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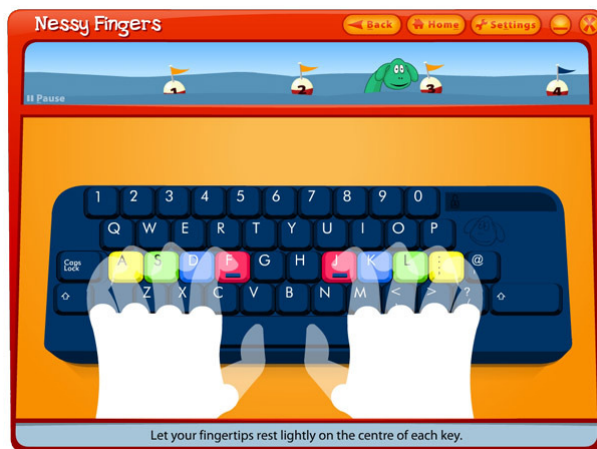
Real Special News

Congratulations to E. Williamson of Christchurch who was the winner of the prize draw held in June. The prize was a copy of Nessy Fingers, a great new software that teaches typing.

Nessy Fingers quickly teaches the layout of the keyboard through the alphabet in 5 simple lessons, using real words and sentences. It comprises of 9 games. This is ideal for all students (age 8+), especially those who have dyslexia / dyspraxia. Windows only, Vista compatible.

For more details on the programme, see our website "writing" section. On the page of information you can download a free sample trial of the programme.

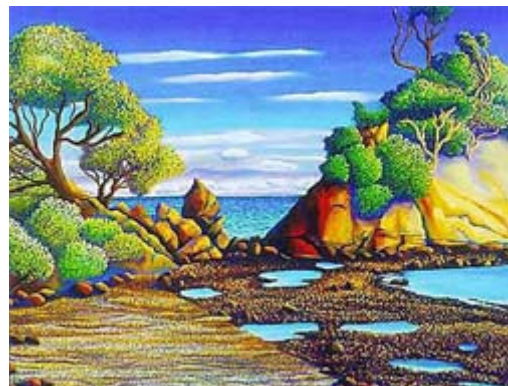
http://www.realspecial.co.nz/dy_nessy_fingers.asp



The winning name was kindly drawn by Marion Towns out of Edith the poodles hat! Marion is a wonderful New Zealand artist who luckily for us lives nearby in the Ruby Bay area.

Marion uses the chalk pastel medium to create impressionist works portraying New Zealand land and seascapes. Her works are also made into beautiful cards and calendars.

www.mariontowns.co.nz/index.html



Featured websites



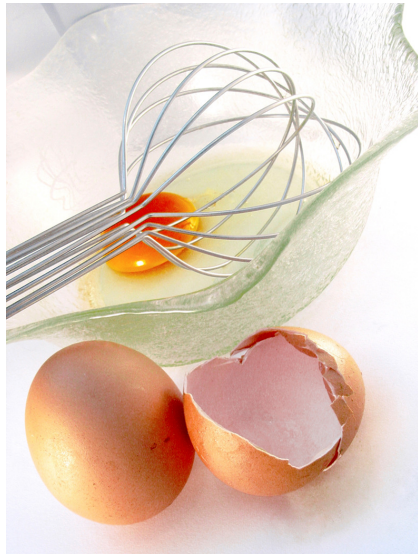
This month's choices are:

- free egg recipe booklets
- free French or Spanish lessons
- free phonic worksheets

<http://www.eggs.org.nz/>

This is a great website all about eggs. If you look at the right hand side of the homepage, you will see links to download two great FREE egg recipe books. The first is called "The Omelette Guy's recipe book" and features omelettes using different ingredients from many different New Zealand regions.

The second recipe book is entitled, "Make it eggs naturally" and has recipes for wraps, omelettes, quiches etc. The books are set out really clearly with nutritional information and photos and give some great ideas on quick and healthy meals.



<http://www.frenchspanishonline.com/>

This website allows you to learn French or Spanish online for free. The lessons are practical and based on the vocabulary used in day to day life, e.g greetings, colours, numbers, time etc. There are games and activities to make the learning fun and to reinforce the teaching points made. You click on the "Jukebox" to hear the words pronounced correctly and there are also online translation dictionaries.



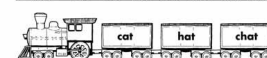
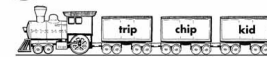
<http://www.free-phonics-worksheets.com/>

Go to this site for masses of free phonics worksheets and answer keys. Although designed to accompany the Rock N' Learn reading scheme, they can be used independently. The worksheets assist in learning phonic rules, e.g. long vowels, short vowels, diphthongs, beginning blends, silent e, beginning consonants and much more.

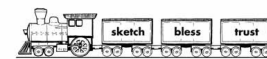
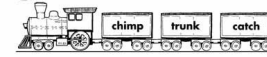
Name _____

CHUGGIN' CHOO CHOO

Circle the word in each train that BEGINS with the same sound as ✓.



Circle the word in each train that ENDS with the same sound as ✓.



Edith the Poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. We have had some pretty rough, (or should I say "ruff") stormy weather lately in New Zealand. We got off very lightly here in Ruby Bay but Nelson city had several trees blown down. Below is a link to YouTube showing the lucky narrow escape of one Nelson resident from a falling tree!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtCzlZogjZQ>

The Northland region where Mary duck now lives was very badly hit but fortunately, says my mum, she is fine (matter of opinion!).

I have been keeping myself warm and snug at night by wearing my new purple fleecy pyjamas. They are so cute with a lime green bone appliqué and a stripy pink and purple hood to keep my ears warm. I like to make sure I am stylish at all hours of the day and night!



While looking on the internet for some weather related humour for my "Just for Fun" section, I found this great site with loads of Science Jokes and fun lists.

<http://www.juliantrubin.com/tornadojokes.html>

Below are 10 reasons why the Storm Season is like Christmas!

10. Decorating the house (boarding up windows).
9. Dragging out boxes that haven't been used since last season (camping gear, flashlights).
8. Last minute shopping in crowded stores.
7. Regular TV shows pre-empted for "specials".
6. Family coming to stay with you.
5. Family and friends phoning.
4. Buying food you don't normally buy ... and in large quantities.
3. Days off from work / school
2. Candles.
1. And the number 1 reason why the storm season is like Christmas - at some point you know you're going to have a tree in your house!

Sudoku for August

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

Easy recipe – Impossible pie



There are lots of variations of this easy dessert recipe but this version comes from Jo Seagar

<http://www.joseagar.co.nz/index.asp>

Even though coconuts might be more associated with summer, this dessert is just as wonderful to have at this wintery time of year.

It's called "impossible" because all you have to do is blend the ingredients yet it "impossibly" separates into a self crusting coconut creamy pie when cooked!

Ingredients

- 100 grams butter softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup plain flour
- 2 cups milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla essence
- 1 cup desiccated coconut

Method

In a food processor or blender mix the butter and sugar until creamy
Add the eggs then all other ingredients.

Mix until a smooth batter.

Pour into a greased 23cm pie plate or flan dish.

Bake at 180°C for 1 hour until the top springs back when lightly touched.

Serve warm dusted with icing sugar.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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