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Coming up

All manner of events – all
at your house during
Alert Level 3!

Photos:
Kereru; Richard Thoms;

Mushrooms, Toni.

**We'd love to print your
photos here.**

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School News

School life has been quite different for both the teachers and students over the lockdown period. Mike and I have been back working from school assigning work for the students to complete from home. We are hoping that the Monday announcement will see us all back at school.

Students have worked hard and have been submitting some quality work some of which we are sharing with you. Also check out the school website www.lakerotoiti.school.nz where there is a video made by Shaun demonstrating his talent.

Ngā mihi Alison



Photo: Jessica

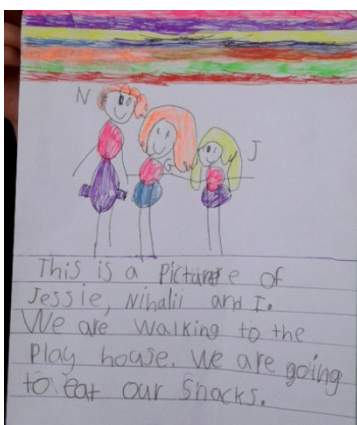


Photo: Ginny



Alert Level 2: What it means for DOC and visitors

Whilst New Zealand is still at Alert Level 3, DOC huts, campgrounds and lodges are closed and you should not undertake overnight activities.

As a reminder to everyone, the following are prohibited within Nelson Lakes National Park:

- dogs - includes in vehicles, on tracks, Mt Robert Road and at the lakefronts,
- bikes – all types of cycles, motorised or non-motorised, human-powered or electrically powered are prohibited on all tracks,
- drones – prohibited everywhere.

When we move to Alert Level 2, we'll all be able to get out in nature more and do the activities we love including hiking, mountain biking, four-wheel driving, and boating. Hunting is also allowed on public conservation land at Alert Level 2 with a hunting permit.

While many of you will be eager to get out there, it will be vital you travel safely and look after yourself and others when outdoors. This includes:

- ensuring contact tracing
- keeping 2 metre social distancing
- not leaving home if unwell
- hand washing
- coughing into your elbow.

We're still working through the details on how people could use DOC facilities in a way that's in line with Ministry of Health guidelines.

As we move into the winter season people must plan and prepare. Check the conditions, make sure you have the right gear and tell someone where you're going.

DOC staff are not on duty at present in line with the Government's strict rules for the lockdown.

However, the laws relating to activities on public conservation land remain in force.

Please contact John Wotherspoon (jwotherspoon@doc.govt.nz or 027 839 7139) if you see anyone partaking of those activities. Under Level 3 restrictions, DOC can't follow up but the Police can and have given an assurance that they are very happy to do that.

For clarity, on the southern side of SH63: Dogs and bikes are permitted only on the track between Ward Street and Lodge Road, the Moraine Walk between Lodge Road and the turnoff opposite the Teetotal Camp and the track next to the Alpine Lodge and then heading upstream (Black Valley Stream) behind the school and across the bridge.

Fire ban lifted following the shift to COVID-19 Alert Level 3

The fire ban currently in place in the Nelson Tasman region will be lifted as the country transitions to COVID-19 Alert level 3. From Wednesday 29 April 2020, residents in the rural areas of Nelson and Tasman regions may apply for fire permits through www.checkitsalright.nz/. If a new permit application requires a field inspection, this may not be possible in all situations under Alert Level 3. Existing permits that were suspended back in January will be reinstated with permit holders notified by email and or text.

The decision to implement the local fire ban was made under section 91 of the Civil Defence and Emergency Management Act.

A number of rural properties have undertaken considerable clearing of vegetation during lockdown and lifting the ban will allow those residents with a fire permit to burn this vegetation in a controlled manner. In some parts of the region council restrictions to minimise air pollution come into effect on the 1st June.

Principal Rural Fire Officer, Ian Reade, is asking people to be careful. "We appreciate that a large number of people have done a lot of gardening during the lockdown period, and some are wanting to burn this vegetation. People can expect to see smoke in rural areas from these fires. If another suitable way of disposing of the vegetation is available, we are still encouraging people to take that option during level 3". For information on how to conduct your burn safely go to www.checkitslaright.nz

Paul Shattock

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We are pleased to advise you that the two occupants of the vehicle that Police were searching for last night in the Speargrass Creek area of Wairau Valley, near Lake Rotoiti, were located around 7pm hiding in native bush.

A 38 year-old Blenheim man faces multiple charges and a 39 year-old Blenheim woman faces a single charge. Both are due to appear in court this morning.

Police would like to thank all the rural people who helped by offering information about the suspect vehicle's direction of travel, the member of the public who provided thermal-imaging equipment to assist in locating the defendants and the rural land-owner on whose land the Police tracked the defendants.

Sergeant Michael Porter

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Paul (Dine Hard Family Tavern)
Phone 027 303 3359

St Arnaud Alpine Store

We are open **8am – 8pm 7 days a week.**

Takeaways are currently available by phone order and contactless pick up on Friday nights 4pm – 7pm.

Coffee, pies, and sandwiches will be available in the café for takeaway only (no sitting in café or outside on tables).

Fresh fruit and vegetables delivered to the store three (3) times a week.

You can call us on **03 5211854** with any questions or to make an order, payment will be discussed at the time of order.

During Level 3, it is a one in, one out policy in store, our staff & customers health & wellbeing is important to us.

Many thanks, Naveen & the Alpine Store Team.

FOR SALE

Sharp Carousel
Microwave
40 litre, 1100W
Ph Brent Cameron
021 706 440



Message for bach owners

If you have a property at the lake and are concerned about issues such as draining water systems, checking pumps or security, it is **NOT** **ok** to drive up and check them during Alert Level 3.

Please arrange for someone local to do this, let us know if you need contact numbers.

Russell Ferns
Local Controller
Lake Rotoiti
Civil Defence Emergency Management
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Ph: 0273529218

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Correction to last newsletter from Robbie Thomson, RDCC Chairperson

Previous: "A similar committee of the RDCC facilitated the building of the Lake Rotoiti Community Hall".
A better description would be "Use of the RDCC as an Incorporated Society enabled the Hall Committee to apply for funding from charitable organisations".

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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).

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Outside on my own riding my quad
Zooming Fast getting muddy
Drifting around corners jumping up into the air.

Outside with dad and the crossbow
Arrow Speeding through the air
flying fast and straight but getting lost in the ground

Inside on my own playing lego
Building strong creations using imagination
then trying to break them to rebuild again

Inside celebrating my birthday.

super excited, ripping the paper
cutting the tape with a big smile on my face

Fun activities playing Nintendo.

Racing fast, battling hard,
Loudly shouting when I win.

Quietly reading.
Lost in the book, Looking, not listening,
time going by quickly.

Creatively building with popsicle sticks
Hot glue sticking, burning quickly,
from my head to my hands to the finished result.

By Shaun, Lake Rotoiti School

Outside on my own in the paddocks.

Ziping around on my motorbike
Grumpily collecting the mail,
At least I'm on my motorbike.

Outside with my family

Tediously gathering pine cones.
Weaving in and out of the cows on my motorbike to
take them to the cow shed,
Ready for milking.
Avoiding squirreling walnuts.
Still I'm on my motorbike!

Inside on my own

Snoring like a lion in my bed
I shuffled to the lounge
gazing like a zombie at the television
Heated by the roaring fire
I wonder if my motorbike is getting cold.

Inside with my family

Dressing up for a fun filled, amusing birthday party,
for Leo my purrfect cat friend
I share the photos in a glitchy catchup with nana and
pop.

Patiently playing the Game of Life and Boggle
Can I ride my motorbike along this path of life?

Fun activities

Chit chattering away to Jasmine like little birdies.
Hydro dipping psychedelic cards for the fantastic
Jasmine!
Slipping and sliding all over the trampoline like an
unstable
motorbike on ice (we put soap suds and water on the
trampoline)

Quiet activities

Colouring with rainbows of colour.
Reading in a world of creative wonders.
Listening to music on the radio with BFG ears,
hearing
a faint growl of my motorbike.

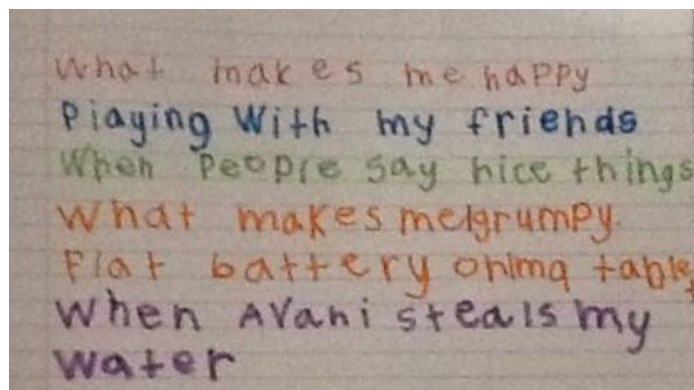
Creative activities

Creating a floral, bright box for my mummy.
Bubbling up deliciousness on the stove top.
Painting Jasmine with my inner Picasso.
I wonder if I should paint my motorbike.

And I did!!



By Rebecca, Lake Rotoiti School



By Nihalii, Lake Rotoiti School

