

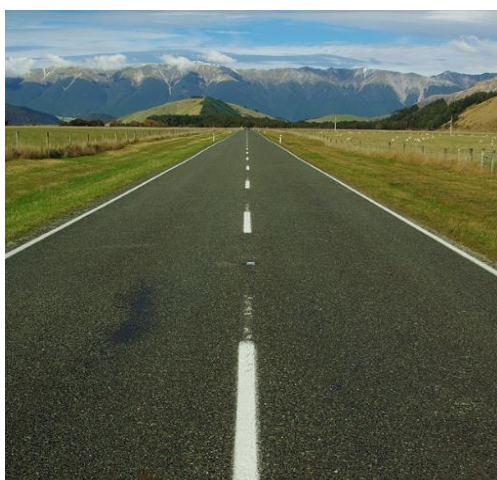
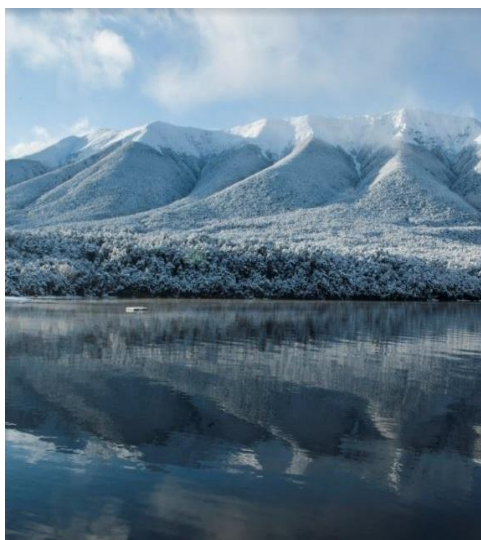
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Lake Rotoiti School News

TO OUR WONDERFUL & SUPPORTIVE PARENTS & COMMUNITY

As we head into the last three weeks of the school year and into busy December and all that it brings, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. Within our Kura, we are continuing with our learning, practicing athletics, playing music, coding, swimming, preparing for Field Day, not forgetting the weekly walks that the Tuis are fitting in. This week Piwakawaka are heading to Wairau Valley School for a live performance and our whole Kura are off in to Nelson for a musical show. Thank you parents for your input & support, making these events and activities happen.

BOOK WEEK & BOOK QUIZ

On Wednesday 7th November, the weather was cold & miserable but that did not dampen the spirit of dressing up as our favourite book character during the day and continuing on in the evening with lots of fun, questions & teamwork at our book quiz evening.

Coming up

Monday 10 December

19 Toutouwai Place (Wendy Bolitho), 7:30 pm
Alpine Flash Mob singing group

Friday 14 December

Lk Rotoiti Chapel, 1:00pm
View the decorated church

Friday 14 December

Lk Rotoiti Chapel, 7:30 pm
Christmas carols

Wednesday 19 December

Alpine Lodge, 7:00pm
Wine Tasting Event (fund raising for school)

Thursday 20 December

Lk Rotoiti School, 5:00pm
Community Christmas BBQ

Monday 24 December

Community Hall, 7:00pm
Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 25 December

Lk Rotoiti Chapel, 9:30am
Christmas Day service

Saturday 29 December

Fire Station 11am – 2 pm
Village Safety Day (bach owners very welcome)

Wednesday 2 January

Community Hall
Rural Women's Trash 'n' Treasure and Book sale

Friday 4 January to

Thursday 10 January

DOC Theatre (Visitor Centre).
7:30 pm.

Rural Women are screening the film 'She Shears'.
Bookings essential (see advert in newsletter)

Wednesday

10.00 -12.00 approx.

Village Trapping Group

Pip Berkett 521 1130 or
Julie Robilliard 5211874

Note: regular notices about fitness related activities are listed in a separate box within the Newsletter.

Lake Rotoiti Community News

Thank you to Jan Thomson for your input and organising Page and Blackmore Bookshop (Nelson) to bring out to the community an excellent selection of books for all ages.

A special thank you to Ingrid McConachie who gifted to our school library a wonderful selection of new books, many new titles and some fabulous favourites from our wish list.

Book Week photos



LAKE ROTOITI FIELD DAY

A big emphasis we have been working on schoolwide is Animal Rights, leading us in perfectly to our Field Day at school last Saturday. The tamariki have been busy nurturing & caring for their plants, and creating artwork. The turnout was fantastic with an array of animals. Tamariki shared their knowledge and understanding to the judges. To see photo's of this exciting event please visit our facebook page 'Lake rotoiti School'.

Thanks goes out to Janine for organising this event and showing manaakitanga (support) to Sue and Liz. You are awesome!!!

IT'S TIME TO GET SWIMMING!!

Our tamariki have begun swimming, with the pool now open to the community for the season. Prices, payment and fobs are available from the school

office, Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 9.15am and 12.15am only.

Keys have been replaced by fobs.

Any inquiries please phone or pop in and see Tracy during these times.

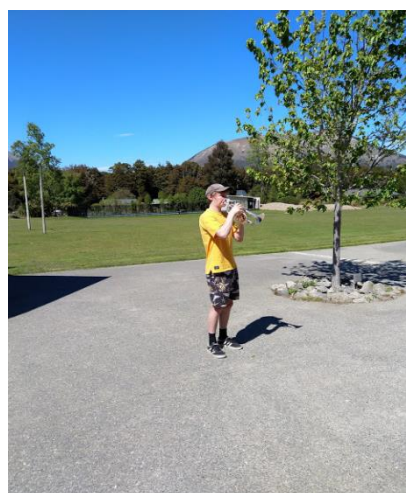
NELSON CENTRE OF MUSICAL ARTS

Tanya Knock from the NCMA and her team of stilt walkers, dancers, story readers and actors visited us on Tuesday. They filled us with fun and adventure. From this we are created our own mini concert.



Last but not least, THE LAST POST

Tui's have been researching the history of the invasion of Parihaka, and as a Kura we have discussed the recent 100 year commemoration of Armistice Day.



Special thank you to the very talented Logan Ford for coming out to visit us and

play 'The Last Post' to us.

Sue, Liz, Anna, Tracy and Tilly.

LAKE ROTOITI SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Field Day was a huge success again this year. A big thanks to our wonderful judges, it can't be easy choosing a 1st, 2nd and 3rd but you guys done an awesome job. Charlotte and Katie the animal judges, you guys really had your work cut out for you. There was a lot of animals this year which was great. The kids done a fantastic job of showing off their pets talent, fancy dress and general knowledge of animal rights.

The baking entries were wonderful and filled our bellies nicely for afternoon tea. There are some very talented bakers around the Village.

Thanks to all the parents, kids and teachers who helped to set up and pack up. The day ran smoothly with just a bit of rain first thing and it held off until I got home and had finished unpacking



The winner of this years BGAC cup is **Hayley Allright** - pictured with her Guinea Pigs in fancy dress as Thing 1 and Thing 2. Well done Hayley.

After lunch Santa came with a gift and a juicie for all the kids, he also joined us in singing happy birthday to Nina.

Janine Basalaj



Rotoiti kaka update

The kaka here at Nelson Lakes are breeding this season, with the two radio-tagged kaka nesting 2-3 weeks earlier than expected. This is due to the heavy beech mast (flowering/seeding) we are experiencing, kaka in beech forests usually will only breed during a beech mast event.

Four young chicks from one of the nests were removed to be hand raised and released into the Abel Tasman as part of Project Janszoon. This is for the wider benefit for kaka in the top of the South Island. It is expected that the female will re-nest and produce another four chicks, by removing the chicks at a young age it can maximise the production from a pair that instead of only producing four chicks can produce up to eight for the season.

Project Janszoon will be funding transmitters to fit to the chicks in the other radio-tagged female's nest. This will give us information on the dispersal of juvenile kaka and whether they are staying within our stoat trap network.

Meanwhile the bio team are climbing trees and are checking known kaka nest sites to get a better understanding of the survival of chicks and the nesting females who are vulnerable to stoat predation while still inside the nest cavity.



South Island Kaka © Leon Berard

Camphost Volunteers – St Arnaud

Do you know of anyone who would like to have a week as a volunteer camp host in one of the campgrounds – Kerr Bay or West Bay?

We have a small number of camp host vacancies over the summer.

Duty is from 4:00pm to mid-evening. You have the day to yourself for walking, fishing, swimming or just having a good break from the rat-race.

Simple accommodation is available at West Bay if you don't have a camper van or caravan.

Interested? Contact Gabriella Czoma at nelsonlakesvolunteers@doc.govt.nz or 03 521 1806 or check DOC's website: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/in-your-region/nelson-tasman/>

We also have a very small number of Angelus or Blue Lake hut wardens. *Check the link above for details.*

Thank you



Report – night walk to hear kiwi

A very enthusiastic group of 20 people – including young kiwi fans from Motueka - turned up for the Friends of Rotoiti's kiwi night walk.

Everyone was delighted the strong wind and heavy rain of earlier in the day abated by the time we started our adventure.

Sadly, we heard only one confirmed kiwi call, but the frequency of kaka and ruru (morepork) calls made up for it.

Everyone had a great night but as it was 10:00pm we had to go home.

Thanks to Wayne Sowman (FOR) and Nik Joice (DOC) for their involvement.

Keep up to date with Friends of Rotoiti at <https://www.friendsofrotoiti.co.nz/>



Thank You

Rural Women thank all the men who attended our recent 'Men's Dessert Night'.

We were heartened that 25 men of all ages came along.

A big thank you to Karl for his talk and wonderful photos from his hunting guide experiences in British Columbia.

Thanks also to John Wotherspoon at DOC for the use of the staff room.

Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Committee

Position available - Hall Manager & Cleaner

Unfortunately, Graeme Andrews has resigned as our hall manager and cleaner effective from 31/12/2018.

I would like to thank Graeme, Fran and Bethany for their dedication to our hall since taking on the role.

We are asking for expressions of interest in these jobs. It may be that one person may do both jobs or the jobs could be done by two people. These are paid jobs.

If you are interested, please contact Phil Borlase 5211847

Hall website: <https://www.lakerotoitcommunityhall.org/>



Annual Book Sale and Trash N Treasure

**Wednesday 2 January 2019
Community Hall**

If you have any excess books to donate, please contact:

- Marg Anderson 521 1864 for books
- Nicky Shaw 521 1106 for the Trash N Treasure.



Greetings from your local Police!

I wanted to say a few things to you all on behalf of the Police, based in Murchison and introduce myself.

My name is Josiah Young and I recently started in Murchison to replace Mike McDougall who has retired from Police.

I have been in to St. Arnaud and met a few of you and I look forward to getting to know the community more in the future.

If you see me around don't be shy, come and say hi.

With summer now upon us there are a few messages I would like to get out there:

As people pour in to enjoy this beautiful part of the country, please be aware of your own security with your property.

Keep valuables out of sight in vehicles and that could be visible from the street.

To all you firearm owners please ensure you are storing firearms and ammunition securely and separate, the last thing we want is these tools falling into the sticky hands of criminals.

Hunting and sport shooting will also pick up throughout the summer with extra visitors to the area. Please remember and remind others, that St. Arnaud is busier than the old days and the use of firearms in this built up area is prohibited. If people are considerate of other residents this shouldn't be a problem. This has been voiced as an area of concern by the community and Police take any inappropriate use of firearms seriously.

If you or others are wanting to find out more about where to shoot and hunt, visit the local Department of Conservation Visitor centre to find out more.

Lastly, we all know that there will be those road users who may hold up traffic, causing delays and frustration. Expect this to be the case and try to be extra patient

to avoid the dangers of unsafe passing manoeuvres.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with us if we can be of assistance.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer.

Matt and Josiah
Murchison Police

BE...GET...STAY

Regular sport and leisure activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 am,
Community Hall
All welcome. Gold coin donation for hall.
Contact Gael 027 280 4078

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Community Hall.
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Rural Women St Arnaud invite you to

She Shears

This fresh film from the heartland introduces two legendary shearers – and three in the making – as they head for black-shirt glory at the Golden Shears.



Screening

- **Friday 4th January to Thursday 10th January 2019**
- **7:30pm**
- **DOC Theatre (Visitor Centre)**

Meet up with your friends and neighbours for some light refreshments before the film. Doors open from 7:00pm.

Tickets

Tickets \$12.00 per person (no children's prices).

Bookings are **ESSENTIAL** and seating is limited each night.

To book tickets

Email RWStArnaud@gmail.com

with your name and preferred screening date.

We'll email you payment and booking information after 26 November.

For more details

Tracey Grose 021 475 514

Julie Robilliard 521 1874

Profits go to the upgrade of Rotoiti Lodge

Christmas events

Carol Service

Christmas Eve
Community Hall
At 7.00 pm

Please stay for a cuppa and cake afterwards!

Christmas Day Service

Lake Rotoiti Chapel
9:30am

All welcome!

You are invited

To soak up the atmosphere of a specially decorated Lake Rotoiti Chapel.

Open from 1pm on Friday 14th December to 1 pm Saturday 15th December.

Carols at the Chapel amongst the Christmas lights from 7:30pm, Friday 14th December, followed by a cuppa.

Thank you to Rotoiti Hub, St Arnaud Rural Women and the Lake Rotoiti Chapel Trust for creating this very special opportunity to step into the wonder of Christmas.



Rotoiti District Community Council

RDCC News

As outgoing President and Secretary, Doug McConochie and myself wanted to say thanks the Community and in particular the RDCC Committee who over many years have supported us in our attempts to promote and make this very special place even better.

Of particular note we wish to acknowledge the contribution of Richards Thoms (who has decided to step down). Richard has been on the RDCC for over 23 years (since day one of the establishment of RDCC) and has been involved in the back ground on many projects. He is a person who has an interesting mix of artistic and engineering skills and someone who can turn his hand to almost anything and who does a job with a very high degree of workmanship - thank you for your many contributions over the years.

The new RDCC Committee are as follows

President - Robbie Thomson

Secretary - Sandy Hutchison

Treasurer - Paul Dulieu

Rest of Committee

Ed Shaw

Wattie Mortimer

John Gully

Doug McConochie

Brent Higgins

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Outgoing Secretary

Rotoiti Outdoor Education Centre Refurbishment

The RDCC is pleased to be able to make a donation of \$5, 000 towards this very worthwhile project. Many of us have been among the many of thousands of students who have received the benefits of this fantastic facility and accordingly the RDCC unanimously voted to support this project.

If you are also able to help with a donation, you can rest assured it is going to a great cause and an investment in the conservation and outdoor education of our youth into the future

Community Singing Group –

Alpine Flash Mob

"The only thing better than singing is more singing" - Ella Fitzgerald

Do you currently sing in the shower? Warble in the wardrobe? Croon in the car?

Would you be interested in joining other locals for an informal singing group?

Not a problem if you can't read music or have never sung in a group, this will be purely for enjoyment.

Alpine Flash Mob is inviting all Rotoiti singers along to Wendy Bolithos at 19 Toutouwai Place, on **Monday 10 December at 7.30 pm** for an informal get together to talk about this and maybe sing some carols.

All you need to bring is a willingness to give it a go, some ideas of favourite songs and a small plate towards shared supper,

Any inquiries to wendy.bolitho@live.com or ianthomsonart@gmail.com



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Contract Bach Care Person Required

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We require someone with the following skillset:

- Honest and hardworking. Ability to provide a reference for this may be required.
- Attention to detail for setting up and closing down properties.
- Ability to work flexible hours.
- Ability to carry out a range of cleaning tasks as required. (Cleaning products provided)
- A driver's licence.
- Some basic administrative computer skills would be useful.

The position is looking to commence late December and will be approximately 3-6 months depending on maternity leave requirements.

If interested, please contact:

Nigel Calder
St Arnaud Holiday Cottages
(027) 441-3776



Lake Rotoiti
Volunteer Fire Force



Nelson Tasman
Emergency Management Group

VILLAGE SAFETY DAY

FIRE SMART Demonstration and Info
Civil Defence Village Evacuation Info
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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.

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BBQ

Thursday 20th December

5:00 pm

**Lake Rotoiti School
grounds**

ALL Welcome

**Lolly scramble, swimming
for the kids.**

**Meat supplied, just bring
salad and refreshments.**

RSVP to Wattie Mortimer

[office@mortimersretreat.on](mailto:office@mortimersretreat.onmicrosoft.com)

[microsoft.com](mailto:office@mortimersretreat.onmicrosoft.com)

Tx# 022 492 8841

KEA / Lake Rotoiti School PTA

WINE TASTING EVENING

Wednesday
Dec 19th, 7pm
Alpine Lodge

\$10 Per Person

Includes Wine and Canapés
and Great Company

Your Host, Jeff Hart will take you through a number of quality Wines from **Jackson Estate and Pask Wineries** along with delicately matched canapés by **Yamal Bauer**, the Alpine Lodge's Award winning International Chef. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to purchase discounted quality wines in time for Xmas while at the same time supporting our community



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(part cases accumulated together so every bottle counts)

Money raised goes to cover costs not covered by the Ministry of Education; for such things as School Fees, Camp, and extra curricula activities such as skiing and swimming lessons. Kea's aim is that no child at the school shall be disadvantaged by having their family expected to pay for the opportunities and education that these activities provide. Your support is greatly appreciated
A BIG thanks to Jackson Estate and Pask Wines and the Alpine Lodge for supporting our cause