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Welcome to our fourth year of tips and to Ken who has left teaching to work with us full time. He will concentrate on website design and maintenance, networks and computers that can't be fixed at your home or office.

A lot of people ask me how to deal with spam. It is such an irritating problem, especially when you get lots of them every day. In the past I have suggested that you get the program from Mozilla called Thunderbird, but this only works if you are running Outlook Express. Thunderbird does not replace Outlook. One of my clients, my lovely hairdresser Richard, spurred me into looking for a solution for Outlook and I found Cloudmark, at cloudmark.com. You can get a free trial and if you like it, you can then purchase it on the internet. The aforesaid client is pleased with it so far and it has the added bonus of dealing with phishing which is when emails contain programs to read your personal details, passwords etc.

Yahoo has a selection of useful little desktop applications that range from a variety of clocks and performance gauges to games and cricket scores. So if you are feeling you want another new toy and your computer has run out of them, then go to Yahoo and download the widget (what a cute name) engine and then you can scan through for what you desire or to get cricket scores, for all you cricket tragics and I am one of them, go to abc.net.au/cricket and click on live scorecards and you can get your own scorecard on your very own desktop. There is also a link to the konfabulator – which is the widget engine.

It is truly amazing how cheap computers and their peripherals have become. I can now get for my clients a Pentium dual core computer with 512MB RAM, an 80 GB hard drive, DVD burner, 17" screen, speakers, keyboard and mouse for \$899.

Vale Betty O'Neill – bettyo2 – a truly noble and gentle woman who in her eighties was not afraid of modern technology and emailed her daughter and family in China regularly.

Cheers,

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