

	REAL SPECIAL TIMES	
<p><u>In this issue:</u> Page 1: Real Special news Page 2: Featured websites Page 3: Edith's column and Sudoku Page 4: Easy recipe, Sudoku solution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Real Special News</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Real Special Holiday Discount</p> <p>We wish you all a safe, relaxing Easter holiday (it's a good time to try the Easter biscuit recipe on page 4!). Although schools are closed we are still open as we also have a holiday apartment. If you need any product advice or want to place an order, please feel free to contact us.</p> <p>If you are planning a stay in the Nelson region, our Ruby Bay Spa Apartment (located across from the beach) may be of interest - just click the Real Special Holidays link on the left-hand side of any of our webpages for photos and prices.</p> <p>If you want to book the apartment and mention this advert, you will qualify for a 10% discount on our holiday prices! (conditions apply). Contact us on 03 540 2804.</p> <p>Surer steps Behavior Software. We have special lower prices on five of the Surer steps software products for behavior (ends 31.05.10). All of these are primary school site licences so are great value (especially the multipack CD). Currently we have 10% off the following products:</p> <p>Visual Timetable: Create visual timetables for students who have difficulty following the structure of school life. Was \$100 + GST now \$90 + GST, total \$101.25.</p>	<p>Behavior Trackmaker Plus This software links children's choices to different consequences. Was \$165 + GST now \$148.50 + GST, total \$167.06</p> <p>Reward track is printed from the software and displayed along a wall. By meeting group targets a token is moved along the track. Was \$50 + GST now \$45 + GST, total \$50.63.</p> <p>Reward maps: Each of the eleven printable reward charts / maps comes with 5 collectable cards which children collect as they work towards targets. Was \$100 + GST now \$90 + GST, total \$101.25.</p> <p>Primary Rule Poster This software has images you can use towards making class rules plus allows you to import your own images. Was \$100 + GST now \$90 + GST, total \$101.25</p> <p>Behavior MultiPacks: All 5 software programmes on one disk: TrackMaker Plus, Visual Timetable, Primary Poster Maker, Reward Track, Reward Maps</p> <p>Multipack New version: Was \$425 + GST now \$382.50 + GST, total \$430.32</p> <p>Multipack Old version: Was \$250 + GST now \$225 + GST, total \$253.13 (please note the old software versions do not match the description of the individual programmes above).</p> <p>See our website Behaviour section for more details of these and other programmes.</p>	

Featured websites

www.senteacher.org

SEN Teacher provides free teaching & learning resources for students with special needs and learning disabilities for use in schools, colleges and at home.

The **Printables Page** has a selection of printable worksheets, handouts and teaching aids most of which can be customised to suit a range of learners.

The **Files Page** lists free educational software from many sources which has proved useful to teachers and parents of special needs students.

The **Links Page** lists websites which have been carefully selected.

My favourite section is the one for free Printables. Items are in 3 sections: **English, General, mathematics.** There are some great free resources including expressions cards, certificates literacy and numeracy fans, clocks, literacy dominoes etc



Lonely Planet Travel Guides

<http://www.moretoexplore.co.nz/?c=fc7b440c9e2aeba2d07ffd26f617dd16>

If you are a Telecom Broadband customer, like us you probably got one of their recent their circular emails. This one was interesting as it allows you to download a free chapter from each of 10 Lonely Planet Travel Guides. The free chapters guides are: Argentina, New Zealand, Sydney, India, Thailand, Queensland, Fiji, Vietnam, Africa, Egypt.



Asia NZ

<http://www.asianz.org.nz/our-work/educating-asia/resources/units>

Asia NZ is a website that has lots of features for Asians living in New Zealand and also for those learning about languages and culture etc. the website has recently enhanced the resources section on their Educating for Asia pages. They have added new units on the hit film Slumdog Millionaire, celebrations such as Diwali and the Chinese Lantern Festival etc. There are also resources which examine New Zealand's increased cultural diversity.



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. Well, as this month is my birthday and I will be eight on the 15th, I thought I should have a new party dress!



I am always interested in other toy poodles and read this story on the internet – hope you like it.



"After three baby squirrels lost their tree-home to a chain saw, they found a foster mum in a 4-year-old toy poodle named Pixie. Dog owner Gail Latta said she tried unsuccessfully to feed the squirrels canned milk.

Pixie had recently had her own pups which had been sold, but she could still nurse. Pixie treated the foster squirrels like her own babies. After two weeks, the squirrels were old enough to be weaned, and they went.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/oddstuff/3527978/Dog-that-nursed-squirrels-is-doing-OK>

Just for fun – Edith's jokes

Pixie the poodle was a "nursemaid" so here are some dog job jokes.

Q: What dog takes the money and runs fast?

A: a "Payhound"

Q: What dog wears a white coat and does science experiments?

A: a lab!

Q: What dog would be best at directing traffic at intersections?

A: a pointer!

Sudoku for April

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

Easy recipe- Chocolate Spice Easter biscuits

This recipe comes from the Hansells baking website and is wonderful treat for this special time of year.



Ingredients:

175g butter
1 cup sugar
1 egg
2 teaspoons Hansells Vanilla Essence
2 cups standard flour
3 tablespoons cocoa
2 teaspoons Hansells Baking Powder
2 teaspoons mixed spice
125g dark cooking chocolate

Method:

Cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
Beat in the egg and vanilla until combined.
Combine sifted flour, cocoa, baking powder and mixed spice into the butter mixture.
Use tablespoons of your mixture and place on an ungreased oven tray in egg shapes. Flatten with your fingers.
Bake at 180C for 12 minutes or until cooked.
Cool on oven tray for 5 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack.

Melt the chocolate in a small bowl over hot water, then dip half/all of each biscuit in the melted chocolate. Stack in bundles once the chocolate has set. Wrap in cellophane paper and tie with an Easter ribbon.

Makes 38

Tips:

Butter and sugar are creamed when the texture is light and fluffy, and there are no sugar granules visible.
For improved texture in cakes and biscuits, use standard flour rather than high-grade flour.
Using a measuring spoon ensures consistent, even-sized biscuits.
If using a fan bake oven, drop the temperature by 20 degrees.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

Orders

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