

This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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Lake Rotoiti School News

This term has flown by with only two weeks left to go.

The early closure of the ski field ended our term 3 skiing very quickly as we had only three days on the mountain. Despite this our children developed great skills. Let's hope next season is a better one. We would like to thank the staff at Rainbow ski field for their wonderful lessons and the support that our children had while on the mountain.

The children have settled down to a steady routine of learning and their achievement continues to be at a very high level. The mathematics statistics quoted by the government are not prevalent at Lake Rotoiti School where we have a success rate of 90%. Miriam and I have read the new curriculum document, and while it has some good ideas and clear learning progressions it's rushed nature is obvious. If anyone would like to read it, it is available online. We are looking forward to seeing the promised teaching materials at the beginning of the year.

The Board has committed to installing a new toilet block at pool before the new season. Fred will be finishing the changing shed very shortly. I would like to thank him and Jeremy for their work.

The pool cover has been replaced. It is a little lighter than the old one. The Board did look at installing an electric roller system, but as the cost exceeded \$10,000 it was felt that we could not afford it.

Coming up

18 Sept - Murchison Flower Show 10.30 – 3.30. Celebration of spring - flowers stalls and raffles. Murchison Recreation Centre.

19 September 1.30pm – St Arnaud Rural Women meeting. Alpine Lodge. All welcome
Marg 02747290

26-28 October (Labour Weekend) Lake Rotoiti School 75th reunion. For more info 035211830

24 November 11am – 3pm Wairau Valley Fair. Morse St Golf Course. For more info: Villagefair2024@gmail.com

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

2nd Wednesday each month – Friends of Rotoiti village trapping 10am at DOC. Pip Berkett 0275211130

Photos: Tui, D. Price. Flirt, Rotoiti eels, D. Bauer. Mt daisy *Celmisia semicordata*, D. Price.

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

Lake Rotoiti Community News

Access to the pool over weekends and the Christmas season relies very heavily on volunteers to do the water quality checks. Next term we will be calling for volunteers to do this work. The more people, the less work. If you have not returned your fob yet, please do so.

Work will start soon on refurbishing the Junior playground. It may be roped off for a short period while the old bark is removed and new soft fall material is installed. If you need some bark for your garden, watch this space as we will be disposing of the old soft fall bark.

Please remember the upcoming 75th anniversary in Labour Weekend. Ingrid McConochie is doing an amazing job of putting together a book for this important event. If you intend to join us for the celebrations please contact the school office.

Term 3 finishes on Friday 27 September. Term 4 commences on Monday 14 October.

Nga mihi,
Miriam and Mike



Weed of the Month – Gorse



Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) is a large spiny shrub native to Europe. In New Zealand where given the chance it will form prickly monocultures, which inhibit the establishment of native plants. Luckily the St Arnaud village is within the long-term Howard-St Arnaud sustained control area for Broom (*Cytisus scoparius*) and Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*). This is an example of what can be achieved by working together as a community to control weeds, as it is very obvious when you leave the area. It is wonderful to see our landscape here free from broom and gorse, compared with other areas of the district.

The Howard-St Arnaud sustained control area is part of the Tasman District Councils *Tasman-Nelson Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2029* (RPMP), and there is also a sustained control area for the Rainbow Station area under the Marlborough District Council. Under these RPMPs, there are legal obligations that land occupiers control any broom or gorse on their property.

As gorse is beginning to flower, now is the time keep an eye out and remove any plants if you find them. Broom and gorse are successfully controlled in the St Arnaud and Howard area, but we do still find occasional plants popping up, which need to be quickly removed. If gorse is seen on Public Conservation Land let DOC know. Even if you control it! Gorse seed can remain viable for 40 – 80 years so these sites will need to be revisited regularly.

Good information on how to kill broom and gorse is available on www.weedbusters.org.nz. The weedbusters webpage also provides good advice on disposing of weed waste.

It was great to see TDC staff recognised recently for some excellent work they did in on public conservation land in the Black Valley wetland:

[Tasman's SuperSteward award reaffirms partnership values | Tasman District Council](#)

A colorful poster for a playgroup. The background is yellow at the top and orange at the bottom. The word "PLAYGROUP" is written in large, bold, black letters. To the right of the word are three colorful blocks with the letters A, B, and C. Below the text, it says "Playgroup meets Thursday mornings 10am - 12pm at the community hall, all preschoolers welcome." There is a small illustration of a teddy bear. At the bottom, there are illustrations of colorful alphabet blocks and a toy train. The text "Many thanks to St Arnaud Rural Woman for your on going support" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom right, it says "For any inquiries please contact Kirsten on 0220445829".

SPCA Fundraiser

By Jessie  & Josie 

Human & Dog treats available on
the 18th of September.

Please buy some yummy treats
at 3:15pm in front of the Junior
class at school  please bring
your Furry Friends 

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yoga
wednesdays at 5:30pm at
the alpine lodge


*Important news :: there has been a location
change for community yoga classes!*

We are back at the Alpine Lodge in the old cafe
of the backpackers building. Thank you to
Alexandra and Leighton for opening their doors
to us!

At Alpine Yoga and Massage, I will be able to
offer yoga, massage, and herbal remedies all in
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Church Notices

Lake Rotoiti Chapel

Sundays 10.30am

Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

Services are run by locals and are non-
denominational. Everyone welcome.

Contact Ali/Sue 035211 110

Rotoiti Hub

Sundays 10am

Local spirit-led Christian worship, equipping
and encounter.

More details and enquiries;

Nigel/Sarah 0274413776

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MS Word format, or in the body of an
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Photos: JPG files up to 5MB,
attached to an email (not embedded in
text).

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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 10am Casual exercise group. Community Hall. Gold coin koha. Julie 0272385597

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

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 5pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 5pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation



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