

Real Special Times

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Help your child to read - Earobics Award winning software to help reading, listening skills, processing and memory. Home version only \$115 + GST! Available in home and Clinic (school) versions. Click on our reading section to find more details.

New assessment products from the UK:
Lucid LADS Plus (Adult Dyslexia Screening)

This software takes about 30 minutes to test a client and then a comprehensive report is automatically generated. Lucid have a whole range of assessments for all ages from ages 4 upwards. Click on the Assessment link on our website to see the full Lucid range. Suitable for schools, tertiary, private tutors etc.

SNOEZELEN Sensory Awareness Profiling Tool.

Assessment product for those with limited cognitive function and physical disability. The tool is easy to administer and suitable for identifying baseline function. Suitable for Occupational Therapists, Special Needs tutors etc. Click SEMERC in our Assessment section.

Featured websites



This months choices include a Bingo game and Road safety awareness.

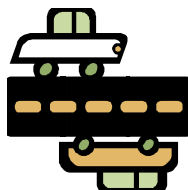
<http://www.dltk-cards.com/bingo/>

If you are looking for activities to do on those cold winter nights, why not make a Bingo game with a Winter theme. You can make boards with 3 x 3, 4 x 4 or 5 x 5 squares. There are six easy steps to the process of making the cards and call sheet. You can have it with words, pictures or both and is a great way of helping younger family members learn vocabulary.



www.roadsense.govt.nz

This site has a game you can play online or download it to help develop road safety awareness. Students have to get to school on time while avoiding all the hazards. If you are good enough you will make it onto the leader board!



Just for fun

Sudoku

If you enjoy quizzes on these winter nights, why not try the Sudoku puzzle below. The solution is on page 4 of this newsletter. The Sudoku grid has three main elements. There are 9 columns, 9 rows and 9 blocks. Using the numbers 1 through 9, the 81 squares in the grid must be filled so that every column, row and block contains the numbers 1 through 9. No number can repeat within any column, row or block. Good luck!

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

Jokes

What did the little ear of corn call his father?
Pop Corn!!

Why did the tomato blush?
Because he saw the salad dressing!

What animal goes to bed with its shoes on?
A horse!

Edith the poodle
Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot.
Well, as you can see I am wearing my winter coat as it has become so cold!



Below is some advice about ensuring your dog stays healthy this winter.

www.vetservice.co.nz

Protecting dogs against the cold

- It takes a lot of energy to keep warm, so the food you feed may not be providing enough energy to perform work as efficiently as possible.
- Any painful joints or muscles after a day's work will heal far better if they are kept warm.
- Stress from cold may suppress immunity needed to fight off any diseases that come along.

Ensure your dog doesn't get too cold on those long winter nights. One needn't spend a lot of money on providing some sort of duvet/pillow for the dog to lie on, so with a bit of old fashioned ingenuity, you can provide your hard working dog with a warm bed, instead of cold wooden slats.

SPCA fundraising through recycling
One group who are always out there helping the animals are the SPCA. There is a now a way you can help them and the environment at no cost to you.

In New Zealand each year, 1.2 million ink cartridges are disposed of in landfill. Many of these are recyclable so if you have an inkjet printer and currently throw your used cartridges in the bin, the SPCA can provide you with freepost envelopes to send them to The Toner Recycling Centre who will recycle the cartridge and send the SPCA a donation for each one they receive.

Here's a current list of the cartridges that can be recycled in this way:

Hewlett-Packard:

15, 17, 20, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 41, 45, 49, 56, 57, 58, 78, 94, 95, 96, 97, 99

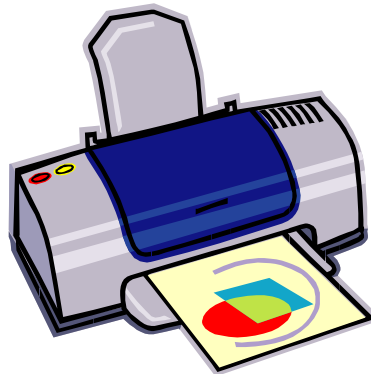
Canon:

BC01, BC02, BC03, BC05, BC20

Lexmark:

10N0016, 10N0026, 17G0050, 17G0060

For more details go the homepage of SPCA
<http://www.sPCA.org.nz/pr/06.05.recycle.htm>



Easy recipe

Mini Cheese & Vegetable Tarts

Ingredients

- 8 Slices Sandwich Bread
- 1-2 Tbsp softened butter
- 200g cheese
- 2 cups frozen Garden Mix Vegetables
- 4 Eggs
- 250g Tub Sour Cream
- 2Tbsp chopped fresh chives or parsley
- Salt & Pepper

Method

Cut 9cm rounds from bread slices and butter on one side only. Place buttered side down in the base of a well-greased muffin tin. Cut the cheese into 8 even slices and place on slice on top of each round of bread. Divide the frozen Garden Mix Vegetables evenly among the muffins. Beat the eggs, sour cream and herbs together and season well with salt and pepper. Spoon evenly over each prepared tart. Bake at 200 deg C for 30 minutes until well risen and golden.



Sudoku solution
(from page 2)

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

Want more puzzles?

<http://puzzles.about.com/>

Lots of free online mind bogglers!

- Rush hour, a logic puzzles where you try to get a car from the traffic
- Acrostic
- Who wants to be a millionaire (no money prizes but you could get yourself a "diploma")
- Tower of Hanoi logic puzzle
- Top 6 word games,
- Online Jigsaw puzzles

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