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Lake Rotoiti

Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

28 November 3pm

Deadline for next Newsletter

3 December 9.30am

Friends of Rotoiti

DoC Meeting Room

16 December 1.30pm

End of School Term 4

Seido Karate

Every Tues and Thurs 7pm

Community Hall – Graeme 021 08534088

Badminton

Mondays – Community Hall

Phone Ed - 5211106 - \$3

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10-11am Mon, Wed, Fri –

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Wednesdays 2pm - 12 Glacial

Tce Phone Barbara 545 7338

Lake Rotoiti Chapel

Services 10:30am Sundays

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL NEWS

Since the last newsletter it seems as though we've been on overdrive at school with a whole host of activities! Despite the recent earthquake, our Year 7 and 8 students were still able to have their city camp in Wellington last week. They had a really packed itinerary; visiting Parliament; Te Papa; the Civic Gallery and the War Museum – still having time to visit Hang Dog rock climbing, Go-karting and a trip to the Embassy Theatre to watch a film! We were all extremely reassured that all our planned destinations had been thoroughly checked out before our trip for safety!

Our annual Book Character Day took place last Thursday and it was great to see that everyone dressed up (including all staff members – there is evidence on our school website!) Many thanks to Ingrid who came in to school to judge the children's costumes; we really appreciate that Ingrid always takes the time to talk to the children about their costumes and the characters and this always informs her decisions as much as the costumes themselves. We completed the day with our annual Book Quiz – great fun and a hotly contested event! Three teams were virtually neck and neck until the nailbiting last round when the 'Griffyndor Ghost Hunters' won by a mere 3 points!

Many of you will by now have seen the Book Exchange at the Village Store, the decoration of which was designed and painted by the children in the Senior Class – check out Jan Thomson's great photos later in the newsletter. We all hope that locals and visitors alike get to use and enjoy the exchange.

Following the postponement of Field Day due to bad weather reports, Field Day will be held on Tuesday 13th December at the school. Although a school day, everyone is welcome and we will aim to start animal judging at 10am with a shared lunch as usual and a prompt 3pm finish!

Prizegiving will be on Thursday 15th December at 5.00pm in the Community Hall and school will end on Friday 16th at 1.30pm (children may be collected from 12.30pm when lunch begins) – the bus will run at 1.30pm.

School will start for next year on Thursday 2nd February; this is a slight change from the originally published date as the Board have given permission for staff to attend a Teacher-Only Day in Nelson with other members of the Nelson Community of Learning on Wednesday 1st.

Giles, Nicky, Tracy, Emma, Fran and Stephanie

COMMUNITY NEWS

Destination Nelson Lakes

We're delighted to announce the opening of the "Rotoiti Book Exchange", sited beside the Alpine Store carpark. This has been a project which DNL has been working on for some months.

Everyone is welcome to use the book exchange - if you don't have a book to leave we invite you to leave a donation/koha with the store staff for the emergency chopper fund.

This is a community facility and we encourage you to check when you're calling in that it's tidy. Please only leave books if there is space on the shelves- we don't want to have piles of extra books on the floor!

A big thankyou to:

- TDC for the grant towards materials
- Resene Paints for supplying the paint
- Robbie Thomson for the design, construction and supply of extra materials
- Alan and Elaine Richards for agreeing to let us use the site
- Emma Panting and the school pupils for the beautiful mural and signwriting

Jan, Tracy, Graeme, Katy and Hamish
Destination Nelson Lakes



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Friends of Rotoiti

Meeting 9.30 am Saturday 3 December in DOC Meeting Room. Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. The meeting includes an update from Nik Joice, DOC Biodiversity Team. All welcome

St Arnaud Village 'SH 1' Meeting

At 10am Friday 18th November a meeting was held at the Community Hall to discuss and express concerns over the re-routing of SH 1 through SH63 due to the recent earthquakes

Present were Mayor Richard Kempthorne, Ward Councillor Stuart Bryant, NZTA Regional Performance Manager Mark Owen and Nelson Police Senior Sergeant John Price.

As St Arnaud will now be the main route for vehicles travelling from Picton to Christchurch there were several concerns to discuss.

Concern 1: Lake Rotoiti School.

Giles Panting's main concern were the village children biking/walking to school and the number of times that the children crossed the road to the Community Hall during a normal school day. Speed was the main concern here and also that children were not used to the higher volume of traffic we are now experiencing.

Suggestions to lower the speed limit to 50km through the village and also lowering the speed in the school zone to 40km during school hours were made.

Giles also mentioned that the school would be speaking with the children about the changes and going over road safety with them. Mark Owen (NZTA) mentioned that he may be able to offer some resources for this.

The police will be putting two police officers into Murchison on a semi-permanent basis as specific roading police. They will also be upping their numbers on the road-beats that they do around the Murchison, Lakes, Nelson, Springs Junction areas. This will be at particular times when traffic volumes are at their highest. (ie. Ferry sailing times)

The noise of engine-breaking was also discussed. Statistics on highest traffic volume times are to be provided by the NZTA.

Pedestrian refuge in the centre of the road was considered but as the road is so narrow the idea was discounted. This has been put in in the past and didn't work.

Concern 2: Truck-stop.

The need for a place where trucks can stop and rest was discussed and both the space outside the Community Hall and the gravel patch outside the Ice-skating pond were discussed. Information of these areas will be passed on to the trucking companies.

This brought up the need for better toileting facilities and rubbish collection. Alan and Elaine Richards at the store have been inundated with rubbish. Council is going to look into both of these issues and provide a solution. The need for more signage to indicate these areas will also be resolved.

Concern 3: Speed Limits.

Speed came across as the main issue throughout the meeting. Some of the topics discussed were:

*Lowering of speed limits through the village to 50km and a 40km zone past the school during school hours.

*Speed sign locations and reviewing where the speed changes are.

*An additional electronic speed read-out sign to be placed at the western end of town.

Other Concerns.

*The need for a 'no-stopping' sign outside the store front on the road be put in as the large trucks stopping here is making it dangerous for vehicles entering and exiting the shop's forecourt.

*Cell phone coverage black-out areas. Richard Kempthorne will look into this.

The NZTA will assess and discuss all these issues and concerns at their meeting early this week.

A big thanks to Richard Kempthorne, Stuart Bryant, Mark Owen and John Price for organising this meeting at such short notice. It is hugely appreciated by all in our community.

If you have any new or further issues that arise you can contact:


Ward Councillor Stuart Bryant:
stuart.bryant@tasman.govt.nz

Mayor Richard Kempthorne: You can email Richard directly at mayor@tasman.govt.nz

However, Richard did mention that due to the number of emails he receives the inquiry can also go through his assistant Hannah Simpson and may be dealt with quicker.

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Sports Night

Wednesday 7.30 pm

First night 30 November, Community Hall. \$2/adult, \$1/child hall donation. Likely basketball, volleyball, ultimate frisbee - but open to suggestions.

For more information, or if you can't attend the first session but are interested, please contact Karl, email robilliard@farmside.co.nz



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The deadline for the next newsletter is Friday December 9th at 5.00pm.

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