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### Coming up

**Tuesday 25 April – ANZAC Day**  
Service at Community Hall at 10.00am

**Wednesday 26 April – St Arnaud AF8 Roadshow** at 7pm at Community Hall – see notice in newsletter on last page

**Thursday 27 April – Meeting with Farmers** at 4.30pm – 7.30pm at Community Hall – see notice in newsletter on last page for details.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month – Friends of Rotoiti Village Trapping** at 10.00am – contact Pip 027 5211130

**Photos: Whiskey Falls. Junior trappers, I. Biertumpfel. Clematis forsteri**

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

## Lake Rotoiti School News

### School Pool

The pool is now closed. And will be shut down for the winter. If you have a fob, please return it to school.

### Wood splitting

There will be a team of parents and children splitting and moving the trees by Black Valley Stream on Sunday 23 April. This wood is for sale and will be ready for burning next season. The price per thrown cubic metre is still to be decided.

We would like to thank Robbie and Jan for ringing the felled trees for us.

Paul Dulieu already has a small list of interested people and they will be contacted as soon as the wood is split and ready for pickup.

### Last day of Term 1

School closes this term on Thursday 6 April (Easter), and we will be on camp all week.

### First day of Term 2

Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April.

Kia ora kotou,

It's been a very busy two weeks.... rather than a written report this time we decided to speak in pictures:

**The raid on Waitaria Bay School:**



**Fossil Hunting:**



**Fonterra visit:**



We have now finished our Social Studies work on 'how our identity as New Zealander is defined by our culture and the places in which we live'. Children have a better understanding of the different lives of New Zealanders and what makes us special.

**Ukuleles**

Children are learning the ukulele this year and with the purchase of ukuleles we had a storage problem that has been solved very elegantly by Chris Harrington.



At present we are completing artwork for Anzac Day next term, writing about our recent experiences and preparing for camp at Kaiteriteri next week.

**Sailing and Pool**

With the cooling weather we had our last sailing day on Thursday.

Nga mihi, Mike and Miriam.



The Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is open 8am – 4.30pm during April. Winter hours will change on Monday 1 May (open 9am, close 4.00pm).

A colorful poster for 'Monday Body Movers' group fitness. The background is white with large, stylized flowers in yellow, orange, and teal. The text is in bold, orange and black fonts. It lists the activity as 'Low Impact/Intensity Resistance Based Fun Feel Good Beats' and provides the time 'Monday 10a.m. || Gold Coin Donation || Community Hall' and contact information 'CONTACT LOU 0210414913'.

**Monday  
Body  
Movers**  
**GROUP FITNESS**

Low Impact/Intensity  
Resistance Based  
Fun Feel Good Beats

Monday 10a.m. || Gold Coin Donation ||  
Community Hall

**CONTACT LOU 0210414913**

A poster for 'PLAYGROUP ABC'. The background is yellow with a red border at the bottom. It features colorful blocks with the letters 'A', 'B', and 'C'. The text says 'Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings 10am - 12pm at the community hall, all preschoolers welcome.' and 'Many thanks to St Arnaud Rural Woman for your ongoing support'. It also includes contact information for Kirsten on 0220445829. There are illustrations of colorful blocks and a teddy bear.

**PLAYGROUP** ABC

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

Many thanks to St Arnaud  
Rural Woman for your  
ongoing support

For any inquiries please contact  
Kirsten on 0220445829



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**info@tuffnell.co.nz**

*We thank all our existing clients for  
their continued support"*



## 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

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St Arnaud – call Adrian

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#### Water Tank cleaning specialist

Call Kerry

Mobile: 027 7477902

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# BE GET STAY



## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**Monday Body Movers** group fitness. Low impact/intensity, resistance based. Community Hall 10am (gold coin donation) Lou 0210414913

**Fit It Wednesdays** group exercise. Bring water, mat. Community Hall, Wednesdays ☺ 6-7pm. Lou 0210414913

### Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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- 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).

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

GROUP  
FITNESS

# FIT IT WEDNESDAYS

*Handwritten signature*

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

Community Hall | 6-7 p.m. | Gold Coin Koha  
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- TUE 25TH APRIL 2023 -



10.30am at Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Guest Speaker from Woodbourne Air Force base



A pair of very young Weka chicks learning how to forage in our gardens along with a pair of adult birds.

Photo: Richard Thoms

**St Arnaud AF8 Roadshow** - Public talk by Alice Lake-Hammond (AF8), hear about what the potential impacts of a large Alpine Fault earthquake might look like in our region. All welcome. Hosted by the 6 South Island Emergency Management Groups and sponsored by Toka Tu Ake EQC.



Thursday 27 April 4.30pm – 7.30pm  
Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Invitation to the Farmers from Top of the South Support Trust and Rural Women NZ, with short presentation from TDC staff and an opportunity to talk one on one with them about what the changes (Land and Water Management) mean for you.

MPI On Farm Support will be joining us to introduce their staff and explain their role.

Refreshments will be provided.

More information phone 03 543 8400  
or [rural.info@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:rural.info@tasman.govt.nz)

## Marlborough Nelson Sheepdog Trial Championships

14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023

At Speargrass Farm State Highway 63 St Arnaud



**Come and see  
heading dogs  
run to the sky.**

**See sheep  
herded &  
penned.**

**Enjoy a good  
country lunch  
and some  
refreshments**

**Meet new  
People &  
Enjoy a great  
day out.**

# Are we FUTURE-PROOF?

***“Let’s talk about it.”***

Presentation and debate

Lake ROTOITI COMMUNITY HALL

- meeting room.

7-9 PM THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2023.

All welcome

Richard Osmaston will host a frank discussion about our shared future and has a proposal. A potential way to assure the sustainable, prosperous and equitable future of the Lake Rotoiti community, and beyond

Opening the conversation, Richard will briefly outline his organisation’s perspective and plans, which of course include moving beyond money and its catastrophic trajectory. How might we transition to a Resource Based Economy? We certainly have to do something, and it’ll have to be different...  
radically different

Open, respectful, lively and wide-ranging discussion. Nothing should be excluded until we have some solid, rational, tangible, realistic proposals, with integrity, fit to withstand the harshest scrutiny

Let’s talk about it. All welcome

For more details contact Richard 021 159 1590

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