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Real Special News

Dyslexia Action Week Prize Draw

To celebrate Dyslexia Action week (15-21 June), we are having a competition to win a copy of **Nessy Games Player** dyslexia software (worth \$67). Anyone ordering a product from us between 1 – 30 June 09 will be entered into the draw.

Nessy GamesPlayer creates a multi-sensory learning environment (see, hear, say and do). It improves spelling, increases reading speed, extends vocabulary, plus word introduction is carefully graded.

Free product trials

We sell a range of software products for dyslexia, including **Lucid** Assessment software and Lucid Memory Booster. We also sell **Wordshark**, and the **Nessy** range. These help develop spelling, reading and memory. Many have free trials - see our **Free Stuff** section.

Free resource from MoE

The Ministry of Education has released its "Teachers Resource: About Dyslexia". Download it from:

http://www.tki.org.nz/r/literacy_numeracy/lit_dyslexia_e.php#update-jan-2009

NZ Postage only \$5

We are members of Dyslexia Foundation of New Zealand (see the Dyslexia Solution and Information Providers section) Although based in Tasman we supply nationwide. Postage is only \$5 per order, regardless of where you are in NZ or the number of items ordered!

www.dyslexiafoundation.org.nz

Jenny Mosley – New products

To complement the Jenny Mosley six Golden Rules books (in A3 or A5 size), we now sell other selected items from her range including books to support SEAL in the classroom (Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning).

Step-by-Step Guide to Circle Time for SEAL

Read about delivering the social and emotional aspects of learning SEAL through Circle Time. It gives a really clear framework for those wanting to follow the Jenny Mosley 5 Steps.

Top 100 games to enjoy SEAL outside

Teach exciting games for outdoor and indoor space, which will encourage children's social and emotional development. The games are grouped by the social or emotional skill they focus on.

Circle Time handbook for the Golden Rules Stories

This Handbook is packed with practical ideas. It includes a Golden Rules song, photocopiable ideas, extension activities and circle time lessons, and engaging stories.

Jenny Mosley's Small Books of the 5 Skills Series

The Small Book Series are designed for SEAL. Each book contains superb games and activities to promote each of the Five Skills.

For more details of these new products below and Jenny's Golden rule books, see our **Behaviour section** or the **New Products** link on our home page.

Featured websites



<http://autismgames.googlepages.com/>

Designed by SLT Tahirih Bushey, this website of Autism games. This site is for parents and others who want information about how to make play successful, educational and fun for a young child with autism or any child with significant delays in play and language development.

On the games page there are video clips of games and instructions explaining how to engage young children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in play. Each of the Game pages lists learning objectives. The videos of games and activities provide models parents can learn from and young children can watch and imitate.

On the tips page there are articles and stories that describe concepts or strategies that will help you be more successful as a play partner, There are also strategies for making games and play more fun and more educational.

The site map link in the top page bar is the best starting point for finding your way around.



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www.dnzb.govt.nz

The Dictionary of New Zealand Biography is a bi-lingual website containing over 3,000 biographies of New Zealanders who have 'made their mark' on this country. It does not include people who are alive. It contains the biographies of 3,049 people in 2,977 biographical essays It also has the biographies of 492 Maori people in 481 essays, translated into Maori from the English-language biographies



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot.



As you know, I never miss a chance to dress-up and this month I am wearing my new pink velvet jacket with fake fur trim (very posh!). This time I actually do have some really big news – we have another dog! The new addition to our family is Bobby, a white, two year old Bichon Frise. He used to live in Blenheim but his family are going overseas so he is now living with us. Bobby is nice and friendly and will soon learn that I am the boss around here!

He is not the sort of dog that likes wearing clothes so I will be the only one getting new outfits each month. However, I don't know how he plans to keep warm as it's quite chilly at the moment – perhaps I can persuade him to get a winter jacket!



I have included a photo of Bobby but unfortunately he recently banged his head so his fur had to be cut away. Bichons usually have a mane of fur so when it all grows back, Bobby will look quite different.

Just for fun

You've heard of "hot dogs", well instead these are "cold dog" jokes!

Q: Why did the snowman call his dog Frost?

A: Because frost bites!

Q: What do you call a litter of young dogs that have come in from the snow?

A: Slush puppies!

Q: What is the difference between a skier and a dog?

A: Skiers wear a whole suit, a dog just pants!

Sudoku

Good luck! The solution is on page 4 of this newsletter.

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Easy recipe Microwave chocolate pudding

This is a really quick recipe that takes only 3 minutes to cook. What could be nicer comfort food on these cold winter days, than a warm chocolate pudding!



Dry ingredients

- 4 tablespoons self-raising flour
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 2 tablespoons choc chips
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

Wet ingredients

- 1 egg
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 3 tablespoons canola oil or melted butter
- ½ teaspoon vanilla essence

Method

1. Put the dry ingredients into a small microwave proof dish (mine is approx 18cm across) and mix well.
2. Put the wet ingredients into a jug and mix well.
3. Next, pour the wet ingredients into the dish of dry ingredients and mix well.
4. Put the dish into the microwave and cook for 3 minutes on maximum power (1000watt).

5. Once the time is up, leave the pudding for a couple more minutes before serving,
6. This pudding does not keep well so serve soon after making, topped with cream or ice-cream.
7. Makes approximately 4 portions.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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2	7	6	1	5	4	8	3	9
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Orders

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