



## REAL SPECIAL TIMES



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### **Real Special News**

#### **Competition result**

Thank you to everyone who entered our recent competition. The winner was N. Davis of Porirua and she received a copy of Nessy Fingers

#### **New Products**

We now have a new range of message recording products great for those with communication difficulties, useful for auditory skills exercises, etc) Order from the New Products and Special needs sections of our website.

**Talking Label.** 20 second message  
Size: 80 x 57 x 9mm. The message can be re-recorded and reused. Batteries included Price \$18 + GST (total \$20.25).



**The Message Recorder** has 2 minutes recording time - play, Skip or Erase individual messages as required. Size: 40mm, L: 93mm, D: 12mmhas Batteries included. Price \$27 + GST (total \$30.37)



**Talking Photo Album.** A5 size holds 24 inserts. An ideal communication book for individual students. Simply insert drawings or photographs into the plastic wallets and record up to a 10 second message on every page. A5 \$65 + GST (\$73.12)



**A3 Talking Photo album** - great for using with a whole class. 24 pages, each records a 10 second message Price \$88 + GST (total \$99)

**Yellow talking tin** records a 10 second message: Size 79mm Diameter x 22mm, Message can be re-recorded and reused time and time again. Batteries included, price \$18 + GST (total \$20.25).



**Red talking tin** - able to record a 30 second message with a multi-message feature.\$24 + GST (total \$27)

Elastic strap for talking tins available separately (**\$4 each**) The strap allows you to attach it around your wrist or to different shaped objects.

### Featured websites



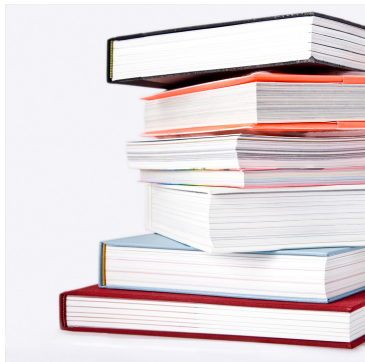
#### This month's choices:

Free books and articles  
Free Easter activities  
Free Teacher resources

#### [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)

If you want a website to keep you busy over the Easter holidays, Scribd is the one for you. more than 50 million people each month visit this site, it has articles in 90 different languages and over 50,000 documents are uploaded every day! Scribd is a place for people to publish their own writings (they do say there is a book in each of us!) but it also has complete books from publishers, articles, magazines, creative writing, how-to guides, recipes, sheet music, schoolwork and more. When you click on a category, you can then choose those that are most viewed, most liked, most discussed etc.

It free to browse Scribd and read as many documents as you like but if you want to download an ebook etc you'll need to join but this is free.



#### [www.kaboose.com](http://www.kaboose.com)

Kaboose has lots of family friendly sections, e.g. parenting, crafts, health and they also have lots of free activity sections. If you click on the Easter 2009 links at the left hand side of their home page, you will find an absolute treasure trove of things to do you're your family over the Easter holidays. There are Easter crafts, recipes, egg hunt, cards, colouring pages, Easter party ideas, clip art, online games, religious crafts etc.



#### <http://tre.ngfl.gov.uk>

The Teacher Resource Exchange (TRE) is a moderated database of resources and activities created by teachers in the UK. All resources are checked by subject specialists to ensure they are of the highest possible quality.

Resources are **free** to use and you can search by age range, subject or type, e.g. whether for homework, a class activity for assessment etc Because the resources are for the UK curriculum, some categories are different from those we use in NZ but there are many similarities so they are worth checking out.

**Teacher Resource Exchange**



**Recipe: Chocolate cherry cupcakes**

This Nigella Lawson recipe would be lovely to make for Easter. For an easier version, you could do ordinary white icing and replace the cherries on top with small Easter eggs!



**Cupcake ingredients:**

125g soft unsalted butter  
100g dark chocolate, broken into pieces  
300g morello cherry jam (other fruit jam also works e.g. strawberry)  
150g caster sugar  
pinch of salt  
2 large eggs, beaten  
150g self-raising flour  
12-bun muffin tin and papers

**Icing ingredients:**

100g dark chocolate  
100ml double cream  
12 natural-coloured glacé cherries ( or tiny chocolate eggs)  
Serving Size : Makes 12

**Method**

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.

Put the butter in a heavy-bottomed pan to melt. When nearly melted, stir in the chocolate.

Take off the heat and stir with a wooden spoon until the butter and chocolate are smooth and melted.

Now add the jam, sugar, salt and eggs. Stir and mix, then stir in the flour.

Pour into the muffin papers in their tin and bake for 25 minutes. Allow to cool on a rack for 10 minutes.

Break up the chocolate for the icing and add it to the cream in a saucepan.

Bring to the boil, remove from the heat and then whisk till thick and smooth.

Ice the cupcakes and decorate with a cherry (or Easter egg!)

**Sudoku solution (from page 3)**

8	7	2	5	4	6	9	1	3
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