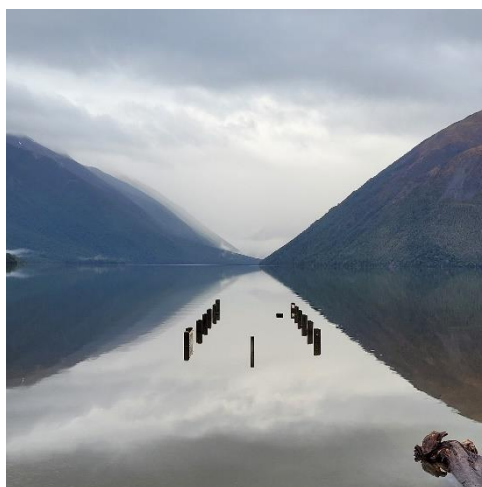
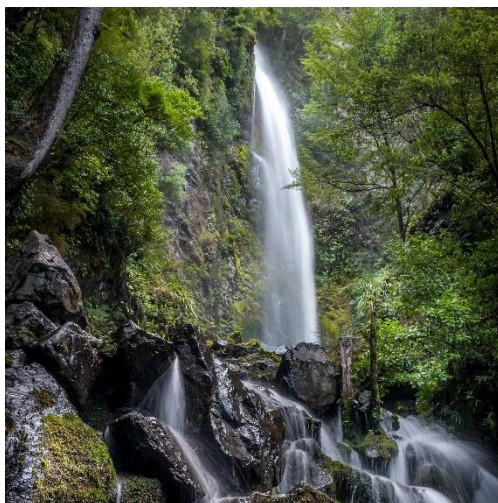


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### Coming up

**Friday 30 June** – End of Term 2  
**Mon 17 July** – Start of Term 3

**Thur 27 July** Lake Rotoiti School Annual Quiz Night, Alpine Lodge. Details TBC

**Thursdays 10am - 12pm**  
**Playgroup.** Community Hall.  
Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

**Photos:** Whiskey Falls. Fungi, R. Lamborne. Kerr Bay W, S. Wotherspoon

**Note:** regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box later in the newsletter.

## Lake Rotoiti School News

In the past week we have been able to settle back into our classroom routines again after the Cross Country. We would like to thank Chris and Frith for setting up a great course and for taking the children on a practice run every Tuesday afternoon. Thanks also to Chris for making outstanding medals.

It was great to have many of our parents cheering the children on followed by snacks and coffee.



1<sup>st</sup> Isaac Libeau-Harmon,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Oliver Thomas,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jessica McCrostie,

Max Bauer,  
Leni Richards,  
Jessie Dulieu,

Benjamin Grover.  
Kingston Gottschalk.  
Vanessa Bauer.

This week we have had a Bike Safe group working with our students:



We were lucky that weather stayed clear for us.

The Junior Students hosted the pre-schoolers on Thursday. We were nearly outnumbered by the children who visited. This bodes extremely well for our future roll.

Every Friday this term we have been privileged to have Graeme take karate with the children after lunch. They have thoroughly enjoyed it and on their behalf, I would like to thank Graeme very much for providing the experience.

On Thursday the Year 4 children had a sleepover at school which included a walk down to the lake.



On Friday we had a very successful ski swap and sale. We are now ready for the ski season – bring it on!

You may have noticed a bit of work going on around the school this week. Shane finished our sickbay for us, so we now have proper facilities for dealing with sick children instead of treating them in our staffroom food prep area. We have also had the heat pumps replaced in the Junior and Senior Rooms with machines that will better cope with our colder weather.

We expect building to commence on the pool changing sheds soon. Many thanks to Fred, Paul, and Simon who are making this happen. Thanks also to Ken for the designs and to the wider community for helping us with our fundraising efforts. It will be great to lose the temporary (4 years) changing area for a bespoke facility. At some point a toilet and shower will be added.

The annual Quiz night will be held on Thursday 27 July at the Alpine Lodge. Tickets are limited, so get in early. Contact the school office to book your team. We promise that the questions will be easier this year!

With the loss of 2 school bus drivers at the end of the term, we are looking for people who are able to join us from the beginning of Term 3. The role is rostered and flexibility of days is possible. Drivers need to have a current P endorsement (including recent DL9 medical check), and a current first aid certificate. The school is prepared to fund these for suitable applicants. Please contact Mike or Dominique if you are interested.

mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or [dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz).

In 2024 it is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school. We will be holding a celebration during Labour Weekend 2024, and we are calling for any stories that you might have of your past experiences at the school. Please send anything to Dominique or Mike to pass on to our archivist for publication.

mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or [dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz)

Alistair Nichols has kindly volunteered to coordinate the event, and Ingrid McConochie is sifting through the archives to write a small history of the school. If they shoulder tap you to help them, please say yes.

If you or anyone you know might like to attend, please contact the office to register interest.

Term 2 finishes on Friday 30 June. Term 3 commences on Monday July 17.

Nga mihi,  
Mike and Miriam.





### UBCO 2x2 electric motorbike

The Nelson Lakes DOC team has recently acquired an UBCO 2x2 electric motorbike which you will start to see in action around some of our tracks. This New Zealand designed and built electric motorbike is common enough on farms and has been used by DOC rangers in other places since 2018. It has proven to be great at carrying the likes of chainsaws, fuel, hand tools and trap boxes along rideable tracks and in more open areas such as at Teetotal. DOC staff have used these extensively on the Old Ghost Road Track and the Paparoa Track. Riders need to build their skills before they can extend the UBCO use too far. Riding this, like a lot of ranger work, can be fun but it needs to be done in a considered and considerate manner. We are aware that some may see the UBCO as a hazard to walkers or other bike riders (when on the MTB trails) as they are essentially silent aside from a light electric motor whine. Their speed is very easy to control, right down to a slow walking speed, and the riders will always have high vis and give a quick toot on the horn if they are approaching a blind corner or coming up behind others. Being silent, it will only minimally detract from the experience of those who have come to enjoy the native bird song and general quiet we all love, will help save rangers' backs and won't add to our carbon footprint.



### Teetotal Sighting-In Range

There has been a lot of work done to make the Teetotal Sighting-In Range ready to meet the requirements under the new regulations under the Arms Act 1983. This includes a gravelled access road, a fenced and gated range boundary, new terracing and work on and around the bullet catcher target area. We expect to install a small sign kiosk and a red flag to raise when the range is in use this coming week. Thanks to those community volunteers

who helped with some of this work and especially Bill O'Leary. Bill has guided us through this upgrade and also helped with the application to the new Police firearms authority.



*Volunteers Bill O'Leary and Craig Spargo are among those who have been helping ranger Brent Hartshorne with upgrades to the range.*

If you hold a current permit to use the range it will become invalid later this week on June 30. **From 1<sup>st</sup> July** (this coming Saturday) every use of the range will be under the supervision of a nominated 'Range Officer' who will need to obtain a **Teetotal Sighting-In Range Permit** in person from the visitor centre and sign up to their responsibilities under the Range Standing Orders. The appointed Range Officer must also be a licenced firearms holder and hold a standard DOC hunting permit. Be sure to bring your fire arms licence and DOC hunting permit to be sighted when you come to obtain a Teetotal Sighting-In Range Permit.

I expect some may ask why you need a DOC hunting permit just for sighting in. This is because the only way we can currently approve the discharge of a firearm on public conservation land is through the hunting permit system of the Conservation Act 1987. It is possible that the range permit (issued under the police managed Arms Act) may be recognised as permission on its own but this hasn't happened yet.

**It can't be stated strongly enough** how important it is that the rules around the use of the range are respected and fully observed. Individuals who misuse the range will be committing a criminal act. They will have their permits and potentially their firearms licence revoked and will likely face prosecution by the police. If this isn't done well, the range will need to be disestablished with all improvements dismantled. Let's all make this work.  
*John Wotherspoon, Operations Manager*





## Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu national volunteer week

Last week was NZ volunteer week. We made a special edition of our DOC Nelson Lakes newsletter to celebrate and acknowledge all the volunteers that we work with from our district. It's available to view on the DOC website.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/newsletters/birdsong/>

The awesome Friends of Rotoiti have been clocking up massive volunteer hour tallies and are celebrating their own milestones. See their June report [here](#)

### Trail Running ..your Next Event



Diary your Calendar on Sunday November 26 for Active4Good's next Event, the EDRIDGE TEETOTAL TRAVERSE.

Set in St Arnaud's Big Bush-Teetotal Trail Area, just west of Lake Rotoiti, Nelson Lakes, you'll get a taste of the lower trails that travel across Teetotal Flats , which are old river terraces of the Buller River.

From there you'll climb through beautiful beech forest once described by Surveyor Charles Hursthouse in 1859 as a " Black Forest region unfit for man nor domestic beast" ..

2 Course are being finalised, a Long Run Only plus a Shorter Option which will cater for both runners and trail walkers, both starting and finishing from the Village.

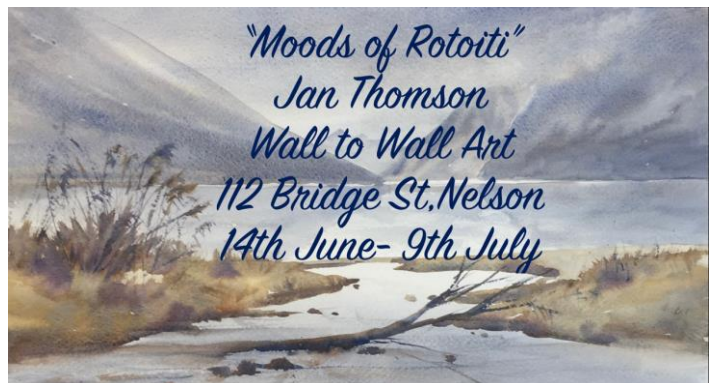
Once they cross the line it's across to The Alpine Lodge for Lunch, Prizegiving and replenish their non-alcoholic activities from the morning's efforts.

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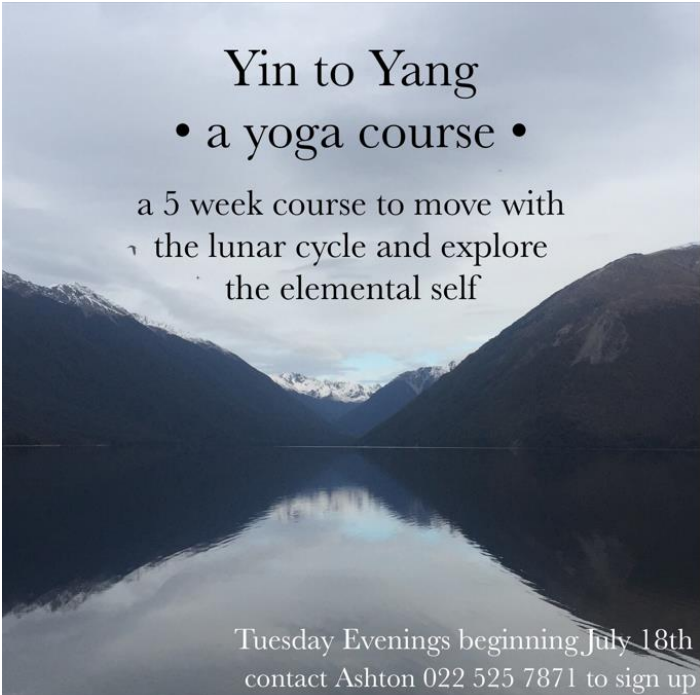
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## SOCIALISE & SHOP WINTER TRIPS.

Hi All,  
Trips & Transfers, Nelson Lakes and Beyond operates a licensed shuttle service and is based in the Nelson Lakes ( in case you didn't know). I am wondering if there would be interest among St Arnaud COMMUNITY RESIDENTS to join in Social and Shop outings during the months of July, August, September. Our aim is to ward away those feelings of isolation and winter blues and support those who find it perhaps difficult to drive in winter conditions. As you know we live in the middle of nowhere but are on the road to everywhere, so outings can go to the Blenheim, Nelson, Motueka and even Westport areas. The focus would be on a day out for a small group, ( individuals or couples) max 11p, incorporating your grocery shopping with some socialising. There would be a nominal charge to cover costs. If this service sounds of interest to you please **send me an email as soon as possible to [kiaora@tripsandtransfers.co.nz](mailto:kiaora@tripsandtransfers.co.nz). Include your phone number.!**

This is just an idea. I would like to see if there is sufficient interest to make it viable for all.  
Cheers Jennifer.



## Yin to Yang

- a yoga course •

a 5 week course to move with the lunar cycle and explore the elemental self

Tuesday Evenings beginning July 18th  
contact Ashton 022 525 7871 to sign up



# Church Notices

## Lake Rotoiti Chapel

Sundays 10.30am

Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

Services are run by locals and are non-denominational. Everyone welcome.

Contact Ali/Sue 03 5211 110

## Rotoiti Hub

Sundays 10am

Local spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

More details and enquiries:

Nigel /Sarah 027 4413776

or Kay 035211261 / 0273072820

A Notice from Marlborough Police Crime Prevention Group. June 21.

There has been a recent theft of a number plate from a trailer in the Wairau Valley township area. The Offender/s have entered onto the property and removed the number plate from a trailer, which at the time was parked near to the main house where the trailer was stored.

Offenders usually steal number plates with the intention of stealing a trailer from another location, at which time they will attach the stolen plate so that the stolen trailer is harder to trace back to its original owner and on the face of it is legitimate. Whilst this latest incident occurred in the Wairau Valley, we would encourage our Marlborough Rural Community to be aware of this type of offending and to report the loss of any number plates immediately.

We will tag the stolen registration plate as stolen so whenever it is encountered we can recover that plate and the trailer it is on.

Consider other ways of protecting your trailer - have the registration number welded onto the frame or a similar identifier that the Police can trace. Also have photos of your trailer for Police and insurance purposes.

If your trailer is parked in an area that is isolated or on the road, chain it with a substantial chain and lock it to something secure.

Just a reminder please also report any suspicious activity you come across.

Basically, if you are asking yourself.... that seems suspicious - "what's that person or vehicle doing there?" Follow your instincts, if something does not seem right it most likely isn't. Let the police know about it.

When reporting even if it's just the "where and when", along with a registration plate number of the vehicle, that maybe enough for us to check out and follow up.

Please phone it through to Police on the 105 line or complete the online reporting form.

### FOR SALE

#### Study / Office Desk

Single drawer and shelf. Slide out keyboard tray.

Has some wear marks.

Measures 590mm x 1100mm

Enquiries to Lisa 027 431 6605



# PLAYGROUP



Playgroup meets Thursday mornings  
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all  
preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud  
Rural Woman for your on  
going support



For any inquiries please contact  
Kirsten on 0220445829

## CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please send your contributions in the following formats:

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Contact: [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

# BE GET STAY



## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**Monday Body Movers** Community Hall Mondays  
10am. Low-impact group exercise, with fun feel good beats. BYO water, gold coin koha to the hall.  
Lou 0210414913

**Wednesdays Fit It** - High intensity group exercise with contemporary beats. Bring water, gold coin koha to the Community Hall, Wednesdays 6-7pm.  
Lou 0210414913 ☺

**Mondays 7pm Badminton.** \$3 per person to go towards hall and shuttle-cocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

**Seido-Karate**  
Community Hall  
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners  
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class  
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

# GROUP FITNESS

# FIT IT WEDNESDAYS



Come & connect, have fun, &  
sweat to contemporary beats  
& various styles of exercise.  
All ages & levels welcome.  
BYO water & mats.

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CONTACT LOU TO JOIN 0210414913

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**SATURDAY 26 AUGUST 2023**

*Wairau Valley Hall Complex, Morse St Wairau Valley*

*Wairau Valley Hall Community Trust acknowledges the co-funding of this project  
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