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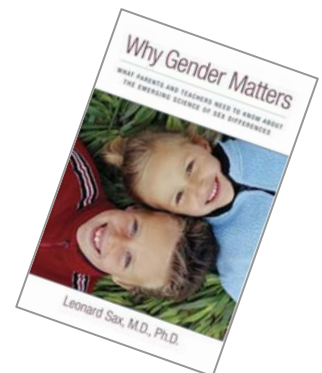
invites you to

A Presentation for Parents by Dr Leonard Sax MD, PhD

*"Sex, Drugs and Fast Cars: what parents need to know
about the emerging science of sex differences"*

at **College Hall**
Brisbane Boys' College
Kensington Tce
Toowong

16 May 2008
6.30 – 8.00PM



Leonard Sax, MD, PhD Author of best selling book: *Why Gender Matters* is a physician and psychologist and founder of the National Association for Single Sex Public Education (USA). A leading proponent of single-sex education, Dr Sax points out specific instances where keeping boys and girls separate in the classroom has yielded striking educational, social and interpersonal benefits. Despite the view of many educators and experts on child rearing that sex difference should be ignored or overcome, parents and teachers would do better to recognize, understand, and to make use of the biological differences that make a girl a girl, and a boy a boy.

Dr Sax offers a provocative analysis on how gender influences every aspect of our lives and provides practical suggestions to help break down gender stereotypes and help our children reach their potential. His presentation will cover a variety of topics as listed below.

- **The brain develops differently.** *In girls, the language areas of the brain develop before the areas used for spatial relations and for geometry. In boys, it's the other way around. A curriculum which ignores those differences will produce boys who can't write and girls who think they're "dumb at mathematics."*
- **The brain is wired differently.** *In girls, emotion is processed in the same area of the brain that processes language. So, it's easy for most girls to talk about their emotions. In boys, the brain regions involved in talking are separate from the regions involved in feeling. The hardest question for many boys to answer is: "Tell me how you feel."*
- **Girls hear better.** *The typical teenage girl has a sense of hearing seven times more acute than a teenage boy. That's why daughters so often complain that their fathers are shouting at them. Dad doesn't think he's shouting, but Dad doesn't hear his voice the way his daughter does.*
- **Girls and boys respond to stress differently** - *not just in our species, but in every mammal scientists have studied. Stress enhances learning in males. The same stress impairs learning in females.*

I strongly encourage you to mark this in your diary now and make all efforts to attend. For catering purposes please RSVP to Renate Falkenhagen on 3309 3528 or rfalkenhagen@bbc.qld.edu.au by 13 May 2008.