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Lake Rotoiti School News

Kia ora kotou,

We farewell Abbi and Ilana at the end of this term, and welcome Arlo to the Junior Room.

The ski season has finished for us. We managed 5 days of lessons and fun, which is what we usually aim for. Our ski team of Abbi, Nina, Oliver and Ilana raced last Wednesday to great distinction. Our team finished 4th and Abbi got second in her individual event. I'd like to thank Dinah for acting as our team manager and transport boss.



Coming up

Wed 11 oct 12-2pm Nelson Federated Farmers and Rural Women Farming Event.

Community Hall. Free lunch, catch up with farming friends, MPI Onfarm Support, and Rural Support Trust co-ordinator.

Sat 18 Nov 1-4pm. St Arnaud Rural Women Christmas at the Lake. Community Hall. More info coming.

Sat 26 Nov. Teetotal Traverse trail running/walking event.

14 Dec. Lake Rotoiti School - last day for 2023 and awards

Weekly...

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph Kirsten 0220445829. Gold coin donation.

Photos: Tui , S. Wotherspoon.
Beech tree in snow and
Celmisia, D.Price

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

Lake Rotoiti Community News

I spent three days last week at the New Zealand Principal's Conference in Queenstown. While there I listened to educational experts who shared the latest ideas and experiences. If you want to know more, I'm happy to share but suffice to say the children at LRS are bucking the international trend of falling achievement. The experts were sharing practices that work in countries such as Finland, many of which we do here in Rotoiti.

Here are some of our 100-word challenge stories:

We got rid of Mr Allen for three days, so we got Penny. The first day with Penny we made pikelets and pancakes. The second day we made rice bubble cakes and bread. The next day we had ski races. In the mixed schools, our school came forth out of twenty-four other schools and Abbi got a silver medal for individual senior girls.

By Oliver 😊

This week Mr Allen wasn't here for three days so we had a reliever called Penny.

Monday:

Penny taught us how to cook pikelets, it was really fun. Frith also came and gave us an exercise challenge. We were divided into teams, boys and girls. Boys won.

Tuesday:

Penny taught us how to make rice bubble slices, they were delicious, I gave one to my dad. We also made a garnish poster.

Wednesday:

We had a pikelet baking contest. We had to make pikelets and then the local electrician, Shane, judged.

1st: Issac L.H 2nd: Bonnie 3rd: Jessica

By Bonnie



The foundation for the pool changing rooms has been dug and we expect building to commence soon. A huge thank you to Simon and Paul for the digging work, to Doug for the loan of his digger, and to Fred who will start construction shortly. It's going to be great having real changing rooms this season!

There will be a grape truck on site beside the pool for a couple of weeks as we need to pump some water out of the pool for repairs. Rather than waste the water and residual chemicals we will store it until the repair is complete and then pump it back in. Thanks to Daryl for the use of his truck.

At some point next term, the pool will reopen for public use and Thursday evening sailing will recommence. Watch this space.

Next term promises to be a very busy one with a lot of outdoor activities planned:

16 Oct - Beeby's hut clean	24 Oct - Field day (Basalaj's)
27 Oct - Nelson fishing expedition	6 Nov - Korfball
27 - 29 Nov - Senior tramp	7/8 Dec - Year 8 trip
11 Dec - Sailing day	13 Dec - Awards
14 Dec - Water fight and Last day of 2023	

We do some formal learning in all of this too, but it's interesting to note that the outdoor experiences are part of what makes Finland the top achieving nation in the world.

Term 3 finishes on Friday 22 September. Term 4 starts on Monday 9 October.

We are still looking for people who can join us as bus drivers.

The role is rostered, and flexibility of days is possible. Please contact Mike or Dominique if you are interested. mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz

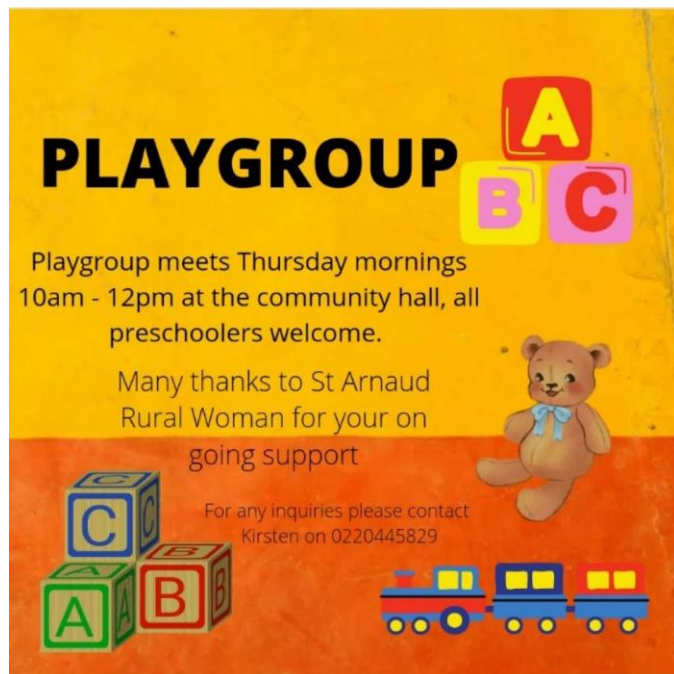
In 2024 it is the 75th anniversary of the school. We will be holding a celebration during Labour Weekend 2024, and we are calling for any stories that you might have of your past experiences at the school. Please send anything to Dominique or Mike to pass on to our archivist for publication.

mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz or dominique@lakerotoiti.school.nz

Alistair Nichols has kindly volunteered to coordinate the event, and Ingrid McConochie is sifting through the archives to write a small history of the school. If they shoulder tap you to help them, please say yes.

If you or anyone you know might like to attend, please contact the office to register interest.

Nga mihi,
Mike and Miriam.



PLAYGROUP

Playgroup meets Thursday mornings
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all
preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud
Rural Woman for your on
going support

For any inquiries please contact
Kirsten on 0220445829



There have been a few kereru spotted around the village recently. Last week one crashed into the big window at Blenchynden Shelter (the Kerr Bay campground kitchen). Unfortunately it died, probably reducing the population by a third. We've also heard of at least one other kereru dying this spring after hitting a window.

We are installing low tack UV bird decals to try to help prevent further death at this window – better late than never, maybe.

There's a bit of controversy around how effective window decals are at preventing birds hitting windows – we'd like to hear of your experiences if you've been using these locally.

And if you'd like to try, the [bird rescue website](#) is one place to get them.



A kereru in a local kowhai, snapped a few years ago by Richard Thoms.

MOTUEKA SKATEPARK

Official Opening



Join us for a skate competition and sausage sizzle
11.00 am, Saturday 30 September (7 October rain day)
40 Old Wharf Road, Motueka

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Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

MAMMA MIA!

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
DECKS RESERVE MOTUEKA
MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM

FREE EVENT
BYO FOOD/DRINK/BLANKET
NO ALCOHOL
RAIN DATE: SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Monday and Wednesday 9am Body Fit

Community Hall. Instructor led fitness classes targeting the whole body. Each class incorporates both high intensity cardio and resistance training, with options for low impact variations to cater to all exercise levels/abilities. Koha donation to the hall. Lou 0210414913

Wednesday 10am Circuit Training and exercise group. Community Hall. Gold coin koha for the hall.

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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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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