



# What's the Bzzzzzzzzzz?



March 2009

OK, so it's not March, but this counts as my March newsletter because I have been away twice this month and April kinda snuck up on me.....

Before I start, if you don't want to receive my newsletters, *please* flick me a quick email back saying so. I'd hate to be annoying anyone! =D

Well, autumn is upon us! Scaring me into flannelette sheets and long sleeve tops! It's always this time of the year when every morning I think, "I've got absolutely NOTHING to wear!!" But autumn with its gorgeous colours, is my favourite time of year. (But *only* for it's colours, not it's temperatures, because summer is definitely my fave!) I was driving to and from Christchurch a couple of weekends ago and the trees were stunning reds, oranges and yellows. Nature at it's best.

Musically, things have been a little slow this month. I've been doing other important 'stuff' before leaving town. **But** I've been to three very cool birthday parties singing, making balloon dogs and blowing bubbles. Thanks Phoenix, Anna and Tessa =)

I've also visited the Ernest Rutherford Retirement Village – it's really lovely in there. Like a 4-star hotel!! I enjoyed singing to the residents – I sang some of my kids' songs and some of my more grown-up originals and covers.

I ran a workshop at Teapot Valley for the OSCAR Foundation. Their after school care providers do a great job of entertaining and caring for kids. It was heaps of fun. I gave them some ideas on how to use music during their programmes and they all wrote a song! Perhaps I'll have a little competition now.....? To get the hang of rhyme and rhythm, they read stories from one of my favourite authors – Dr Seuss!

At the Childcare Company this month, we played with play dough and some of the kids made dragon eggs. We sang lots of songs together and I'll be visiting them once more before I leave.....I think we are going to make moving dragons this time.

All Books NZ Ltd [www.allbooksnz.com](http://www.allbooksnz.com) will now take orders from Libraries. And if you happen to be in, or know anyone who lives in Taupo, The Toy Chest, 28 Horomatangi St [www.thetoychest.co.nz](http://www.thetoychest.co.nz) now stock my CDs – pop in and check out what else they've got! It was a pretty cool shop.


If you love good music, have a listen to my friend Mel Parsons [www.myspace.com/melparsons](http://www.myspace.com/melparsons) Her new album "Over My Shoulder" is available on [www.amplifier.co.nz](http://www.amplifier.co.nz) You can listen to songs, buy separate tracks or the whole album (which I recommend). You might hear my voice now and then, as I was lucky enough to sing some harmonies on Mel's CD. I love singing backing vocals!

"The Nancies" will be having a farewell concert at the Boathouse in Nelson, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 8pm. Tickets \$15 pre-sales – email me [kathbee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kathbee@xtra.co.nz) or \$20 at the door. Don't miss your last chance to hear us.....at least for a while.....

Within the next couple of days, I'll be emailing a promo for my "Saying Goodbye" gig at Crackerjack Toys on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April from 10am. Come along and say "Hi" and "Bye", sing some songs, get your CDs signed and have a look at all the great toys, games, puzzles, books etc that Crackerjack Toys have available!

That's about all for now. If you are in Christchurch during the school hol's, make sure you go to QEII Aquatic centre and ride the hydro slides! I did last weekend and they were COOL fun!!!

My next newsletter will be the last one before I go to Auckland. Or I may even send it *from* Auckland! Don't forget to make sure you take time to notice the autumn colours before all the leaves have fallen =)

A handwritten signature 'Kath' in cursive script, followed by a simple line drawing of a bee with a smiling face, wings, and antennae.

**"...colour all around us, colour everywhere, colour in our eyes and colour in our hair,  
colour in our dreams and colour in our skin, each one of us has our own colour  
within..."**