

## Des Rainey's 'Kiwi Maths' 'Basic Facts' Learning Resources

Comments from the 1990s from parents, PTAs and Speld. As we now re-launch Kiwi Maths we will start to replace these in 2014. Find '*Teacher Comments*' elsewhere.

'...After doing only five pages in her book my daughter is beginning to believe that knowing her tables is in fact an achievable goal and not the impossibility she previously thought. So I am keen to get my son started this way too as he is struggling a little at present....'

**Beryl Hood, Avondale**

'...I am very impressed. This programme provides exactly the type of basic fundamental learning that I have always believed children in primary school require... Best wishes for your work in this area in the future.'

**Des Lewis, Torbay**

'Thank you very much for coming to share your system with our group last evening. It is SO good to have a 'pro-basics aid' available. I can hardly wait to begin it with my girls...'

**Joy Bradley, Takapuna**

'P.S. The girls have now finished their first attempts. Both were very happy with the results and enjoyed it immensely. Our 9-year-old who absolutely panics when being timed at anything knocked 20 seconds off her time from one exercise to the next. She was THRILLED and so am I.'

'Thank you most sincerely for your demonstration of 'Kiwi Maths'. It is a most interesting concept that you have with your timing and gaming of the learning of tables. Because it is centred in the home, there is no element of adverse competition against others but only against the clock and oneself....'

**Diane O'Sullivan, Secretary, Auckland Federation of Parent Teacher Associations**

'R was straight into the activities... 'Wow! I can do this!' She is now showing a positive and confident reaction, far different than we would have seen earlier.'

**Mrs B B L, Pukekohe**

'.. the most wonderful thing since sliced bread.'

**Louise Templeton, Melons Bay**

'I endorse the programme whole-heartedly.'

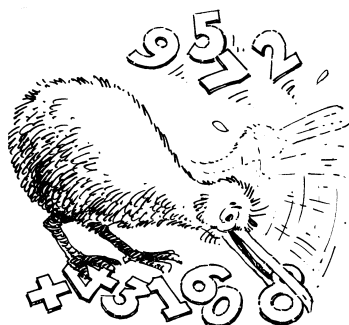
**Rae McKeown, SPELD Tutor, National President SPELD N.Z..**

'You provided us all with some brilliant information, statistics and ideas and last but not least humour. It was a very successful evening that was enjoyed and very much talked about by those who attended.'

**Annemaree Herbert, SPELD, Whangarei'**

'We are getting some very pleasing results with children working from your books. They are beginning to enjoy maths!!'

**Margaret Reeve, SPELD tutor, Howick**

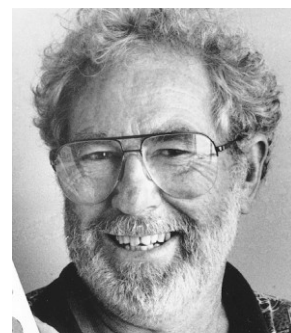


'..I am using Kiwi Mathematics' 'Towards Excellence!' with a 3rd form boy who is in a special remedial class for maths and English. His mother, who swore it was impossible to teach him his tables, is amazed by his progress. I find it's all very exciting.'

**Speld Tutor**

'The teachers and parents enjoyed your Kiwi Maths demonstration and those who used it are enthusiastic..

**Mrs Fay Coxon, President, SPELD Canterbury**



Dr Des Rainey

Thank you for your programme. We are extremely pleased with our daughter's progress and the interest and growing confidence she expresses, which is a vast difference to her former attitude (panic and failure) to maths. With gratitude and respect, yours sincerely....

**Mrs Alison Sullivan, South Westland**

### ....maths now her favourite subject

'1991 was a terrible year for our daughter, Cheryl [name changed]. In 1992 she was in the bottom maths group...

With your *Kiwi Maths* programme it was not long before she was in the middle group. Her mid-year report read, '*Positive and notable progress has been made in the basic maths area. She is now grasping new concepts with ease and achieving a high degree of success and self-satisfaction. Basic facts well learnt. Excellent home reinforcement.*' For myself, I have seen confidence increase and Cheryl wanting to spend more time on *Kiwi Maths* than 10 minutes. I had to say enough was enough!

'Great delight. Cheryl came home at the beginning of Term 3 saying she had gone into the top maths group. Then at the end-of-year prize giving her efforts were recognised. She got the Std 4 prize for her 'determination and success in the area of mathematics'. What proud parents we felt.

Her achievements are a direct result of *Kiwi Maths*, parent support and an excellent teacher who put it all together. The product - a very happy student who considers maths to be her favourite subject.

Mrs Lamont, Pukekohe

'I'm an old ex-teacher - 83 - it brightened up my day hearing what you had to say about tables and computation. It was such an advantage to us, training our memory, so we could come up with answers at once. Goodness knows what would happen nowadays if the power supply failed for a few days. Everyone would be counting on their fingers. I can't make out these people who say there's no place for repetition and exercise. You exercise your BODY to get it fit; why not also exercise your MEMORY and MIND?'

**Mrs A E Ball-Guymer.**