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## **Dr Loretta Giorcelli presents:**

### **Improving Learning and Behaviour Outcomes in Schools of the 21st Century**

During her presentation Professor Giorcelli OAM will focus on **practical strategies** for **classroom practitioners** in dealing with **learning problems** and **behaviour challenges** in the **classroom**. She will draw from her on-going, extensive work with teachers and children / teenagers in Australian classrooms to present strategies which will assist in areas such as:

- Dealing with students with learning disabilities
- Dealing with students with ADHD
- Dealing with students with characteristics of autism
- Dealing with disengagement in regular learners
- School-wide positive behaviour support planning for on-going behaviour challenges

*Professor Giorcelli will embed these learnings within the context of several critical issues for the education of diverse populations in schools of the 21st century including, inclusive education, modern understandings of academic and social learning processes, the role of teachers in developing self-esteem and resilience in learners and the nature of learner disengagement.*

**Date: Thursday, 11 June 2009**

**Time:**  
13h30 – 14h00: Registration  
14h00 – 15h30: First Session  
15h30 – 16h00: Tea / Coffee  
16h00 – 17h15: Second Session  
17h15 – 17h30: Q & A

**Venue:** Collegiate Junior School  
Parson's Hill

**Cost:** R100 (member fee paid on or before 22 May)  
R120 (non-member fee paid on or before 22 May)  
R170 (for members and non-members after 22 May)

Registration fee to be paid into bank account: SAALED  
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Booking is essential and numbers are limited. Please email proof of payment to [jill@bluechilli.co.za](mailto:jill@bluechilli.co.za) and sms your attendance to 0720741608

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# Dr Loretta Giorcelli OAM

- **Trained** as a primary/special education teacher in Queensland in the late 1960s and has taught profoundly deaf students, as well as students with a range of disabilities, **at pre-school, primary and secondary levels** in segregated and integrated settings in both the United Kingdom and Australia.
- Has a Bachelor's **degree** in Education, a Master's degree in Education, a Master's degree in Special Education and a PhD (Linguistics and Communication Disabilities) from the University of Illinois (USA).
- Worked as a teacher, consultant and **school principal** in Queensland and London schools, before accepting a position in the New South Wales Department of School Education in 1984.
- Was the **NSW Director of Special Education and Equity Programs** (Aboriginal Education, Migrant Education, ESL, Early Childhood Education, Disadvantaged Schools etc) with the Department of School Education in New South Wales until April 1993.
- Received the NSW Government's **Teaching Service Medal** and was also granted **Life Membership** of the Australian Teachers of the Deaf Association in 1993.
- Lectured at the tertiary level at the University of New South Wales where, in 1993 and 1994, she established the **Certificate of Learning Disabilities and The Certificate of Integration Studies** respectively.
- Has been associated in **Honorary capacities** with the Macquarie University, the Children's Hospital Sydney, the University of Western Sydney and the Beijing ENT Institute in the People's Republic of China.
- Since 1996 has headed her own **educational consultancy company** working extensively in Hong Kong, New Zealand, South Africa, Malta, Cyprus and the UK as well as throughout Australia.
- Works extensively as a specialist consultant with **schools as well as with government, NGOs, private agencies** and **parent groups** and with **parents** as an advisor, keynote speaker, staff developer and long-range planner.
- From 2004-2007 was involved in one of the largest national projects investigating the **inclusion of students** with disabilities in regular classrooms in Australia. Results are available on [www.dest.gov.au/schools/losd](http://www.dest.gov.au/schools/losd)
- Co-edited "**Accepting the Literacy Challenge**" (Scholastic) with Dr Alan Watson in 2000 and has contributed reviews and chapters to an extensive range of texts and monographs since 1979.
- Is married to Kevin Robinson, a soccer-mad engineer. They are blessed with three accomplished children and their spouses, as well as four amazing young grandchildren, Benjamin, twins William and Thomas and Joshua.



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