

Lake Rotoiti Community News

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Lake Rotoiti School News

Happenings at school

Busy days and lots of happenings. Hard to believe we are halfway through the third term already.

We were lucky to have ten beautiful and incredibly well behaved Siberian Huskies drop in to visit. They were travelling through St Arnaud on their way home to Palmerston North after racing down south. Lots of excitement and opportunities for both tamariki and huskies to run about and play.

Assemblies are being held **every second Friday at 2.30pm** in Ngā manu a Tāna (the birds of Tāna) or the old multipurpose room.

Please come and join us as we sing and celebrate recent learning and events from both Piwakawaka and Tui rooms.



Coming up

Friday 31 August
5-7 pm

Plinkers Ukulele Group
Clinker Café,
Beechnest Drive

Wednesday 5 September
10.00 -12.00 approx.

Village Trapping Group
Pip Berkett 521 1130 or
Julie Robilliard 5211874

Saturday 8 September
4-6 pm

**Barber Shop Choir
Concert**
Rotoiti Outdoor Centre
BYO and a small plate of
finger food to share.

Tuesday 11 September
Tuesday Trek
Proposed walk to either
Beebys Knob or Red Hills
hut. Ph Pip on 521 1130.

Sundays 10.30 am
Lake Rotoiti Chapel
services are run by locals
and non-denominational.
Everyone welcome.

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

Meanwhile outside school

Skiing every Thursday has been amazing with all students thoroughly enjoying the lessons with our awesome instructors and then free time to practice and play on the slopes. A few of our ski days have been very cold and miserable but that's not stopped us.

Jakin celebrated his 9th birthday two weeks ago in the snow, sharing his delicious chocolate cake with everyone.

Last Friday we headed down to Wairau Valley School to join in their cross country. The weather was stunning as was the hospitality. Our tamariki were all amazing and represented Lake Rotoiti School with great pride, enthusiasm and super sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport, without your ongoing support and dedication these events may not happen.

This coming Thursday and Friday our older tamariki are off to the annual winter sports tournaments in Nelson to compete against other schools.

We know they will represent our school well and have fun. Again, thank you to the wonderful parent support that has made these excursions possible.



Last but not least, a special thanks from all of us

Big thank you to Eva and Bruce Batty for donating their table tennis table and an assortment of other smaller items to our school.

The table tennis table fits perfectly into our Ngā manu a Tāne (multi purpose room). The students love it and it has been a godsend, especially during these many wet lunchtimes we've experienced.

That's all for now, so until next time, keep warm and please pop in to say hello if you are passing by.

Sue, Liz & Anna



New traps for the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project

DOC biodiversity staff are receiving batches of new, replacement traps boxes for the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project (RNRP).

All the current single-set trap boxes in the RNRP will be replaced with double-set traps (each trap box will contain two DOC traps).

Staff have a big project ahead of them over the next few months as they ready the traps for deployment in the field.

The traps arrive on site without all the 'trappings' you'll be used to seeing around the national park. Wire mesh must be attached to each end, internal baffles are added to guide the predator onto the trap plate, and the all-important traps are securely fastened to the trap base.

Then commences the arduous work of recovering the old traps and replacing them on the hills with the heavier double set traps.

Staff are really excited about this new opportunity for the RNRP, and they'll keep you up to date with progress.



Just one of the stacks of new double set trap boxes waiting for attention.



Kiwi and weka avian avoidance training

DOC is seeking expressions of interest to gauge demand for avian (kiwi or weka) avoidance training for dogs. The training would be held in St Arnaud.

We've had a good response so please get in quick if you would like your dog to get this important training.

What the training entails:

- One approx. 30-minute training session for the initial aversion training,
- Six-monthly ongoing testing,
- Avoidance training uses an electric collar.

The training is suitable for all dogs.

Dogs who have attacked weka previously *may* not benefit from the training.

To express your interest or for more information, contact: Tracey Grose at tgrose@doc.govt.nz or 027 204 2125.

Thank You

Lake Rotoiti Rural Fire Volunteers would like to thank St Arnaud Rural Woman for their recent donation of gift boxes.

The boxes included merino beanies to keep us warm during call outs on cold nights.

These have been very much appreciated by the fire volunteers.



Julie Sowman from Rural Women presenting a gift box



The New Zealand Defence Force intends to conduct mountain flying training within the Richmond, South Marlborough and Raglan Ranges areas between:

**Monday 3 September to
Tuesday 18 September 2018.**

Activities will include low level flying and the use of smoke for marking landing sites.

This training is essential to maintain the Search and Rescue capability of our defence force in the service of the people of New Zealand.

YOGA

AT THE ROTOITI COMMUNITY HALL
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Schedule (beginning July 3)

Tuesday: 7:30-8:30pm all levels
Wednesday: 7:00-8:00pm all levels
Thursday: 7:30-8:30pm all levels
Sunday: 6:30-7:30pm all levels
*subject to change

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You are invited to the exhibition

'A Century of Saying Cheese'



An entertaining and interactive exhibition that highlights quirky and unexpected images from the Museum's internationally recognised photo collection.

Showcasing many previously unseen portraits of people, their furry friends, and places that cover nearly a century of photography in the region.

The exhibition will run from 17 August until 25 November 2018 at the Nelson Provincial Museum, 270 Trafalgar Street, Nelson.

The exhibition will be free of charge for Nelson Tasman residents.

Marahau Community Weekend

Fun weekend at the beach with your friendly community.

30 Nov - 2 Dec 2018



Cost is usually \$15 per person per night

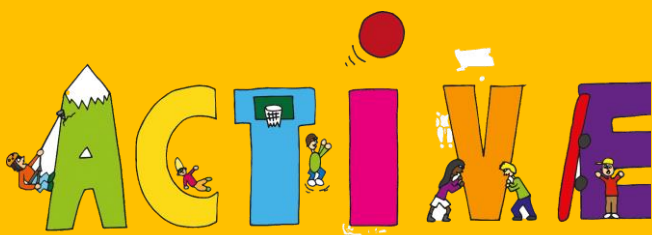
The chapel provides the food!

RSVP to Sue Nicholls

at 5211 110 or Ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz

by 15 November please

BE...GET...STAY



Regular sport and leisure activities in and around St Arnaud

Badminton

Mondays 7pm

Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall and shuttlecocks.

Contact Ed 521 1106

“Circuit Breakers” exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 am,
Community Hall

All welcome. Gold coin donation for hall.

Contact Gael 027 280 4078

Seido Karate

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Community Hall.

Gold coin donation for hall.

Contact Graeme 521 1022.

Yoga – all levels

See ad in Newsletter for times

Community Hall

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday

Gold coin donation for hall.

Contact Aston 022 525 7871

Tuesday Trek

11 September –

Proposed walk to either Beebys Knob or
Red Hills hut.

Contact Pip Berkett 521 1130.

Wanted to BUY

20-foot shipping container

Please phone

Murray on 03 521 1191

Rotoiti District Community Council

Meeting

Next meeting is scheduled for

7:30 pm on *Friday 31 August*

in the DOC meeting room

Contact Brent Higgins

Rotoiti Hub

Who are we?

We are a local group who love encouraging, supporting and equipping people from all backgrounds to encounter a powerful God and experience how truly loved they are by Him. We rely on the truth of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit to create and maintain an environment of love, wisdom, freedom, safety and transparency for all.

What's on in September?

2nd September: Meeting at Kevin and Karen Grant's home.
3pm. 49 Beech Hill Rise.

9th September: Meeting at Adrian and Bridget Barnett's
home. 3pm. 8586 Wairau Valley Road.

19th September: Meeting at Nigel and Sarah Calder's
home. 3pm. 3177 Korere -Tophouse Road.

21st – 23rd September: *Convergence* Conference:
Activation and Kingdom Authority. Friday night to Sunday
Afternoon. Bridge Valley, Brightwater, Nelson.

30th September: Pot-luck dinner at Bruce and Judy
McKenzie's home. 4.30pm. Wairau Valley.

The monthly regional and community worship event at
the Lake Rotoiti Hall is not on this month as we are
hosting the *Convergence* conference.

Everybody is welcome at any of these events.

Need more info?

Ring Jane McConochie: 03 521 1844 or Nigel Calder: 027
441 3776.

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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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com