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<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;">Competition Winner Congratulations to C. Elgar of Auckland who was the winner of a copy of Nesy Games Player in our June competition.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MathBase News This is a reminder to all those customers who have taken up the offer of free full trial versions of MathBase 2 and MathBase 6, (see our Free Stuff section or Maths / primary for details). The trial programmes will automatically stop working at the end of August but can be purchased for only \$56 inc GST (home – user version). These two new programmes have proved to be as popular as the original MathBase 1, with each concentrating on specific maths features.</p> <p>MathBase 1 Suitable for both younger children and older children with special needs difficulties in all aspects of number. There are 5 parts to the software, covering numbers to 10, numbers to 20, numbers to 100, number bonds, and exercises for timetables.</p> <p>MathBase 2 MathBase2 is an easy to use collection of 12 programs. The focus is on whole number mental calculation and is adaptable to a broad range of abilities.</p>		<p>The programs make use of repetition and small steps to maintain progress and develop confidence.</p> <p>2 Includes: Simple Functions Add & Subtract in 1000 Partition of numbers Sequencing numbers Ordering numbers Rounding numbers Simple equations Place value Tens, fives and hundreds Units and tens in 100 Add and subtract in 50, 100, 200 Units, tens, 100's, 1000's.</p> <p>MathBase 6 MathBase6 contains 12 further programs on whole number calculation with an increased emphasis on multiplication and division, and how the four operations interact.</p> <p>6 Includes: Further basic skills in addition and subtraction. Smallest and largest Mental multiplication and division Integer division Prime numbers and factors Multiplication and division by 10, 100 and 1000 Order of operations and expanding brackets</p> <p>All versions are the same price: Home user single user CD \$50 + GST, total \$56. Please see our webpage maths section for more details. For school version prices please email us.</p>

Featured websites



This month's choices:

Free curriculum resources for schools or home-school families
Entrepreneur website for students
Small business website for students

<http://donnayoung.org>

This USA web site by Donna Young has been an on-going project since 1998. Donnayoung.org offers free printables in various subjects, and home-school planning tips. These resources are also very useful for schools.

Here's how to use the site. From the tool bar at the top of the page, choose your subject area e.g. English. It will then come up with another bar giving options e.g. spelling, grammar, vocabulary. I clicked on grammar and got lots of choices e.g. verbs, adjectives, prepositions. I clicked on prepositions bingo and there were 9 different bingo boards to print out. Other subjects covered are: Art, history, math, science etc.



<http://www.wolveslair.co.nz>

The Wolves Lair is a teaching resource that allows teachers to simulate the 'Dragons Den' TV show in class. All material is supported by the Ministry of Education and is free for both students and teachers.

Wolves lair helps students to develop their enterprising skills in a fun way. This site gives resources, tools and links students need to develop their planning and presentation skills.

Includes:

Pitching an idea
Starting a business
Where to get help



www.thesmallbusinessgame.co.nz

The Small Business Game is an online educational game where players run their own football retail store. It is designed as an educational tool for use in schools and universities plus can be customised for use by any organisation looking to engage people in enterprise.

Includes:

Learn what it is like to manage a small business.
Learn what works in business-and what doesn't work.
Experiment with different strategies and tactics to see the impact of your decisions.

Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. Although I like to consider myself smartly dressed at all times, this beautiful blue outfit with white patterns makes me look even more "posh!". It's an outfit from Japan and is based on a traditional kimono design.



Canine fashion is big business in Japan – they have more dog boutiques than the USA and dogs already outnumber children aged 10 and under. Japan seems the sort of place I would enjoy - they hold dog parties in dog cafes, dress their dogs in silk-and-cashmere dog sweaters and take them to hot spring resorts and spas where dogs can be offered massages and aromatherapy!
<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Dogs-Are-Replacing-Kids-in-Japan-64811.shtml>

My new brother Bobby however, is not showing any signs of following in my fashion footsteps. Although you might think from this photo that he is wearing trendy back boots, he is in fact just showing off his muddy legs after a run on the beach!



Just for fun

Q: Why do you need a licence for a dog and not for a cat?

A: Cats can't drive!

Q: Why do dogs run in circles?

A: Because it's hard to run in squares!

Q: What kind of dog chases anything red?

A: A bull dog!

Sudoku for August

Good luck, the solution is on page 4.

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

Easy recipe – shortbread cookies

What could be nicer on these cold evenings than curling up with a good book, a cup of tea and a cookie! These cookies / biscuits have a lovely buttery shortbread taste and melt in the mouth.



Ingredients:

2 ½ cups of self-raising flour
250 g soft butter
½ cup of white sugar
½ tin of condensed milk (i.e. 190 g as the tin is 380g)

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180c (356F). Mix the softened butter and sugar together until the mixture is very pale yellow and fluffy.
Add the flour in and mix well.
Next add the condensed milk and mix well.
Take heaped spoonfuls of the mixture and roll into little balls.
Place the balls on a baking tray lined with greaseproof paper or flour the baking tray.
Flatten the "balls" with a fork to make a decorative line pattern.
Bake for approx 10 – 12 minutes.
Leave to cool and "harden" on a cooling tray before eating.
This recipe makes about 30 biscuits.

Variations:

You can add things like nuts or chocolate chips as toppings to give a different taste and appearance.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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