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Newsletter

Term 3, 2025

Kia ora BBs Family,

Yey….the Winter months are officially over! It has been full of colds and sickness so roll on warmer days.

We know that times are tough for families with the cost of living and Busy Bumbles wants to help. We have decided to not increase our fees at all this year despite the rising operating costs we face along with increased wages. We also want to draw attention to the OSCAR subsidy which many of our families have access to. OSCAR Subsidy information, which shows how much families can earn and still receive a subsidy, is attached alongside this newsletter We do encourage families to look into this as you have the potential to save a lot of money on fees by accessing the subsidy.

I had a fabulous time visiting all our venues this Term with our mascot Wilbee and some special gifts for the children. I am so proud of the amazing job our staff do and love seeing the happy faces of the tamariki.

We hope you enjoy reading what all our venues have been up to in this newsletter. As always we have been continuing to build those all-important connections with everyone we work with and alongside.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rebecca Macey

Busy Bumbles Managing Director and Owner

Te Kura o Te Uru Kōwhai, West Rolleston School Christchurch

WOW what a busy term we have had at West Rolleston! We have had a visit from Wilbee the BBs bee and this came with such excitement. The children just loved getting some new colouring pictures and smelly pens and enjoy making lovely art work daily. What a highlight of Term 3!

The children have also had a great time constructing many things from block sky towers, to planes to larger buildings such as bases or blanket forts and much more.

At the moment they have just started creating shops using play money and having menus and prices. Employees have to apply for jobs and all have very important roles to play in the little business they are creating.

We have also had a Teacher Only Day and Early Finishes in the mix of fun this term and it is just flying by. We welcome some new families to our Busy Bumbles family and hope you enjoy your time at Busy Bumbles as much as we do.

We are excited for the upcoming holidays and Term 4.

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He Puna Karumata, Leeston School Christchurch

Wow this year is flying by! We thought rather than hearing from us staff members again that our kids should have a voice in our newsletter this term. So, here are some of their thoughts for the term. We asked them what their favourite part of Busy Bumbles is, here are some answers:

"I like that we get to listen to the music we like." "I like the army toys." "I like all the challenges Amber and Kathryn make, like the colouring in and guess the number challenges." " I like playing with play dough in a quiet space." and "I like squishing the bee toy we got from Willbee."

Even though we have been stuck inside for many days due to poor weather this term, we've still had a lot of fun with crafts, projects and challenges including a challenge we do every term to guess the number of things in a container. We had a visit from Wilbee this term that brightened our day, he gifted us new colouring sheets, colouring pens and pencils, and a squishy bee friend for us to cuddle when we are feeling low. Thanks Wilbee! We cannot wait for Spring to arrive so we can spend more time outside enjoying the sunshine and performing in our DIY circus acts and talent shows.

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Te Ahi Kaikōmako, Rolleston School Christchurch

This term we have kept warm while winter brought frost and rain. Inside we played board games and made lots of crafts. Colouring in is always a favourite, and the kids love using the new pens and colouring pages gifted to us by our favourite bee, Wilbee! It was so fun having him visit.

We are all recovering from winter coughs and colds, so we welcomed the return of the sunshine with the beginning of Spring. We love longer days and lots of outside play.

Our mornings are now bathed in pinks and golds as we watch sunrise through the windows.

We play Sequence and Ruckus, do some fun, planned activities, colour in some more and end the morning with silent ball.

It has been a long and eventful term and we are all ready for the school holidays!

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Fairfield School Dunedin

This term we said goodbye to Celia. She was amazing with the kids at Busy Bumbles Fairfield and she will be so missed by everyone here. We are excited to welcome Devon though and know that he will love being part of our BBs family.

We also had some pretty chilly mornings with winter here in Dunedin, but we welcomed spring in with a visitor!

Thank you Wilbee for making our kids' day!

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Te Kura o Tiori, Burnham School Christchurch

Hello everyone!

Term 3 is getting close to its end and we've been quite 'busy bees' for the past weeks. Besides welcoming a few new kids to our venue, we had a wonderful time enjoying the BB bouncy castle and a visit from Willbee who greeted and shared high 5s with us during our school fund raising run.

Willbee joined us happily again, walking through the school grounds with a bucket full of lollies for kids, afterwards spending time and taking pictures with us at our venue, accompanied by a few dear, important guests: Rebecca, Caity and Sam. He'll come again in Term 4!

We have also got a set of 12 new beautiful shelves for our toys/ games containers, thanks to our lovely BBs Manager, Rebecca.

This term, we are offering our dear BBs tamariki, tasty pancakes every Friday morning... they are a great start to the day!

The rest of the time is shared by

doing lovely crafts, lots of games and having fun!

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Te Kura o Mārama, Clearview School Christchurch

As term three starts to wind down we have the holidays and spring in sight.

Shona is feeling very comfortable and welcomed by the children, parents and the Clearview school staff. So comfortable that she is staying for Term 4!!!

We had a visit last week from Rebecca and Caity from our office who brought along the BBs mascot "Wilbee" to deliver a few treats. One of which was Buzz our E S B (Emotional Support Bee).

We are so happy at our Clearview BBs venue!

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Te Kura o Rātā, Templeton School Christchurch

We've had an amazingly warm welcome from our Templeton family with myself and Emma taking charge halfway through the term. The kids have been nothing short of fantastic as we figure out what we're doing and parents are wonderfully friendly!

The new swing set has come at an amazing time as the weather starts to warm up and the kids are often opting to play outside all afternoon. We loved our visit from Wilbee this term!

They have also been loving the new set of colouring pages kindly supplied to us from our team in the office and are amazed that they managed to find one of our very own Templeton School Auditorium.

We can't wait to see what next term brings us and are looking forward to hearing all the stories from the holidays.

A big thank you to everyone that has made this a smooth transition and helped settle us in!

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Mornington School Dunedin

Wow what a bee-utiful term we've had here at Mornington Busy Bumbles! From laughter filled afternoons to super fun crafts it's been non stop smiles from start to finish.

One of the biggest highlights we had this term was our special visit from the absolutely wonderful Rebecca and Wilbee. The kids were buzzing with excitement and so were we!

Every day has been an adventure, whether we're getting creative with glue and pipe cleaners or winding down with stories and games. There's never a dull moment and that's just the way we love it! Mel and I feel so lucky to be part of this amazing community.

We LOVE what we do and are so grateful for all the joy, energy, and imagination your little ones bring with them each day.

Here's to even more fun next term we can't wait! 💛

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Te Uru Tarata, Lemonwood Grove School Christchurch

Hello to our Busy Bumbles whanau. As we reach the end of Term 3, we would love to share what's been happening here at LWG BBs.

This winter term has brought some exciting changes to our venue, and we were thrilled to welcome our new Team Leader, Josh! Josh has jumped right in with enthusiasm and fresh ideas, and he's been great at leading sports activities out on the field. We've also gained a bunch of new tamariki and it's been great seeing them enjoy coming to BBs and connect with the staff.

With the colder and rainy days, we've been making the most of our indoor time by getting creative with craft activities based on our weekly theme. The kids have been busy designing, building, painting, and creating some amazing crafts run by our second Team Leader, Sheila. It's been wonderful to see their imaginations come to life, all while staying warm and cosy inside. Also, we post weekly photos of the kids' crafts and activities on Facebook, check out our posts to see what they've been creating!

We are looking forward to the last term of the year and meeting even more tamariki! I'm sure we'll spend a lot of time outside, making the most of sunny and warmer weather.

From the LWG BBs Team: Talitha, Thea, Sheila and Josh.

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Te Kura o Taumata Kuri, Prebbleton School Christchurch

Wow, this term has absolutely flown by! Next thing we'll know, it will be Christmas!!

This term we had a lot of outside play which has been unreal! Even the days when we were stuck inside the children always found something awesome to do. There has been quite a few colouring and drawing competitions going on, it's so cool to see the children's imagination with these!

We are loving seeing
all the new and returning smiley faces!!

Our holiday programme is just around the corner, so get booked in and don't miss out on all the fun.

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Te Matauru Primary School Christchurch

This term at Busy Bumbles Te Matauru, the children have had an exciting and fun-filled time with a wide range of creative and competitive activities. From crafting to outdoor adventures, there's never a dull moment! We had a very special visit from Wilbee this term - it was so exciting!

The kids have been busy with various craft projects, including an exciting jewellery and key ring-making session that was a huge hit. Our budding comedians have had fun running competitions, such as the "Best Kids Dad Jokes" challenge, and there's always been plenty of laughter. We've also kept the brains active with our weekly Kids' Quiz, which has become a favourite for many. When the weather allows, we've made the most of the outdoors with games, sports, and plenty of fresh air.

It's been a term full of creativity, laughter, and teamwork, and we can't wait for more exciting adventures ahead!

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Te Rōhutu Whio School Christchurch

Term 3 has flown by! We've packed in so much learning and fun over the past few weeks. Our tamariki have been busy building long-lasting friendships, diving into the magical world of dragons, and even exploring some Minecraft adventures.

We had some very special visitors this term - Wilbee, Rebecca (Owner of BB) and Caity (Operations Assistant). Our tamariki were thrilled and loved their visit.

We also welcomed some exciting new toys and games into our space - including a Marble Run, chess set, and a range of awesome sensory gadgets. These have been a huge success and have added creativity and excitement into the days.

Bring on Term 4 - we can't wait for all the fun to continue!

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Silverstream School Dunedin

Stepping into a sunny spring from a cold winter is refreshing. Not only do we get more time to go play outside, but also to explore more new things. From science experiments to blowing thousands of bubbles, the children's smile tell us they are truly enjoying their time with us!

We also welcomed Wilbee to Silverstream, together with Rebecca and Caity, they brought us new colouring sheets, and markers that smell good. Say cheese!

We also welcomed Lydia as the new Assistant Supervisor. A much loved character by our children, Lydia brings her joy and positivity for many more fun afternoons with us.

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Wakari School Dunedin

We have had a fantastic term here at Wakari with a few new children added to our the roll of our wonderful Busy Bumbles family. The children have been so welcoming and are looking out for our new young children and they are settling in nicely.

We had an exciting visit from Rebecca, Caity and Wilbee, with gifts of fantastic AI photos of our venue made into colouring pages and some fancy new felts and pens for the children's artwork. The children were excited to get a photo with Wilbee, and couldn't wait to use the new resources.

It is lovely to have the sun out with the arrival of spring and we are making the most of the time we can spend outside as well playing games and doing all our wonderful crafts :)

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Maori Hill School Dunedin

It's hard to believe that Term 3 is already coming to an end, it's true that time really does fly when you're having fun! As we wrap up, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the amazing things we've done at Busy Bumbles so far this year and who better to ask than the kids!

When I asked what their favourite moments have been, the ideas came pouring in. Our recent "Let's Learn Science!" theme was big hit, with elephant toothpaste winning the top spot as the most exciting experiment yet!

The edible marshmallow slime from last term also made the list and rightfully so! Another favourite was our LEGO challenge, where everyone got a cup of LEGO pieces to build something creative, then wrote a story to bring their build to life.

One of the most action-packed weeks was our "Minute to Win It" theme! Everyone competed in a series of fun, fast-paced games like keeping two balloons in the air using just one hand, or balancing LEGO bricks on a popsicle stick. It was so cool to see everyone getting involved and cheering each other on!

It's been a fantastic term filled with creativity, curiosity, and loads of fun. We can't wait to see what exciting things Term 4 brings. See you all soon!

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Te Parito Kōwhai, Russley School Christchurch

Another term down and only one to go for 2025! This year and term especially sure have gone by fast at Russley BBs!

We have moved again! Hopefully this is our forever home here in Room 4 on the deck. We have been very busy bees this term and are absolutely loving our new space! We now room share with the school's ESOL teacher (whom we building shared with in our previous space), with a bigger room (warmer too 😳), own kitchen and breakout room for our chill space we call 'The Hive'.

We have had lots of different faces floating around our space this term covering for myself whilst I was away on my teaching placement. I am very grateful for all the helping hands, especially on moving day. We even had Queen Bee herself (Rebecca) and the wonderful Caity come pay us a visit, bring with them Wilbee and lots of new treats for our venue which was awesome and much appreciated!

Just a little bit about what we have been up to this term - We have been filling up our new artwork wall which is placed perfectly in our cloak bay/kitchen area, right beside where our children hangup their bags so they can show off their awesome colourings and creations upon pickup. We have also loved (when the weather allows us to) utilising the senior playground which is now right Infront of our venue and getting crazy with chalk too.

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