

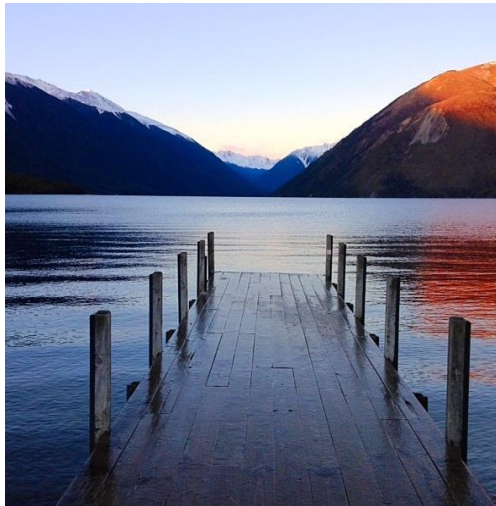
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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



Tena koutou,

I apologise for not getting a news sheet out last newsletter. No excuses!

We are well into the new term now and are getting ready for Book Character day on the 16th of November. This time the date is right.

The juniors have been learning about metaphor and its use in poetry. They have been looking at the work of Jamaican poet Valerie Bloom and using the poems Granny Is and The River for inspiration.

The seniors are feeling pretty good about their achievements in Statistics learning. Next week the Senior class will be down at the lake learning to sail.

BOT news

At the last BOT meeting, the Board decided to adopt Schooldocs as our policy system. This is an online system that is updated electronically and in consultation with the community. Over the next few months the BOT will be reviewing and making the policies more specific to Lake Rotoiti School.

If you wish to have a look at these policies here are the instructions:

Coming up

Tuesday 7 November

Tuesday Treks. Meet Clinker
Café carpark 9:30 am
Contact Pip 5211130

Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10, 11 & 12 November

MTB Trails Trust Working Bee
– Beeby's climbing track. Info
on page 6. Contact
rob@mtbtrailstrust.org.nz.

Friday 24 November 2017

Rotoiti District Community
Council.AGM. DOC meeting
room, 7:30pm. Info Brent
Higgins jbandsjh@gamail.com

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 15 and 29

November - Friends of Rotoiti:
Village Trapping Group. Meet
DOC staff room. Wayne
Sowman 027 238 5597

1 – 3 December:

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

Monday at 7pm

Badminton @ Community Hall
\$3per person Contact Ed or
Nicky Shaw 521-1106. Rackets
available for loan

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.

Go to www.schooldocs.co.nz

2. Click **Search for your school**.
3. Start typing the school's name and then select it from the dropdown list.
4. Enter the community username and password.

U/N: lakerotoiti

P/W: learner

It is caps sensitive.

This is available on the School webpage.

The BOT have been working very hard to appoint a new teacher to the Junior School in 2018. The process is well underway and should be completed by the end of the school year.

Our ERO report will be available to the public very shortly. As soon as this is available I will post the link on the website.

Prizegiving

Thank you to everyone who has sent back their trophies from last year. If you still have one please return it.

Pool

The pool remains on schedule for completion. We hope that the temporary fencing will be down on or around this weekend. The team have started the landscaping work. I have been given a tentative end of November completion and with this in mind Fran and I have started planning a formal opening on Thursday 7 December. Everyone in the community is invited. The BOT are setting prices for key rental. This information and how to access a key will be available shortly. Their consideration is for equity between school families, community members and seasonal families.

On Saturday there only 52 days until Christmas!

Nga mihi.

Mike, on behalf of Fiona, Nicky, Stephanie, Tracy and Fran
Here is an example of the work by the Juniors. This is the

Wanted - Caretaker for Lake Rotoiti School

Caretaker for Lake Rotoiti School. Permanent part-time. 1 hour per week in winter and 4 hours per week in summer.

Duties include cleaning the school bus, moving lawns (mowers provided), monthly water filter clean, and general repairs.

Pay rates based on the School Caretakers and Cleaners Collective Agreement.

Applications in writing to the school by **27 November**.

Junior's variation on 'The River', with different junior children or groups of juniors writing each verse.

The Lake

The lake is an aquarium.
It's full and alive with eels.
Brown trout swim in the lake wildly.
It's very, very deep and beautifully green.

The lake is an adventure.
A chapter book and the story is hiking,
Swimming, diving, feeding eels and ducks.
Wild crashing waves.

The lake is a path.
A path that never ends.
Continuously, turns into a river but still doesn't stop.
You think it ends, but it doesn't.

The lake is a love heart full of power.
A heart full of love.
An amazing heart,
Held together by Alfonso the duck.

The lake is an aquarium.
There are eels everywhere.
Fish swimming and the water is deep and green.
It is amazing.

The lake is a storm.
Big crashing waves, terrifying too.
A whirlpool swirling you in, boulders being nibbled by the waves.
Not good for sailing in the waves.



Getting ready for Christmas or posting overseas?

Check out the new selection of cards, postcards, children's books, books for outdoor activities, and a great range of small gift items suitable for posting overseas or for Christmas stockings.

Outdoors items

Remember the Visitor Centre also has those last-minute items for your outdoor adventure including:

- dehydrated meals,
- maps,
- gas cylinders,
- sandfly repellent,
- pack liners, and
- annual hut passes and hut tickets.

LOST PERSON

Blenheim Police would like to find **Colin Ross** (pictured), a 53 year old man from Blenheim. We would like him or somebody that knows where he is to make contact with us as soon as possible.



We have fears for his safety.

He may be driving his **1996 Toyota Rav 4 coloured Red or Maroon** (a similar vehicle is pictured on this post).

The registration number is **AJY133**.



If you know where he is please contact Blenheim Police on 03 578 5279 or PM us on Facebook.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Sergeant Michael Porter
BLENHEIM CRIME PREVENTION GROUP
New Zealand Police
P 03 578 5279 Extn: 38837 or 38830
E marlb.rural@police.govt.nz



Working Bee – Beeby's Climbing Track Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10, 11 & 12 November

We start work on the Beebys climbing track next week.

There will be 5 or 6 diggers working on the track and we could do with a few extra hands to man the rakes and do final finishing after the diggers have been through.

If you can spare a few hours on any of those days you'd be most welcome.

The track is adjacent to the Beebys 4wd road, which goes off Tophouse Rd about 800m west of its junction with SH63 (about 400m west of Rainbow Skifield Rd turnoff).

The 4wd road will be closed to all traffic so you would need to walk up about 800m from the gate.

Bring plenty of fluids, something to eat and we will supply the tools.

Check for more details on the MTB Trails Trust Facebook page or contact:

Rob rob@mtbtrailstrust.org.nz or

Alan alan@mtbtrailstrust.org.nz.

WANTED
clean top soil
please call/text
Sandie 021 2779284
(delivery to site preferred)

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Phone: Richard Thoms
03 5211 083 or 021 288 6664

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, please email your wish to the Secretary at jbandsjh@gmail.com

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
Brent Higgins
Secretary

St Arnaud Alpine Store

Staff opportunities

St Arnaud Alpine store is looking for a new staff member to join our team.

Experience is not necessary as we will do on-site training.

If you think this is you, please contact Elaine on (03) 521 1854.



Monster Garage Sale

Toys, games, books, DVDs, clothes, CDs, CD player, sleeping bags, giant paddling pool, craft stuff, kitchen stuff, bric-a-brac and much more. Pop in for a cuppa and a biscuit!

Saturday 11th November 9 'til 1

24, Kehu Lane, St Arnaud - look for the balloons!
Queries? Call or text Nicky on 0274 178779



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Tuesday Trek Tuesday 7th November

The trek will be the Mt Robert circuit via Bushline Hut.

Meet 9.30am at Clinker Café car park.

Contact Pip if you are coming 5211130.

Community 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.

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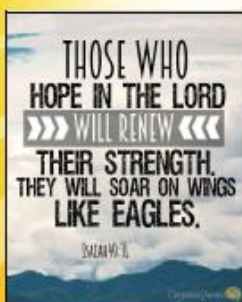
thetreedr@yahoo.com

Rotoit 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.calden@clear.net.nz



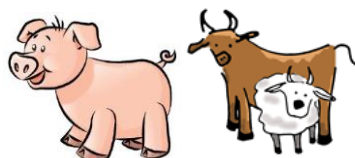
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Lake Rotoiti Field Day 2017

Sunday 26th November at Lake Station

- 10.00 Doors close for judging exhibits (doors open for staging at 9.30am)
Judging of Animal Classes
- 11.00 Fire Brigade demonstration
- 12.00 Shared barbeque lunch – please bring meat and a salad dish to share
- 1.00 Games! – be prepared to join in (yes, adults, we mean YOU!!) and be prepared to get wet!
- 2.00 Tug of War – East V West
- 2.30 A surprise visitor
- 3.00 Afternoon tea, auction, raffle draw etc.



Field Day Classes

Children will be put into groups according to their age for judging in all classes:

Group 1 – Year 1 & 2

Group 2 – Year 3 & 4

Group 3 – Year 5 & 6

Group 4 – Year 7 & 8

Group 5 – Adult

Animal Classes (for years 1-8)

- Calf
- Lamb/Goat Kid
- Poultry
- Dog
- Other small pet
- My Pet's Got Talent – wow the judges with your pet's skills, talents, tricks etc.

NB: Children will be interviewed by the judges on their pet; health, care, feeding, training etc.

Art/Craft Classes (years 1-8)

- Grow your plant (supplied by the Field Day Committee)

Art – to be completed at school prior to Field Day.

- Colouring in – to be supplied by school and completed at home
- Craft – decorate a sun hat (to be done at home)

Photography (to be done at home)

- Group 1 – Springtime
- Group 2 – Your favourite thing about Lake Rotoiti

- Group 3 – After school I like to
- Group 4 – New beginnings
- Group 5 – These feet were made for walking

Cooking (to be done at home)

- Group 1 – sweet muffins
- Group 2 – cheese straws/puffs
- Group 3 – uncooked balls (you can melt or heat ingredients)
- Group 4 – pizza
- Group 5 – Christmas themed cake

Please remember – items in the cooking classes will be consumed for afternoon tea!

All art, craft and cooking entries must be the child's own work, ie. not that of an adult, and all pets/livestock must belong to the child/family.

Do not put your child's name on any entry – you will be given a code letter on the day for your child to identify their entries (judges must not know which child has done each entry).

All children in years 1-8 in the community are welcome to join in on Field Day. If you wish for your child to be included and they aren't at Lake Rotoiti School, please call Janine on 5211003 and she will make sure you have everything you need.

This year we will be running an **Auction of Promises** at Field Day. We had this in 2014 and it was a huge success and we need to boost the bank account as last year's Field Day was rained off, but the costs of books still go out.

If you have anything you would like to offer for the Auction, please contact me either by phone 5211 003 or email maadhouse@farmside.co.nz

Some things we have had previously are:

- Evenings babysitting
- Chimney sweep
- House cleaner

Thanks

Janine Basalaj ph 5211 003



Seido Karate St Arnaud

NEW TIMETABLE – BEGINNERS WELCOME

5 pm Tuesday – Kids and Beginners

6 pm Tuesday – Blue belts and above

6 pm Thursday – General Class

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. Property owners in the St Arnaud-Howard gorse and broom control area are well aware of the need to control gorse and broom on their land and have been very supportive of the programme. Overlapping the gorse and broom control zone is a larger old man's beard control zone. TDC Biosecurity staff carry out checks for old man's beard within this zone annually, and fortunately, very little has been found to date. Gorse, broom and old man's beard are categorised as progressive containment pests, and under the newly proposed plan, this work will continue as it has in the past and the zones will remain unchanged.

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.

The TDC has worked with the DOC to identify problematic pest plants that, if left to mature into sustaining populations, would change the natural values of the area. There is strong community interest and pride in the natural environment of the village and close connections between residents/occupiers and the public conservation lands adjacent.

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*).

While there are no known sycamore sites in the village any more, it is a tree well suited to the climate of Nelson Lakes and would quickly establish a wilding population if someone decided to plant one as an amenity tree. Likewise, with greater bindweed, there are very few known sites of this plant and it is

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important to prevent new incursions. Darwin's barberry rowan and Russell lupin are all weeds that are more common within the site-led zone.

The overarching authority for site-led programmes is the TDC, and the leading agency for control of the newly proposed site-led pest species would be DOC. The site-led programme aims to gain a good level of control over a long time frame, so will be a gradual process restrained to some extent by the resources the leading agency (DOC) and the Council are able to commit to it.

What will this mean for residents?

For the last 15 years, the local DOC team has focused on preventing all of these pest weeds from invading public conservation lands, and this focus will continue. 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.

The map of the proposed site-led plant control zone follows (page 8)

Proposed Site-led pest plant control zone



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PUBLIC MEETING

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.



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