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Lake Rotoiti Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

**St Arnaud Circuit Breakers
Every Monday, Wednesday,
Friday**

10-11am

Community Hall

**Social Mountain Bike Rides
Wednesday 5pm**

Teetotal flat

**Seido Karate
Thursdays – 7pm**

Sundays – 10am

Community Hall

**Lake Rotoiti Chapel
services**

Sunday 10.30am

**National orienteering
championships**

Easter: 26-28 March

**Alpine Lodge “Loop the
Lake” race**

16 April

School News



(Ruby blowing the conch shell outside the Marae before we left)

At the time of the last newsletter, we were heading back from our school camp to the Onetahua Marae in Golden Bay – and yes, we managed to pick the wettest week in months for our camp (probably the wettest week since our camp to Marahau in December!) The Marae gave us a warm welcome with a Powhiri when we arrived. This was a fantastic learning experience for children and adult helpers alike. Many thanks to Rachel Allright for calling on our behalf as our Kaikaranga to lead us onto the Marae. Big thanks also to Clayton Wiki who was our Manuhiri Kaikorero; speaking on our behalf during the powhiri.

Our second day of camp was, unfortunately, a complete washout – our Farewell Spit tour was cancelled due to the storm that hit on that day! It seemed as though every time there was a break in the bad weather and we set foot out of the Marae, the heavens opened again with renewed vigour! However, the following day was fantastic – Richard deHamel joined us to teach us about Pacific navigation and modern seafaring navigation and then we walked to Whaririki Beach where the children went wild in the amazing sand dunes before being entertained by some baby seals in the pools on the beach. We also managed to fit in trips to the Ngarua Caves on Takaka Hill and the King Salmon Hatchery at Pupu Springs.

Many thanks must go to our fantastic group of parent helpers – we really could not run a whole-school camp without you! And of course thank you to Kea Kai who fundraise throughout the year to pay for camp and other activities.

Last week, we had the excitement of a visit from the author Antony Penrose who wrote the children's book 'The Boy Who Bit Picasso' – Antony was that boy as his parents were great friends with the famous artist. We were very lucky to be the only school that Antony visited in between his Nelson talks and lectures and he said some very nice things about the school – check out the link to the Nelson Mail article which is on the '2016 Activities' page of the school website.

Coming up during the rest of this term, we have the Year 7/8 tramp, athletics (postponed from Term 4 last year!) with Wairau Valley School – please remember to check the school website for details.

Giles, Nicky, Emma, Tracy and Stephanie

Rangeview Gift Shop Expressions of Interest For Lease

The gift shop is available for lease and we are calling any interested parties who would like to lease the gift shop.

Please contact Wendy or Pat

Hm 5402647

Wendy 0272460963

Pat 0272460953

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Weekly Events

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10 am: "Circuit Breakers" training, @ Community Hall, everyone welcome no matter what your fitness. Phone Lois 0226010642 for more info.

Wednesday 5 pm: Social Mountain Bike Rides, meet Teetotal Flat (by shingle mounds), 5 pm, bring repair kit, warm clothes and fuel (food), more info Gareth 03 5211806

Thursday 7 pm: Beginners Seido-Karate, Community Hall, phone Graeme 5211022 for more info.

Sunday 10 am: Seido-Karate, Community Hall, phone Graeme 5211022 for more info.

Sunday 10.30 am: Lake Rotoiti Chapel, services are run by locals and are non denominational everyone is welcome.

Rotoiti Property Maintenance

- Gardening
- Light General Engineering
- Tree & Hedge Trimming
- Landscaping & Design
- General Property Maintenance
- Water Engineering and Irrigation
- Waterblasting paths, deckings etc.



Phone: Richard Thoms
03 5211 083 or 021 288 6664

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**National orienteering championships**

to be held in St Arnaud at Easter: 26-28 March.

The first day is located around Kerr Bay and Black Hill. Day two is located from the school and up into Big Bush Forest and Teetotal and the township. Day three is at Teetotal. Residents may see orienteers on the roads and through bush near houses on the first two days. We are expecting approximately 400 people over the course of the weekend.

Kind regards
Jill
President
Nelson Orienteering Club
Ph 021782002

**IT's NOT OK - Safe Relationship Seminar - Nelson**

The purpose of the seminar is to increase awareness and education to stop domestic violence in rural communities. Lesley Elliott MNZM will be the guest speaker and the event will include discussion about what makes a safe relationship. Lesley established the Sophie Elliott Foundation after the tragic death of her daughter, Sophie by her former boyfriend. Lesley says, "I applaud this initiative by Rural Women New Zealand and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to talk to rural groups. Domestic violence isn't a problem just in towns and cities, every community and socio-economic group throughout the country is affected. The Lotteries Community Fund is supporting the seminars with a commitment by Rural Women New Zealand members to safe relations and safe communities.

Lesley Elliott will be speaking, along with others, about relationships and the warning signs of an unhealthy, unsafe relationship, and where to go for help.

Date: Tuesday 22nd March, 2016 Time:
7pm – 9.30pm - Gold Coin Entry – supper to follow.

Venue: Waimea College, Salsbury Road,
Richmond - 16 years and over – younger people accompanied by parent.

Sponsored by the Sophie Elliott Foundation and the Lottery Grants Board.

2 to 9 April : Godzone Adventure Race, will be competing through top end of South Island including Nelson Lakes Nation Park, more info: www.godzoneadventure.com

16 April: Alpine Lodge "Loop the Lake" race, for more info, www.nelsonevents.co.nz

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Department of Conservation *Te Papa Atawhai*

Sad kiwi news

DOC staff were very sad to discover the recent deaths of two kiwi in the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project.

These two birds were welcomed by Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō rangitane (young people) visiting the Lake Rotoiti as part of their leadership programme in early December. Both birds had grown to their release weight in the kiwi crèche on the West Coast.

One bird fell into a 1.5 m deep hole and couldn't escape. The other bird was predated by what may have been a feral cat or ferret. "A ferret attack is less likely", said kiwi ranger, Pat van Diepen, "as the kiwi was found half way down the length of Lake Rotoiti".

A veterinary pathologist at Massey University performed an autopsy on the 1820 g bird and he detected head and neck trauma.

Education

The Community Team were busy with children from Richmond and Henley schools. Community Ranger Tracey Grose gave 20 one-hour talks to school groups over the last two weeks. She said it was full-on although the children were delightful and they ask really interesting questions. They had a good grasp of conservation issues.

REQUEST FOR QUOTE - CLEANING CONTRACT - DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION - ROTOITI NELSON LAKES OFFICE

We are seeking a quote for providing cleaning services at the Rotoiti Nelson Lakes Office and adjacent facilities of the Department of Conservation. The office and facilities are located at View Road, St Arnaud.

The contract offered as a result of this process will commence on 1 April 2016 and will be offered for a period of one year, i.e. terminating on 31 March 2017. A further process to request for quote may be instigated at that time.

Quote in writing addressed to Elise Thomas, with the envelope clearly marked '**request to quote**'. This is to be received at the Department of Conservation office, 186 Bridge Street, Nelson, by 12:00hrs on Friday 4 March 2016. Requests for quote for this contract will not be accepted beyond this time.

For a cleaning schedule on which to base your quote please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, View Road, St Arnaud, 03 521 1806. For further information contact Elise Thomas 03 546 9335. Elise can also arrange for you or your representative to access the site for inspection.

Stewart Genery
Administration Manager
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This newsletter was produced with the help of the Rotoiti District Community Council, Department of Conservation and Mark and Tania Gill.
The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday 18th March at 3.00pm.

Please send all items for inclusion to Giles Panting

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or leave it in the newsletter box at DOC.

