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Weekly Schedule for Computer Courses

Mondays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor: Zillah Warner 11.00 am to 12.30 pm Graphics. Tutor: Zillah Warner	Tuesdays 9.30am to 11am Beginners & Do your own thing Tutor Bert Foster
Wednesdays 9.30am to 11am Using the Software Tutor Tom Lehane	Thursdays: 9.30am to 11am Card Making , Beginners and Do your own thing. Tutors Clare Dixon & Zillah Warner
Fridays: 9.30am to 11am Memories to TV . Tutors John Windle, Norm Cobban: Beginners & Do your own thing. Tutor Alan Lees	Using Microsoft Office suite Fridays Tutor Jim Tiberi Class time 11.00 am to 12.30 pm



Remember, Dave Evans' will hold an open day during Seniors Week in March for **chess on the Internet** for about 1.5 hours to 2 hours. On **Tuesday 23rd March**, Class start time... **11.00 am – Finish time will be decided on the duration of the demonstration**, in the Penrith Valley


seniors computer room.

Dave will show you how to play a friendly chess game online, or compete against other chess players — you can enjoy playing chess online every day. You choose when to move or how often — no need to finish your chess games in one sitting, you can return to them whenever you have time to play online.
 Even if you are a beginner you will learn to play against others on the same level.



Bryan Blake's class on using Windows Movie Maker to edit your video has proved very popular. The last class on Windows Movie Maker will be the 9th of March. You can still attend this class and learn the final stages of editing your movie. Classes are held on Tuesdays at 11.00 am.
 The final class will mainly cover questions and answer. There is always something to learn from a question & answer session.



 The increase in membership and the numbers attending classes, extra Mentors and Tutors are required to assist the existing Tutors. If you feel you can assistance in some classes, your services would be greatly appreciated. You don't need to be extra skilled as you will be following the tutors agenda. Some knowledge of Microsoft's Windows operating system and how to navigate a programs' menu and tools icons will help tutors in classes where Microsoft Word or any of the graphic image software are been used.

Approach any tutors in classes throughout the week and make it known that you can help in classes on any given day, Monday to Friday.





Some basic questions on computer terms.

What is a CPU?

The CPU or **Central**

Processing Unit is the computer. It's the device that executes instructions, surprisingly one at a time, very quickly to make the system work.

Everything else - the memory, the circuitry on the motherboard, even the hard disk and other peripherals, are there either to support the CPU in its task, or to allow the CPU to interface with devices or people.

If you are purchasing a new computer the display card may quote that it has a **dual or quad core** (*core is another name for a CPU*).

So what are the benefits of a dual or quad core (**Central Processing Unit, (CPU)**).

A single core CPU can do exactly only one thing at a time. It does them very quickly, so it can switch between different things to make it look like it's doing several things at once, but in fact the processing unit is doing one thing at a time.

A dual core machine can do two things at a time.



You have heard the term Bluetooth, so how does it work with the computer?

Bluetooth is a standard of radio technology that makes it possible to transmit signals over short distances between telephones, computers and other devices. The wireless network at the club uses this technology to connect to the modem and printer.

The distance is about 50 meters to 100, depending on the power of the device.



Cloud Computing, what is it?

The concept is very simple: On your desk, you would have a very low-cost computer with just a processor, a keyboard and a monitor. There would be no hard drive or CD/DVD drive. It would be hooked up to the Internet and would link to a central supercomputer, which would host all of your programs and files.

The benefit would be no outlay for software or buying new updates of software. Google provides a basic cloud system now. You can use a word processor, spreadsheet and Organise your schedule with Google's online calendar, this makes it easy to keep track of important events all in one place.

You could be at a friends place and access your documents as if you were at home.

This is one of the basic ideas for Apple's tablet computer. It will have 16 gigabytes to 64 gigabytes in storage capacity.

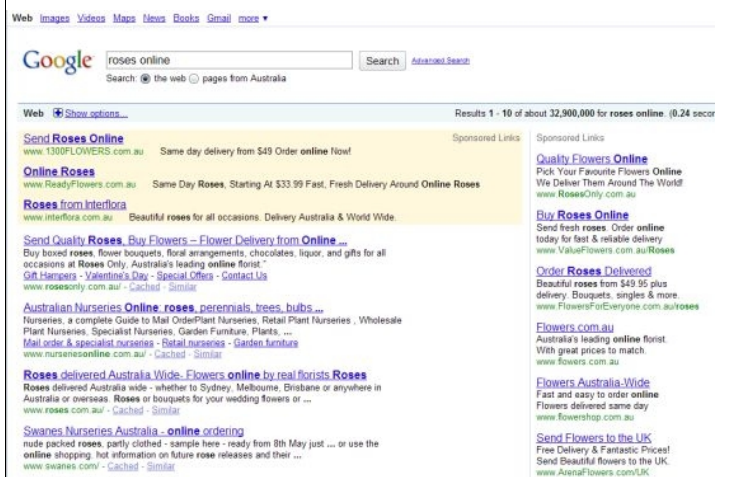


Question, "How does Google make money"?

I was asked this question at one of my classes. (*Using the Software*).

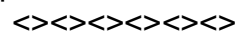
On the surface there does not appear to be any means of generating any income. You type in your search request and you get a list of web site.

They make their money from advertising revenue. Google is a major player in the online advertising industry. Every time you search Google, you'll see ads displayed along with your results. Those ads are never "mixed in" with the results - there is no "pay to play" on Google... which is one of the reasons Google became the most popular search engine in the first place. But the sponsored text-link ads above and to the right of the results generate a great deal of money for Google. These ads are known as "Google Adwords."



In the example above, the yellow shading are paid advertisement (links) and to the right are also "Sponsored Links".

The price can vary from \$100 and more. It depends, if there is other companies bidding then the price goes up.



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Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.



What is the Window Key for?



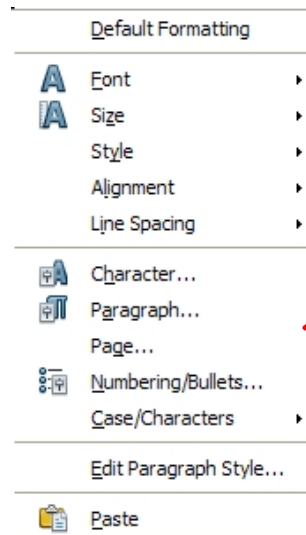
On either side of the spacebar, outside the Alt keys, are two keys with the Windows logo. Holding one Windows key down and pressing another key will activate quite a few actions. Some of the more common are listed in the table below:

Pressing the Window key Displays the Start Menu.	+ Minimizes all windows and shows the Desktop.	+ Opens a new Explorer Window.
+ Displays the Find all files dialog box.	+ Minimizes all open windows.	+ Displays the Run command.
+ Displays the Windows Help menu	+ Displays the Systems Properties dialog box.	+ Cycle through the buttons on the Task Bar.

The other special key...



The Application key has an image of a mouse pointer on a menu (between the Alt and Ctrl keys to the right of your Space Bar). Depressing this key will display the selected item's shortcut window. This is the menu that is displayed by right-clicking the mouse button.



The display will vary, depending on the program in use.