

Real Special Times

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Real Special News

Hello to all our new newsletter subscribers following our radio advertising campaign. At Real Special we pride ourselves on offering a range of quality products that we personally recommend. We strive to give excellent personal service and are always happy to answer emails and phone calls to ensure you get the correct product for your area of need. As we are not aligned to just one supplier, we can give you independent, objective advice: contact us on

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Special Offers for June

New Zealand Meningitis Awareness week 1- 8 June

Meningitis can leave sufferers with a whole range of difficulties, including in particular hearing loss and memory problems.

Hearing loss is the most common after-effect of meningitis and can range from mild degrees of hearing loss through to profound deafness in one or both ears. Damage to the inner ear can also result in balance problems and tinnitus.

Many people experience short-term memory loss, or find it hard to concentrate following meningitis. This can make everyday tasks very difficult and can cause problems when returning to work or school.

In support of Meningitis Awareness week, **we are giving a 10% discount on all Deaf Products and 10% Nesy Brain Booster memory product (see our Study Skills / Memory section – 'College' or 'Adults' category). Offers end 30th June 07.**

Meningitis support

The Meningitis Trust offers emotional and practical support to people in NZ affected by meningitis. They have a 24-Hour Helpline on 0800 446 087. www.meningitis-trust.org.nz

Price increases for Earobics



We have just been informed by the manufacturers that prices for Earobics will be increased from 1st July by 10%. The price for the family version will rise from \$115 + GST to \$126.50 + GST (total \$142.31) and the price for the Clinicians version will rise from \$500 + GST to \$550 + GST (total \$618.75).

Award winning Earobics is highly recommended for those experiencing difficulties with developing listening skills, processing, reading, spelling and memory. It comes in versions for ages 4 – 7, 7 – 10 and 10+ for adults and adolescents.

The cut off date for "old price" orders is 28th June.

Featured websites



Mystery Stories

Mystery stories have always had appeal and as Edith the Poodle is busy trying to solve the puzzle of the missing duck, this gave me the idea of searching for internet mysteries. I thought this website called "kids love a mystery" might appeal – it has sections for kids, adults and teaching plans for how to use mysteries in lessons.

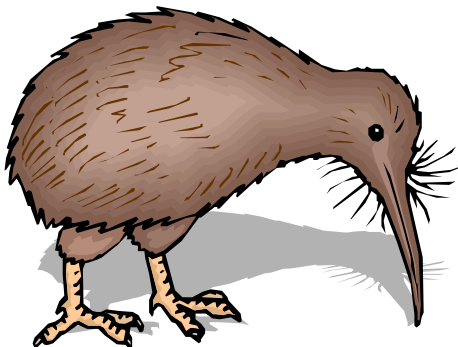
<http://www.kidsloveamystery.com/>



Kiwi cam

"Kiwi" is a word often used in New Zealand – it can mean a person from NZ, a fruit or a native bird. This story is about a kiwi bird being bred in captivity, but not in New Zealand - in Washington D.C. USA! From the link on this page, you can view the 'kiwi-cam' and see what kiwi's get up to when it is dark!

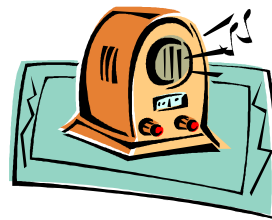
<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/2006/04/zookiwi.html>



Free audio stories

'Living Books for the Ears' are free weekly fully dramatized half hour audio programs. These classic stories originally aired on the radio back in the good old days of the 1940's and 1950's in the USA, so there's no bad language or other objectionable stuff... just exciting adventures and fascinating history. Although aimed at home-schoolers, they are also great for developing listening skills, for those with visual impairment, for listening to when traveling etc.

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



Family activities website

This great website definitely has something for everyone. For example, if you are planning to throw a kids party, see the 'parties' section of ideas for games, decorations, cakes etc, if you are looking for something to do on a rainy day, check out the 'Arts and craft' and 'printables'), plus there are recipes and more.

www.familyfun.com



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. Well, although the weather has become colder here in New Zealand, this is not the reason I have my Sherlock Holmes cape on.



- Sniffing for clues!

This lovely cape was bought for me by my good friend Rimi in Japan but is not just something to make me look the height of fashion this month. The reason I am wearing it and have a magnifying glass is I have become a detective and am searching for missing Mary duck!

We have been trying to keep the ducks safe in our garden whilst it is the duck hunting season but unfortunately she got out under the fence about a week ago. We have asked the neighbours but no-one has seen her so I thought I had better go looking myself. Poodles are famous for being really good retrievers so I thought I might have a better chance than anyone else.

If anyone is not sure who Sherlock Holmes is, he was a fictional detective devised by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The first stories were published over 120 years ago but still make great reading. I have put a link to a page of websites that have the stories for anyone who might want to read one.

<http://www.sherlockian.net/canon/>

Just for fun

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson went camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep. During the night, Holmes woke Watson up: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you deduce." Watson said "I see millions of stars and a clear night so it tells me we will have a lovely day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes replied: "Watson, you idiot, somebody stole our tent."

Sudoku for June

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! The solution is on page 4 of this newsletter.

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Easy recipe – Lemon cake

Well the lemons in New Zealand are still plentiful so I thought this recipe would be good to make use of them. The measurements below make 2 cakes.



Ingredients:

Rind of 4 lemons and juice of one lemon
2 ½ cups Castor Sugar
3 eggs
1 ½ cups of oil (e.g Canola)
1 ½ cups natural unsweetened yoghurt
3 cups self-raising flour (sifted)
Pre-heat the oven to 170o (approx 340 F). Bake for approx 1 hour.

Method

Into a large bowl put the rind and juice of lemons, the eggs and sugar and mix thoroughly.
Next add the oil and yoghurt and mix again
Lastly gradually add the flour and mix until blended (but do not overmix).
Line 2 averages size cake tine with baking paper.

Pour the mixture into both tins and bake at 170 degrees centigrade (approx 340F) for approximately 1 hour (or until cake tester comes out clean).
When you take the cakes of the oven, squeeze fresh lemon juice on each and sprinkle more sugar on top.
Leave the cakes to cool before removing from the cake tins and then serve sliced (topped with fresh cream makes it even more yummy!).



Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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