



# What's the Buzzzzzzzzzz?



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Hello everyone!

It's a very blustery day today, up here in Auckland, which isn't that common. I quite like the wind.....but not all the time.

I promise, this newsletter won't be as long as the last – I got a bit carried away last month!

**Don't forget** to order your “**Bee-Tees**” – I've just ordered more colours and sizes so hopefully the one you want will be available! Check out my website for pics and also some new photos and songs to listen to  
[www.songs4kids.co.nz](http://www.songs4kids.co.nz)

This past few weeks have been great! **Hokitika** was just lovely – if you've never been there, go! It's a great place. Feels a bit like a trip back in time somehow. The beach is fantastic – not for swimming, but for walking along – I spent lots of time on it. Had a great time at the **REAP Early Childhood Education Expo** – had a fairly awful picture of myself performing, on the front page of the local paper – but the kids and adults looked like they were having fun, so that's what matters!!

Had another great gig at **Next Page Please in Takapuna**. Also, went to check out the “Polkadots” performance – they have some very educational material with some catchy songs – go and check them out  
[www.polkadots.co.nz](http://www.polkadots.co.nz)

Drove down to Pukekohe two days in a row and performed at **St Joseph's School; Valley School** and **Pukekohe East School**. They were all cool kids down there – Pukekohe East school was just a small school, but they had the most awesome view of rolling green hills out of their hall window! I thought they were very lucky to be able to look at that every day.

**Royal Road School** was a lot of fun. Some really good singers and lots of enthusiasm. I chose this school to be involved in my **first music video!** More about this exciting project as it develops.....

I also visited **Akoranga Childcare** at Massey University and they enjoyed themselves so much that they invited me back again!

When I visited **Gladstone School**, I had to have 6 concerts over 2 days – it is a HUGE school!! I loved the fact that no one had any idea who I was or what songs I had written!! It was so cool to see their faces when they realised I wrote some of their favourite songs. Nice =)

**Parnell Kindy** was one of the friendliest kindy's I've been to. We had heaps of fun!

**Telethon**.....a big success, raising almost \$2million. That's a lot of raincoats, shoes and lunches!! I enjoyed myself while I was there – sang to a

lot of tired people holding buckets and cheered them up a bit. Also 3 lovely girls joined me on stage for some singing and actions – twin girls from Birkenhead School and one from Whangarei. I was filmed, but didn't quite make it to the TV screens! Next time aye?!!

Before I go, on a sad note, I'd like to acknowledge **Kim Merry**, who passed away last weekend. Kim was an enthusiastic, energetic, focussed and funny guy who got me started as a children's performer. He and his wife, Jane have done a lot for me over the past few years. His hardworking, positive attitude, skills in event organisation, acting and mask-making among other things, will be greatly missed by the Arts community in Nelson. Kim was one of a kind.

"It's a song about me, it's a song about me, it's a

A handwritten signature that reads "Kim" in a cursive style, followed by a simple line drawing of a bee with a smiling face and wings.