http://msrf.org.au/>, or email them at dhatherell.msrf.org.au
Applications close on May 31, 2010.

A message to all members of Gifted - OGTOC

Dear OGTOC list members - new and long time members,
NING has decided to phase out their free networks so OGTOC will be making changes.
In the most recent communication with Ning, July 1, 2010 will be the last day for any free networks.

As I consider several choices about options for OGTOC, please know you can remain on the Ning OGTOC network until July 1, 2010, you can also join Facebook where you can then join OGTOC as a member of the OGTOC "group" or a Like (previously known as a Fan) of the OGTOC "page"
These options will allow everyone to stay connected until choices I am considering are finalized.

If for some reason you lose contact with OGTOC on Ning or not interested in joining Facebook, please know you can contact Sally_L at OurGiftedOnlineConferences@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Sally_L, founder
OGTOC

LATEST NEWS FROM G.A.T.E.WAYS

G.A.T.E.WAYS is now enrolling for the following programs:

- The mid year Festival of Workshops at Firbank GGS. This program will run on June 23rd and 24th. This program is open to children in Grades 1- 6. Parents can enrol direct with G.A.T.E.WAYS.
- Semester 2 Brainwaves Clubs at Brighton GS and Ivanhoe GS. There are a number of clubs at each venue, including science/math/technology groups; writing and literature groups; computer and construction clubs (Brighton only). In Semester 2 G.A.T.E.WAYS will also introduce a Bright Buttons club at Brighton GS, for gifted and talented Prep children.
- Year 7-9 'Out On The Town'. This popular city-based program has been an annual event for the last five years. This year it will run on July 5th and 6th. There will be a number of full day programs to choose from.
- Series 2 Grade 6 Seminars. The second round of seminars for 2010 will run on July 8th and 9th. The theme for the first day will be 'Beyond The Comfort Zone', and for the second day 'Striving For Success', focusing on skill development and entrepreneurship. Information for this program will be available towards the end of May.

For program and enrolment details for the above programs, please refer to www.gateways.edu.au

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FROM GERRIC

Dear GERRIC friends,

Application forms for the July Student Programs are now available via our website:

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/bfrm.html>

Get your forms in as soon as possible as places are limited.

Dates of workshops:

Poppyseeds and Small Poppies: 5 - 6 July

Junior Scientia and Scientia Challenge: 8-9 July

Scientia Challenge RESIDENTIAL: 7-9 July

Further information and workshop descriptions:

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/wrkshps.html>

Applications should be in by: *17th May 2010*

Looking forward to seeing you at our July Student Programs!

Kind Regards,

The GERRIC Student Programs team

PARENTS:

GERRIC will once again be hosting its weekend courses for parents of gifted children in 2010.

Dates: Melbourne 29-30 May and Sydney 4-5 September

REGISTER and further details: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/prnt_yrch.html

GERRIC's Certificate of Gifted Education (COGE)

Want to enrol in UNSW's Certificate of Gifted Education midyear rather than having to wait till 2011? Now's your opportunity – but don't delay because this is a limited intake!

<http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au/>

GERRIC's Certificate of Gifted Education (COGE) is one of Australia's most successful and prestigious professional development programs for teachers. GERRIC (Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre at The University of New South Wales) is offering mid-year places in COGE Online for commencement in June 2010. You can study Strands 1 and 2 online in June-August, come to Sydney for face-to-face participation in Strands 4 and 5 in the week of September 27- October 1 and complete Strand 5 on-line in the first few months of 2011.

“COGE on-line gives teachers enormous flexibility without compromising the outstanding quality of teaching and learning that COGE has offered each year,” says Dr Miraca Gross, Professor of Gifted Education at the University of New South Wales and Director of GERRIC. “Teachers can study in their own homes at times that suit them – and still interact with world leaders in gifted education.”

GERRIC is offering this special mid-year intake opportunity due to the overwhelming response we have received from our January on-line enrolment. But don't delay: Applications open **NOW** and close on May 16 2010.

World leaders in gifted education who teach face-to-face and on-line in COGE 2010 include

Professor Joyce VanTassel-Baska of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, Professor Lannie Kanevsky of Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, Professor Susan Assouline of the University of Iowa, Professor Steve Hoover of the St Cloud State University in Minnesota and Professor Miraca Gross of UNSW who will teach in each of the five strands of COGE.

For more information or to download an application visit our website

OR

Contact Jennifer Eaton on (02) 9385 1979 or email j.eaton@unsw.edu.au

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Wanted: Young Australian Innovators

Are you aged between 14 and 18?

Do you find yourself thinking up really cool ideas that you know are going to make it big?

Well Questacon wants to help you!

The Questacon Smart Moves Invention Convention is an all-expenses-paid intensive program in Canberra that teaches you about innovation and entrepreneurship, showing you how to turn your idea into a reality.

Applications close Friday 30 April 2010.

For more info and to apply check out the [Invention Convention website](#), or call 02 6126 2249.

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Davidson Academy school for profoundly gifted in Nevada

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxvTRiY2ry8&feature=youtu.be&a>

We give Books Penguin and Dorling Kindersley

<http://www.wegivebooks.org/choose>

Free tech for teachers blog

<http://www.freetech4teachers.com/>

Defining geometric figures (has patterns for making them)

<http://mathga.me/math9025>

Sleep and academic performance

<http://www.examiner.com/examiner/x-36765-Richmond-Parenting--Education-Examiner~y2010m3d7-Sleep-and-academic-performancels-there-a-link>

UNE blog entry Gifted boys aged 12, 16 given scholarships for study at UNE
<http://blog.une.edu.au/news/2010/04/23/gifted-boys-aged-12-16-given-scholarships-for-study-at-une/>

Edgalaxy
<http://www.edgalaxy.com/>

GeoGebra
<http://www.geogebra.org/cms/>

The Nerdy Teacher Blog
<http://thenerdyteacher.blogspot.com/2010/05/itouch-and-ipad-in-classroom.html>

Dr Michele Borba The empathy crisis why children are crueller
<http://www.micheleborba.com/blog/2010/05/02/michele-borba-the-empathy-crisis-why-children-are-crueller/>

Gifted Education Press
<http://www.giftededpress.com/>

Poetry Interactives just for kids
<http://www.vrml.k12.la.us/2nd/more/poetrykids2.htm>

Universite de Montreal Many gifted children fail academically
<http://www.nouvelles.umontreal.ca/udem-news/news-digest/many-gifted-children-fail-academically.html>

Interactive Content Corner
<http://interactivecontentcorner.com/>

Center for Social and Emotional Education
<http://www.schoolclimate.org>

Blog of Dr Jeff Goldstein National Center for Earth and Space Science Education
<http://blogontheuniverse.org/>

Twitter the Water Cooler for the 21st Century
<http://blogontheuniverse.org/2010/05/05/tweetisms-for-the-21st-century-on-science-education-and-the-human-condition/>

The Nerdy Teacher Blogspot
<http://thenerdyteacher.blogspot.com/>

Learning A- Z
<http://www.learninga-z.com/>

PASS
<http://www.pass.leon.k12.fl.us/default.aspx>

ILearn Technology Blog – Pass it on
http://ilearntechnology.com/?p=2403&utm_medium=twitter

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Kind regards, Jo Freitag

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