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Lake Rotoiti School News

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to Term 4. We have started with our usual energy and anticipation for the rest of the year. This term we welcome Arlo to the school.

Term 4 ends on December 14 at 1:30pm.

At end of last term, we farewelled the Jerram family. They have very kindly donated six LED lightboxes for our Art and Science programme.

If you have had an opportunity to walk around the school recently you might have noticed that Fred and Jeremy have laid the foundations for the pool changing sheds, and that the pool is starting to clear after its repair. We hope to have this work finished by the time swimming starts in about five weeks. Thanks to Fred, Jeremy, Simon, Paul, Doug, and the Fire Brigade for their support.

You might also have noticed the new mural on the back wall of the library. Essie Erasmus has taken on this task and has designed something special. She and the children are really buzzing about it. We expect this to be finished early November.



Coming up

Tue 24 October – BGAC Field Day, Basalaj's place. Details in newsletter

Wed 25 October – Rotoiti District Community Council AGM and committee meeting, Community Hall. Call Sally for details 021 356 364

4 November Bonfire and fireworks night. Ali and Sue Nicholls 03 5211110

Saturday 18 November from 1.30pm Christmas at the Lake - Community Hall. Raffles, high tea, shopping, food.

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

Photos: Tui, S. Wotherspoon. Kotuku at Kerr Bay, D. O'Connor. Sabine Hut, D. Bauer

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

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On Friday we had the pleasure of helping to plant trees at the firebreak on Ward Street. It's great to remind the children that they are part of the community and can help in a lot of ways.



Next Tuesday we have the Community Field Day at the Basalaj's property. The children are already doing the Artwork for it and the Wearable Arts challenge. As usual, it should be a fun afternoon.

The Board have been very busy making our school a better place for the children. For some time, they have been working on new signage and an updated logo for the school. They have also completed the review of our School Values and Mission statement. During the next few weeks, you will see this work become evident.

Over the Christmas break we hope to have the repaint completed and the new Junior playground planning done. Jeanette Thornycroft has kindly agreed to refresh the mural on the Junior Room when the repaint is complete. The school will be looking pretty sharp for the 75th Anniversary next year.

We are still looking for people who can join us as bus drivers.

The role is rostered, and flexibility of days is possible. Please contact Mike or Dominique if you are interested. mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz

In 2024 it is the 75th 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

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.

Nga mihi,
Mike and Miriam.



The green break along Ward St got some beautifying on Friday as a happy and busy turnout of Rotoiti Fire Force, DOC, Rotoiti School and Rotoiti Lodge planters popped 350 baby broadleaf plants in along the side of the road where the much more flammable manuka had been mulched out. It was a fun and muddy afternoon. Thanks to everyone who turned out for this, especially the 6 NMIT ranger trainees who did much of the digging.

There was a rare visitor to Kerr Bay on Sept 23 - a kotuku, a white heron.

It was apparently happily and successfully fishing in the shallows and wasn't very perturbed by a noisy jet boat or the admiring people keen to get the perfect lake + kotuku photo, but it didn't stay for long.

It was in full breeding plumage, so maybe and hopefully was on its way to Okarito, which is the only known breeding colony of this species in NZ. Or maybe it was the Mapua wharf kotuku, at the lake for a weekend getaway?

Kotuku breed at Okarito but disperse widely throughout the country during winter and are sometimes seen at estuaries and other tidal places on the coast, and are occasionally seen at high-country wetlands and lakes like ours.

Outside of Okarito they are known as *he kotuku rerenga tahi*, or the bird of single flight, implying something seen once in a lifetime.



The logo for Tuffnell Plumbing Drainage & Gas, featuring the name in green and black with a stylized water drop icon.

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The logo for Master Plumbers, featuring a stylized 'M' in a circle with the text 'Master Plumbers' and 'Representing Excellence' below it.

Safety Notice from the Fire Brigade



If you are at the station collecting your mail and the siren activates, please ensure your vehicle is parked to one side, but remain there until the fire trucks have left the station.

Please avoid trying to leave the carpark as it creates a risk of colliding with a brigade member coming in.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Regards Wattie

Rainbow Road: Open Labour Day Weekend

The Rainbow Road will be open Labour Day Weekend (7am Friday 20 October to 7pm Monday 23 October 2023). Currently the team is undertaking road maintenance. For further information:

W: www.rainbowstation.co.nz
E: info@rainbowstation.co.nz
T: 021 768 764



Bonfire & firework night
Saturday 4 November

Starting with potluck tea @ 6 pm fireworks when it gets a bit dark @ nicholls

MORE INFORMATION

ALI OR SUE 5211110

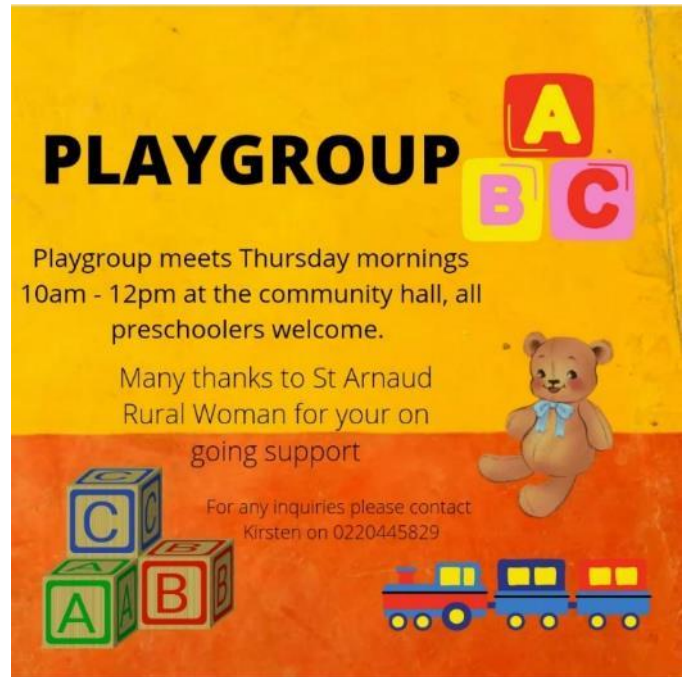
Fireworks night: Phone Ali or Sue 5211 110



Free Delivery in St Arnaud

Paul 0212644207

Simon 021511955



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

Illustrations include colorful alphabet blocks (A, B, C) and a small blue and red toy train.

LAKE ROTOROA AED (Defibrillator)

Our local Valley is FUNDRAISING for an AED. Lake Rotoroa is an area loved by locals, trampers, 4WD-ers, rowers, fishers and boaties. **Your Donation Would be Much Appreciated**

I am helping to organise an AED (defibrillator) at Lake Rotoroa (see photo) This will be placed outside the Lake Rotoroa Water Taxi office.

We have a bank account set up and ready to go for any donations. Donations can be made to :

Lake Rotoroa AED Account: 02 0880 0052123 001

Feel free to pass the info on to anyone you know that might have an association with the Lake or Valley or feels very kindly towards our aim!!

We have also applied for funding.

If you would like a receipt please email me:

(mckwin@farmside.co.nz); ph (03 5239577); mobile (0211653073). Please give name under which donation was made and an email or postal address).

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Annual General Meeting of the Rotoiti Community Council will be held at Community Hall on Wednesday 25 October followed by committee meeting.

Calling for agenda items for both meetings.

Sally Selwood
021 356 364



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LAKE ROTOITI ANIMAL & AMP; CRAFT DAY 24th OCTOBER 2023 AT THE BASALAJ'S

8 Waireka Road - Everyone is welcome

3-4pm come and set up your creations in the shed for judging. Stuff done at school will be delivered by the school bus. (Cheers bus driver and teachers)

4-5pm animal judging outside whilst the other stuff gets judged in the shed

5-6pm games

5.30 pm start dinner

6.30 pm BBQ dinner

7.30 pm wearable art fashion show

Field Day Classes

Children will be put into groups according to their school year, 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)

- Poultry
- Lamb/Goat
- Calf/Horse
- Dog
- Rabbit
- Other small pet
- My pets got talent—show the judges how amazing your pet is
- Fancy dress pet

Children will be asked by the judges about their pet's health care, feeding, training etc.

Art/Craft Classes (years 1-8)

Craft decorate a sunhat – the theme is 'Out of Space'
Colouring to be done at home, given out at school
Art Installations with inspiration from around the Village – to be done at school
Create wearable art made from face masks. Will need to be modelled on the red carpet for judging – to be done at home. Mr Allen will give out the boxes of masks

Photography (to be done at home)

Group 1 10 metres from the front door

Group 2 celebrations

Group 3 bubbles

Group 4 breakfast in bed

Cooking

Group 1 cake pops

Group 2 cheese balls

Group 3 pavlova

Group 4 cheesecake

Group 5 trifle

Please remember items in the cooking classes will be consumed for dessert!

Please note: All entries must be the child's own work (not that of an adult) and all pets/livestock must belong to the child/family.

Also, please 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 Animal and Craft Day. If you wish for your child to be included and they aren't at Lake Rotoiti School, please call Janine on 027 2292 076 and she will make sure you have everything you need,

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

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 of \$30 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).

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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 9am Body Fit

Community Hall. Instructor-led fitness classes targeting the whole body. Each class incorporates both high intensity cardio and resistance training, with options for low impact variations to cater to all exercise levels/abilities. Koha donation to the hall. Lou 0210414913

Wednesday 10am Circuit Training and exercise group. Community Hall. Gold coin koha for the hall.

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 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

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