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Lake Rotoiti Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

Bonfire Night BBQ

5 November 6.30pm
Nicholls Farm

Field Day

Saturday 19 November
Lake Rotoiti School

South Island Kaka Meeting

Wednesday 16th November 7pm
DOC Meeting Room

RDCC AGM

Saturday 26 November 4pm
DOC Meeting Room

School Prize Giving

Thursday 15th December
Community Hall 5pm

St Arnaud Circuit Breakers

Every Monday, Wednesday,
Friday 10-11am
Community Hall

Mondays: Badminton @

Community Hall 7pm, cost
\$3.00. Phone Ed 5211106

Social Mountain Bike Rides

Wednesday 5pm
Teetotal flat

Seido Karate

Tuesday – 7pm
Thursdays – 7pm
Community Hall

School News

It's been a busy start to Term 4! Already the Seniors have visited the Science Roadshow, spent a day sailing on the lake and the Year 7 and 8s took responsibility for the planning and organising of the School Disco last Friday night!



Sailing kicked off last Tuesday morning at the Lake in the rain.....it looked to be a cold and grey day, but by morning teatime the sun had come out to warm the children up. Yachting New Zealand came again this year to run their 'Have-a-Go' sailing programme for us, which allows the children to work with an experienced instructor to learn key sailing skills. The second group on Wednesday had similar weather and had a great time with Henry the instructor.

On Thursday last week the choir welcomed the Nelson Principals to St Arnaud at the start of their annual conference at the Alpine Lodge. The children's performance was outstanding; Giles was bombarded with positive comments and congratulations from the other Principals over the next two days of the conference – particularly regarding their ability to sing in harmony, their confidence and polish. Well done choir!

The Junior Class are having fun this term learning about the Mail; Mark is accosted each time he pulls up at school! They are also hoping to visit Lake Station later this week for their farm visit as well as a long-booked trip to see a musical version of 'The Gruffalo' at The Theatre Royal in Nelson.

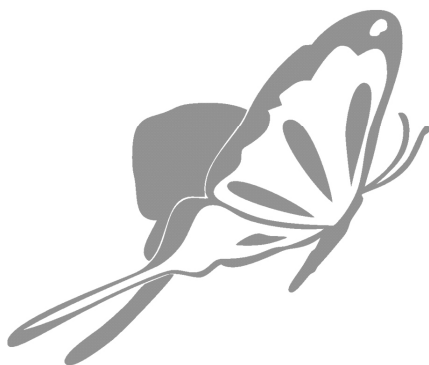
Our prizegiving this year will be held on Thursday 15th December, in the Community Hall at 5.00pm. It's always fantastic that the children have the support of so many members of the wider St Arnaud community as they celebrate their achievements throughout the year. As in other years, there will be a chance to hear the school band and choir, followed by the traditional shared barbeque tea afterwards.

Giles, Nicky, Emma, Tracy, Fran and Stephanie

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RANGEVIEW GIFT SHOP

We have new stock arriving weekly for Xmas, come on in and check it out.

New jewellery, outdoor accessories and gift ware.

November opening days

Thursday to Monday, 11.00am to 4.00pm

closed Tues and Wed.

Enquiries contact Wendy

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ST ARNAUD CONTAINER STORAGE.

Available from November, 20ft containers for long term or short term storage.

These will be situated behind the boat museum, you lock it, you keep the key.

Vehicle storage also available.

Enquiries contact

Pat

0272460953

PARK OVER PROPERTY

Overnight parking for self-contained caravans and motorhomes, available all year.

Pets are allowed so long as they are on a lead

Parking is beside the Boat Museum

Payment made into the Iron Maiden under sign.

Gelling Contracting

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Water Deliveries

For all your earthworks requirements

give Pat a call

Ph 0272460953

Kiwi Guardians



DOC and Toyota New Zealand have an exciting new partnership, called Kiwi Guardians, to attract young people and their parents out doors to explore and have fun in nature. Nelson Lakes recently become one of the fifty, and growing, sites around the country.

How it works

- Get ready - **Download the Nelson Lakes map (or get one the Visitor Centre) and check out what activities you can do.**
- Go and explore - **Look out for the Guardian Post in the forest. On it you'll find a special code word - write it down.**
- Claim your reward - **Go to www.kiwiguardians.co.nz and tell us the Nelson Lakes National Park code word to receive a Kiwi Guardians certificate and medal in the mail for this adventure. Put the medal on your back pack or pencil case to show everyone the adventure you've had.**

Learn more at www.kiwiguardians.co.nz.

This is great activity for friends and family visiting over the school holidays or Christmas.

More information and printed maps are available from the DOC Visitor Centre (03 521 1806 or nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz)

Ground based rat control operation

Much of the last couple of months for the Biodiversity team has been taken up with preparing for, and undertaking the ground-based rat control operation within the core area of the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project (RNRP) as part of the Battle for our Birds programme. The last ground control operation was in 2013. Nelson Lakes undertook an aerial 1080 operation in December 2014 that included the core of the RNRP; no ground rat control was done in 2015.

Approximately 1500 bait stations were used, and each bait station had 5 blocks (150-200 g) of diphacinone.

As the RNRP is an active research site, staff are undertaking a comparison (trial) between 'Philproof' bait stations and a 'run-through' type. Results are not yet available, and will be reported after monitoring and analysis.



Rat activity was 35 percent as measured by the standard tracking tunnel method before the operation commenced. Post-operation monitoring has not been undertaken.

Stoat lure trial

An interesting research project is underway in Teetotal and Big Bush trialling bedding taken from stoats in oestrus as a lure for stoats in standard DOC 200 trap boxes as compared with a meat bait. Alternate traps on a line have either the trial lure or bait. The bedding material is stored in a metal tea infuser. The research is planned for 2 years, and it started a couple of months ago. It is too soon for any significant results.



South Island Kaka and their management in the northern South Island

Dr Ron Moorhouse, a former DOC research scientist will talk about kaka found in the Nelson Lakes area, kaka protection, and kaka management plans for the top of the South Island.

Date Wednesday 16 November 2016

Time 7:00pm

Location DOC Meeting Room, behind the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre

Contact DOC Visitor Centre, 03 521 1806 or nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz
Everyone is welcome.

Rotoiti District Community Council Inc.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
OF

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4.00p.m. Saturday 26th November 2016
DoC Staff room (behind DoC Headquarters) St
Arnaud

Agenda

- Previous AGM minutes
- Matters Arising
- Presidents Report
- Financial Report
- DoC Report (subject to John Wotherspoon's availability)
- TDC Report " " Cr Bryant's
- Open Forum

All Welcome

Brent Higgins
Secretary

Following the Meeting-reconvening at the
Alpine Lodge for a quiet Ale!

St Arnaud Camera Club,

meets @ 7.00 pm on the last Monday of every month @ Rotoiti School Library. Everyone with an interest on photography is welcome. effort/s onto a USB thumb For more info, contact Nicky Crawford
pncrawford@xtra.co.nz

25 – 27 November: Marahau Weekend,

full of fun in the sun at the beach. Time to catch up with everyone, read a book, swim, do puzzles, chat eat and more. Phone Sue and Ali Nicholls to book a place, phone 5211 110 or
ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz

MOSACIC COURSE, to be held by REAP, if anyone is interested in doing a half day course, phone or email Marg
avarestbnb@xtra.co.nz or 5211864.
Date to be decided.

Lake Rotoiti Field Day 19 November

Lake Rotoiti School, 10 am until 3 pm
shared BBQ lunch please bring meat & salad.



This newsletter was produced with the help of the
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The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 11 November at 3.00pm.
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