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School News

Tena koutou,

I am writing this early in anticipation of being at Lake Angelus on the due date.

Nicky and I have a great programme planned for next term. On the extra-curricular front, we have book character day, field day, a trip to Nelson, the pool opening, a possible triathlon, and a film competition to name a few. Our Year 7 and 8 students also have an overnight tramp to look forward to.

Prizegiving

In preparation for our Prizegiving ceremony at the end of the year, could any families who have trophies from last year please return them to the school office at the beginning of Term 4.

Pool

The School pool is on schedule to be completed at the end of November. In anticipation of this we need a team of 3 or 4 volunteers to train in maintaining this new community facility. The tasks will involve vacuuming, covering and uncovering at the beginning and end of the day, a little tidying in the environment, checking the first aid kit, checking water quality and locking and unlocking. Full training will be provided and a roster developed. As always, many hands make light work. If we are able to have 3 or 4 people we will be able to create a roster to make this a massive success.

Coming up

**5th Nov 6.30pm Guy
Fawkes BBQ and
fireworks at Nicholls
farm**

Ali or Sue 035211110

Weekly...

Mondays 7pm

Badminton at Community
Hall – \$3 per person, Ed or
Nicky Shaw 521
1106. Racquets available
for loan.

**Monday, Wednesday,
Fridays 10 am: Circuit
Breakers training** at
Community Hall, everyone
is welcome, no matter
what your fitness. Phone
Gael 027 2804078.
Gold coin donation for
hall.

**Tues 5pm Beginners
Seido Karate, 6pm Blue
belts and up.
Thurs 6pm General Seido
karate class.** Community
Hall Graeme 521 1022 –
Gold coin donation for
hall. **(From Oct 17)**

**Sunday 10.30 am: Lake
Rotoiti Chapel,** Rotoiti St,
St Arnaud, services are
run by locals and non-
denominational. Everyone
welcome.

**Tuesday Treks: 7 Nov.
9.30am.** Contact Pip
Berkett 521 1130 or Julie
Robilliard 521 1874. We
meet on the first Tuesday
of each month

Photos, Sky - Nicky Crawford;
Black billed gull and Whiskey
Falls - Gabi Czoma

We will be having a formal opening ceremony and everyone will be invited. Plans are currently underway to invite dignitaries and to have a bit of a celebration. When we have a date, the entire community is invited to this celebration.

The BOT are currently working on key costs, open times and access rights. As soon as we have this information I will make it available.

Lake Rotoiti School starts again on Monday 16th October. Until then, I hope you are having an enjoyable school holiday period with your children.

Nga mihi.

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

Community weekend at Marahau

Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd December

Come for a 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 for the day!

For more information or to book in..

Ring or email Ali & Sue 5211110, ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz

Supported by Lake Rotoiti Chapel!

Friday 1st - Sunday 3 December



Clinker Café

Labour Weekend Degustation
Dinner

Saturday 21st October 2017

For more information or to see the
menu, pop in and see us or email
info@clinkercafe.co.nz

Final bookings by October 16th

Maximum numbers apply – don't
miss out!

Bird of the Year - Black-Billed Gull



You may have seen these birds around Lake Rotoiti, but they are not the same as the sea side gull, the Red Billed Gull. They are the critically endangered Black-Billed Gull, the world's most threatened gull

species, and New Zealand's only endemic gull. Black-billed Gull are white with light Grey wings and black wing tips, like most gull species. The main difference between the Black-Billed Gull and their Red-Billed cousin is in the name, their bill colour. Young birds of both species look very similar and can be mistaken for each other. The Black-bill is also more slender, as well as more subtle differences. They nest on river banks and shell banks primarily in the South Island but also in the North Island in a few places. Although they do not breed at Lake Rotoiti, Black-Billed Gulls breed on our local rivers, including the Wairau and the Buller as well as the smaller rivers. Nesting here isn't always easy, water can wash the eggs away, or they can get eaten or squashed.

You might have seen leg bands on some individuals with numbers in black. There are three colours, White banded birds were banded on the Wairau, red on the Buller, and yellow on the Clarence River in Christchurch. These birds have been banded as part of a study of the species.

This year I am raising awareness for the species via the Bird of the Year campaign, so please help spread the word, vote Black-billed Gull at birdoftheyear.org.nz, and keep your distance if you find a nesting site.

Thank you.

Amber Calman



Guy Fawkes night SUNDAY the 5th November

Nicholls Farm

Starting at 6:30pm with a BBQ tea

Bring something for the barbi and a salad to share

Fireworks when it gets dark! Bring some fireworks or \$ to contribute towards some

Dress warm, bring a chair and it'll be a blast!!

For more info ring Al & Sue 5211110

ALL WELCOME



Seido Karate St Arnaud

From October 17th....

NEW TIMETABLE – BEGINNERS WELCOME

5 pm Tuesday – Kids and Beginners

6 pm Tuesday – Blue belts and above

6 pm Thursday – General Class

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Gold coin donation

For information contact Graeme Andrews

5211022 or gandrews4088@gmail.com

Rotoiti Property Maintenance

- Landscaping & Design
- Gardening
- Tree & Hedge Trimming
- General Property Maintenance
- Light General Engineering
- Water Engineering and Irrigation
- Vespex Wasp Control



Phone: Richard Thoms

03 5211 083 or 021 288 6664



Find conservation activities, events and competitions at Conservationweek.org.nz

Share how you show your backyard some love and be in to win! [Competition open from 7 to 22 October 2017.](#)

The backyard of much of St Arnaud is Nelson Lakes National Park or Conservation Area and we know there is lots of care and consideration of what local residents are planting, weeding out and trapping. We would **love** for you to join in on the DOC Facebook page, by posting your pictures and telling your story. There's an **awesome** prize of a trip for a family to Ulva and Stewart Islands up for grabs!

For the kids over the holidays on the DOC website... Whio colouring competition – one for juniors and one for seniors – there's prizes! And until 22 October on the DOC website you can have a go at life as a whio with the Whio Bootcamp Challenge game.



Do you know this dog?



This ginger-brown, mid-size crossbreed has been hanging around and scavenging in the village. We would like to be able to catch and rehome it but it is very timid and clever. Please call us if you can help locate the owner – the alternatives aren't looking very good for this dog. Ph DOC Visitor Centre on 5211806 with any information.

Chainsaw for sale - \$300



Surplus to requirements in the DOC chainsaw collection is this 2002 Husqvarna 240 chainsaw. It has been well maintained and is running well. Has a 15" bar and comes with a 5/32 chain file.

If you'd like to take a look, call Gareth 03 5211074 or Sandra 03 5211078. We can accept payment through the till at the Visitor Centre.

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Looking for a new home

This is Esma, a 4 year old Saanen milking goat. Her and younger friend Dolly need a new home.

They are affectionate, de-horned, great milkers (2L a day each) and well-trained to the milking stand, which you can have with them for \$50. They are happy to stay behind a standard sheep mesh or tight 7-wire fence. Neither in kid this year but will probably start

precocious milking anyway, soon. Best for them and you if they go together. Sandra 0272042329.



Contributing to the newsletter

Please send your contributions 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.
- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

Contacting us: email rotoitinews@gmail.com with any questions.

Upcoming newsletter deadlines:

October 20, November 3 and 17, December 1 and 15, January 12