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Lake Rotoiti Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

1 April 3pm

Deadline for next Newsletter

13 April 12-1.30pm

Mens' Lunch at the Community Hall

23 April 7.30pm

Verse and Worse at the Community Hall

27 April 7.30pm

Our future, with money, and without – at the Community Hall

Thursdays – 7pm

Sundays – 10am

Seido Karate at the Community Hall

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-11am

St Arnaud Circuit Breakers at the Community Hall

Easter: 26-28 March

National orienteering championships

16 April

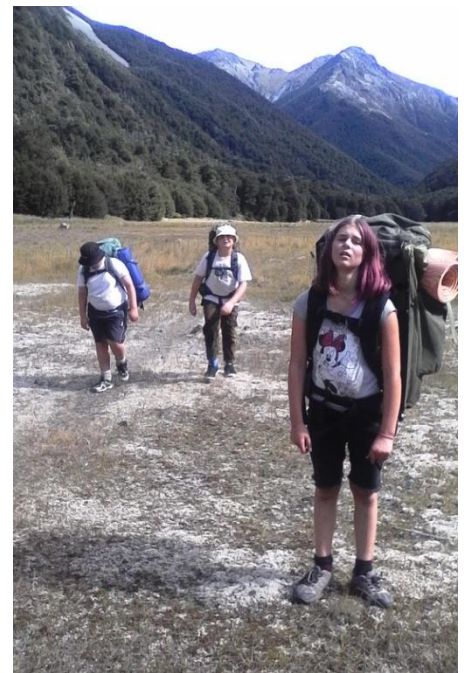
Alpine Lodge "Loop the Lake" race

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL NEWS

This had been a very busy fortnight in school!

This week our Year 7 and 8 learners have been on an overnight tramp to Lees Valley Hut in the Wairau Valley with Emma Panting and Anna King.

They worked well as a team; encouraging and helping one another when things got challenging (especially on the swing bridges and when the hut started to shake about during Monday night's earthquake!) Many thanks to Anna for leading this trip – it's so great to have an experienced guide and trapper to work with us on trips like these.



Teresa finds out that they are not even halfway!

Junior children have been getting interested in the pets and animals that we have in our homes – this week we have been visited by Charlotte Osmaston who talked about looking after Joey the pony and Jenny Long from DOC who came to talk all about her budgerigars; the Juniors have loved having them to stay in the classroom.

SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED

Today (Friday 18th) we have, finally, managed to hold our Athletics Event in conjunction with Wairau Valley School who came to us to compete against our children in long jump, high jump, shot put, javelin, accuracy throw and running. We are pleased to say that our children did very well gaining at least one medal in each year group – our new athletics equipment bought for us by Kea Kai has obviously had a huge impact on our skills and confidence. Our medal winners were: Euan Thorneycroft (Year 1); Mariska Basalaj and Jakin Allright (Year 2); Hannah Lambourne (Year 3); Emma-Jay Diefenbach (Year 4); Isobel Crawford and Fergus Crawford (Year 5); Keanu Joice and Ngaire Wiki (Year 6); Mahera Wiki and Lucien Panting (Year 7) and Ruby Campbell (Year 8). We were so pleased that all our children joined in and had a go at every event and so many of the adults from Wairau School commented on how lovely our school was and the great atmosphere of the event. Big thanks as always to all our parent helpers!

Finally, a reminder that next weekend is the Easter Weekend – please don't forget that as well as Good Friday and Easter Monday, the school will also be closed (in accordance with Ministry guidelines) on Easter Tuesday.

Giles, Nicky, Tracy, Emma and Stephanie

Ajax Chimney Cleaning Service

Phone 03 547 3971

Tom will be available again to clean chimneys in the St Arnaud area.

April 7th, 8th, 9th. If you wish to have your chimney cleaned, please list your name, address and contact numbers on the form in the notice board at the shop or call Tom.

Please Note: Owners of A-Frame houses are required to supply their own roof ladders.



SAVE THE DATE

13-4-2016

*The ladies of RWNZ St Arnaud Branch
would like to pamper the
MEN of the district.*

So please come along to a

FREE LUNCH and entertainment at the

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall,

12-1.30 pm, Wednesday 13 April 2016.

*Ash Peters from Dovedale will tell us about
his trip to the Rugby World Cup.*

*We have some great prizes from ASB to give
away. Then we will wash the dishes while
you have a chat.*

*Please let us know by 6th April
if you can come*

Phone Bobbie 5211044

or email bobbie.poll@xtra.co.nz

The return of the verse and worse

Now's the time to start getting well primed
With the poetry verses blank or well rhymed.
The next of our evenings of thoughts great
and shallow

Wrapped up in words of singular value
Is nearly upon us, and we welcome you all
To the Verse and Worse night at our own
Village Hall.

Saturday 23rd April, 7.30 pm

Write your own or bring your favourites.
Very similar format to last time, if you
weren't there or can't remember contact
Dave Smissen on 545 7338 or 021 041 7704



This newsletter was produced with the help of the
Rotoiti District Community Council, Department of Conservation and Mark & Tania Gill.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday April 1st at 3.00pm.

Please send all items for inclusion to Giles Panting

gilesp@lakerotoiti.school.nz

or leave it in the newsletter box at DOC.

RBE ROTOITI**Our future, with money, and without.**

Richard Osmaston will be giving a talk and leading a discussion in the Community Hall at 7.30pm, Wednesday 27th April.

The Resource Based Economy, without money, trade or barter is still a challenging proposal for many.

With even darling dairy now in some doubt, the prospects for a decent future within the outdated monetary system look even bleaker. Which seems bizarre in a world of abundant food, renewable energy, advanced science and technology.

Standing again this year as a Nelson Mayor and TDC Councillor candidate, Richard outlines the concept of a very near future, free from stress, poverty, exploitation and inequality.

More details from 021 159 1590
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SPANISH HEATH

Due to a couple of recent sightings, the DOC Nelson Lakes weed team are on the hunt for Spanish Heath (*Erica lusitanica*) around St Arnaud. This weed grows in open, scrubby areas and sightings on both public and private land are welcomed. The DOC Nelson Lakes weed team are happy to help deal to it on your property with either herbicides or hand tools depending on your personal preference.

Contact Gareth on 03 521 1806 or
grapley@doc.govt.nz



Spanish heath in flower

Antique and Classic Boatshow

The weather played it's part this year making the 2016 Antique and Classic Boat Show a great day out for everyone in the National Park. The Friends of Rotoiti, Fish and Game and DOC worked together to have a range of interesting stalls to catch the attention of boaties, enthusiasts and locals alike.

The Friends had an attractive display of photographs showing their activities and the species they are helping protect, as well the examples of the traps they use. A number of Friends 'manned' the tent over the weekend giving a good range of perspectives.



Friends of Rotoiti display - L-R: Wayne Sowman, Brenda Hatwell, Bernie Coggan

The didymo advocacy done by the Fish and Game team always draws a good response. The message is simple: Check your equipment; clean your fishing gear, kayaks, powerboats etc - with one of the effective cleaners; and dry the equipment before moving to a new catchment. Paul from F&G attracted a lot of attention making fishing flies.

DOC staff were very happy to welcome Awhi from Kiwis for Kiwi (www.kiwisforkiwi.org).



Awhi the Kiwi with Kate Simister, Ranger

In spite of the hot days and his very thick feathers, Awhi almost flew around the lake front pursued by the children and a few adults. Although he had a fun time in St Arnaud, Awhi's message was very clear: kiwi are taonga/treasures and they are endangered. Places like the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project give kiwi some space to be protected, and kiwi do need us all to help protect them from the pressure they face like predators, dogs, and human activity.

"What I know about kiwi"

Prizewinners for this competition from the Boatshow were Hayley Allright and Ella Edmonds. They have received a small pack of kiwi prizes.

Dogs in the National Park

"My dog is on a lead. I'm a local. It's ok for me to have my dog in the national park".

This is the response a member of the public had recently when approaching people walking a dog in the national park. It is also similar to the response DOC staff get when they talk to people with dogs in the park.

The answer is: No, it is not alright. Dogs are prohibited from the national park by the National Parks Act. There are no exceptions for friendly dogs, or well trained dogs or dogs on leads. (There are some exceptions for approved species and predators dogs). Dogs are not allowed on the Peninsula Nature Walk, Black Valley Stream (from the lakefront to behind the Alpine Lodge) or Gibbs Walk as well as any other tracks within the national park. Dogs are not allowed in boats on the lakes, nor are they allowed on the grassy areas at the lakefront at any time.

The National Parks Act specifies offenses and penalties for dogs in the national park.

If you aren't sure where you can walk your dog, call into the Visitor Centre and chat to one of the staff who will be more than happy to show you the places you can take your dog. Or call us on 03 521 1806.

Other notices

Do you want a Antique and Classic Boatshow poster? A few A4 and A5 posters are left so contac the DOC Visitor Centre (03 521 1806) to get one.

Beebys Hut

The hut on Beebys Knob has been re-painted inside and outside.

The 4WD road access to Beebys Knob will be open to the public until 30th April. Bookings are essential so contact the Visitor Centre staff for available dates.

Weather Station

The weather station behind Cummings Cottage links to the "Remote Access Weather Systems" (RAWS).

You can access the 7 day weather data under the following link:

<http://www.nzfire.harvest.com/w.cgi?hsn=11720&grp=NZ Fire Service>

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