



enabling every
child to learn



OUR VISION IS TO ENABLE EVERY
CHILD TO LEARN TO HIS OR HER
FULL POTENTIAL



OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE THE
MOVE TO LEARN MOVEMENT
SEQUENCES AVAILABLE TO EVERY
CHILD IN EVERY CLASSROOM

Missile *e-mail*

Welcome to our first Missile for 2010!

We've had a busy start to the year and have hit the ground running. We've been wrapping up some publications that were initiated during the 2008 Fijian Seminar, launching new strategies to bring Move to Learn new international connections and most importantly, grappling with a way to instigate a process to certify practitioners of the Move to Learn program, but more on that later.

First, we'd like to let you know of ***two fabulous upcoming seminars!***

MARCH 6, 2010

David Evian & Berri invite you to a hands on seminar about vision and learning.

WHAT HAS VISION GOT TO DO WITH LEARNING?

For: Teachers, Parents & Professionals in the field.

Venue and location to be announced.

Please email them if you are interested as numbers will dictate venue location

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MARCH 18, 2010 - HENLEY BEACH, SA

Veronica Steer will be holding a Move to Learn training Day in Adelaide at:

Our Lady Sacred Heart Parish Hall

420 Seaview Road

Henley Beach S.A.

Contact Veronica Steer for details.

vsteer@bigpond.net.au

And From Julia Dive:

A report from her recent seminar in Bega, NSW.

“What a great weekend we had on the 9th and 10th of January at the **Move to Learn Information Weekend in Bega.**

It was delightful that the weekend attracted teachers and Practitioners who were already using Move to Learn in classrooms and other teaching situations.

The weekend provided an opportunity to get down and feel what the exercises can do.

On Saturday we looked at the overall picture of Learning Difficulties and what it feels like. We filled in the big picture with information on nutrition, visual processing, auditory processing and discussed the pyramid concept in between doing all the movements.

On Sunday we shared ideas to keep it interesting which included extensions and challenges.

It's amazing the ideas that were shared by people adapting the movements to fit into a variety of spaces and situations.

All in all very inspirational and lots of fun. Can't wait for the next one!”



One hot tip:

get the children to balance their shoes and socks on their backs when they are crawling back to class!



Publications

'Ten Gems' is now available in Thai



Thanks to the hard work of Louise Weavers, 'Ten Gems for the Brain' is now available in Thai! This will open up the program to thousands of needy children and parents. For further information, or to purchase a copy, contact Louise directly at:

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And...Hot off the Press!!

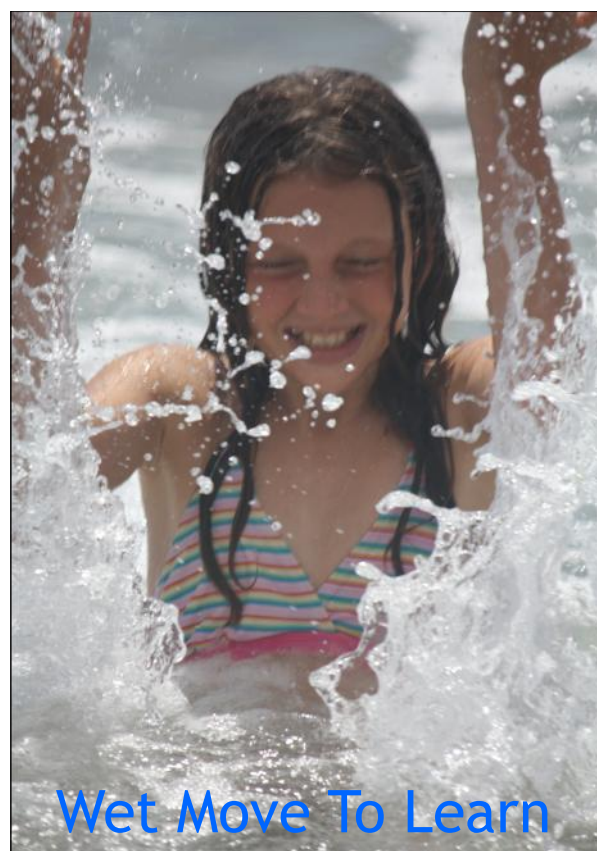
Finally, we've been able to put together this fabulous little booklet full of great ideas about how to take the Move to Learn program into the water!

Developed with the assistance of the participants of the 2008 Fijian Seminar, Barbara's love of water and swimming was inspirational in this project, and what better place could there be to dive into the joys and potential of movement in water than in Fiji?

Together, over the course of the seminar, the group wrestled with the task of creating this little booklet is the end result of their collective creativity.

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to those involved, especially to Veronica Steer and Helen Thomson who spearheaded the task, and we hope that you all will be as excited with this as we are.

You can find this publication in the article section of our website:



It's free. Enjoy!

Research

IMPORTANT — PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN

The researchers who have been analysing the results of our 2008 research have asked once more for our help. Assistance would be greatly appreciated. Published research will go a long way in supporting our efforts to convince decision makers to trial Move to Learn.

This is just a short assessment, with as little as 5 students, and which needs to be done only twice, two weeks apart. You don't need to run the program with the students to do the test.

Hi Teachers,

We are continuing to work on the results of the research studies that have been conducted over that past few years using the Move to Learn program and some exciting results are emerging. Thank you for all of your help so far!

Before we can publish the results and share them with you (and the world!) we need to ask you for your help once again in order to conduct a reliability study for one of the assessments that was used to measure classroom behaviour.

The study would involve teachers completing the assessment (one page tick-a-box) for the children in their class. Then, no more than two weeks later, you would need to complete the assessment again for the SAME children.

We will then look to see how stable the scores are in order to demonstrate that the assessment we used is reliable.

If you are unable to fill in forms for your whole class - that is fine - just choose 5-10 students in your class. The MOST IMPORTANT thing is that you use the SAME STUDENTS when you fill in the second lot of assessments up to two weeks later.

It doesn't matter if you are using the Move to Learn program at the moment in your classrooms, but if you are not, please DO NOT commence using the program within the TWO WEEK reliability study.

If you *are* using the Move to Learn program you keep using it, but conduct the assessment a SECOND time on the SAME children no longer than ONE week apart.

So, if you are a teacher in Australia and would like to help us out and participate in this two week reliability study...

Contact Move to Learn and register your participation

The study will need to be completed by 7th May 2010.

Thank you for all your help.

We look forward to sharing the results from our research with you very soon.

Joanne Hinitt

Certification

This is a brand new and exciting direction for us.

We've had several requests to organise some kind of certification process for our more active contacts to give their work a greater level of credibility with new clients. A certificate on the wall can be a helpful asset! It speaks of training and experience and inspires confidence.

We've been aware of that, but until now haven't felt it was a direction we wanted to go in. It has always been our stance that *anyone* can run the Move to Learn program with the assistance of the books & the DVD. Keeping the program simple, with clear guides that are affordable and easy to implement are a key component to making the program available to every child; our mission statement. All that a parent, teacher, helper or student needs can be found in the books and the DVD - or in Ten Gems for the Brain if a DVD player is not available.

But the reality is that not all parents or schools have the time or the confidence to run the program alone. Many deeply appreciate the assistance of someone who is experienced with a broader depth of knowledge to back them up or run the program for them.

We are often asked for referrals to professionals who would be able to help parents or schools in need, and we have a list of those we are confident to recommend, but now we would like to take that a step further.

Certification of practitioners would ensure that a seeking parent or school could be confident that the practitioner was endorsed by Move to Learn.

It will also help to raise the quality of assistance given by practitioners through standardised assessment, and help to ensure consistency of practice and adherence to the principles of Move to Learn as set out in the books and the DVD.

And, most importantly, it will provide greater support and resources to our valuable contacts out there in the field.

Those who wish to run the Move to Learn movement program still won't *need* to be certified to do so, it will remain open to everyone, but to those who feel certification would be a support to them in their work, we'd like to be able to offer it.

We are still finalising the details and sorting out the higher level of insurance certification will demand, and we'll keep you all updated as we progress, but if any of you have any questions, or would like more information, please feel free to contact us here in the office.

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Final Notes:

Mary Mountstephen has just published two books for the Practical Pre-School SEN Series.

One is on dyspraxia and neuro-developmental delay and the other focuses on speech, language and communication. They are intended for practitioners or parents/ carers working with young children and are practical rather than theoretical.



Copies are available from Amazon UK or from www.practicalpreschoolbooks.com

And:

There is a great review of **Help Your Child to Learn** and the **Move to Learn DVD** in **UNCENSORED**, a very informative online magazine. You can find it by googling 'Uncensored online magazine' and entering Move to Learn into the search option, by following the link in the articles section of our website, or with this link:

<http://uncensored.co.nz/2010/02/22/help-your-child-to-learn-book-review-and-move-to-learn-dvd-review/>

**Until Next Month,
Keep on Rolling!**

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