



# What's the Bzzzzzzzzzz?



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Snow on the mountains, ice on the car windows, clear blue skies, scarf, hat and gloves, hotties in bed (for those of us who don't have electric blankets), porridge for breakfast and a big pot of soup to last for days.....winter ain't so bad (even for a summer type of gal!)



**A HUGE thanks to all of you** kids and adults who voted for my **"Individuality" video!! It paid off!!** On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July (my Dad's birthday actually) I flew down to CHCH to be a special guest, along with the other finalists, at "Kidsfest". After a great talent quest (called Starfest), which showed some *really* talented young performers, the winners of the **APRA Children's Song of the Year and the What Now Children's Video of the Year** were announced. **And YES, I WON the Video of the Year!!!** YAY!! I was so excited I bolted up out of my chair screaming "WOOOOHOOOO!" and **ran** up onto that stage to receive my framed certificate!! The best bit was as they were playing the 3 finalists' videos; I could hear the audience singing along to "Individuality". So again, thanks heaps for your support ☺

It was cool to meet other children's songwriters – **John Phillips**, who is a Nelsonian of course (we're pretty creative here!), and does amazing musical stuff with 3 schools in the district. He's also very funny and writes really catchy kidsongs – visit his website and have a listen [www.johnphillipsmusic.com](http://www.johnphillipsmusic.com); **Mr Roberelli** [www.mrroberelli.com](http://www.mrroberelli.com) with their song called "A Goat Called Ken", which I thought was hilarious! **Claudia Gunn** won Song of the year with "Home Sweet Home" – have a listen here [www.claudiagunn.co.nz](http://www.claudiagunn.co.nz) There were 2 **Funky Monkeys** there – they're a lot of fun and full of energy!



It's been quite a quiet month gig-wise, but I've been to a couple of **cool birthday parties** – just flick me an email if you'd like me to come and sing at your/your children's parties – I'm quite reasonable!! ;+) Of course local is best, but you never know – I'll be travelling a lot from now until the end of the year, so I just might be in your home town at the right time! Also been to **The Childcare Co, Futures Early Education and Waverley St Kindy.**



Held a **song writing workshop for kids** at the new and improved **Richmond Library, Nelson** during the hols. 22 kids attended and all wrote and performed something...well, *almost* all. Some were a bit shy, which was OK ☺ The library looks great by the way, and the **"Imaginarium"** is also a fantastic idea – if you want to do some recording, that's the place to go! Just ring and book a time!



I'll be at both **Birchwood and Parklands Schools** during the next 2 weeks, and then off up north for two weeks, performing in loads of

schools **from Auckland to Palmerston North**. My daughter is coming with me so that'll be fun and we'll be doing some sightseeing on the way – thought we might go Black Water Rafting in Waitomo....but I'm not sure squeezing through tight spaces underground is my thing...in fact it's one of my biggest fears!!! We'll see....



**I hope to start recording my next album before spring**. I have a few songs already, and have ideas for more! I've been busy writing **School Songs** for **Isleworth School** in CHCH, **Te Totara School** in Hamilton and will start on a **Clifton Tce** here in Nelson, soon! I love doing this, so let me know if your school (or even preschool) is interested in their own song ☺

**Congratulations to Deb Lachiver** who won the Bee-Tee last month! This month's question....for a Bee-Tee....you'll have to visit the "About Me" page on my website [www.songs4kids.co.nz](http://www.songs4kids.co.nz) to answer this one. **Before the year 2000, where did I used to sing??** First correct answer, wins!

Kei te matekai au!!! I'm hungry, so off to get some lunch! Until next time...



**"At the libr** **y, past present and future; at the library, you don't have to pay and if you've got troubles, it'll help take your troubles away ay ay....."**