

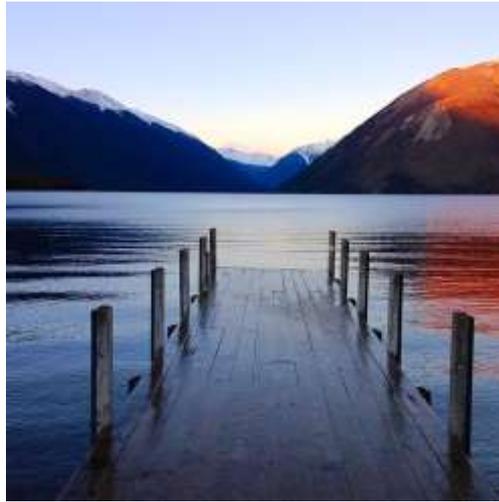
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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



School News

With the increased volume of traffic that is still using SH63 and surrounding roads, we would just like to remind families to keep reminding children about road safety procedures. We have talked about this at school and it is good if the message is getting given at home also. Our children who walk to and from school especially will need to be especially vigilant; it's easy for all of us to get complacent when the village has had minimal traffic for so long. Likewise, children who travel to and from school on the bus need to remember to take care when getting on to and off the bus.

We seem to have had more sunny days than cloudy days this week! We have sunscreen available in both classrooms, but have noticed that some children still don't have hats in school to wear during lunch and play times. Please make sure that your children have at least one hat that they can put on when they're outside during sunny days – we have spares in school, but have not had enough to go round on some days this last week!

Finally – just a quick school pool update. After much negotiation, the Ministry of Education approved the plans at the end of 2016 and the applications for permits are now lodged with TDC for their approval. All being well, we should all see some action on the school field in the next few weeks.

Giles, Nicky, Emma, Tracy, Stephanie and Fran

Coming up

4 & 5 March 2017: NZ Antique and Classic Boat Show, Kerr Bay. Races start after all-boat drive past 2pm Saturday and 1pm Sunday. Public rides after races at approx. 3pm each day.
www.nzclassicboats.com

Rotoiti Powerboat Regatta: 1&2 April 2017, Kerr Bay
<http://www.nzpbba.com>

8 April: REAP in conjunction with Triple One Care – First Aid Course + Refresher, @ DOC Meeting Room, 9 – 5 pm. Full \$105, refresher \$65, this has been subsidised by REAP.
More info phone Joan (REAP Marlborough) 03 5787848

Tues and Thurs 7pm: Seido Karate at the hall. Beginners welcome. Graeme 5211 022

Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 10 am: "Circuit Breakers" training @ Community Hall, everyone welcome, no matter what your fitness. Phone Gael 027 280 4078 for more info. Gold coin for Hall donation box please.

Wednesdays 7 pm: Ultimate Frisbee & Basketball & Volleyball @ Community Hall, more info Julie, phone 5211874, \$2 per person to Hall donation box.

Sundays 10.30 am: Lake Rotoiti Chapel Sunday Services: Everyone welcome

Photo credits: Lower left; Scarlet mistletoe - Phil Knightbridge. Lower right; Antique and Classic Boat Show

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

It's been a busy time for the people of the hall committee recently. Because of this, and while we review our bookings policies and hall use rates, we are **suspending all short-notice, individual use of the hall**. This is the spontaneous, small-group-playing-games type use of the hall.

The hall committee members do a lot of voluntary work in and for the hall to keep it in top shape for our community's enjoyment, and we really appreciate it when hall users keep things tidy, secure, and clean. We'd like to recognise Robbie Thomson for his frequent, voluntary and expert help with fixing stuff at the hall. Most recently he has found and repaired a roof leak (we all hope...!) and installed a ventilation grate in the cleaners' cupboard. There always seems to be something needing fixing and Robbie is ever-ready to help. Thanks Robbie!

Pat and Ginny Ricketts have been cleaning the hall for years, always doing a great job with good cheer, and adding a sizeable amount of voluntary time to the hall in addition to their regular paid cleaning time. They decided it's time to call it quits, and we are so sad to see them leave. Thanks Pat and Ginny, for all that you have done for our community asset. Thanks too to Ina Biertumpfel (and Paul Dulieu) for stepping up at short notice to fill the cleaning position for us, until we are able to appoint a new hall cleaner.

The Lake Rotoiti Hall Committee is currently seeking community-minded people to fill two positions essential to the smooth and successful running of the hall.

Bookings/access role

Barbara Smissen has filled this role in a voluntary capacity for the last three years, and has done a marvellous job. This position includes coordinating the bookings, liaising with groups and individuals about their use of the hall, invoicing the hire fee or ensuring donation requirements are understood and various admin duties to assist with the running of the facility. With the hall now busier than ever before, we need another organised, reliable type who enjoys helping people and is keen to be of service to our community. New equipment

will relieve the position of needing to use private email and phone contacts. We expect this will be a paid position, with part-time, flexible hours.

Cleaner

Pat and Ginny Ricketts decided to leave this role after many years of excellent, reliable and cheerful cleaning and handy-person service. So, we need a new person/new people to take this on. It's a paid, part-time position and all the cleaning equipment is supplied. We need someone energetic and local who knows how to clean, can work flexible hours, and who will take pride in maintaining the hall as the great community asset that it is.

Remuneration for both positions is negotiable. To express interest, please contact **Phil Borlase 5211847**

Finally, there is a little fixit job needed on the metal framing of the table-tennis table – if you think you can help please call Phil Borlase.

Kind regards from your hall committee: Phil Borlase, Duggie McConochie, Jane McConochie, Nigel Calder, Sandra Wotherspoon, Richard Thoms, Richard Osmaston, Kevin Scott, Graeme Andrews, Barbara Smissen, and Cnr Stuart Bryant.

Contributing to the newsletter

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 - \$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).

Contacting us: email rotoitinews@gmail.com with any questions

DOC News

With the generally wetter weather this summer the wasps have been slow with building to big numbers. When the weather is wet and colder the wasps feed predominantly on sugars (honeydew) rather than protein (insects) which means our protein-based toxin would be of little interest to them. This all changed with the recent fine weather and the baits were put out from Wednesday to Friday on a landscape scale along the eastern side of the lake and a section of Big Bush, along the Lakeside Track and along most tracks through the village. The wasps were certainly very interested and tucking in. Anything remaining will be taken in a few days later (the end of February). All going well the wasps should be reduced by around 90%. Big thanks to the tireless efforts of the Friends of Rotoiti who helped put out bait.

Many of you will have read of the Fairfax media 'Wasp Wipeout' campaign through the Nelson Mail. This raised around \$50,000 and a share of that is coming our way. Locally we are getting additional funding to control wasps in the Travers, Sabine and Speargrass Valleys and the Teetotal Tracks. This funding has just come through so a couple of weeks will be needed to get a whole lot of new stations out and a fresh supply of bait before the operation gets underway. Again we will be looking for help from our volunteers in the Friends of Rotoiti and the MTB Trails Trust.



Teetotal Forestry operations

Nelson Forests Ltd has let us know that they are getting ready to log some Douglas fir plantation in their land in Teetotal from the second week of March. Between now and then they need to upgrade the access road to take the forestry trucks. We understand that the road won't be closed except for short periods but extra care should be taken as there will be graders and diggers on the road to start with and later forestry trucks. We are expecting that the Douglas Hill Track and the western end of Big Bush Track (west of Flying Moa) will be closed to biking and walking during the forestry work. At this stage we haven't been told when the restrictions will start or how long for but they will be posted in the visitor centre and on the main track signs on the Teetotal Road and at the Teetotal Camp.

Piano tuning

Mike Beever, piano tuner, is coming to the area sometime during the week 16th March. If you'd like your piano tuned please call Sandra 0272042329 or Mike Beever 03547950. The more pianos, the lower the per-piano cost 😊

An advertisement for Martella Refrigeration & Air Conditioning. At the top is the Martella logo, which consists of a stylized orange and red swoosh above the word 'martella' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below the logo, it says 'REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING'. A list of services follows: Commercial Refrigeration, Sheetmetal Fabrication, HVAC – Heating, Ventilation, & Air Conditioning, and Heat Pump Specialists. Below this is the DAIKIN logo, which features a blue square with a white diagonal line and the word 'DAIKIN' in blue, with the tagline 'Heat with intelligence' underneath. A checkmark icon is next to the text 'Free, No obligation Quotes' and 'By Karen our local representative'. At the bottom, there are icons for a mobile phone and an email envelope, followed by the phone number '03 5780030' and the email address 'office@a.martella.co.nz'.

KAIKOURA EARTHQUAKE UPDATE

North Canterbury Transport Infrastructure Recovery (NCTIR) Project, SH1 Detour route.

The alternate route (via Lewis Pass) is continuously being improved to ensure the route can better cope with the extra traffic, as well as making it safer and improving travel times for all road users and affected communities. This includes improving the condition of the road, as well as installing additional signage and introducing speed limit reductions.

Latest update: All the work along this route is to improve the condition of the road and make it safer before winter. 4.6kms of new guardrail is being installed along various areas of the route to increase safety by help prevent vehicles running off the road. Other sections of the highway are being rebuilt to strengthen the road to cope with the extra volumes of vehicles. 20km of the planned 35km pre-winter road resealing is now completed to ensure the road can better cope with weather conditions and the extra traffic

Protection works are being installed along SH7 where erosion issues have been identified. SH7 is to be realigned at Silvia Flats near Lewis Pass, to protect the road from erosion and slumping. This work will get underway within the next few weeks. - We're also identifying areas to install slow vehicle bays and improve traffic flow.

How to keep up-to-date with earthquake repairs

Visit: www.nzta.govt.nz/projects/kaikoura-earthquake-response/

• Call Freephone: 0800 NCTIR EQ (0800 628 4737)

• Email if you have a question: info@nctir.com

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Check out this site www.P2C.co.nz, it gives information on traffic going through town. Things like the number of trucks and cars, average speed, top speed etc.

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