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Lake Rotoiti School News

Kia ora kotou,

We welcome Abbi and Ilana Jerram to the school this term, and we farewelled Abel Buchan at the end of last term. We currently have 19 children on the roll.

There is a lot of excitement for the ski season, and like everyone else we are waiting eagerly for some snow. Penny Dollimore came in last week to teach the children some sewing skills. As a result, every child has a double-sided buff. So, in addition to our helmet mohawks, every child will be seen on the ski field with a green buff.



There are several activities planned for this term just in case the skiing doesn't happen but let's hope we're on the mountain soon.

Coming up

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

Thursday 27th July

Annual Quiz Night at Alpine Lodge – tickets are limited – contact school to book your team

dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz

2nd Wednesday of them month

Friends of Rotoiti

Village trapping at 10.00am
contact Pip 027 5211130

26th Aug (Sat) – 10am-4pm

Rural Readiness Expo.

Wairau Valley Hall Complex
Morse St, Wairau Valley

Photos:

St Arnaud Range from Black Valley Stream: Llana Jerram
St Arnaud Range: H Bruce – Golden Sparegrass (*L. Aciphylla Aurea*).

St Arnaud Range: H Bruce – White Gentian (*L. Gentianella Stevenii*)

Note: regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box within the Newsletter.

We have Waitaria Bay school visiting us in the middle of the term, and we are going to show them what happens at a small high-country school. In term one we visited them, and were shown around the activities a small coastal school gets up to. Their roll is currently 7 students, so we could get up to some great activities.

The foundation for the pool changing sheds has been marked out and hopefully construction will begin soon.

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 still looking for people who are able to join us. 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.

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.



**GRANTS
OPEN**

The Peter Malone Community Grants Scheme is now open for applications

Applications are now open for grant applications from individuals or organisations whose members are predominantly electricity consumers in the Network Tasman district.

Online applications can be completed at www.networktasmantrustgrants.org.nz or you can

download and complete a hardcopy application form and post to P.O. Box 3164, Richmond 7050. Details of eligibility criteria are available online.

Applications must be received by **FRIDAY 25 AUGUST 2023, 5.00 PM.**



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MILITARY EXERCISE
Exercise Alpha Pestilence
02 – 11 August 2023

The general public is to be advised that a New Zealand Army Exercise will be conducted in the **St Arnaud (02 – 05 Aug 23) and Rainbow Valley (06 – 11 Aug 23)** areas over the period **02 – 11 August 2023**.

The exercise will involve up to **55** personnel of **2nd 1st Battalion, Alpha Company** from Burnham Military Camp.

Training will involve soldiers **carrying weapons conducting Stability and Security Operations involving key leadership engagement, local security patrols and key point protection in St Arnaud area. The company will then move to Rainbow Valley to conduct platoon tactical operations involving blank firing and pyrotechnics.**

Blank rounds and pyrotechnics will be used outside of St Arnaud Township. The exercise will also involve the movement of troops and vehicles by day and night.

The New Zealand Army takes fire risk seriously and will ensure fire mitigation is present.

For more information please contact:

Alpha Company on 1Bde2_1RNZIRACOE@nzdf.mil.nz or **2/1 Operations**
Cell on **021 674 341**.



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Rural Readiness Expo

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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 by the Ministry for Primary Industries

WANT TO BE INVOLVED?
Contact Angela Woolf 027 303 8380
wwruralhubcoordinator@gmail.com

In an emergency and in everyday life-
Who will you call for help?



GROUP
FITNESS

FIT IT WEDNESDAYS

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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
CONTACT LOU TO JOIN 0210414913



MID-WINTER DONATION DRIVE



Please donate to the Nelson Food Bank so we can continue helping those in need in our community.



We are in need of non-perishable pantry supplies that we can collect from your location.

Donation drive to run throughout July 2023



Donation

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 shuttlecocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

Seido-Karate
Community Hall
Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 5pm – General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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



Te Whakarauora whio – Friends of Rotoiti Project. June 2023 Volunteer Week

Firstly, thank you to all the many volunteers who have made yourselves available since Friends of Rotoiti took on the Te Whakarauora whio – FOR project back in June 2021.

This project has been funded through the Rata Foundation with the primary focus on pest eradication to the Travers and Sabine valleys to allow the reintroduction of the whio or blue duck proposed for summer 2024.

This has involved purchasing materials and building five hundred double DOC 200 predator traps which after two years has been completed at the local DOC workshop by our volunteers and deployed at approximately one hundred metre spacings up both valleys for a total of fifty odd kilometres.

Volunteer hours to just build the traps totalled fifteen hundred and to date building, deploying and checking traps monthly are in excess of four thousand hours.

Monthly June checks have been completed with 124 Rats, 2 Stoats and 1 weasel.

Deployment was completed and operational in February 23. We have been using terracotta with a meat base lure which has been very successful.

Total catch numbers Feb – June 568 Rats, 21 Stoats, 3 cats, 2 weasels and 46 mice.

All in all what Friends of Rotoiti volunteers are contributing is making a big difference in the Nelson Lakes National Park.

Thank you to everyone involved and remember we are always looking for volunteers.



Top of the South Ski Services will be in St Arnaud this winter.

Next to the boat museum on Saturday afternoons 4-6pm.

For all your waxing, edge sharpening and petex repairs.

St Arnaud locals' half price for the month of July.

Enquires please phone 0272014660