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## Coming up

20<sup>th</sup> June 10am  
**Village Trapping Group** -  
Pip Berkett 521 1130 or  
Julie Robilliard 5211874

24<sup>th</sup> June, 3pm  
**Worship & Encounter**,  
Community Hall

4<sup>th</sup> July **Lake Rotoiti  
School Social Information  
Evening**. 5211830

7<sup>th</sup> July 6pm  
**Bring Back the Pie**  
Pie competition  
Community Hall. Marg  
Anderson

14<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm  
**Rotoiti Retro Ball** -  
Fundraising for Rotoiti  
First Response Equipment

Sundays 10.30 am  
**Lake Rotoiti Chapel**  
services are run by locals  
and non-denominational.  
Everyone welcome.

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

## School News

Being new to this area, I feel the weather is easing us newbies into a false sense of security. Liz, Anna and myself are constantly amazed at how beautiful the views are, as we drive from Nelson to The Lake. Recently I had a conversation with a person from Wellington, who, being curious, looked up the school website. She couldn't believe how idyllic this place is.

Being new to this area I am keen to hear from families with preschoolers. I would like to meet and greet you. If this is you, please email me so I can organise a pre-school get together. [Sue.Ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:Sue.Ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz)

So...what have we been up to over the past fortnight and a bit?  
On Monday and Tuesday we had Richmond School 'juniors' drop in to visit us. They had just completed a visit to the DOC centre, and came to share lunch time with our tamariki. Our tamariki were quite amazed as our playground stood the test of 60 Year 1 and 2 students exploring it!

### Cross Country

We recently sent a group of runners to Rabbit Island to test their speed and skills against the Motueka Cluster Schools. The general consensus was that it was a really challenging course and fantastic fun. Well done to all who participates in this grueling challenge. Congratulations to both Jacob and Rebecca who will be representing the school in the next stage of races again at Rabbit Island toward the end of the month.

Photo credits: Matariki Te  
Papa Tongarewa NZ  
Falcon Andrea Koorey

### **Museum and Aquatic Centre**

As a school we also recently visited the Nelson Museum. The visit supported our inquiry learning for this term "Tangata Whenua - people of the land". Lara from the Museum wove her magic and fully engaged our learners on the legend of Rakaihautu. She shared an amazing wealth of knowledge, capturing all present - including the visitors who tagged on. The taniwha held special interest for our ākonga (learners). The day finished with a relaxing swim at the Richmond Aquatic Centre.



### **Matariki**

Matariki was celebrated on Thursday with an overnight at the Outdoor Education Centre, sharing kai with whanau. Mike Ford also dropped in to share his years of navigating experience, talking us through the many constellations the clear night skies shared with us.

A big shout out and thanks to Russell for hosting us. The kids loved it and want to go back as soon as possible!



### **Brass in Schools**

We welcome Jeff Mulraney to our school. He is sharing his musical talents with us on Fridays, teaching the ākonga in small groups. Jeff lives in Blenheim and is a member of the Marlborough District Brass Band.

### **Professional Learning**

We recently attended an inspiring workshop led by Kath Murdoch. Her website is well worth visiting. The focus of the workshop was to provoke curiosity and develop questioning/researching skills. The techniques Kath used during the workshop were ones we frequently use in the class and it was insightful being on the receiving end of these learning approaches.

### **Up and coming events**

Kathy from NZSL: We are very fortunate to have Kathy visit us from New Zealand Sign language on Wednesday's throughout this term.

Hockey Skills: Thursday 21st and 28th June 11am. Both Piwakawaka and Tuis.

Student led interviews: Tamariki will be sharing their learning journeys with whanau on Wednesday 27th June. 3.30 -5.00

Social Information Evening: Wednesday 4th July. Anyone welcome. Come join us and find out how we learn at Lake Rotoiti School.

### **Teacher Assistant**

Lake Rotoiti School would like to invite expressions of interest for the above position. We require a person who is keen to work with children for 3 hours, weekly on a Wednesday. Training will be provided for the successful applicant. Hours 10.25-1.25. For a job description please contact Sue on Sue.Ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz or phone on 5211830.

### **Piano Teacher**

We are keen to hear from any piano teachers who may be interested in teaching a few students. If you have previous experience in teaching piano or feel you could support children with the basics, please contact Lake Rotoiti School on 521 1830. Thanks.

## Rat traps for winter

The "Friends of Rotoiti" have rat traps in wooden enclosures for local residents to use during the winter months. These traps are designed to be used outside and are weka proof. They have recently been upgraded and maintained by Wayne Sowman and are free to local residents.

If you would like rat traps please contact any of the "Friends of Rotoiti",  
[www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz](http://www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz)

Chris Richards for - Friends of Rotoiti.



## BLACK VALLEY SWAMP AND NEW CULVERTS

We are all very familiar with the roadworks happening east of the village. We got involved in making sure the two culvert-widening operations did not impact on the Black Valley wetland. This is the big wetland to the north of SH63 as we leave the village heading east – it is part of Big Bush Conservation Area. The main effect of the culvert work for the wetland was the lowering of the St Arnaud stream bed by 1.5m. Over the years gravels had built up inside the culvert as the stream is a very gravelly one, and naturally accumulates a gravel fan.

The gravel fan extends quite a long way into the wetland and is not wet. So having the channel dug in deeper has not affected the wetland but the channel-straightening could lead to faster, more direct flow of floodwater in to the main Black Valley stream. Before the diggers finished up at the culverts we asked for a high-water deviation channel to be formed through a low point in the gravel fan to help take some of the water at high flows into the wetland rather than straight into the stream. The wet areas of the wetland are a good opportunity to soak up some floodwater and hopefully help temper flood events. This takes us closer to the braided-gravels-channel that we had before the culvert work. We will watch the next storm event with interest, and fingers crossed as always.

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## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

### Badminton

Mondays 7pm

Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall and shuttle cocks.

Ed 5211106

### "Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 0272804078,

### Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 521 1022. Gold coin donation



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New Zealand  
**DEFENCE  
FORCE**  
Te Ope Kātua O Aotearoa



The New Zealand Defence Force intends to conduct mountain flying training within the Raglan and Rainbow Conservation area, Tapuae-O-Uenuku Scenic Reserve, Inland Kaikoura Ranges and Mt Richmond Forest Park between Sunday 24 June and Saturday 7 July 2018.

Activities will include night flying, low level flying and the use of smoke for marking landing sites. This training is essential to maintain the Search and Rescue capability of our defence force in the service of the people of New Zealand."

## **An Enormous Thank You!!**

**As we approach Matariki and the beginning of a new year it is time again to say a huge thank you.**

**Thank you to all of those who have worked in the cold and rain, in the heat and dust, on the open tussock, the grass lands and the deep bush, day in day out removing pests from our Park and its surroundings.**

**So, a big thank you to DOC, and all those volunteers, the Friends of Rotoiti and its supporters, and so many others who work on their own properties.**

**Whether it's the removal of rats and mice, stoats, ferrets and weasels, possums and feral cats, wild pigs and wasps, thank you, thank you, thank you from all the birds, lizards, insects, flora and everything else that is predated upon.**

**But mostly it's a heartfelt and increasingly loud tweet, tweet, tweet.**

**Chris Richards -Friends of Rotoiti.**



**Department of Conservation**  
*Te Papa Atawhai*

**CASUAL STAFF WANTED**  
**ROTOITI/NELSON LAKES VISITOR CENTRE**

Based on last summer's visitor numbers and Tourism New Zealand's passenger arrival data, we are gearing up for yet another busy summer season. We are planning to engage extra help to deal with the increased visitor pressure at Nelson Lakes.

We are looking for someone available on a casual basis to be trained up during the winter months and fill in as and when needed. During the summer the days of work will increase depending on customer numbers and the availability of the candidate.

We are looking for people with a positive attitude who like dealing with people in a busy and fast paced environment. The work involves general customer service, visitor information, issuing permits, booking campgrounds and huts, retail sales and basic office administration.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, have a good general knowledge of the local walking tracks and the area, this might be just the job for you!

If you would like to be involved in our work, please contact the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre before Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

Phone: 03 521 1806, E-mail: [gbczoma@doc.govt.nz](mailto:gbczoma@doc.govt.nz)

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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 - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. 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)



*Dovedale School Presents...*

# LIFESTYLE BLOCKER'S SKILLS DAY

**Saturday 18th August 2018**

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Pruning & Grafting, Beekeeping,  
Animal Health, Calf Rearing  
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Includes morning tea,  
lunch & afternoon tea



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# Rotoiti RETRO Ball



*Lake Rotoiti Hall, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm - Midnight*

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