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Gifted Resources News

At the end of May Gifted Resources website suffered hacking caused by vulnerability to exploitation in Wordpress, the platform for both Gifted Resources blog and Sprite's Site blog. We were given a clean bill of health from Google.

I would like to (again) thank all the wonderful techie people who gave advice and helped to sort it out. A huge thank you to Jamie Tarling, my techie guru, who spent many hours working on the problem!

And also thanks to William Grant, Rick Freitag, Phil Hart and Jo Hart for more tech helpful pointers and to all the friends who checked progress for me and kept me feeling encouraged especially Hilde Buys from Denmark, Mary St George from NZ and Lisa Conrad from USA

Because of the problems the blogs now have new addresses
Gifted Resources Blog <http://giftedresources.wordpress.com/>
Sprite's Site Blog <http://spritessite.wordpress.com/>
Sprite's Site also has a completely independent Sprite's New Site on the Edublogs platform at <http://jofrei5.edublogs.org/>

It means that we lost the blog internal links. I have repaired the Gifted Resources blog which only had about 50 posts but still have a long way to go with fixing up Sprite's Site blog which had over 600 posts.

It also has a flow on effect to links to the blogs which I gave during webinars, Twitter chats and included in previous newsletters which will probably not be able to be remedied.

If you have bookmarked the sites or included them in your blogroll please update your bookmarks.

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 If you are not able to access the links here 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

GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC Ladies Retreat 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

OAK HILL ART GALLERY MORNINGTON Holiday Art Classes 1-12 July [WEBSITE](#)

OASES BREAKFAST 4 July 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

OASES OPEN DAY 6 July 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

GATEWAYS LEADERSHIP SEMINARS SERIES 2 8-9 July 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLENN EWIN Invitation to a transformation 14 July 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

SENG Conference 2013 Orlando FL Warm a Gifted Heart 19-21 July 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Ellen D Fiedler 27 July 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Forensic science - Sarah Daniele 28 July 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

KIDS LIKE US The Gifted Me 28 July 2013 [PDF FLYER](#) [PDF FLYER](#)

VAGTC Twilight Seminar: Differentiating for Highly Able Learners in an Inquiry Framework 6 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

WORLD COUNCIL FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN 20th Biennial World Conference "Celebrating Giftedness and Creativity" 10-14 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

IRABINA CHILDHOOD AUTISM SERVICES Autism masterclass with Michelle Garcia Winner 15-16 August 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Catya von Karolyi (USA) 24 August 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Reptiles 25 August 2013

GIFTED SUPPORT NETWORK Parent Seminar with Dr Gail Byrne 27 August 2013 [WEBITE](#)

CLEARING SKIES WORKSHOPS 31 August - 1 September 2013 [PDF FLYER](#)

TAG - Tasmanian Association for Gifted Igniting Talent: Toddlers to Teens Conference 6-8th September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Insects 15 September 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Grace Malonai (USA) 22 September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

ICTDE Turkey 25-28 September 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN OF QUEENSLAND Inc
Parents 'and Children's Conference 2013 Children with Potential 2-3 October 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Lisa Van Gemert (USA) 26 October 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Ukulele 27 October 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Lety Hahn (USA) 23 November 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

CHIP GEELONG FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP Performing Art (Christmas party) 24 November 2013

GLOBAL CENTER FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN Global Virtual Meeting for Gifted Education in Second Life: Roya Klingner (Austria) 14 December 2013 [WEBSITE](#)

GIFTED 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:

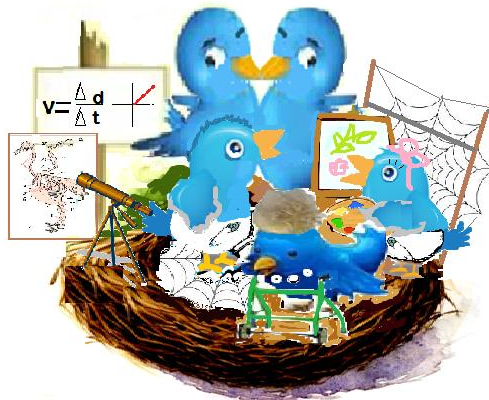
- * "Mini Minds" - activities for preschoolers
- * "Primary Minds" - activities for primary school aged children and their parents
- * "Teens & Tweens" - activities for teenagers and their parents each term
- * Information evenings with expert speakers covering issues relating to the gifted
- * Daytime 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

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>



Seminar

Parents

at Southern Community Church of Christ, Cheltenham

Tuesday 27 August 2013

7.45pm - 9.30pm

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Dr Gail Byrne

Understanding emotional and social development in gifted children. Parent's and teacher's top 5 questions answered!

About the presenter

Dr Gail Byrne is principal psychologist of Exceptional Children and is also a teacher and Coordinator of Individual Differences. For the past twelve years, she has served as Chairperson of the CHIP (Children of High Intellectual Potential) Foundation. She has many years experience working with children who may not be experiencing success in the classroom for any number of reasons.

Gail has coordinated Special Education Departments and Gifted Programs in a number of schools and is particularly skilled at understanding the ramifications of an assessment and explaining to teachers and parents how best to work with the child in the classroom and at home.

Gail has completed doctoral studies in the underachievement of gifted children whilst her Masters in Education concentrated on curriculum differentiation and meeting children's needs in the classroom.

Cost: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. Receipt provided. (You may join Gifted Support Network at the Seminar and receive the discounted price.)

Southern Community Church of Christ,
Corner Chesterville Road and Pine Street,
Cheltenham (Mel 86 J1)

RSVP: Please phone Louise on [S 0414 578 806](tel:0414578806) or email admin@giftedsupport.org by Monday 26 August.

'THE BIG BANG COFFEE CLUB'

The Big Bang Coffee Club meets on the first Wednesday 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

All are welcome.

For newcomers: Moonee Ponds is well serviced by public transport. For drivers, free undercover parking for up to 3 hours is available at Moonee Ponds Central:

Enter from Mt Alexander Road, Hall Street, or Homer Street. Park your car, go through the entrance doors and take the escalator to the top floor, where you will see Kmart, and it is a few doors down from there, on the corner (Adjacent to Hall Street).

For more information please contact:

Nicole Lawrence nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com Mobile 0413 754 278

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

Contact Jennifer Grant

Phone 9779 4218

jjgrant@optusnet.com.au

Louise Howe Phone 9801 2912

louise_h@tpg.com.au

BELGRAVE PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Meetings generally monthly on Mondays

Contact Heike Reich

Phone (03) 9752 5420


Email heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au

CHIP GEELONG

CHIP Family Support Group Geelong

Contact

Maura Donohue email mauradonohue@aapt.net.au



We have a mystery to solve and we need your help!


FORENSIC SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Students will examine the physical evidence that has been found at a crime scene and learn how techniques, such as fingerprinting and chromatography, are used by forensic scientists to help solve crimes.

Everyone gets hands-on in this fun and informative workshop by **Sarah Daniele**, a certified trainer and an experienced Lab Technician.

Kardinia International College
Midland Highway, Bell Post Hill
2-4pm, Sunday 28 July 2013

- Limited places available
- \$15 per child or \$20 for non group members
- Suitable for Primary School children
- Wear clothes that can get stained, closed shoes & hair tied back
- No unsupervised children are allowed in the school grounds
- To book, email sue.bettanin@gmail.com by 23 July



CASTERTON AND DISTRICT AREA

Catriona Hill would like to connect with other parents of gifted children in 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

Contact

Victoria Poulos

Phone 0420 286 307

Email victoriapoulos@gmail.com

VICTORIA / NEW SOUTH WALES - ALBURY/WODONGA AREA

For information contact

Cathy Baillie

Phone: (02) 60215913

VICTORIAN PRESCHOOLERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH PROJECT

A Melbourne primary teacher and COGE graduate is currently seeking 52 children aged 3 years to 5.5 years for her Honours in Psychology research project investigating whether use of an iPad or use of concrete materials leads to greater learning in preschoolers. Participation involves 1 to 2 hours of time, spread over five consecutive days, in your own home. Each child plays either a specific iPad app or specific hands-on game once a day for five days, with a pre-test on Day 1 and post-test on Day 5. Participants receive a picture book as a thankyou gift. For more information or to register your child, please contact Kirsty Pitman kpitman5@myune.edu.au The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee of the University of New England (Approval No. HE13-066, Valid to 03/04/2014)



GO GRAPHIC Online Holiday Program
during the New Zealand school holiday
22-26 July 2013 There are a few places still available
<http://ultranet.giftededucation.org.nz/WebSpace/464/>

Retirement of Derrin Cramer

I have decided to retire from my work in the gifted community and it will happen in just a few weeks time.

After 12 years working intensely with gifted children and their families it is time for me to move on. I have spent a lot of time recently (not just while I was walking) working out how I was going to move forward. I considered all sorts of different options and models but the reality is that *Thinking Ahead* is just me (with occasional help from my family when they are pressed into service) and to be able to have the flexibility I want, to be able to spend more time at my farm and on the creative pursuits that nurture me, and to travel with my husband I can't continue to work directly with families.

My books will continue to be available as will the website (with some new materials which are currently in production) but the blog and Facebook pages will soon no longer be active. The information on the blog will remain, but I will not be posting after the end of June.

The June newsletter will be the last regular newsletter I will send out packed with a collection of links. There may be other newsletters at times when there is something that I really want to pass on, but not on a regular basis.

And of course, there won't be any further consultations. When I wrote *The Beginner's Guide to Life on the Bright Side* it was, largely, an effort to 'clone myself' as it was difficult to be available to all the parents who were contacting me. It is really a 'consultation in a book', as it covers all the topics and questions that parents want to know about when we meet, ready for you to apply it to your own situation. The book format allows you to revisit the information as often as you need to, something that you can't do with a face to face meeting. I will be directing those who contact me to my books as the first step in their journey in the land of gifted, and can also pass people on to my colleague Tracy Taylor, who does a very limited number of consultations with families, if the need arises.

Have you had a look at the *Thinking Ahead* website lately? The new look site has been live for a few weeks now, and although there is more to add now I have returned, you should find most things there, but with a fresh new look.

All the best for the remainder of this term!

Derrin Cramer.

VAGTC
Twilight
Seminar:
Differentiating
for Highly
Able
Learners in
an Inquiry
Framework

Date: Tuesday August 6, 2013

Venue: Korowa Anglican Girls School, Ranfurly Cres Glen Iris
Dickson Room (enter via smaller gate on Ranfurly Cres)

Time: 5 – 6.30 (afternoon tea supplied, from 4.30, workshop from 5)

Audience: PRIMARY classroom teachers and specialists

Cost: \$40 non-members \$35 VAGTC members

<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>



“The Gifted Me” Sunday 28 July 10.45am – 5.30pm

Do you remember being told that you are ‘gifted’? Or did you complete a test and find yourself in an accelerated program at school? Or maybe you were invited to take part in a special project for school in sports, drama or art? But what happened after that did anyone explain what it was all about?

Kids Like Us Australia Ltd will be running a one-day session on Sunday 28 July at 1st Black Rock Scout Hall, Fern Street, Black Rock, VIC.

This session is for students who are mature enough to wonder about themselves but young enough to be still at school. You will have time to be with others like yourself and be challenged over who you are.

In a safe environment you will be encouraged to investigate your brain and why it sometimes results in you thinking or behaving differently from your peers. Also, you will have the chance to contemplate yourself as an adventurous being, a spiritual being and as a creative being.

You may not find all the answers to who and what you are but we assure that you will realise that you are not the only one with a ‘me’ that is different from a lot of other people.

Who: High School Students
Where: 1st Black Rock scout hall, Fern Street, Black Rock, VIC
When: Sunday 28 July 10.45am – 5.30pm
Cost: \$90
Contact: Catherine@kidslikeus.org.au
Mobile: 0430 817659

We will provide morning and afternoon tea
Please let us know any special dietary requirements at time of booking
Please bring additional snacks, water bottle, paper + pens

Kids Like Us Australia Limited
ABN: 18 163 014 328

Bookings can be made via the website:

<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/index.php/parents-section-kids-like-us/courses>

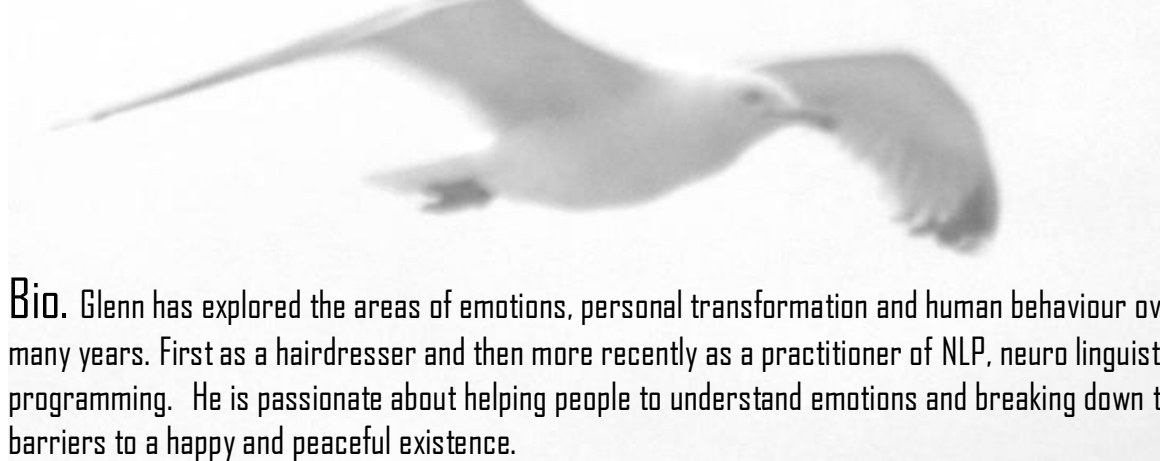
<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4035235295?ref=eorgbtn>

An Invitation to a Transformation

A workshop on mindfulness presented by Glenn Ewin

Everyday I hear from clients and people I meet, a growing conversation about anxiety. This "fiction of the mind" has over the last few years permeated all aspects of our society. To understand something means to "transform" it. To understand anxiety you have to understand time and it's relevance to how we, as humans, think about time.

Once you understand how something works, you have then transformed your response to it. That is what the meaning of personal transformation is. It is much less an inner transformation as it is a change in the way you view what happens around you.



Bio. Glenn has explored the areas of emotions, personal transformation and human behaviour over many years. First as a hairdresser and then more recently as a practitioner of NLP, neuro linguistic programming. He is passionate about helping people to understand emotions and breaking down the barriers to a happy and peaceful existence.

"It's all about the journey. The path we walk can be a rocky route full of emotional pitfalls and worry, or it can be a journey of wonder and peace with greater understanding about ourselves and how we meet lifes gifts."

How do we begin?

To learn about anxiety we must explore the concept of mindfulness, living in the moment and how not doing so creates anxiety. When learn to break down the anxiety producing habits of our thinking, the beauty of life opens up to us.

Who is this workshop for.

Anyone who is a WORRIER, and finds it hard to relax in life.

Anyone who has experienced huge changes in their lifestyle such as divorce, becoming a parent or perhaps the death of a loved one.

People or family and friends of those who have benn diagnosed with cancer or any illness that seriously challenges their lifestyle and how they view their future.

VCE and Tertiary students who find that working towards a measured result creates anxiety.

Many of us just experience *general* anxiety caused by the constant demands of a much more hectic lifestyle.

Where. Shop 6 Liverpool Street. Melbourne. 3000.

When. Sunday July the 14th.

Time. 9.30 am to 4.00.

Cost. \$125.00 Full time students. \$70.00

What to bring. Comfortable clothes. A cushion or bean bag for comfort. Lunch and coffee and tea will be provided. Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Outline of the day.

9.30. Registration and refreshments.

10.0 We begin with building an understanding of our programming and how this causes our response to outside events.

11.30 Drink break.

11.45 Workshop. What is anxiety and how do we transform it into the truth of the present.

1.0 Lunch.

1.50 Workshop. We explore mindfulness and how to put it all together with understanding and clarity.

3.35. Open discussion and drink.

To **book a place** in this exploration of the mind workshop, call me on 0407 338 846 or email me at lifetimelearnings@bigpond.com or hairbyglenn@bigpond.com

Payment can be made by card, eftpos, funds transfer or cash payment on the day.

n.b. A deposit must be made for all bookings at least 1 week prior to workshop.

Guiding Gifted Children: Workshops for Parents

These one day workshops for parents are filled with practical information, with a solid research base, presented by experts in the field with real life experience, to help you better understand giftedness and how to help your gifted child thrive. Select one or both workshops.

Cost \$110 (including GST) per day
Venue: Liverpool Rd, Ashfield

For Bookings please visit:
<http://www.trybooking.com/CYSN>

For further information please email
michele@clearingskies.com.au or
lindywalsh@gmail.com or 0416 250073

PRIMARY SCHOOL DAY

Saturday 31st August

For parents of primary school aged children and preschoolers

Sessions include:

- Identification and psychometric (IQ) testing: why, how and when
- Parenting sensitive gifted children
- Motivating gifted children to develop their abilities
- Gifted children, their friendships and relationships
- Gifted children with learning and other disabilities
- Advocating for your child in the school system

SECONDARY SCHOOL DAY

Sunday 1st September

For parents of high school students and for parents of younger children who want to be prepared for adolescence.

Sessions include:

- Understanding the gifted adolescent
- Maintaining motivation in the secondary years
- Mental health, resilience and emotional well-being
- Developing academic and study skills
- Computers, gaming, social media and the gifted adolescent
- Making a successful transition to university and careers



PRESENTERS

Michele Juratowitch is Director of Clearing Skies and provides a range of services to meet the needs of gifted children, their parents and teachers. Michele has qualifications in counselling, and gifted education and provides counselling for gifted youth and their families. She worked in schools for over twenty years and has instituted a range of programs and provisions for gifted students. Michele was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to study the counselling and intervention needs of gifted children.

Rosalind Walsh is a trained high school teacher who holds a MEd (Gifted Education) from UNSW. She was the manager of the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales for 10 years. Rosalind has worked with teachers around Australia at both primary and secondary levels. Rosalind is currently undertaking PhD study at Macquarie University researching successful interventions for gifted children in prior to school settings. She also works part time as the co-ordinator of a gifted program in Sydney public primary school.

National Council of Women, Parents' and Children's Conference

The program is designed as a two day conference, with talks for the children with their parents, then workshops for the children and seminars for their parents for the rest of the day.

There are even conference bags for the children.

The workshops aim to stimulate children who love to learn; we hope the talks will prove of lasting value, giving the children (and their parents) a better understanding of themselves.

The cost has been kept very low; the college is again providing the venue at no cost.

The class size for the workshops is limited to 20 students.

Date: Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd October, 8:00am to 3:30pm

Location: The Lakes College, College St, North Lakes, Brisbane

Cost: \$35 per child per day and \$30 for the parents' program.

Contact: Pat Burgess

Email: convenor@ncwq.org.au

Phone: (07) 3379 1318

The web site, ncwq.org.au/cc/ has descriptions of the seminars and workshops as well as venue, registration and contact details.

Ian Burgess

Personality in Play

**Are you a parent or guardian of a child aged 5 to 7 years?
We need your help!**

Monash University's **Personality and Individual Differences** research team is seeking parent and child participants for play-observation research investigating the behavioural markers of child personality traits.

To be eligible to participate, we require that your child have no diagnosed developmental delay, and both you and your child are English-speaking.

As part of this research, you and your child will be invited to play for a total of 45 minutes in three different settings, including free-play in a play-room, completing a creative task, and free-play on a play-ground. These play activities will be conducted at Monash University's Clayton campus and will be video-recorded for later analysis. You will also be invited to complete an online personality survey about your child. After participating in this research, you will receive a feedback report summarising your child's personality profile from a registered educational and developmental psychologist.

Your participation in this research will greatly assist in the development of the first **play-based personality measure** for young children.

Personality in Play survey

https://monasheducation.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8InWKoRxEu5nwC9

https://monasheducation.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_8InWKoRxEu5nwC9

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES

Oak Hill Art Gallery Mornington Art Classes

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

Lisa Conrad's blog post about Scott Barry Kaufman's book Ungifted

<http://giftedparentingsupport.blogspot.com.au/2013/06/ungifted-intelligence-redefined-my-take.html>

Mary St George's list of Gifted Pages on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/gifted-online/list-of-gifted-pages-and-groups-on-fb/265281473523447>

Letter from Lily The gifted deserve more

<http://creatingcurriculum.wordpress.com/2013/06/20/the-gifted-deserve-more/>

The Sydney Morning Herald Student loses appeal over 99.95 HSC mark

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/student-loses-appeal-over-9995-hsc-mark-20120703-21flw.html>

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