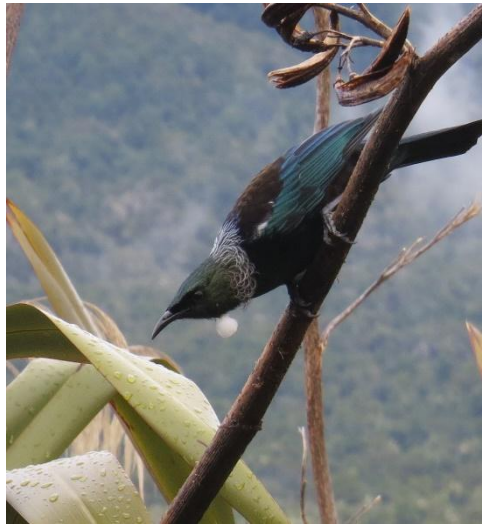


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## Lake Rotoiti School News

We've had a busy couple of weeks here at school.

The seniors have been going on plenty of walks around the village and down to the lake in preparation for their three days hike in a few weeks and we have been busy preparing for our end of year prize giving evening.

Last week we had two exciting visitors to Lake Rotoiti School. Fergus from Sport Tasman played some fun new games with the kids and stayed for a meeting with Mike and Miriam after, sharing strategies and support materials. Then we had Thorsten visit us to teach our students play Korfbal. An exciting game, with plenty of ties to history and tikanga, and it is easily adjustable to suit all ability levels. The kids had great fun and Thorsten was a big hit with his engaging personality and big Bluetooth speaker.

The juniors went for an exciting day to the Outdoor Education Centre. Anita and Shep made the children fly, safely got them off a massive rock called Horace, and get them well and truly drenched. So much fun and the weather was perfect! Thank you guys for having us!



## Coming up

**Book Sale, 2 January 2024** at the Community Hall – donations contact Marg 0274 172690

**Saturday 18 November 1.30pm – 5pm Christmas at the Lake** Community Hall (gold coin entry)

**Marahau Community Weekend 8 – 10 December** contact Sue or Al 03 5211110

**Thursdays 10am - 12pm Playgroup.** Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

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**Note:** regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box later in the newsletter

## Lake Rotoiti Community News

Lake Rotoiti School News cont...

On Tuesday was our annual Book Character Day. Page and Blackmore set up a little pop-up book shop at the Alpine Lodge. There was a large selection of new books to browse, which was a great opportunity to buy Christmas presents.

The children were dressed up in and talked about their favourite book characters. Joanna Orwin, an award winning NZ author, had the difficult task of judging and finding a winner among the juniors and seniors. Congratulations to Jessie Dulieu and Isaac Libeau-Harmon.

Thank you to the Alpine Lodge, Page and Blackmore, Joanna Orwin, and of course all the parents helping their children look fantastic!



We had some exciting developments happening at school. Essie Erasmus painted a vibrant mural onto the back wall of the library, with some help from Linda Erasmus. It is such a cool piece of art, reflecting our environment in a fun and child friendly way.

Thank you so much Essie, we love it!

**Pool Update:** We are hoping to start swimming lessons in week seven. Unfortunately, we are unable to open the pool until the changing shed is finished and the fence is secured.

We are also still urgently looking for people who can help with pool maintenance (checking water quality three times daily) over the school holidays and on weekends during summer.

Without volunteers for this, we won't be able to open the pool to the public. Please get in touch with Ina Biertuempfel if you can help.

We would also like to thank Chris Harrington for fixing the boat trailer. Our weekly sailing evening

will start once the lake and weather warm up a bit more

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Please contact Mike or Dominique if you are interested

[mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz) or [dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz)



It's Rowan Time!!

Spring has sprung and so have the Rowans, putting on their bright green leaves and just starting to sprout beautiful bunches of white flowers. A great time to spot them and kill them!

Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) is a highly invasive tree that is shade tolerant, so it can infiltrate our healthy beech forests in the National Park.

Do you have a Rowan on your property? If unsure, send us a photo and we can let you now.

- Deciduous tree up to 8m tall with smooth bark
- Bright green pinnate leaves with serrated edges
- Small white flowers in bunches that are currently in bud or just opening

Due to the significant risk Rowan presents to the village and surrounding national park, it is included in the Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029 (RPMP) Saint Arnaud Village pest programme as a species that must be controlled. So please help us to get rid of Rowan in our beautiful village.

Please if you have a Rowan tree on your property, remove it, or let us know and we can help.

Any questions or for further information, please let me know ([janewell@doc.govt.nz](mailto:janewell@doc.govt.nz))

Janet Newell, DOC Biodiversity Ranger



Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) (photo from NZPCN)



### Joiner/Carpenter

We need to replace 2 floating shelves in a bathroom that have sinks/plumbing in situ. We have the new shelves, but they need to be rebated/customised and installed.

Would be pleased to hear from a local who may be able to assist. Our place is in the village.

Thanks! Call/text Ben 021 743 719



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**PLAYGROUP**

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Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

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Contact Ali/Sue 03 5211 110

### Rotoiti Hub

Sundays 10am

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More details and enquiries:

Nigel /Sarah 027 4413776

or Kay 035211261 / 0273072820

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### Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**Mondays 7pm Badminton.** \$3 per person to go towards hall and shuttle-cocks. Racquets available, all welcome! Ed 03 5211106

**Tuesdays 6.30pm – 7.30pm Yoga** at the **Community Hall** 5-week course starting 14 November – drop in \$20  
Contact Ashton 022 5257871

### Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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