
	REAL SPECIAL TIMES	
<p><u>In this issue:</u> Page 1: Real Special news Page 2: Featured websites Page 3: Edith's column and Sudoku Page 4: Easy recipe, Sudoku solution</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Real Special News</p> <p>We have promotions all month to support ADHD Awareness and also Deaf Awareness. We are also still continuing the special reductions on Earobics (versions for ages 4 - 7, 7- 10, 10+ for adolescents and adults).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ADHD Awareness Week 3 - 9th September</p> <p>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is the most commonly diagnosed childhood mental condition. It is generally agreed that 2-5% of the school age population are affected by ADHD, a condition characterised by excessive hyperactivity, inattention and impulsivity.</p> <p>Surer Steps is a range of 5 software products: Behaviour TrackMaker, Visual Timetable. Reward Track, Rule Poster, and Reward Map. They have been designed by UK psychologists to address the issues of behavioural difficulties in the classroom. We have reduced the Value Multipack of all 5 programmes by 12.5%!</p> <p>Multipack price now only \$240 NZD + GST, (total \$270), offer valid until 30. 09. 07.</p> <p>See our Autism/ADHD section on our website for more details. http://www.realspecial.co.nz/autismbehavesteps.asp For more information on ADHD, go to: www.adhd.org.nz/</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Deaf Awareness Week 24 - 30th September</p> <p>Did you know it is estimated that 1 out of 10 people in New Zealand have some degree of hearing loss? We have specials this month on two products for those with a hearing loss</p> <p>1. Vibralert Smoke Alarm which is a battery operated smoke detector with a vibrating pad to wake the heaviest sleeper in the event of a fire. (Usual price inclusive of GST: \$174 NZD) Price now \$142. 23 NZD + GST, total \$160</p> <p>2. The Wireless Doorbell with Strobe light which alerts you to when someone is at the door. (Usual price inclusive of GST: \$80 NZD). Price now \$64 + GST, total \$72.</p> <p>Offers valid until 30. 09. 07. See our "Deaf Products" section for more details. http://www.realspecial.co.nz/deafpro.asp For more information on Deaf Awareness week: www.nfd.org.nz</p> <p>Earobics still on special. We still have Earobics software on special (for developing processing, reading, listening, spelling, memory and phonological awareness). Reduced prices; Clinicians version now only \$480 NZD + GST, home user version only \$99 NZD + GST. For Windows, Mac and Mac OSX (see our website "reading" section).</p> <p>Postage charges. We will still be giving free courier postage within NZ until 30. 09. 07. from October there will be a one off fee per order of \$5.</p>	

Featured websites



This month's choices:

- Free online Māori dictionary
- Play Connect 4
- Free sheet music

Free online Māori dictionary and resources

14 September is Māori language day and what better way to find out about the language than with this free online Māori dictionary. The day commemorates 14 September 1972 when a language petition (containing 30,000 signatures) was presented to Parliament to request that Māori language be taught in schools and was a significant event in the history of the Māori language renaissance.

Free online Māori dictionary
<http://www.maoridictionary.co.nz/>

Learn some Maori phrases
<http://www.korero.maori.nz/news/mlw>

Free Māori Keyboard macroniser
http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/english/resources_e/download/index.shtml



Four in a line / Connect 4

This ever popular game can now be played online and helps develop mathematical awareness and mouse control. 'Maths is fun' also has lots of other interesting information, including puzzles and quizzes.

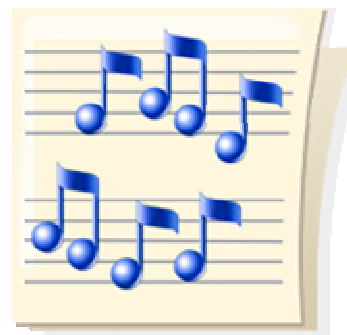
<http://www.mathsisfun.com/games/connect4.html>



Free sheet music online.

There is so much controversy with unauthorized use of music and copyright beaches that it is nice to find a site giving free downloads. This is a very comprehensive website with downloads for tunes, brass instruments, woodwind, stringed instruments, keyboard, percussion and ensembles. You can search for a specific musical piece or request the full list and try something new. The site gives guidance on whether the piece is easy, intermediate, advanced etc.

<http://www.musicaviva.com/sheet.tpl>



Edith the poodle

Hi, I'm Edith, the Real Special mascot – in return for writing this column, I get a new outfit each month (to be honest, wages would not be much use to me!).

You may wonder why I am wearing this gorgeous pink raincoat when we've not had too much rain – well it's to protect myself from the ducks! They have their own bath in the back garden and just love to splash around but they keep wetting all my fur too so I have come up with this fashionable way to keep myself dry. Also, my fur is already really curly and any water makes it look like it's been permed!

The raincoat has a 'Sheriff' badge on the back – just in case I have to arrest the ducks for becoming too rowdy!



One query that I often get from people is how I manage to type this column all by myself. Well, to be honest I do let my mum help a bit as even my little paws have trouble with the computer keys.

It seems that other dogs have this problem too, and so below I have put the top 5 reasons why (most) dogs do not use the computer!

The Top 5 Reasons why most dogs don't use computers!

5. Dogs can't stick their heads out of Windows 95.
4. It's hard to read the monitor with your head cocked to one side.
3. Some dogs can't help attacking the screen when they hear "You've Got Mail."
2. A saliva-coated mouse gets difficult to manoeuvre.
- and the Number 1 reason "Dogs Don't Use Computers"...
1. TrO{gO HyAqR4tDc TgrOo TgYPmE WeIjTyH P;AzWqS,. *
 (read the capital letters to decipher!)

Sudoku

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.

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

Easy Recipe

Chocolate Chip Cookies

I am often asked for this recipe as these cookies are just delicious but are so easy to make. As with all cookie recipes, you could add any extra favourite ingredients, such as nuts and raisins etc.



Ingredients

125g butter
½ teaspoon vanilla essence
125g Chocolate Chips
1 teaspoon baking powder
60g sugar
3 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk
1 cup plain flour

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 165°/325°F.
Cream butter and sugar.
Add vanilla essence and condensed milk and stir.
Fold the dry ingredients and chocolate chips into the mixture then stir well.
Now comes the messy bit! Roll the mixture into balls with your hands.
Place each ball on a lightly greased oven tray and flatten with a fork (this also makes a nice pattern on the top).

The cookie mixture will spread whilst cooking so the finished result will be bigger – you can make the cookies as small or as large as you like.

Bake at 165°/325°F for 10 minutes or until cooked - they should be a light golden colour.

The cookies will be soft when they first come out of the oven but will harden as they cool.

Leave to “set” before moving to a cooling tray otherwise they will break. Keep in an airtight tin or container to stop them from going soft.

Sudoku solution (from page 3)

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

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