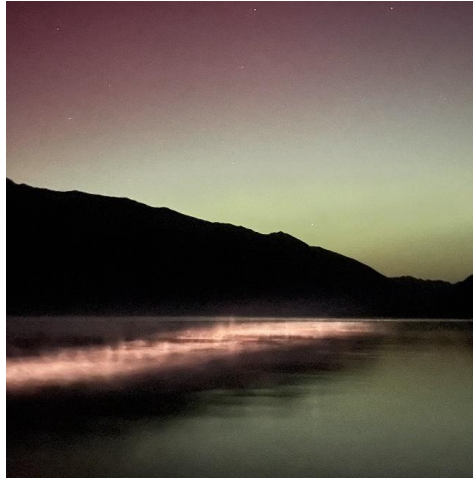


This newsletter is produced fortnightly by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions! Please send your newsletter items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

Deadline for next issue:
5pm Friday 21st March 2025

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Lake Rotoiti School News

It has been a busy couple of weeks. Two weeks ago, we went to Nelson for a ballet performance and last week the National ballet came to us for a session. The children had a lot of fun and some displayed talent.

Teachers not so much.



Coming up

2nd Wednesday of each month
Friends of Rotoiti Village
Trapping at 10 am, Pip Berkett
for details 027 521 1130

Thursdays 10am - 12pm
Playgroup. Community Hall..
Gold coin donation. For more
info - Anna 0277229652

Thursdays 5pm: Sailing at Kerr
Bay. For more info call Mike at
the school.

Photos: Aurora, S.J. Weir. Mt
Travers and Mt Cupola, S.
Anand. 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

Our swimming sports went very well and results are published in this newsletter. Many thanks to the parents who were able to attend and help with judging as well as Wendy for her organisation. It was her first go at organising a swimming sports day, and it was smooth and seamless.

Many thanks go to our parents, rural women and the community members who helped make the food tent at Classics run well. The next newsletter will have pictures of the Power boat event and our awesome team. This is the major fundraiser for the school and it pays for camp and skiing for the children this year. Without your support we wouldn't be able to have the amazing activities that we enjoy so much.

Very shortly we will be taking possession of new sails for the Optimists. The cost of these have been kindly donated by Rural Women and will ensure that sailing can continue for many more years.

Last Thursday we visited the Sheep Dog trials for an afternoon. Very talented teams that's for sure.

On Friday we visited the Black Valley Wetland restoration site and helped make baskets to help restore the failed plug. We followed this with some time learning how to weave the baskets to hold back the water. This is part of our science focus on New Zealand Wetlands and their importance to our environment. A huge thank you to Blair, Nell, Prashanti, Atawhai, Tina, Marlene, Jim and Haylee from MFE, TDC and Kai Raranga (Weavers).



We have a temporary Teacher Aide position available at the school. Hours are for Term 1 only at present, from 9 - 11am looking after the learning and behaviour needs of a child. This could extend to a longer period if funding becomes available. Applicants will need to agree to a Police vet and be physically and mentally able to cope calmly with an active child. If you are interested, please send expressions of interest to mike.allen@lakerotoiti.school.nz.

The pool will close on the weekend of 29 March. Please return your fob at this time.

Term 1 finishes on 11 April.

Nga mihi,
Miriam and Mike

Lake Rotoiti Community News

Just a note:

Spot the Fire Officer in charge from Wakefield. You would have thought that his previous brigade would have taught him to put his pants on the right way around! Face cropped for privacy reasons. ☺



-Welding and Metal Fabrication

-CNC profile cutting

Email: proengnz@gmail.com

Phone Chris: 027 507 1234

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
or Kay 027 3072820

FREE GRAPE MARC FOR STOCK FOOD

DELIVERY MARCH AND APRIL

REGISTER NOW

DELIVERY

If you are interested in a grape marc delivery you will need to register your interest by 6 March 2025. In most cases the cost of delivery will be covered by the winery.

THE FINE PRINT

Grape marc must be stored and disposed of in accordance with the Resource Management Act and the requirements of the Marlborough District Council.

It can be fed out to stock immediately or stored in a compliant pit.

CONTACT MICKAYLA

0211537493
035781878
MICKAYLA@HEAGNEYS.CO.NZ

the belly bee community clinic

providing compassionate care that tends to the structural, emotional, reproductive, and digestive balance through traditional body work and folk herbalism

March 15 

10am-4pm

Lake Rotoiti

Community Hall

mini sessions available first come throughout the day by Koha first serve basis

EARTH MEDICINE APOTHECARY:
herbal remedies, tea blends, ritual tools, and guidebooks

there will be tea, treats, and products to try

Ashton Kay, of the Belly Bee, is a Clinical Herbalist, Yoga Teacher, Healing Birth Practitioner and Tūlīx Indigenous Arts provider.

This pop-up community care clinic will be an opportunity to get to know Ashton and the broad toolbox of traditional healing methods she shares.

Ashton will have her herbal kit to help address a wide variety of ailments: digestive, skin, lymphatic, musculoskeletal, nervous system imbalance, women's health, newborn/baby care, etc.

This work is people's medicine and through the shared knowledge, may we all remember the medicine of the earth and our ancestors.

 ashtonkay@outlook.com 022 525 7871



Interested in joining the local LandSAR? Murchison LandSAR are looking for volunteers in both field searching and other roles. There is a training session in St Arnaud:

Tuesday 18th March - Teetotal St Arnaud, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The training will involve a search scenario and practice using the radios. Bring clothes suitable for the weather and a headtorch. All are welcome. Any questions please contact Jess Gibbs on murchisongto@gmail.com

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

Please send your contributions in the following formats:

Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.

Full page ads incur a fee of \$30 Please pay at 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

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"We thank all our rural clients for their ongoing continued support"

PAT DILLON
ELECTRICAL

Electrician
027 325 8507
admin@pdelectrical.co.nz

Lake Rotoiti Community News

School Swimming Sports Results

Senior Boys Freestyle 25m

1st Isaac M
2nd Max
3rd Izak G

Senior Girls Freestyle 25m

1st Jessie
2nd Leni
3rd Frankie

Open boys Freestyle 50m

1st Isaac M
2nd Izak G

Open Girls Freestyle 50m

1st Leni
2nd Charli

Senior Boys Backstroke 25m

1st Isaac M
2nd Sam
3rd Izak G

Senior Girls Backstroke 25m

1st Leni
2nd Frankie
3rd Charlie

Open boys Backstroke 50m

1st Isaac M
2nd Izak G

Open Girls Backstroke 50m

1st Frankie
2nd Charli

Open Boys Breaststroke 25m

1st Isaac M
2nd Sebastian

Open Girls Breaststroke 25m

1st Jessie
2nd Leni

Open Boys Breaststroke 50m

1st Isaac M
2nd Sebastian
3rd Izak G

Open Girls Breaststroke 50m

1st Jessie
2nd Charli
3rd Josie

Junior Freestyle 1 width

1st Luke B
2nd Lucca
3rd Elena

Junior Freestyle 4 widths

1st Luke B
2nd Elena
3rd Benjamin

Junior Flutterboard 1 width

1st Abel
2nd Arlo
3rd Rico

Junior Backstroke 1 width

1st George
2nd Elena
3rd Vanessa

Junior Flutterboard 1 width

1st Arlo
2nd Abel
3rd Zach

Rescue race

1st Isaac M/Uilou
2nd Charli/Elena
3rd Josie/Arlo

Senior Ride the noodle

1st Isaac M
2nd Sebastian
3rd Jessie

Junior Ride the noodle

1st Lucca
2nd George
3rd Zach
1st Elena
2nd Isaac M
3rd Lucca

Best Bomb

1st Elena
2nd Isaac M
3rd Lucca

Parents vs Students relay

1st Parents
2nd Students



GENERAL CONTRACTING

Putting off those odd jobs around the house or bach?
Have you cleaned your gutters or cleared your section
ready for fire season?

Brush cutting || Section clearing || Tree trimming
Gutter cleaning/repair || Low flammability tree planting
Landscaping || Indoor/outdoor painting
General repairs || Starlink installs || Tech setups
And more!

Free Quotes

 St Arnaud
Tasman Region

 Thomas Reid
0225257864

Ladies Day Out

March 15th - 10am to 3pm

Doughboy Road, Murchison

Tickets \$35 includes:
Lunch with a drink,
all day market & entertainment
plus prize draws through the day!

Tickets available from:
Hodgson's, Murchison NBS
or email judithalfeld@gmail.com

BE | GET | STAY



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



Services available:

A Handy Man: Phone Thomas 0225257864 Brush cutting, Section clearing, Tree Trimming, Gutter cleaning/repair/low flammability tree planting, Land Scaping, Indoor/outdoor painting, General Repairs, Starlink installs, tech setups, and more!

Window Cleaner - Michelle message on 0225 901 170 to arrange a time and date.

Rotoiti Water Taxi - Hamish 021 702 278

Holistic Herbal Consultation: Contact Ashton Reid (Certified Herbalist) 022 525 7871

Electrician: - Pat Dillon Electrical, phone 0273 258 507 or admin@pdelectrical.co.nz

Chimney Clean - David 03 544 4487 or 022 411 9059 or davidred202@gmail.com

Plumbing: Tuffnell Plumbing, Drain laying plus Gas Fitting - 0800 129 683

Water Tank Cleaning Specialist - Kerry 0277 477 902 or sherylkerry@gmail.com

Septic Tank Clean - Kevin or Murray 03 544 8032 or www.simplyseptic.co.nz

Water Tank Services - Aqua Task Services are going to be in the Nelson Lakes area in February. Suction Clean - no need to empty the water from your tank! Full clean - Pump out and waterblast. On board water blaster for any cleaning needs. Price dependant on Tank size. Phone Jake Moore 0272 425 112 or aquatankservices@yahoo.com aquatankservices.net.