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Lake Rotoiti Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

Seido Karate

Every Tues and Thurs 7pm
Community Hall – Graeme 021
08534088

Badminton

Mondays – Community Hall
Phone Ed - 5211106 - \$3

St Arnaud Circuit Breakers

10-11am Mon, Wed, Fri –
Community Hall

Social Mah Jong

Wednesdays 2pm - 12 Glacial Tce
Phone Barbara 545 7338

Lake Rotoiti Chapel Services

10:30am Sundays

End of Term 2

Friday 8th July, 1.30pm

Deadline for next newsletter

Friday 1st July 2016

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL NEWS

Last week we had a visit in school from West Coast National MP Maureen Pugh. She spent more than an hour looking around the school, talking with some children and then discussing education matters and our concerns in the staffroom. It was good to have the chance to discuss our concerns (and, of course, to share our successes) with a Member of Parliament; always in the hope that if we say it often enough to the right people then changes might be made!

On Monday we were also able to celebrate Mahera and Ngaire's anniversary of joining our school in 2015 – the girls (and Karen!) had been busy making and then delivering freshly baked, warm takakau (fried bread). There was enough for everyone to have multiple helpings and many of us enjoyed the takakau with butter and golden syrup! Thank you Ngaire and Mahera (and Clayton and Karen)!



Mahera serves takakau to the school

This week, on Thursday, our Year 5/6 Book Quiz Team will be journeying to Richmond Library to take part in the 2016 Schools Book Quiz. This year is the first year that all schools in the Richmond Library catchment area are taking part, so our team have their work cut out! However, our team (Keanu, Isobel, Ngaire and Fergus) have been working hard during class reading times and at home to read the texts for this year – four books by Roald Dahl and two books that are recent publications by New Zealand authors. We wish them all the best of luck!!

Finally, welcome to Fran Andrews who joins our teaching team working three hours a week with small groups of children. Fran has already been doing some relief teaching in the Junior Class and it's great to have her experience and enthusiasm on a more regular basis!

Giles, Nicky, Emma, Tracy, Stephanie and Fran

COMMUNITY NEWS

IN HOME CHILDCARE REQUIRED

We are looking for a lovely natured, fun and energetic person to look after our 2 lively girls on a Wednesday each week for 5-6 hrs preferably at our house (Kehu Lane).

- The girls are aged 4 1/2 yrs and 10mths.
- To start ASAP.
- Use of my car to take the girls to lake and local adventures.
- The odd other day may pop up depending on my work commitments.
- If you have a young child they are naturally welcome

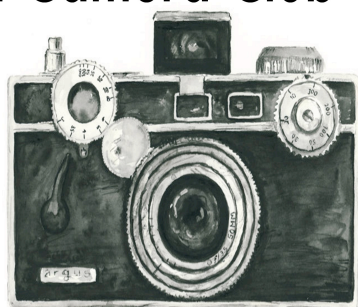
If you are interested please pop me a call or drop me an email so we can meet up and discuss role, \$\$ and other stuff further.

Cheers

Lesley 021326591

St Arnaud Camera Club

Are you interested in being part of a local camera club meeting monthly to share images and ideas? If so, please get in touch with Nicky on 521 1151 or at pncrawford@xtra.co.nz



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- *May improve skin and muscle tone*
- *Encourages the elimination of waste from the body*
- *May promote cell and tissue regeneration*



Kea Conservation Trust Winter Advocacy Roadshow 2016

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend this winter's KCT advocacy event, "A Kea Revolution – transforming perceptions to save the world's only mountain parrot". We'll learn about how local communities and supporters around the world are banding together to halt keas' slippery slide into oblivion, and brainstorm ways each of us can get involved in this new kea revolution.

Thursday 30 June, 7:00pm at the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

Saturday 2 July, 2:00pm, Murchison Sports, Recreation and Cultural Centre

ST ARNAUD ALPINE STORE WINTER OPENING HOURS

SHOP

MON - WED 8AM TO 5.30PM

FRI – SAT 8AM TO 7.30PM

SUN – 8.30AM TO 5.30PM

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DOC NEWS

BFOB update for St Arnaud newsletter June 2016

While DOC's nationwide Battle for Our Birds continues, there will not be an aerial 1080 operation in the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes area this year.

This decision was made based on beech seed and predator abundance monitoring data DOC has collected from several valleys within Nelson Lakes National Park. The results indicate that this area is not experiencing a severe beech mast event in 2016 (possibly due to frosts and strong winds preventing the flowers seen in spring from producing seeds), and that rodent numbers are currently low. Therefore a beech seed-induced rat plague followed by a stoat plague, as experienced in 2014, is unlikely to occur here this year.

Within the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project (RNRP) area on the eastern side of the lake, where year-round stoat trapping occurs, rat abundance is higher due to there being fewer stoats present to prey on them. Therefore a localised ground-based rat control operation is planned to be carried out in the RNRP, as has been done many times in the past. Further information about this will be given to the community once the details have been finalised.

Before the current suite of non-native predators was introduced to New Zealand, beech masts would have been wonderful for seed-eating native birds, by providing abundant food for adults and their chicks. Unfortunately these days the beech masts also give the predator populations a boost, and the resulting increase in predation makes mast events a major threat to bird populations unless large-scale predator control takes place. For example, following the beech mast of 2000-2001, the last population north of Canterbury of the threatened mohua/yellowhead went locally extinct in the Marlborough Sounds.

DOC's Battle for Our Birds programme aims to protect our native wildlife from predators, and makes use of the range of tools that are available to do so, including ground-based options as well as aerial 1080. However, aerial 1080 is currently the only effective option for controlling predators over large areas of remote back-country on the mainland. Aerial 1080 operations will take place in other areas which are experiencing predator plagues this year, for instance parts of Kahurangi and Fiordland National Parks.

For more information on the Battle for Our Birds and the threatened species that DOC is protecting, please visit the website: www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/battle-for-our-birds.

Wildlife and plant sightings

The Biodiversity Team are always happy to get wildlife and plant sightings.

A sighting might seem unimportant to you, however the sightings considered together give us a much better picture of what is happening. When we get questions such as "where have all the kea gone?" or "what happened to the banded robin that used to hang out at Coldwater hut?" then we have a clearer idea. The information also helps inform decision-making on changes to pest management, and helps us become aware of new problems before they become bigger problems.

The things the staff would like to know are:

- What species was seen
- Where it was seen (the more exact, the better)
- When it was seen (date and time)
- Who saw it and their contact details (name, phone and email are very handy if we need to contact you for some more information)
- Any further details such as leg bands, sex of animals, activity, age of animals, size of weed infestation etc

Contact the Visitor Centre

on nelsonlakesvc@doc.govt.nz or 03 521 1806.

Visitor Centre hours

The Visitor Centre is working on winter hours.

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Sat/Sun 9:00 am to 4:00pm



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 July 1st at 5.00pm.

Please send all items for inclusion to Sandra Wotherspoon wspoon@value.net.nz or leave it in the newsletter box at DOC.