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**Real Special News**

**Half price Lucid Ability –  
now applicable for renewals!**

In last months newsletter we mentioned that Lucid have a special offer of Lucid Ability software at half price when you purchase Cops, Lass Junior or Lass Secondary. We are now happy to say that this offer also applies to schools renewing their licenses for the above products as well!

To qualify, this must be on the same purchase order (for either a new product or renewal) and ordered at the same time using an equivalent license, i.e. 1 year, 3 years or 5 years. Lucid Ability - Usual price \$215 NZD + GST. Special price \$107 + GST (1 year license) when additional specified Lucid product ordered.

**Free Trials of Lucid**

Many of the Lucid products have free downloadable trials (including Lucid Ability) – please see the links in the Free Stuff or Assessments sections.

**Free Mathbase trials for students!**

Mathbase are giving free trials of their Mathbase 2 and Mathbase 6 programmes. Students are allowed to download and use of the whole programmes free until the end of January 2010! For more details, see our Free Stuff section.

To purchase Mathbase 1, 2 or 6, the price for students is \$50 NZD + GST. School user licenses are \$120 NZ + GST (for use on one computer). However, after buying the initial license schools wish to put the same programme on additional computers, this is only an extra \$50 + GST For details, please see our Maths primary section.

**New product – A3 talking photo albums**

Talking photo albums are great products - each photograph can have 10 seconds of sound added! They make your holiday and wedding photos come to life but are also very useful for those with special needs as they can be used for communication books etc. There is now an A3 album for use with a whole class.

New bigger A3 sized Talking Photo album. Record your stories, timetables or messages - simply insert drawings or photographs into the plastic wallets and record up to a 10 second message on every one of the 24 page. Has a built in loud speaker. **A3 size: \$88 NZD + GST**



A5 size holds 24 inserts. An ideal communication book for individual students. Record your stories, timetables or messages. Simply insert drawings or photographs into the plastic wallets and record up to a 10 second message on every page. **A5 size \$65NZD + GST**



## Featured websites



Five free photo editing websites:

### **Flickr.com**

Flickr is one of the web's most popular photo-sharing websites and lets you show your favourite photos to the world

### **Pixlr.com**

Pixlr is an advanced online image editor. It lets you retouch your photos and use advanced editing tools, layers and resizing right in your browser.

### **Bihugelabs.com**

At Bihugelabs you can upload photos of yourself and friends to create posters, pop art imagery, photo mosaics and jigsaws, calendars, badges, and even CD covers.

### **Photofunia.com**

The Photofunia website automatically identifies the face in a photo, and then lets you add cool photo effects, create montages and place your head all over the world.

### **Yearbookyourself.com**

This site lets you upload a photo of yourself and turn it into a high- school portrait from an yearbook era of choice.

The information about these sites was taken from the article below:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/digital-living/2843321/Free-image-editing-software>

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

### **Google Chrome**

You may have seen the icon for Google Chrome when you use the Google search engine (on the top right hand side of the screen). If you are wondering what it is, it's a new free web-browser (an alternative to browsers such as Firefox, Internet Explorer etc).

Google Chrome makes it quick and easy to upload web pages, and to search and navigate pages from the same box. When you click on the Chrome icon, it takes you through the easy steps needed to download it.



<http://www.squiglyplayhouse.com>

### **Squiglys Playhouse**

This is a website for primary aged children. The home page is divided into different section – examples of the sorts of things you will find are included below:

**Games** e.g. interactive and downloadable onscreen games on a wide range of topics, including educational, sports, arcade, ,

**Arts and crafts activities** e.g. recipes, crafts, jewellery making,

**Pencil Puzzles** e.g. mazes, spot the difference, secret codes, logic puzzles,

**Colouring** e.g. outline drawings to print off

**Writing corner** e.g. poetry, story builders, and much more



**Edith the poodle**

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot. Our local stadium is going to be hosting a 'Saints and Angels' Light party so I thought a choir girl outfit would fit that theme! 'Light Party Events' are held on Halloween night as an alternative for those who like to dress up but don't like the theme of witches and demons etc.



Some parents are not happy about their children trick or treating (knocking on the doors of strangers etc). Others seek an alternative because of what they see is a negative influence at Halloween, one that encourages poor behaviour. Whatever the reason, Light Party events are becoming much more popular.

For details of events in New Zealand, visit:  
<http://www.halloween.org.nz/>

Although I am looking quite angelic, I can hardly say the same for Bobby. He came in looking very guilty as he had decided not to share any bones with me. He had hidden them in the garden but his 'green nose' gave me a clue where to look.

Yes, I soon found the bones – they were hidden under the pile of grass cuttings.



**Just for fun**

Q: What do you get if you cross a dog with a blind mole?

A: A dog that keeps barking up the wrong tree!

Q: What do you get when you cross a dog with an elephant?

A: A tusky

Q: What dog gets on everyone's nerves

A: A great dane

**Sudoku for October**

Good luck! The solution is on page 4.

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

### Easy recipe – Peanut slice

This easy recipe comes from the Food in a minute website – why not check out some of their other easy recipes too?  
[http://www.foodinaminute.co.nz/Recipes/recipe\\_default.aspx?recipeid=84](http://www.foodinaminute.co.nz/Recipes/recipe_default.aspx?recipeid=84)



#### Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1 egg
- 375g jar Smooth or Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 Tbsp golden syrup
- 200g softened butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 397g can sweetened condensed milk

1. Beat the butter and sugar together until the mixture is pale in colour and light in texture.
2. Add the egg and beat well.
3. Sift in the flour and baking powder and mix to form a soft dough.
4. Press 3/4's of the dough onto the base of a baking paper-lined 20cm x 30cm slice tin.
5. In a saucepan warm the condensed milk and golden syrup. Stir in the Peanut Butter. Spread evenly over the base of the slice.

6. Dot the remaining dough over the top of the peanut layer.

7. Bake at 180°C for 30-35 minutes until the slice is golden.

#### Last months recipe

We had an enquiry from a newsletter subscribers in England regarding one of the ingredients used in the recipe for Easy veggie tarts on last months newsletter. Reduced cream is a very popular in NZ but if you are not able to source it, you can use sour cream instead and it works just as well!

#### Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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