

MONDAY, 4TH APRIL 2016

Lake Rotoiti Community News



Upcoming events & Important dates

Friday 15th April 3pm
Deadline for next Newsletter

13th April 12-1.30pm
Mens' Lunch at the Community Hall

15th April 1.30pm
End of School Term

16th April
Alpine Lodge 'Loop the Lake' race

23rd April 7.30pm
'Verse and Worse' at the Community Hall

27th April 7.30pm
Our future; with money and without – at the Community Hall

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10-11am
St Arnaud Circuit Breakers at the Community Hall

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL NEWS

The term has been hugely busy and, although it will have been a long eleven weeks by the time we reach the end of term! Looking back, we have been very busy with Camp, Year 7/8 Tramp and Athletics to name a few of the activities.

Last week the Year 7/8 learners had took part in a Hip-Hop songwriting workshop with Aaron Intemann from Lead Ink Ltd. The children really enjoyed working with Aaron and they were buzzing for the rest of the day (although all a little bit embarrassed when hearing themselves rapping!!) It was fascinating to see the process that musicians go through when coming up with songwriting ideas and writing lyrics.

(The Year 7/8s – a selfie with their MC Rap names!)



Preparations for our bi-annual theatre production are now underway. This we will be presenting 'Archibald's War' – the story of children who are evacuated from London at the start of World War II and their families. Children all have their parts and are busy learning lines (I hope!). We are very excited that, following on from our successes at The Suter Theatre, this year's show will be at The Theatre Royal in Nelson! The children are very excited and costumes and props are beginning to filter into the staffroom. If anyone has any 1930s/40s authentic clothing or hats that might be of use, we'd love to hear from you! We will give details regarding tickets etc. in a future email – please keep Thursday 2nd June in your diaries as this will be a **ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY EVENT**.

And finally – just a reminder that the school term will end at 1.30pm on Friday 15th April. The school bus will run at this time.

Giles, Nicky, Stephanie, Emma and Tracy

COMMUNITY NEWS

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The Return of the 'Verse and Worse'

Here's another warning that the time is coming soon

For the poetry event some say is set to rock the toon.

Things can only get better at the Verse and Worse night at our own Village Hall.

Saturday 23rd April, 7.30 pm

Write your own or bring your favourites (as well as some refreshments if you wish)

Very similar format to last time, if you weren't there or can't remember contact Dave Smissen on 545 7338 or 021 041 7704

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A Country Event

*a night of entertainment,
fun, spot prizes and laughter
with guest Andrew Riordan
followed by the rugby
on the big screen*

7.30pm

Friday 15th April

Tapawera Rugby Clubrooms

contact Kerry 027 282 0639, Hannah 021 321 173, Tarsh 021 792 626 or Sue 021 541 534
please bring a plate for supper, cash bar available & no door sales

tickets \$5 each

Fundraiser for Tapawera Area School's Activity Support Fund

COMMUNITY NEWS CONT.

TOPHOUSE HOTEL

After 28 years restoring, running, being a landlord, and then running it again, we have sold Tophouse. Easter was our last weekend.

We're heading first to West Papua then Australia doing volunteer work.

Thanks for your support. We know we'll miss the place and people.

We wish Helen and Miles Anderson all the best for their new venture.

Watch www.tophouse.kiwi for progress or ph 5211269.

Melody and Mike Nicholls



Firewood prices

Pine cut and split, \$70 per cubic meter delivered.

Pine cones and potbelly sized wood also available

Contact Chip Clark
027 832 9490



DOC NEWS

Bushline hut

Next week, the Visitor Assets team will be upgrading the water supply at Bushline hut, as well as undertaking some general maintenance and installing a new wood stove.

Operations Ranger, Paul Dulieu, said the water storage will increase from 2,000L to 7,000L. The additional storage will benefit trampers as rain is the only source of water for the hut and it has run out of water at various times. Relax shelter will get a 500L storage tank.

Bushline hut is on the popular Mt Robert Circuit. This walk takes about 5 hours. Walkers get great views over Lake Rotoiti, St Arnaud and the St Arnaud Range.

Avalanche signage

The Visitor Assets team has been busy designing and planning an upgrade of the avalanche path warning signs on the Travers-Sabine Circuit. The aim is to have this worked completed before winter. The team surveyed the tracks and used the resulting data to map avalanche paths using Geospatial Information Systems (GIS).

The new signage will include names of the avalanche paths and give 'no stopping' distances. These signs are all part of DOC's risk management work, and they provide useful information for park users about the hazards in the area.

Nelson Lakes has some of the largest potential snow avalanches that can cross tracks. Relatively recent examples are the avalanche, then unidentified, that came down close to John Tait Hut after the heavy snow storm of 2008. The Hukere Bridge on the Cascade track to Angelus hut now has a bridge in place only over summer after an avalanche destroyed the original bridge.

The time of greatest snow avalanche risk is winter into late spring (May to November).

The Visitor Centre has information about avalanche risk over the winter.