

REAL SPECIAL TIMES

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Real Special News for May

Changes to our website

We have now made some new category buttons on the top navigation bar of our website to make finding products even easier. The categories are:

- dyslexia / dyspraxia
- autism / ADHD
- Deaf products

We have also renamed and updates "freebies" – it is now called "free stuff" and has downloads and printables of lots of our products so that you can "try before you buy".

New Zealand Sign Language Week

To celebrate the first ever New Zealand Sign Language Week 7-13th May, we have the concise dictionary of New Zealand Sign Language on special for the whole of May (\$52 NZD + GST) – see our 'Deaf products' section. To find out more about this special week and events being held, go to:

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

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Last month the first ever New Zealand Dyslexia awareness week was held. We are extending the offer of 10% (before GST) of the following dyslexia software until 6th May – see our website home page for product links.

- Wordshark
- Nesy Learning Programme
- Nesy GamesPlayer
- Claro and Dragon bundle
- Type to learn

The products on special are:

Wordshark - reinforces word recognition and spelling. Suitable for all ages.

Nesy Learning Programme

Nesy improves reading, spelling and writing skills. There are 12 interactive onscreen games and over 1,500 downloadable resources. Suitable for all ages. Free download of programme to trial, free printables and play the games onscreen on our webpage.

Nesy GamesPlayer.

All the onscreen games of Nesy but not the printable supporting resources.

Claro and Dragon bundle

As you dictate, Dragon will write onscreen - Claroread then will read it back for you, plus other documents. Free downloadable trial of Claro. Suitable for older students.

Type to learn

Excellent for those with SLD / dyslexia. Free downloadable trial. Suitable for all ages.

3 New Products

Go Talk One is a single message, 10 second talker with a large picture display.

The **Go Talk Card** is a greeting card that you programme yourself with a 10 second message.
(See our 'Special Needs' section)

Dictionary of New Zealand Sign language (see 'Deaf Products' section)

Featured websites



This month's choices:

- Cyber Mothers Day cards
- Puzzles
- bookmarks
- Pop-up cards

Free 'Cyber' Mothers Day cards

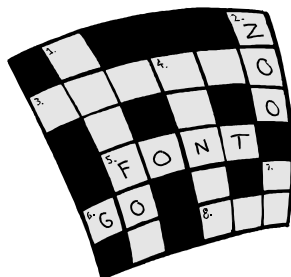
If you would like to send you mum a card by email, this NZ website has nine free ones to choose from. Don't forget, Mothers day is may 13th in new Zealand.

http://www.mothers.day.co.nz/md_cards.asp



Now that the nights are drawing in, keep yourself amused doing some of these free sample puzzles.

<http://www.thepuzzlecompany.co.nz/mindgames.htm>



Bookmarks

Nestle might be a name you think of for chocolate rather than reading, but they will let you design a custom made bookmark, complete with your name, an image and a quote for free. You can choose from a selection of inspirational quotes, or write your own message to make it more personal.

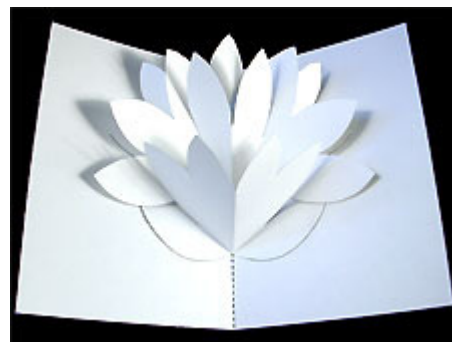
<http://www.nestlesignatures.com/bookmark.asp>



Pop up cards

If you would like to learn how to make a whole range of pop-up cards, this website gives you step-by step instructions. There are lots of different ones to choose from, and they range from very simple to quite complex – there is even a 'Mothers Day Flower' card you can make.

<http://www.robertsabuda.com/popmake/simple.asp>



Edith the poodle

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



Well, I hope you like the beautiful cerise dress I got for my 5th birthday – it is soft velvet and has white lace trims around the sleeves and hem (very chic!). It's not the sort of item of clothing I can wear every day – on these chilly mornings I prefer a woollen sweater.

Let me tell you the latest "duck news". My mum is worried because the duck hunting season is coming up very shortly in New Zealand so Peter, Paul and Mary are not going to be able to wander around like they usually do in case someone thinks they are an easy (very fat) target.

My mum was thinking of having the ducks living in the garage – it seems that there is someone in the USA who has invented nappies for ducks so that they can live indoors without leaving lots of "deposits" everywhere! I have out a photo and a link to the website so you can see I am not kidding!



<http://www.thegoosesmother.com/id87.html>

This was not the worst part of it for me, what really worried me was that you could also buy clothes for ducks from the same people – this duck tuxedo looks really smart! I want to be the best dressed pet around here so I think I'd better keep the ducks away from the "goosesmother" website.



Sudoku for May

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

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Easy recipe – Lemon Mousse

We are blessed with an abundance of lemons in the Nelson region at this time of year – they work really well in this tangy mousse recipe.



Ingredients:

Ingredients:
2 medium lemons
250 g block cream cheese
(softened at room temperature)
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup cream

Method:

Squeeze 3 tablespoons juice from the lemons.

Grate some of the zest and add this to the juice.

Using a whisk or slow mixer, cream together the cheese, lemon juice and zest, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

In another bowl, whisk the cream into soft peaks.

Gradually and gently fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture.

Spoon the mousse mixture into 4 individual dishes. Cover with clingwrap and chill for several hours or overnight if you wish.

Serve topped with fresh fruit as a garnish (berries complement the taste plus make an excellent visual contrast).



Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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