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Coming up

Weds 7 November Book Fair – Rotoiti School, Page & Blackmore bookshop. Call Jan with book requests for them to bring 5211999

9 – 11 November Tapawera Armistice Weekend.
info_tapww100@gmail.com

Saturday 24th November BGAC Field Day
Lake Rotoiti School

Mon 17th Dec Leavers assembly and prize giving. Lake Rotoiti School

Circuit Breakers exercise group: every Mon, Weds, Fri 10 am,
Community Hall
All welcome, gold coin
Gael 0272804078,

Seido-Karate
Community Hall
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme 521 1022. Gold coin

Tuesday Trek: to be advised. Pip 5211130

Lake Rotoiti School News

Happenings at our Kura

Welcome to Term 4 and a big haere mai to Holly, Phebe and Ike who have settled in easily thanks to the manaakitanga of the tamariki at Lake Rotoiti School.

We have had an amazing three weeks. Starting off with the Forest Rangers programme. Anna King is supporting the Tuis with a programme designed to develop awareness, confidence and safety with the great outdoors. We had our first walk to Kea Hut on Pourangahau (Mt Robert). Next week we walk up to Beebys Hut and the final tramp is Rainbow Ridge. Anna is also sharing with us skills such as river crossing, fire lighting and survival skills.



Photos clockwise from top left: Beeby's view (DOC), Boats (Nicky Crawford), Black-billed gull (Gabi Czoma)

The kura also had the privilege of visiting the Lamborns farm. We had an amazing lunch, followed by an exceptional educational experience delivered by Anthony. He has a mountain of knowledge and supported our class learning on Animal Rights. This learning leads us to our Field day on Saturday 23rd November. Please join us on this occasion.

Sailing New Zealand also visited. The Tuis spent the day on the lake learning how to find the wind. Thanks Hamish for providing the support boat and getting Jack and Daniel wet many times!!



One of the actions the Tuis are developing at the moment is being garden Kaitiaki. (Guardians of the gardens). Anika and Emma Jay have spent many hours tidying up the planter boxes. These are now ready for planting. Another group will be developing the rock garden to entice local lizards. Thanks to Tracey from Doc for sharing her invaluable information and how we can go about making a lizard garden successful. If you are keen to help with any of these projects, please contact the school. We are after plants, rocks, shingle and bird feeders.

Events planned for the rest of the term include:
Wednesday 7th Nov. Book Week: Page and Blackmore will be at the hall. This is an event open to the whole community. Tamariki will celebrate the day dressing up as their favourite Book Character and entering teams into the quiz evening.
Wednesday 14th Nov: Alpaca Performance in Nelson.

Thursday 15th Nov: No school due to Strike Action

Mon/Tues 19th Nov: Whitebaiting/River Care

Tues 20th Nov: Wonky Donkey Visit. Pre-schoolers are welcome to attend with whānau. Please contact Liz. for details.

Fri 23rd Nov. Bike safety day

Sat 24th Nov: Field Day at School. Please join us

Fri 7th Dec Mahi Toi Concert

Mon 17th Dec Leavers assembly and prize giving

Tues 18th Dec School finishes

We also have Lee visiting on Tuesday to share her knowledge on coding.

Notice of RDCC AGM

The AGM is to be held on Friday 30th November 2018 at 7-30pm, at the DOC staffroom (behind the DOC visitors Centre)

This year the tri-annual elections are to be held. All residents and property owners are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Help our Emergency Services by ensuring your property is numbered

Our local fire service recently attended a cardiac event in one of the subdivisions and had trouble locating the property because it and surrounding properties were not numbered. There are no letter boxes in the village and therefore often properties are hard to find. If your place is on fire the smoke may or may not be obvious, but if a cardiac arrest has occurred and you cannot be on the street waiting for the emergency services because you are inside doing CPR, this is likely to cause delays in crucial response time. Do the right thing and ensure your property is clearly numbered in a conspicuous position.

It could save a life.

Dark Sky Park Proposal

Public consultation regarding the above proposal resulted in an overwhelming majority of returns in favour of the proposal (only one against), with one submission even coming from the Sudan in Africa (this person spent a lot of time in her childhood in the village noting the dark sky treasure we have and wanting to support its protection). Accordingly we have now asked the Top of the South Dark Sky Committee to proceed to have the necessary lighting measurements recorded and the area accredited if the criteria is met. This is an international accreditation.

Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre Refurbishment

The RDCC is pleased to be able to make a donation of \$5000 towards this very worthwhile project. Many of us have been among the many of thousands of students who have received the benefits of this fantastic facility and accordingly the RDCC unanimously voted to support this project. If you are also able to help with a donation, you can rest assured it is going to a great cause and an investment in the conservation and outdoor education of our youth into the future

Brent Higgins
Secretary-RDCC

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The Great Howard Valley Bake-Off 2018

Wishing to stake a claim as one of the trendy places to hang out, the residents of Howard Valley showed off their baking skills.

Popular winner of the junior section (the only entry) Finley Murphy shows off his cup cake.



Bid Robilliard won the senior section with her rhubarb, caramel and cream cheese cake



(Note from Eds; next time we'd be happy to judge for you)

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3rd December

17th December