



What's the Bzzzzzzzzzz?



March 2010

Wow, nearly a quarter of the year gone already, how did that happen? With dew on my car and a chill in the air this morning, it feels like autumn is upon us. I am grateful summer hung around for as long as it did though – we've had some really lovely days and swimming in the sea is still an option! (And I'm a wimp!)

Upcoming gigs:



Tomorrow night, **Friday 26th March**, I'll be over at **Parklands School in Motueka**, singing a few songs at the **Turangawaewae Festival!** Sounds like a HEAP of fun – hope to see you all there. **From 4-7pm** there's plenty to keep you entertained – food, music, dance, kapa haka and a national costume parade.



Mid-April I'll be doing a tour of Christchurch schools – I still have a couple of spaces, if you would like a concert at your school/preschool/party, let me know ☺



May is Music Month, so I'll be organising an afternoon of music and puppet shows for children and adults! – date, venue and performers to be confirmed – I'll keep you posted.



More beginners' song writing workshops. If you are keen to do an adults or children's beginners' song writing workshop (in Nelson) during the April school holidays, please email your interest. I will be running a couple of workshops, dates yet to be confirmed.

So, what's been happening then.....



One of my songs "Lullaby for Sian" has been used in a short film. It will be entered in **Tropfest, the world's largest short film festival.** Here's the link if you'd like to watch it.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swPwFr1CbSo&feature=player_embedded



Children's day was a lovely day in Isel Park – great to see so many families turn up and have picnics on the grass.



The afternoon at Founders for the **Parent 2 Parent** association was probably **my favourite gig** this month. It warmed my heart to know that my music can make kids and their parents so cheerful. Thanks Jane. **Read more on my blog** <http://songsforkids.blogspot.com>



Lower Moutere School kids were fantastic – thanks to the Year 7 & 8s for joining in – it's always nice to see older kids still enjoying my music ☺ I also sung with the junior school at **St Pauls in Richmond** – thanks Beth for inviting me back.



All 3 birthday parties were special in their own way – I loved singing with the teens at **Anna's 15th party** – most of them were familiar with at least some of my songs – so it was a trip down memory lane for them.



Turns out I wasn't needed to judge the **Central School Talent Quest** – the judges did a fabulous job, and man, is there some talent at that school! **Thanks to Tanya and Sarah** for working so hard to teach the choir my song – it was lovely to be there to hear it performed.



Really enjoyed my day over in Takaka. **Central Takaka School** has only 39 children, so we could easily fit into one classroom and had a lot of fun. **Takaka Primary** had 169 and they all participated and behaved beautifully. There is something uplifting about 'country' schools.



I was asked to lead the Te Manawa Choir for two weeks. It was a challenge for me because I've never done that before. I really enjoyed it though and hearing a whole group of women singing in harmony is a treat!



Dan and I put the finishing touches on my new preschool action CD "Jump Up!" the other day and it is finished! The cover design is coming along nicely and I'll send a special email to let you know when I have the finished product in my possession. If you would like to **win a copy, please email me by Sunday 28th March telling me why you'd like to own "Jump Up!"** (Just between you and me, I reckon 5yr olds will enjoy the songs too.) I'll give away 2 CDs to the 2 people I think give me the best reasons why.

Well, that's about all for this month. Take care during the school holidays and return to school/kindy/work refreshed and ready to learn something new. Life is all about learning, whether it is Maths, riding a bike or just learning something about yourself that you didn't know before.

Kate

“Haere Mai I’d like to welcome you today, thanks for letting me into your place to play.....”