
	<b>REAL SPECIAL TIMES</b>	
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### Featured websites



This month's choices:

- Online story about bullying
- Interactive colouring pages
- Child development guide

<http://hardgrove.freeservers.com/echo01.html>

#### The Echo and the Pixie

Unfortunately bullying is all too common but often victims are scared to speak out so cannot get the help they need.

This delightful fantasy online story about bullying provides a good starting point to get young children discussing the issues raised.

I have copied the last verse and illustration from the story below to give you an example of it:

***And the Echo learned the lesson,  
That it's never ever naughty,  
If anything is hurting you,  
To go and tell somebody.***



<http://www.thecolor.com>

'The color' has lots of categories of things to colour online – including the alphabet, birthdays, Bible stories, pets, Chinese New Year etc.

Just select a color and start clicking on the picture to colour it in. You can then email it, print it or just start again. It is good way of developing hand control using the computer mouse.



<http://www.child-development-guide.com/index.html>

Children develop skills in five main development areas:

- Physical
- Social and Emotional
- Intellectual/Cognitive
- Speech and Language
- Sensory

The website has guides and an articles section with subjects such as ADHD, brain development, childhood fears etc.



### Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. What funny weather we have been having this summer – very changeable. This tee-shirt is for when it is quite cool. I really like it as it is pink (my favourite colour) and also because it has a butterfly on it.



Did you know that the butterfly is the symbol for the Deaf community in New Zealand? It was chosen because butterflies cannot hear.  
<http://www.deaf.org.nz/>

For those who are deaf or interested in sign language, the Deaf Aotearoa website has really useful signed clips of news and current events.

As schools are just starting the new academic year in New Zealand, I thought you might enjoy some back to school jokes. A tip I saw on the internet is for parents to print out jokes and cut them out and then put one each day in their child's lunchbox. What fun – it would be like reading those you get in Christmas crackers!

It's a pity I don't have to go to school like you humans as I would like a uniform – at least then I wouldn't have to waste time thinking about what to wear!

### Just for fun – Back to school jokes

[http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school\\_jokes.htm](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school_jokes.htm)

Teacher: Name two days of the week that start with "T".

Student: Today and Tomorrow.

Teacher: I see you missed the first day of school.

Student: Yes, but I didn't miss it much.

Teacher: Where is your homework?

Student: I ate it.

Teacher: Why?

Student: You said it was a piece of cake!

Teacher: Why is your homework in your father's handwriting?

Student: I used his pen!

### Sudoku

Good luck! The solution is on page 4.

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

### Easy recipe - Chocolate Brownies

This recipe provides a healthier version of chocolate brownies for lunchboxes.

<http://www.healthyfood.co.nz/recipes/2007/june/chocolate-brownie>



### Ingredients

- 1 cup unsweetened apple purée/sauce
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 3/4 cup self-raising flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup (70g) walnuts, chopped

**Step 1** Preheat the oven to 175°C and lightly spray or oil a 20x20cm baking dish.

**Step 2** Place apple purée in a medium-sized bowl. Sift in the cocoa, flour and baking soda. Add the sugar and salt and mix until just combined.

Do not over-mix as this will toughen the brownies. Gently fold in the chocolate chips and the walnuts.

Transfer to the prepared baking dish and bake for around 25-30 minutes or until the centre feels set and fudgy when a skewer is inserted.

**Step 3** Cool in the pan for 5-10 minutes before turning out. Cool completely before slicing into squares. If desired, dust with sifted icing sugar before serving.

### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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