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## Back to School, February 2012

### In this Month's News

A limited number of consultation slots will be available this term and you will be able to be book online. The link will be activated on the web page very soon.

Coming soon: *Gifted and Thriving at School: How proactive parents can get the education that fits their child.*

Go to the website for a sneak preview of the cover.

#### **Blog update:**

### Greetings



The holidays are over and it is back to school time again. No doubt there has been a mixture of excitement and anxiety in the homes of many families (and also teachers) as the new year begins.

Right on cue the hot weather has returned just as school is about to start, adding to the tension. Hopefully despite all of this, it will be a smooth start to the year for you.

During the summer I have been making the most of the opportunity to spend some time at our farm. I have enjoyed the fresh air, the opportunity to continue to dig in my garden and also some writing done. *Gifted and Thriving at School* is now almost ready to head to the printer. As soon as I have a release date I will let you know. In the meantime, keep an eye on the Facebook page where you will find snippets added in the lead up to the release.

And just in the last few days I have been learning

### How do you tame a lion?

Some thoughts that might be useful as you head back to school.

*Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.*

*Voltaire*

some new skills at the farm as we helped fighting the fire that started on January 29th. We spent a busy late afternoon, evening and night working on the containment lines at the back of the fire as it raced north west towards the township of Wannamel not far away. We were fortunate that although the fire started right near our boundary only a portion of our property was burned. It was some comfort to see the expansive size of the Incident Control centre established nearby and know how many people were working to keep things safe in the extreme weather conditions. Quite a change from Albany where I was a few weeks ago, wondering where the summer was!

Below you will find a selection of links I have gathered over the last few weeks for websites and articles which might be of interest. I hope you find something useful there!

I hope everything goes smoothly as you start the year.

Regards

*Derrin*

### **New Books coming soon**

As I mentioned, *Gifted and Thriving at School: How Proactive Parents can get the education that fits their child* is not far away. The publication date should be late February.

I have also been working on *The Beginner's Guide to Life on the Bright Side* and this one is also getting close to being ready. and it will go to the editor very soon. I have covers for both books now and you can get a sneak peak of what *Gifted and Thriving at School* will look like on the *Thinking Ahead* website now.

Stay tuned for the publication date which won't be too far away and for information on how to get your copy and a special deal where you can get an ebook copy of *Gifted and Thriving* for next to nothing (if you are quick)

### **Consultations**

The online booking service for consultations is now set up and is undergoing final checking before it is put into action. There will be a limited number of slots available for face to face consultations for new clients. this term, plus a few phone (or Skye) slots. For those wanting a follow up consultation, there will also be some options both face to face or by phone.

### **Links to articles of interest**

[Everything you thought you knew about learning is wrong](#)

[The self education of gifted adults](#) - an article about overexcitabilities in adults.

[Many ages at Once](#) - reducing the risk of misdiagnosis of gifted children

[Do we know if gifted children are being served appropriately?](#)

[Brain rhythms are the key to learning](#)

[Why schools don't value visual spatial learning](#)

[Everyone gets a trophy](#) - is our over-emphasis on self-esteem detrimental to creativity, risk and innovation?

[What creative minds can come up with](#) - 80+ awesome industrial designs

[Top Ten Ways to Annoy a Gifted Child](#)

[Growing Old Gifted](#) an article by Annemarie Roeper

SENGinar [Taming the Worry Monster: Anxiety in gifted and 2E youth](#). Perth time it will be at 8.30am on Feb 17th

[The Floating University](#) - 12 lessons US\$199 for a 6 month subscription. Of interest to adults and home schoolers at high school level in particular.

[Academic Earth](#) - online courses from the world's top scholars. Academic Earth is an organisation founded with the goal of giving everyone on earth access to a world class education. Includes courses from many top US universities.

[National Geographic atlas puzzles](#)

[The Guggenheim puts 65 modern art books online, free](#)

[Gifted Homeschoolers Forum](#) -includes some resources about homeschooling including Forging Paths: Beyond Traditional Schooling

**Murdoch University Prep and Primer** courses start soon. Look for a flier on the [Thinking Ahead](#) website.

Happy searching, don't forget to check out the Thinking Ahead Facebook page - other links are posted there during the month and you can post anything you find that might be of interest too.

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