



# LOOPY TUNES E-NEWS

The Loopy Tunes Music Monthly  
Email Newsletter



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## MERIKIRIHIMETE!!



from Leah and Siu

Nau mai! Haere mai!

Welcome to all our lovely new subscribers! Thank you for joining us on our monthly newsletter journey!

We decided to make this our 'Summer Issue' that will cover December and January - apologies for the lateness of this month's newsletter, but, yay for a double-month deal! lol! If you've been tuning in to our social media feeds, you'll see that we've been blessed with a very busy month of events, end-of-year parties, and Christmas celebrations with local preschools.

In this issue, we celebrate the year that's been, teach you some holiday greetings in Māori and announce our three very lucky winners for our November and summer pack giveaways! Happy reading!

Are you a small business wanting to get yourself out there more?

yes

Are you running an event and want another way to spread the word about it?

### YOU can advertise in our monthly newsletter!

From 2021, we will be opening up a few spots for small businesses and community event organisers to advertise right here!

If you're interested, head to our [website](#) for more info, coming soon!

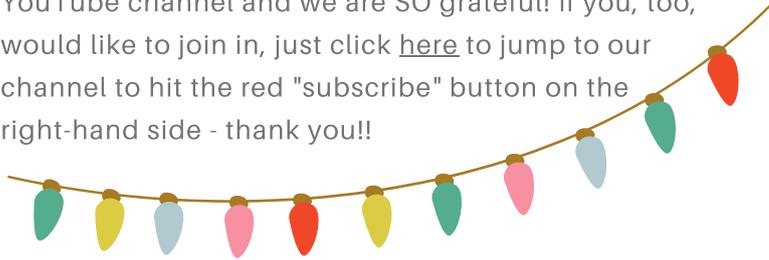
# WHAT'S THE LATEST?



## YouTube - 1,000 Subscribers!



Woohoo! We've hit 1,000 subscribers on our YouTube channel and we are SO grateful! If you, too, would like to join in, just click [here](#) to jump to our channel to hit the red "subscribe" button on the right-hand side - thank you!!



## Events | Performances | Parties

Since our last newsletter, we have managed, in addition to our 8 weekly outreach sessions:

- 2 Visits to Preschools
- 5 Events/Performances at Events
- 5 Out-Of-Town Performances
- 2 Markets
- 16 Preschool Christmas Parties
- 8 Outreach End-Of-Year Christmas Parties



## 20 REFLECTIONS FROM 2020

Thought we'd share some of our reflections and positive outcomes, from this topsy-turvy year...

1. *Siu joined Leah in taking on Loopy Tunes as a full-time gig, in July this year!*
2. Received four lots of funding that we really weren't expecting to receive - very pleasantly surprised!!
3. **WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED BACK IN JANUARY, THAT THIS YEAR'S BUZZ WORDS WOULD BE SOCIAL DISTANCING, BUBBLES, FACE MASKS AND ALERT LEVELS, AND THAT THEY'D BE CONNECTED TO A SHORTAGE OF TOILET PAPER?!**
4. **We learned A LOT about online streaming and the gear needed for it, in a very short space of time...**
5. **Board games became popular again! A board-game cafe opened up, the first here in ChCh, just after lockdown!**
6. We have our moments, but on the whole, us Kiwis really do care about each other - the aroha's there!
7. We collaborated on a song with our good friend, Music with Michal, which was very exciting!
8. Appreciation for social media and technology over lockdown that enabled us to stay connected with all our friends and whānau, including many of our Loopy Tunes whānau.
9. *Stoked to have released SEVEN new songs this year - Te Waiata Koa, He Uri Ngāti Hua-Rākau, It's a Tapawhā, Ngā Whetū o Matariki, 'Umukisia, Lulu Pe, and A Little Gift.*
10. **The tranquility experienced during lockdown and hearing more birdsong, instead of cars!**
11. **Lower some barriers, you never know how much impact that simple act may have on you, or somebody else!**
12. Loopy Tunes online sessions were started for those unable to leave home, or who aren't in Christchurch.
13. We released four children's books, completing our bilingual 'Rainbow Collection'!
14. *Gratitude for our amazing whānau who have supported us so much with babysitting our tamariki, managing our stall while we perform, helping with set-up and pack-up, our rent-a-crowd, and hubbies putting up with our super late nights working!!! 'Ofa lahi atu, to you all!!! xo*
15. Feeling super blessed to be living in our little corner of the world.
16. **Learned that the most important thing our kids want (and need) is simply us (as Mums) being present! Other commitments were stripped back to allow for more time as a whānau.**
17. **STARTED OUR FIRST LOOPY TUNES OUTREACH SESSION IN THE CHRISTCHURCH NORTH AREA!**
18. *Life is a journey, and it can be tough at times, and also a blessing... don't hold back on letting people know how much they mean to you.*
19. *At the end of our sessions, we normally used a parachute during our calming song. Sanitising a parachute between sessions wasn't possible, so Siu wrote a bilingual breathing song, with hand actions, that worked really well with the tamariki, even as young as a year old, and for the parents - a definite win!*
20. **The 'supporting local' movement became a very real thing this year, and we are SO grateful!!**

# WHAT'S NEW?



## Yet another funding win and why funding matters

We are ridiculously excited to receive news that our application for another awesome funding initiative was successful! Unfortunately, as results for this have not yet been officially released, we're unable to give more details... BUT, we most definitely did a wee happy dance when we got the news!! lol!

All our funding wins have enabled us to branch out and do a little more than we otherwise could have. We are finding that many creatives we know (in our field) rely heavily on funding, as it's often their side-hustle, because going full-time just isn't always financially sustainable, so we are all VERY grateful to all the different organisations that allow us creatives to continue creating and sharing our art with you all!

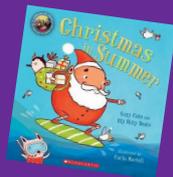
For us, a HUGE thanks to the Methodist Church of New Zealand, the Māngere-Ōtahuhu and Henderson-Massey Local Boards, the Ministry for Pacific Peoples and Plunket NZ, and the Ministry of Education.

THANK YOU!

## GIVEAWAY

We're doing things a little differently in this issue! Below are the winners for three giveaways - our November one and TWO winners for this Summer Issue.

There are two prize packs for this newsletter, which is a wee summer pack that includes our "[Kakāriki: Simply Us](#)" CD, a pair of 'Aroha' earrings and scrunchie from [Beloved Reloved](#), a set of 3 reusable water balloons from [Little Elliotts' World](#) and sunscreen!



Congratulations, **ROBYN FLEURY!**

You have won our November giveaway!

A signed copy each of "Fairies" by Music with Michal and "Christmas In Summer" by Itty Bitty Beats and Suzy Cato.



Congratulations, **CHARIS BLYTHE** and **ALICIA MOGGRE!**

You have both won one of our Summer Packs each!

# WHAT'S COMING UP?

## Summer Holidays!

We have no planned events/performances or sessions over the summer break! We will be spending time with our whānau and friends, while working in the background on our next project, with Plunket New Zealand, which we will no doubt send out wee teasers about, at some point, in the new year!



## SPOTIFY PLAYLISTS - SUMMER VIBES

We've decided to showcase some of our faves, each month!

- [Summer Christmas for Aussie & Kiwi Kids](#)
- [Waiata Māori Mā Ngā Tamariki](#)
- [Sunshine and Kindness - Songs For Kids For Good Mental Health](#)

# HOLIDAY GREETINGS IN TE REO MĀORI

The following phrases are thanks to Hemi Kelly from the "[A Māori Phrase A Day](#)" Facebook group, who posted these, just yesterday...



Meri Kirihimete! -- Merry Christmas!



Ngā Mihi o Te Tau Hou -- Happy New Year!

Kia pai te whakatā! -- Have a good break!



Ngā mihi o te raumati! -- Summer greetings!



Kia haumaruru te haere! -- Safe travels!

Kia aroha tētahi ki tētahi! -- Love one another!



## IMPORTANT DATES

### DECEMBER

- 24 Dec, Thu @12-1pm, our tamariki doing their annual Christmas busking outside Bishopdale New World to raise money for families in need, via the Christchurch Methodist Mission. Feel free to pop round if you're in the area.



Some gorgeous cards and treats we received this year. THANK YOU!



### JANUARY

- 24 Jan, Sun @time tbc - Stall and music at [Arts Centre Māketē](#)

### FEBRUARY

- 6 Feb, Sat - Waitangi Day
- 8 Feb, Mon - Waitangi Day observed
- 9-11 Feb, Tue-Thu only - [Loopy Tunes Outreach Music Sessions](#) start for Term 1, 2021
- 15 Feb, Mon - Loopy Tunes Outreach Sessions start for Term 1, 2021
- 20 Feb, Sat @10.30am-2.30pm - Stall and music at [St Albans Community Day](#)

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If you enjoyed reading our newsletter, please share it, and get your friends and whānau to [subscribe](#), too!

We love receiving messages from whānau, sharing photos or videos of their tamaiti/tamariki enjoying our music or books!

Thank you and keep them coming, they really do make our hearts swell!!

