



AGSC UPDATE



WHAT'S NEW!!

Cognitive Assessments

We are now able to offer a brief IQ assessment - the K-Bit 2 (Kaufmann Brief Intelligence Test, 2nd Edition). This test assesses both verbal and non verbal skills and has a .77 correlation with the FSIQ and .84 with the GAI on the WISC IV.

As a special introductory offer this assessment can be done for only \$50 extra if we are doing a Full Comprehensive Developmental Assessment. This offer is valid for assessments booked before 31st July 2013.

[Learn more about this service.](#)

Day Camp NSW - 10th August

We are running a Day Camp for bright young children, 6 years and under in conjunction with the Annual G & T camp at Morisset (1 hour north of Hornsby near Newcastle) . Book early as places are filling fast. Early Bird discounts for bookings prior to 15th July.

[For full details and to book](#)

FREE INFORMATION SEMINAR -

Gifted and Underachieving

Learn about why some bright children don't thrive at school. Why they struggle to transfer their creative complex thinking, knowledge and ideas into high academic achievement.

Monday 15th July 7pm - 9.30pm

Murdoch University, South St, Murdoch WA

[Learn more about what the seminar will cover by visiting our Events Page.](#)

Bookings essential. LIMITED PLACES

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LISTENING

The ability to listen well is an important skill for both academic and social success. Developing the skills to listen efficiently is easier for some children than for others. For some children who have suffered multiple ear infections in their early years, or allergies or problems with tonsils or adenoids their auditory processing may not have developed well.

Learn more about the impact this can have on processing auditory information in this article [READ MORE](#)

For others it is just the lack of practice engaging in conversations. This could be as a result of our busy lives or even the amount of time spent on computers, where a significant amount of the information is gained visually, reducing the need to rely primarily on listening.

A great card game to help develop conversations skills is

The Art of Conversation

We have these in stock - \$20.00 plus postage. [Order Form](#)

Also here is a link to some activities for

DEVELOPING SOCIAL SKILLS AND ENCOURAGING FRIENDSHIPS IN YOUR GIFTED CHILD OR STUDENT

This workshop will look at the social and emotional characteristics of gifted children and consider the impact precocity and asynchrony have on developing productive social skills and the establishment of quality friendships. Based on the Stepping Stones Social Skills courses we will consider a range of practical strategies teachers and parents can implement to support their gifted students or children. There will also be opportunities to share your questions, joys and concerns about your own child/student's development.

Presenter : Helen Dudeney M Ed, COGE

Hosted at Gifted Families Support Group Inc on Monday 24th June, 2013

Revesby 7pm

For bookings contact info@gfsg.org.au

SOCIAL SKILLS

Helping gifted children and adolescents experience social success

TERM 3 2013 courses

[SYDNEY 5 - 12 year olds August 3 - 4](#)

young children that focus on sounds.

[Some fun activities for the holidays](#) including a sounds scavenger hunt and simple musical instruments to make.

People with executive functioning difficulties, including ADHD, especially inattentive type, and those with ASD or sensory integration issues can all suffer from difficulties processing and focussing on what others are saying. They also find it hard not to be distracted or overwhelmed by sounds in the environment. Teaching specific skills to help with this and also using things such as headphones to block out excess noises can be useful.

Active listening, total body listening and the importance of body language, facial expressions and tone of voice are all things we include in the social skills courses we run. [LEARN MORE](#)

You Tube:

The following You Tube give great insights into what sensory overload can be like for the person experiencing it.

[Sensory overload simulation](#)

[The experiences of a girl living with autism.](#)

hPerth Visit

In early July I'll be visiting Perth again, to lecture in the new Post Graduate Certificate of Gifted Education that is starting at Murdoch on 9th July. Also I will be running a Free Information evening on 15th July at 7pm, similar to those I've done in Sydney in the past few months.

[BOOK NOW](#)

I also have a limited number of consultation times free on 15th & 16th for assessments or counselling sessions. If you would like to book a session please email me enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com or ring 0417 208 562

[NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT GROUP](#)

[SYDNEY](#) July 5th 6.30 - 9pm in Blacktown

PERTH

[SOUTH](#) 9th August 6.30 - 9pm in Leeming

[NORTH](#) 26th July 6.30 - 9pm in Greenwood

2013 CAMPS

BOOK NOW

This years Theme:

Fantasy & Mythology

[August 9th -11th Morisset NSW](#)

EARLY BIRD discounts finish 30th June.

Book now and save

[November 22nd - 24th Gembrook Vic](#)

[More information about our camps program](#)

GIFTED SUPPORT GROUPS

ONLINE

[GLD AUSTRALIA](#) Supporting those who parent or teach gifted children with a disability, including ADHD, ASD and dyslexia

ASSOCIATIONS

[GIFTED FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP INC.](#)

Providing programs for children, parents and teachers in the Sydney area.



WORKING MEMORY

Cogmed Working Memory Training is an evidence-based program for helping children, adolescents, and adults sustainably improve attention by training their working memory.

[Check out our website for more details.](#)

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Study Skills



It is as important for gifted students to learn good study skills and exam techniques as it is for all students. While in the early years the children's precocity might mean they learn and master new learning quickly or more easily than their age peers this is unlikely to be the case as they move through high school, university or life.

Most average learners gain important skills in learning each and every day as they are presented with curriculum that moves them beyond their current knowledge and skill level. This provides them with the resilience they need to face the challenge of not being able to do something and then through working and practice being able to master it.

Our gifted students need to **develop** these skills too.

Some key aspects to this are:

- * being provided with challenging curriculum
- * preparedness to take risks and try new things
- * accepting and learning from mistakes
- * investment of time and energy to learning
- * undertaking activities that provide the real experience of incremental improvement as a direct result of effort, ie learning and practice

The following article from the Institute for Mathematics and Computer Science looks at 3 key things to assist Gifted students develop study skills. [Gifted students need strong study habits too](#) .

We periodically offer High School Studies skills courses and we also offer one to one sessions to develop organisation and study skills. Email us to learn more or book a session or two. enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

Lack of preparation or even skills to study can be very stressful and this can lead to procrastination or avoidance, which then adds to the anxious feelings. This article on Mental Rehearsal by Maureen Neihart has some useful tips. [Read more](#)

Some great books on the subject

[Palgrave 'Exam Skills Handbook' by Stella Cottrell](#) -

AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

[DOWNLOAD](#)

Provides an easy-to-follow set of strategies and techniques that build to a plan for achieving your best possible exam performance. It gives practical step-by-step guidance in long-term planning for optimal performance through to last minute revision strategies.

'Study Smarter, not Harder' by Kevin Paul

Every year the skill levels needed to achieve success in both work and school become higher and higher as competition grows ever more fierce. This guide helps you to master the seven elements of study skills, making it possible for readers to tap into their hidden potential and increase their learning power.

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