

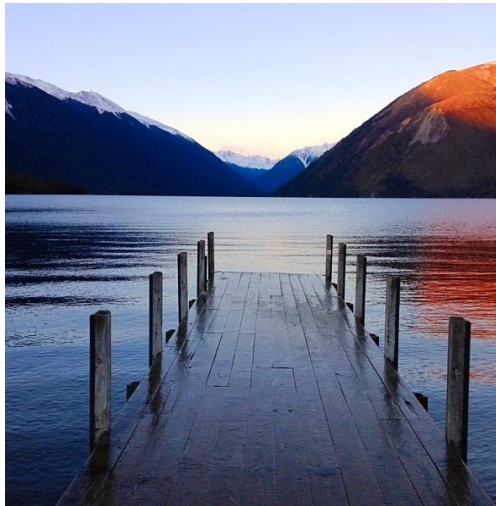
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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



School news

Tena koutou,

As we move rapidly towards the end of the school year the children have been watching the pool development with great interest. The most common question is "When can I get in?" closely followed by "How warm will it be?" The answers are "Soon" and about "28 degrees".

Book Character Day

We had a great book Character day on Thursday. Winners of the \$20 book vouchers for best costume were Hannah Lamborn, Shaun McCrostie, Rebecca Jordan and Zac Griffith.

The Book Quiz was held on Thursday evening. The children held out a late charge from the parents' teams. The winning team was 'The perfect Pikachus': Isobel Crawford, Kiara Barrett, Max Midgeley and Rebecca Jordan.

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend.

Coming up

Friday 24 November 2017

Rotoiti District Community Council.AGM. DOC meeting room, 7:30pm. Contact Brent Higgins jbandsjh@gamil.com or 027 229 3395.

Sunday 26 November 2017

Lake Rotoiti School Field Day from 10:00am. Lake Station Janine Basalaj ph 5211 003

Tuesday 28 November –

public meeting re TDC's new Pest Management Plan. Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, 7:30 pm. Details Lindsay Barber, TDC.

Wednesday 29 November and 13 December Friends of

Rotoiti: Village Trapping Group. Meet DOC staff room. Wayne Sowman 027 238 5597

Tuesday 5 December

Tuesday Treks – Booth Hut. Contact Pip 5211130

1 – 3 December:

Community weekend at Marahau. Info Sue or Ali Nicholls 521 1110.

Thursday 7 December – Lake Rotoiti School Pool blessing and opening. 11:00am. Details from 521 1830.

2 January 2018 – Rural Women's Annual Book Sale plus Trash to Treasure. 9:00 am to 1:00pm, Community Hall.

Regular events

Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at 10 am @

Community Hall "Circuit Breakers" exercise group. Gael 027 2804078 for more info. Gold coin for hall.

Tuesday & Thursday @ 5pm & 6 pm @ Community Hall

Seido-Karate. Gold coin for hall Graeme 5211022

Sunday @ 10.30 am

Lake Rotoiti Chapel St Arnaud Services are run by locals and non-denominational. Everyone Welcome.

Sailing

Last Tuesday the Senior children had the opportunity to sail on the lake. We managed to pick the only weather window in the week!

Thanks to Simon from Volvo sailing and Hamish for acting as rescue boat. It was an awesome day.



BOT news

The results of the BOT by-election are published in the newsletter. Many thanks to Ingrid for acting as our returning officer.

The BOT are currently working on the appointment of a new Junior School Teacher for 2018. They hope to be able to announce an appointment shortly.

Pool

Fran has done a great job of organising the pool opening for December 7. Everything is nearly in place with some dignitaries, a formal blessing and ribbon cutting as the ceremonial part. Afterwards we plan on having a community barbecue and swim.

Key rentals will be available on the day. Rental fees have been set by the BOT:

Type	Pool use	Refundable deposit	Total
Current School family	\$30	\$20	\$50
Non-school family	\$50	\$30	\$80

Forms and agreement documentation will be available on the 7th of December to be returned to the school with payment on Friday 8th.

Any request for pool key access will need to be made before the end of the school year. Cash only please.

Nga mihi.

Mike, on behalf of Fiona, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL

Board of Trustees By-Election

Declaration of Parent Results

Parent representatives votes:

Jordan, Megan	20
Mortimer, Wattie	17
Wetzel, Jason	14
Invalid Votes	0

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

*Megan Jordan
Wattie Mortimer*

Signed

Ingrid McConochie

Returning Officer

Lake Rotoiti School invites you to
join us at the
Blessing and Official opening
of our Community Pool
Thursday 7th December 2017

See the full invitation on Page 8



Beebys Road volunteer effort

The Nelson 4WD Club made a real contribution to the maintenance of the Beebys Road running from Tophouse Road.

The provided three diggers to help with road repairs. The road still has some challenges requiring repairs.

The effort didn't stop there. Many wilding conifers were removed by hand in the North Beebys area.

The Club really enjoyed their day out and look forward to working Nelson Lakes staff in the future.

Thank you all for your hard work and great company.



Photo © DOC, Sandra Wotherspoon – The Nelson 4Wheel Drive Club at the Beebys trig.



Reminder – Birdsong

Are you interested in the news and happenings from the Nelson Lakes National Park? Want to find out what volunteers and partners are doing in the district, and how you can get involved?

Then sign up for the next edition of Birdsong – due out soon.

Subscribe to the newsletter via the DOC website (search 'Birdsong') or contact the Visitor Centre (03 521 1806 or nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz). All we need is your name and email.

Preparing the huts for summer

DOC's Visitor Assets staff had a very busy week at **West Sabine hut** getting it ready for the large numbers of summer visitors expected this summer.

West Sabine is a 'crunch point' in the park as trampers doing Te Araroa, Travers-Sabine Circuit and in/out trips to Rotomairewhenua/Blue Lake converge on the 30-bed hut.

Maintenance on the hut included:

- Installation of a 15,000L water tank, that had been taken in earlier in the year by the NZ Air Force (see photo);
- New double sink inside the hut and a hand washing sink outside;
- Replaced clearlite on the roof
- Replaced the lead head nails of the roof (also part of the Kea Conservation Trust's action plan),
- Installed a solar-powered ventilation system to keep the air fresh inside; and
- Cleared trees threatening to fall on or near the hut, and those shading the hut.

The tree felling techniques used were advanced, and involved winching and jacking the trees. Staff take every opportunity to develop their practical and technical skills by training, and then practice the skills by undertaking these advanced tasks.

The popular **Angelus hut** wasn't left out of the attention. The hut was prepared for the summer trampers by having its water system reconnected. Food was taken for the summer hut wardens and it was scrubbed clean.

Huts on the Travers-Sabine Circuit and Blue Lake were given a really good clean. Plastic mattress covers were scrubbed, as were benches and tables.

Earlier in the week, the Hukere bridge on the Cascade track – between Travers Valley and Angelus hut – was re-installed for the summer.



Photo © DOC – Dave Seelye. The team inspect the new water tank at West Sabine.

The Angelus hut booking season starts on 24 November. Bookings for Angelus are essential and can be made via:

- DOC National Booking System (click the "Book Online" button on the DOC website www.doc.govt.nz)
- Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, and these incur a small processing fee.

Fees remain at \$20.00 per person per night for Angelus during the booked season (24 Nov to 30 April 2018).

Badminton stops for summer

Badminton at the Community hall on a Monday night has finished for the season.

We will start up again once daylight saving ends.

Thanks to all who were involved this season.

Ed and Nicky Shaw

Cottage to rent

Two-bedroom cottage to rent
\$300 per week

Phone Chad on 03 521 113 or 027 246 6935

**St Arnaud Rural Women Annual Book Sale
PLUS Trash & Treasure**

2 January 2018 from 9 am to 1 pm
At Community Hall

To book a table for Trash & Treasure phone
Nicky Shaw 521 1106

If you have any books for our sale - phone Marg
Anderson 521 1864 or Betty Butters 021 044
4230 to arrange drop off.



EXERCISE NOTICE

The RNZAF will be conducting training exercises in the Dip Flat area on the river flats between Rough Creek (Northern extreme) to St Ronans Well (Southern extreme). Eastern boundary is the west bank Wairau River to approx the tree line west of the pylon lines with the North to South extremes; refer map – NZ Topo 50-BS25 Severn – Rainbow Station area.

The exercise will commence 26 November 2017 and conclude on 01 December 2017.

This exercise will involve small groups moving on foot, and/or vehicle, and will involve the use of noise and smoke generating pyrotechnics and blank ammunition.

Any enquiries are to be directed to the Base Adjutant, RNZAF Base Woodbourne – telephone 03 577 1011.

RANGEVIEW GIFT SHOP CLOSURE

The Rangeview Gift Shop will be closing permanently on the 10th December.

Pat and I would like to thank all those that have supported us over the past 4 years.

We are looking forward to spending more time on the beach this summer with family and friends.

Still plenty of great product in the shop so pop in before the 10th.

Thanks again

Wendy Gelling 027 246 0963



St-Margaret's-College,Christchurch

December-Rowing-Camp

Sunday-10---Thursday-14-December

The-St-Margaret's-College-Rowing-Team-is-returning-to-Lake-Rotoiti-for-their-annual-December-Camp.We-will-be-based-at-the-Rotoiti-Lodge-Outdoor-Education-Centre-and-will-be-storing-our-boats-in-West-Bay.We-will-be-launching-and-rowing-from-West-Bay.

The-times-we-are-on-the-water-are:

Monday---Wednesday---6.45am---9am,9.45am---11.30am-and-3.30pm---5pm

Thursday---6.45am---9am

Trudy-Keys
Rowing-Manager

REMINDER OF PUBLIC MEETING

Pest Management Plan

You are invited to a public meeting to discuss the new Pest Management Plan will be held at the St Arnaud Community Hall on **28 November at 7:30 p.m.**

The meeting will be chaired by Councillor Stuart Bryant. Paul Sheldon, TDC Team Leader for Biosecurity and Biodiversity and Lindsay Barber, Biosecurity Officer will also be attending.

See the outline of the plan in the Lake Rotoiti newsletter dated 6 November, or contact the DOC Visitor Centre for a copy of the overview supplied by the Tasman District Council.

Proposed Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan

Control of significant pest weeds and animals in our region is currently managed under the Tasman-Nelson Pest Management Strategy by the Tasman District Council. A new Pest Management Plan for the Tasman-Nelson region, prepared under the revised Biosecurity Act 2012, has been developed over the past year, and is **open for public submissions from 4 November to 15 December 2017.**

The current Pest Management Strategy lists just three pest weed species in the Nelson Lakes area that require annual checking of known sites for new propagules. These are Gorse, broom and old man's beard.

The proposed plan contains an additional category for St Arnaud known as a Site-led Pest Control Programme. The plan allows a lead agency to be appointed that can assist landowners with the control of specific, highly invasive species within a designated site-led zone.

There were quite a few pest plant contenders for inclusion in a site-led programme, but only the weeds that we felt we stood a good chance of successfully controlling were seriously considered for inclusion in the programme. These pest plants are:

Darwin's barberry (*Berberis darwinii*), greater bindweed (*Calystegia sylvatica*), holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*), Russell lupin (*Lupinus polyphyllus*) and sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*).

What will this mean for residents?

DOC will continue to focus on preventing all these pest weeds from invading public conservation lands. Residents with the target weeds on their land will be supported in their weed control efforts, as they have been in the past.

The difference under the new site-led plan is that landowners can also be required to remove or allow removal of these target weeds. This is necessary to ensure that control programmes have a reasonable chance of success over the term of the plan, and so that the efforts made by the greater proportion of residents are not undone through the lack of action by a small minority of residents.



Map - Proposed Site-led pest plant control zone

Tuesday Trek

Tuesday 5 December - Booths Hut walk. This is an easier stroll which should be good for all. It is a return walk on the same route so if anyone gets puffed they can stop. We drive up the Louis to the cemetery.

Upcoming Walks

Tuesday 9th January - Kaka/Duck Down track (Teetotal MTB area). *Note* this date is the second Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday 6th February - Lee Creek (Rainbow Valley)

Please phone Pip on 521 1130 if you are interested or want further information.

Family Weekend at Marahau

Friday 1st - Sunday 3 December

Fun weekend at the beach with your friends and neighbours. Sun, fun, food and relaxation. Bring it on. All welcome.

Come for the weekend or just a day, for more info and to book phone. All welcome.

For more information and to book a place contact Sue or Ali Nicholls on phone 521 1110 or email ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz.

Supported by the Lake Rotoiti Chapel

ROTOITI DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Do you wonder what the Rotoiti District Community Council get up to?

All members of the Community are welcome to attend our meetings, and/or receive copies of the RDCC minutes.

- Should you wish to go onto the RDCC distribution list to receive minutes (AGM or other meetings) please contact the RDCC Secretary at jbandsjh@gmail.com or 027 2293395.

Brent Higgins
Secretary RDCC

Rotoiti District Community Council Inc.

P.O. Box 39 St Arnaud-Nelson

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 24 November 2017, 7:30pm
DOC staff room (behind DOC office), St Arnaud

Agenda

- Previous AGM minutes
- Matters Arising
- Presidents Report
- Financial Report
- DOC Report
- TDC Report
- Open Forum

All Welcome

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Rotoiti Hub

What's up in November

12 th	House Meeting	3pm
19 th	House Meeting	3pm
26 th	Worship Afternoon	3pm

Worship Afternoon



**Sunday 26th
November**

3pm Community Hall

Live music with
refreshments to follow

ALL WELCOME

For more info or house meeting venue, contact:

Bridget: 027 3237529 E: adrianandbridget@xtra.co.nz

Jane: (03) 5211844 E: dougandjane@outlook.co.nz

Sarah/Nigel: 027 4413776 E: n.caldar@clear.net.nz



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Apples for stock food (treats for pets)

\$1 per supermarket bag

Call Ed 5211106



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NEW TIMETABLE – BEGINNERS WELCOME

5 pm Tuesday – Kids and Beginners

6 pm Tuesday – Blue belts and above

6 pm Thursday – General Class



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Please send your contributions for the newsletter in the following formats:

Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.

Full page ads incur a fee - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. Please pay at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.

Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.

Email your item to rotoitinews@gmail.com

Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an

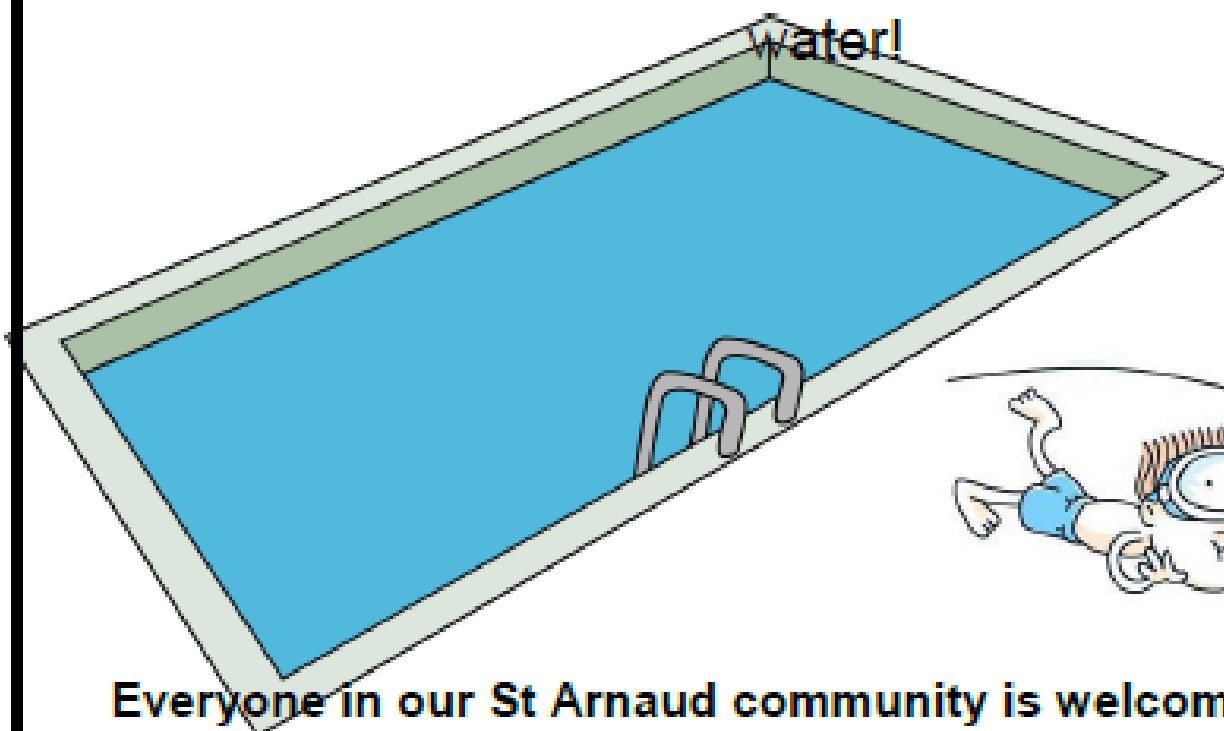


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join us at the
Blessing and Official opening
of our Community Pool
Thursday 7th December 2017

Lake Rotoiti Primary School, St Arnaud
11am

Followed by a shared BBQ Picnic Lunch.
Meat, bread and sauces provided, but
please contribute a salad to share. Bring
own plates, cutlery and picnic blanket.

Feel free to wear your togs and test the
water!



Everyone in our St Arnaud community is welcome.