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## Lake Rotoiti School News

The builders have finally finished their part of the rebuild. Joinery work is yet to be done, but we are using the Steam Room for the Prize Giving on Monday at 5:30.

I would like to thank Ken, Simon, Barry and Paul for their patience and diplomacy while this has been done.

The work on the Pool changing sheds has been delayed until April next year. This way there will be no disruption to the summer season. We have a small team led by Ina who will be doing the pool testing over the holiday period. If you have the opportunity, please thank them for carrying out this service for the community.

In the last two weeks we have been Paddleboarding and the Rural Women have been in to school to make Christmas decorations with the children. The Year 8 students had their camp at Connors Creek as well and Fraser returned for this event.

Our first sailing for the new season started on Thursday and will finish for the year next Thursday. Join us at the Lake from 5pm.

School finishes this Wednesday at 1:30pm with a water fight and a swim. It should be a fun way to end the term.

## Coming up

**Monday 12 Dec 5.30pm**

Lake Rotoiti School  
Prizegiving.

**Weds 14 December 2022**

- Last day for Rotoiti  
School

**Fri 16 December 2022**

Stock Rd due to reopen.

**Sat 17 December 2022**

**6pm:** Fire Brigade  
Community BBQ Lake  
Rotoiti Hall.

**24 December 6pm**

Village evacuation siren  
test, followed by Santa  
with lollies in the  
firetruck!

**24 December 7.30pm**

Christmas Eve carols at  
the hall.

**25 December 9.30am**

Christmas Day service at  
the Chapel.

**2 January 2023 9am till**

**2pm:** Book stall and  
Trash n Treasure, Rotoiti  
community hall.

**Sat 7 January 2023**

**10am to 2pm.-**

Coastguard Old4New  
lifejacket swap event. Kerr  
Bay

**Tue 31 January 2023 -**

Term1 starts for Lake  
Rotoiti School

**Photos: Boats, by N.  
Crawford. Southern Rata**

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



We farewell Antony Bedwell, Max King (Garin) and Mariska Basalaj (Waimea). We know that they are ready for the new challenges in their lives.

Keep encouraging businesses and friends to come to St Arnaud and become a part of our community. We need a significant roll growth to keep two teachers at the school. A minimum of 26 children are required, and I anticipate opening next year with only 19. In 2023 the Board will be funding one teacher.

Ahakoā ngā piki me nga heke o tēnei tau, ke te tautoko koutou i te kura nei, o tātou tamariki.

Despite the ups and downs of this year, you support this school and our children. On behalf of the children and Miriam, thank you very much.

**Term 1 2023 starts on Tuesday 31 January.** As usual, we are cramming a lot of activities in!

Have a Happy Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

Nga mihi,  
Mike.



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**Packets of antibacterial wipes– free to take away. Lots available at the visitor centre. Great for in the car and cleaning your phone. They are past their expiry date but seem to be still great at cleaning.**



The Nelson Lakes National Park Visitor Centre will be open every day over the holiday period except for Christmas Day.

It's a busy time of year for us, and we really appreciate all the local eyes and ears on the conservation law compliance situation. The [black billed gulls](#) are back at Kerr bay (in small numbers) and being an [at risk - declining](#) species, it's important that any dogs are kept away from them. As well as for the other special wildlife, including of course our kiwi.

If you see conservation laws being broken, feel free to give the duty rangers a call at the visitor centre on **03 5211806**, or after hours and Christmas Day on **0800 DOC HOT (0800 362 468)**

From all of us at DOC, we hope everyone has a happy and safe festive holidays. See you at the lakeshore!



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**info@tuffnell.co.nz**

***We thank all our existing clients for their continued support"***



## 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 03 5211 110

**Rotoiti Hub, Sundays 2pm**

Local Spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

Contact Nigel & Sarah Calder 0274413776 for details.

## Special Christmas services

Christmas eve at the hall 7:30pm

Christmas day at the chapel at 9:30 am



'Curious Contraptions' explores small, surreal worlds through fantastical, often amusing mechanical sculptures known as *automata*. These whimsical flying, sailing, and cycling machines are brought to life by intricate arrangements of handmade cams, cranks, and other simple mechanisms. Each sculpture performs an absurd miniature drama while also reflecting its maker's worldview and sense of humour. Exposed inner workings and low-tech mechanisms invite the viewer to understand how each one comes to life.

With a foundation in STEAM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) this exhibition provides formal learning opportunities as well and a fun and engaging experience for children, families and adults.

We know that this exhibition will be popular with families and hope that Curious Contraptions will spark an interest in our tamariki – the innovators, builders, designers, engineers, and fabricators of the future.

This vibrant, fun-filled exhibition is sure to delight all ages. It opens to the public on Friday 16 December with entry by donation for Nelson Tasman residents. Created and toured by Cabaret Mechanical Theatre, London. This exhibition is proudly supported by Munro Dental



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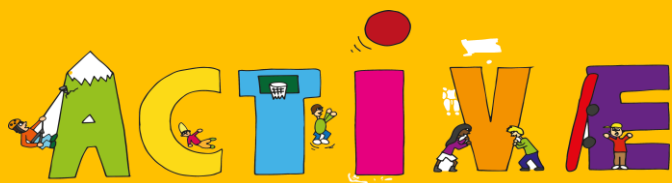
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## Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

**"Circuit Breakers"** exercise group  
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,  
Community Hall  
All welcome, gold coin donation  
Gael 027 280 4078

**Badminton / table tennis**  
Community Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm  
All welcome – rackets available. Gold coin  
donation towards hall and shuttle cocks.  
Nicky or Ed Shaw 521 1106

**Fit It Wednesdays** group exercise. Bring water,  
mat. Community Hall, Wednesdays ☺ 6-7pm. Lou  
0210414913

**Seido-Karate**  
Community Hall  
Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners  
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class  
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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Contact: [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

## Community Phone List

If you are currently listed and haven't changed anything then you don't need to do anything.

We realise that many are getting rid of their landlines so if your details have changed (eg. you've removed your landline or changed your cellphone) then please let us know.

If you know of anyone new to the area who would like to be included then please get in touch with us.

Please let us know of any changed **before 31.12.2022**

Ingrid - [lakestation@farmside.co.nz](mailto:lakestation@farmside.co.nz) or  
Jan [janthomsonart@gmail.com](mailto:janthomsonart@gmail.com)



# Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade

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## Christmas BBQ

& Fire Safety Information day

**Saturday 17th Dec from 6pm – Community Hall**

All Food Supplied, BYO Refreshments

Lollies and Swimming for the Kids

Village Evacuation info, Fire Safety Demonstrations

Ash Buckets, Fire Smart information, Santa

All Welcome



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## Santa & Sirens

**Saturday 24th Dec at 6pm – Throughout Village**

Village Evacuation Siren test

followed by tour of village by Santa in the Fire Truck

Village Evacuation info and Lollies for the Kids

[Finishing at Community Hall in time for the Christmas Carols](#)

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