



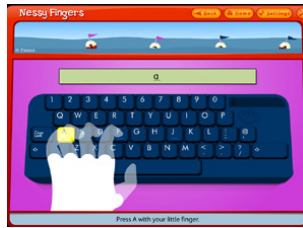
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Real Special News

Nessy Fingers is here!

Nessy Fingers quickly teaches the layout of the keyboard through the alphabet in 5 simple lessons,



using real words and sentences. This is ideal for all students, especially those who have dyslexia / dyspraxia. With fun and interactive games, Nessy Fingers will motivate any learner to type faster and more accurately! Features include:

- Swim as Nessy to set personal speed and accuracy targets
- Explore the land of Ness and play 9 fantastic games
- You can develop spelling skills while practising your typing skills.
- Use the Nessy Learning Programme's phonics word lists or your own while playing games.
- Type to your own tunes! Import mp3's to play with the games
- Many dyslexia-friendly features such as audio instructions, carefully selected fonts and display options.

- Colour coding to aid fast learning.
- Stickers to cover the keys to ensure learning is by touch

Prices: Single user only \$59.56 NZD + \$7.44 GST = Total \$67. Multi user packs available – see our website 'Writing' section for more details.

Wordshark V4 now available

Wordshark offers a highly motivating and structured tool for developing and practising literacy skills.



New Version 4 features include:

- Letters and Sounds course: a new week-by-week course.
- 55 games, covering word recognition, spelling, sound and letter patterns, syllables, sentences, alphabet and dictionary activities using the specified word list.
- Easy-to-change background colours for the games
- Scores and timings displayed on screen at all times but with no final time limits

Prices: Single user \$173.30 + \$21.70 GST, total: \$195. See our website Reading section to order.

Featured websites



This month's website topics are:

- Songs for curriculum teaching
- Anzac resources
- "Yucky" stuff for kids

www.songsforteaching.com

Using music and rhymes to help teach all areas of the curriculum is a great idea. This site contains thousands of pages for you to peruse -- many with lyrics, sound clips, and teaching suggestions.

The site offers practical suggestions based on the latest in brain-based learning, plus innovative teachers share their classroom pointers and extension activities using children's music.

Songs from a wide variety of popular artists are presented by academic subject, plus there is a free download song each month for subscribers to their newsletter.



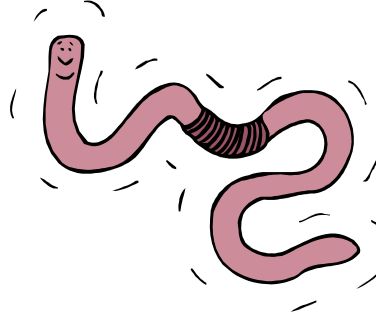
<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/war/anzac-day/introduction>

On 25 April 1915, Allied soldiers landed on the shores of the Gallipoli peninsula. ANZAC day, 25th April commemorates those involved. The site above has useful resources and information on teaching this subject. Also, at the back of our newsletter I have put a recipe for Anzac biscuits.



<http://yucky.kids.discovery.com>

Isn't it strange that the more gross something is, the more kids love it? I can therefore guarantee that they will enjoy this site from Discovery. It is called "Yucky" for a reason – as the info says; " First there was mud. Then there were worms. and now there is Yucky! Test your skills with Whack – a roach. All you need to know about barfing, belching and blackheads! Plus mad scientist fun in Yucky labs! Lots of games, quizzes and puzzles.



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. This month is my birthday – on the 15th April I will be 6 years old! I thought I had better have some new clothes for my party so I have chosen this blue silky dress.



Ways of communication have changed so much these days – I can invite my friend's to the party by postal invitation, phone, email and now also they have social sites for dogs! This website below allows dogs to upload their details and also has lots of information on different breeds etc. <http://www.dogster.com>

I found out the following information: Poodles were prized for their intelligence and good manners. They may look dainty and demur, but in truth, these are high-stamina dogs with a stellar range of skills, including agility, obedience, hunting and herding. (yes, I agree to all of that!) The site also says poodles were used to retrieve waterfowl for hunters. I thought I would go and tell the duck this – it might just keep them on their toes (or should I say "webbed feet")



Also this month, from April 4th – 6th is the Red Puppy Appeal, raising money to train guide dogs for the blind. It costs over \$22,500 to breed, raise, train and match a guide dog. These dogs help to empower many blind, deafblind and vision-impaired New Zealanders so if you would like to donate or help in some way, the website below has all the details. <http://www.redpuppy.org.nz/>

Just for Fun

Some jokes for Edith's birthday!

Q. What is the left side of a birthday cake?

A. The side that's not eaten.

Q. Does a pink candle burn longer than a blue one?

A. No, they both burn shorter!

Q. What does every birthday end with?

A. Y!

Sudoku

Good luck! The solution is on page 4.

6			3	5			
					1		
	3		8	2	4	9	
		9	2				5
		6			8		
4			1		9		
	5	7	6	9			3
		8					
			8	5			9

Easy recipe - Anzac biscuits

25th April is ANZAC day so I have found this recipe for ANZAC biscuits. There are several variations but all usually omit eggs as these were in short supply during the war. Originally called "soldiers biscuits", these long-lasting, nutritious biscuits are the type that were sent to the troops. This recipe makes about 35 biscuits.



Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup wholemeal flour
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup coconut
- 125 grams butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 2 tablespoons boiling water

Method

Combine rolled oats, flour, coconut and sugar.

Combine butter and golden syrup and microwave until melted.

Mix soda with boiling water and add to melted butter mixture, stir into dry ingredients.

Roll teaspoon lots into ball shapes and press to flatten on a greased tray (about 12 per tray).

Bake at 170 Celsius, (77F) for 20 minutes.

Cool on trays.

<http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/news/events/ANZAC/>

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

6	9	1	4	3	5	7	8	2
2	8	4	9	6	7	1	5	3
7	3	5	1	8	2	4	9	6
8	1	9	7	2	6	3	4	5
5	7	6	3	4	9	8	2	1
4	2	3	5	1	8	9	6	7
1	5	7	6	9	4	2	3	8
9	6	8	2	7	3	5	1	4
3	4	2	8	5	1	6	7	9

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