BBs BUZZ

Newsletter

Term 2, 2025

Kia ora BBs Family,

What a fantastic year we are having! So many new faces and some amazing friendships are being made, which is a delight to see.

I have loved catching up with all our Principals this year, including a few new ones as well. I also had the pleasure of presenting at a Principals Conference this Term, which was such fun!

We are always so very thankful of the strong connections we have with the schools that we work with. We are lucky to be working with the best, just saying.

In this newsletter our staff will share with you some of the ways that we have connected with our schools this year so far. It is pretty inspiring to see how much our staff value this relationship, and all the time that they give to ensure this happens….so a massive thank you to my amazing BBs team.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rebecca Macey

(Managing Director and Owner)

Te Kura o Te Uru Kōwhai, West Rolleston School Christchurch

This term we have had a focus on connecting with the school. Our children at Busy Bumbles have enjoyed helping the caretakers and teachers with a few odd jobs, like supervising and helping pick up the bark and collecting the balls up to put in the trolley to be returned to classes. We also like to check that no equipment is left in the playground overnight and all sweatshirts left outside are returned to the school lost property.

We have been focusing on ensuring the school rules are followed while at BBs. To do this we checked in with the Principal, Sylvia, to make sure we knew all the rules. We thought we were pretty clever in this area so we tested our knowledge with a pop quiz, which was lots of fun.

We also had a great time at the school disco. We were able to ensure the children that had approval could attend and enjoy the fun and dancing. While the children danced, some of the Busy Bumbles staff helped to sell pizza and glow sticks. A great time was had by all and we can't wait to do it all again!

Lisa and Tania

He Puna Karumata, Leeston School Christchurch

Wow, Term Two! Gosh the time is flying! This year we have made sure to share our appreciation for our wonderful He Puna Karumata, Leeston School, staff members. Last term we were proud that our children created a beautiful Easter hamper for the staff room, thanked our principal Mrs Taylor with a sweet treat and a thank you card and BBs staff helped out with learning conferences. This term we are again sharing our space with Mr Durney, the talented music teacher. The children are so helpful in moving furniture in and out of our room and assisting Mr Durney with his afternoon pack up. We made a thank you card and gave him a gift of lollies to thank him for sharing our space so graciously. In future we aim to continue to extend our helping hand to He Puna Karumata, Leeston School, helping with learning conferences, and events such as the school disco.

We are looking forward to continuing to connect with our community this year!

Amber and Kathryn

Te Ahi Kaikōmako, Rolleston School Christchurch

As we approach the end of Term 2, we would like to thank you all for your ongoing support.

This term has been full of fun and laughter, while watching the children build new friendships.

A special mention goes out to the school caretaker, Dean. Dean ensures that our room is warm for us at the start of the day, during these cold winter months. We thanked him for his thoughtfulness, by presenting him with a Busy Bumbles kindness pack, full of treats.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate the achievements that Term 3 will bring. On that note, Chrissy and Sandra wish you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Chrissy and Sandra

Fairfield School Dunedin

This term the children decorated and wrote kind messages on rocks, which we then dispersed around the school as a special surprise. Some children even wrote messages to their teachers which we delivered in person.

Two days of the week, in the afternoon, we are greeted by Mr Breese and his music class. He has been an absolute pleasure to chat to about school and the students.

We are looking forward to helping out at the school fair later in the year and seeing all the Busy Bumbles families.

Aleisha and Celia

Te Kura o Tiori, Burnham School Christchurch

Hello again, from the Burnham Busy Bumbles Staff!

This year, has been a good year for us regarding the numbers we have added to our small school.

In Term 1 we have got 9 new kids at Busy Bumbles and since school started Term 2, we have got 5 more... 14 altogether since the start of 2025!

We have a good relationship with the school and the parents and try to take an active part in many of their activities.

We helped with setting and arranging the school library, which moved into the Hall and we are sharing the space now.

We also take part in all the school fund raising activities. The two most recent ones were: The Quiz Night where Busy Bumbles donated a beautiful big hamper as a first prize for the winner (see picture) and by buying pies from the famous pie shop in Fairlie.

The money collected went into the school fund for cultural resources and a Kapa Haka tutor, and also in the PTA fund for the school environment and improvements.

We also keep in touch almost daily with our lovely new Principal Amy, new Deputy Principal Tania, and last but not least, with our caretaker and maintenance person Arab - who is very fond of our Busy Bumbles kids, helping us a lot but also loves the help he gets, whenever needed from us.

For the end of the term, Busy Bumbles has booked the bouncy castle for a fun day and fund raising for improving class resources. Quite a busy time for us all, isn't it?

We are a 'small', but with a big heart and lovely members young and older, community here at Burnham Busy Bumbles.

Kind regards from,

Anca, Bridget and Keiran

Te Kura o Mārama, Clearview School Christchurch

We have welcomed the new Clearview School Principal Tim Lovelock, who has been to visit us a couple of times in the Library.

It was Pink overload to promote anti bullying... of course Busy Bumbles supported the school's Pink Shirt Day with lots of enthusiasm.

Our cleanup crew did a great job one morning, picking up rubbish around the school with the special picker uppers a real novelty!

Sharing a space can be challenging but Kate Hawes (school Librarian) makes it easy... she amasses lots of Lego and bits from our games on her desk. We really appreciate her helpfulness and company . Indie presented her with a special BBs Thank you card and a few treats.

Sharon, B and Sandra

Te Kura o Rātā, Templeton School Christchurch

What a fun and creative journey Term 2 has been! From colourful arts and crafts to exploring new art mediums and tackling cool paper projects, we've had a blast. A huge thank you to everyone who made this term so special — your support means the world to us!

A special shoutout to our amazing Deputy Principal, Penny McCauley, for always lending a helping hand and being such a steady presence at our venue. Thanks for helping make our hands strong so we can take great care of our Busy Bumble tamariki. 🐝 💛

We can't wait to see you all in Term 3 for more memories, more crafts, and even more fun!

Jay and Adele

Mornington School Dunedin

This term we've really been loving connecting with our schools.

We've attended and helped at the Mornington School and the St Francis Xavier School disco, which were both great nights out! It's lovely to see the tamariki having so much fun and witness the astonishment on their faces when they see us outside of the BBs venue!

We have also attended St Francis Xavier's Matariki night, which was very special.

We wish you all a wonderful break over the holidays and can't wait to connect more with our BBs family next term.

Katie, Mel & Victoria

Te Uru Tarata, Lemonwood Grove School Christchurch

Hi BBs whānau!

As we reach the end of Term 2, we want to thank the dedicated school staff and teachers we work alongside each day at LWG. Your support and communication make a big difference in helping us to provide the best care for the children before and after school. Whether it's through daily check-ins, shared insights, or co-ordinated efforts to support individual student needs, your partnership helps us create a seamless experience for children across the school day and into the afternoon with us. We truly value the strong connection we share and look forward to continuing our work together next term!

One of the key ways we support and connect with the school is by aligning with school rules, especially when it comes to shared spaces like the playground. By following the same playground expectations used during school hours, we help provide consistency that supports the children's confidence. This approach allows the children to smoothly transition between the school day and after school care, knowing what's expected and feeling secure in their environment. It also helps with promoting positive behaviour, respect, and building a strong connection between the school and our BBs programme.

We also like to connect with the school by supporting their sporting events like Cross Country, Football Zones etc. We love to see our BBs tamariki give it their all with smiles on their faces!

Also, a bit of an update on what's been happening at our venue this term. We recently said goodbye to Phil as our team leader, as he's shifted focus to his teaching role at school. We truly miss his steady guidance, quick wit, and the energy he brought to every session. Phil will always be part of our team!

We have also had a venue re-vamp with upgraded resources, and cozy zones for creativity and relaxation.

We look forward to Term 3 and what's to come!

From the LWG team: Talitha, Thea, Sheila and Angie.

Te Kura o Taumata Kuri, Prebbleton School Christchurch

Kia Ora to our Busy Bumbles families!

We can't believe how fast this term has flown by! This term we have really enjoyed making the most of the last bits of sunshine for a wee while and also doing lots of crafts inside when it's been too rainy! We've also loved having a new marble run that has kindly been donated to us by one of our families. We've really enjoyed having Shona join us for this term, and she's loved getting to know all of our children and families.

We'd like to give a special shoutout and show our appreciation for the amazing office staff here at Prebbleton School. They are super helpful with letting us know if our children were at school or if they have been sick!

We hope you all have lovely holidays and we can't wait to see you all next term!
Olivia, Lauren, and Shona.

Te Matauru Primary School Christchurch

This term has been short but busy here at Busy Bumbles! We've had so much fun this term - we have been super busy creating all our fun crafts, playing fun interactive games and all different kinds of sports.

We had a great time connecting with our school in Week 5 of the term, by helping our shared classroom out with their market day! We helped sell delicious fudge that our shared classroom baked up and it was such a hit! We got to spend time walking around each of the different stalls that the school had organized and got to try out lots of different goods that were being sold! We also loved being able to join the school with their Matariki breakfast. It was a fun morning and a great celebration!

Bring on Term 3 😁

Shelby & Julie

Te Rōhutu Whio Christchurch

This term we have connected with the school through the Celebration Day and we have also been training a school football team for the upcoming Zones tournament. We also regularly give special bee gifts to our wonderful school staff who always support us.

We also welcomed a several new families to our program and even achieved our goal of having 40 children in program. This achievement has been such an amazing blessing as the children of Te Rōhutu Whio have been the focus of the program we run.

We are super excited for Term 3 and seeing our program grow.

Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei. Seek the treasure you value most dearly, if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain.

Renee and Carly

Silverstream School Dunedin

This Term has been a very busy one for us here at Silverstream. We moved into our new room, which we share with Sharon and the Breakfast Club. We have loved leaving her wee thank you cards and chocolates as a surprise for her to find in the mornings. Plus, we have a special gift for her at the end of the Term!

We have also welcomed some new children and families, plus our wonderful new supervisor Alice. She's been loving getting to know all of the children and their families.

I, Antoinette, would just like to say a quick Thank You to everyone who made my job as Supervisor so fun! I will definitely miss seeing the children's smiling faces every day, but I will still be in one day a week in my new role. I look forward to still connecting with you all

Antoinette, Alice and Rylee

Wakari School Dunedin

Wow isn't this year just flying by! It's wonderful to make connections with the staff and parents of Wakari school as well as, of course, with our amazing Busy Bumbles children.

We really appreciate the help we receive from all the staff but chose to acknowledge the office staff and caretaker with a wee thank you gift of yummy chocolates.

Victoria and Kirstin also attended the disco to share in the excitement with the children and to be an extra couple of pairs of hands selling food, drinks and glow sticks. The children looked amazing all dressed in their best. They were excited to see us there.

We can’t wait to help the school with further events, as we love being involved in all the fun!

Have a great holiday!

Kirstin, Sophie and Victoria

Maori Hill School Dunedin

As Term Two is coming to an end and the winter chill is setting in, we've been staying busy and connected at school!

We had a blast helping out with the sausage sizzle and dusting off our tiaras for Maori Hill School's "Dress Like Royalty" day. For our Kindness Week, we painted rocks and got permission to hide them around the school for other kids to find. The Deputy Principal was really keen on the idea and even put out a notice to make sure everyone knew to keep an eye out! This was a super fun activity that gave the kids a chance to get creative while also thinking of kind things they'd like to say or hear from others.

We also took the opportunity to show our appreciation by giving a little gift to Karen in the school office, who is always so friendly to us when we have gone to see her with all our questions. She is always so approachable and happy to help, and it really makes a big difference. Thank you!

Winel and Lydia

Te Parito Kōwhai, Russley School Christchurch

Happy end of Term 2 BBs whanau!

We have been very busy bees here at Russley BBs; the term sure has flown quickly! There has been loads of construction going on at the school, and hopefully next term the brand new 'COLA' will be completed and open for children to play under with a new court and many more exciting areas.

This term, we have been making the most of our shared "hive"/hub space within our venue that connects to the school's ESOL room - making forts, playing games, drawing and colouring, listening to stories, and even writing our own! This is a great way of teaching our tamariki how to share a space and being mindful of how we leave spaces for other people.

This term we have also gotten to say a wee thank you to one of our own Assistant Supervisors, Mirriam, who is also a TA and the school librarian, for all the extra little things she does for our BBs venue to help us connect with the school and for being so generous in allowing us to borrow books from the school library to read stories to our children in the mornings and afternoons. We are wrapping up warm most mornings and afternoons, and have incorporated reading a story or two into our daily routines, which is always a favourite with winter being well and truly here.

Stay warm and healthy!

Bria, Emelia and Miriam xx