

This newsletter is produced by a small volunteer editing crew to help keep our community connected and informed. We welcome your contributions!

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Lake Rotoiti School News

Our current roll is 27 students.

This week we are away on camp at Mistletoe Bay. Our ongoing association with Waitaria Bay School is becoming stronger and so this year we are joining them on camp. There are a lot of exciting events planned and we know that the children will love it. Without the support of Kea Kai and our awesome community this camp could not go ahead.

For the first time in a while we have had April Fool's Day while school was in. The story was that there was a nasty gas leak so we had to evacuate to the Mt Robert carpark. When we got there, we went for a short walk to the lookout and saw the new seating that has been installed. The children didn't seem to mind this prank.



Coming up

Monday 14th April Meet the Planners drop in session, 10.30-12.30 at the Community Hall with a presentation of regional plan changes at 11.30am

Weds 16th April. 7pm Rotoiti District Community Council meeting. DOC Tearoom, or to join remotely contact rotoitcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

25 April - ANZAC Service: 10.30 am @ Lake Rotoiti Community Hall - guest speaker to be advised, morning tea to follow service.

Thursdays 10am - 12pm Playgroup. Community Hall. Ph. Anna 0277229652. Gold coin donation.

Photos: Yellow mistletoe *Alepis flavida*, R. O'Neill. Rotoiti eels, D. Bauer. 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

We then told them that a Ferrari was coming to the school - they didn't believe us until it really did arrive. We heard it before we saw it. Many thanks to John and Joanne Skevington for showing us their fantastic car. The children were confused initially by the boot in the front and the engine in the back. It also creates an awesome sound!



While all of this has been going on, we have been preparing for ANZAC Day. Wendy and Debbie have been working with the children to develop an amazing artwork and some research for the commemoration during the school holidays. We hope you can make it to the service to remember those who gave their lives for us.



We have joined Fern Energy's 'Fern for Schools' programme.

Their sponsorship programme has helped put over \$1.6million of resources into more than 500 rural schools in the last fifteen years. It's very simple. Customers nominate a participating school to receive 50 cents for every 100L of bulk fuel they have delivered. Once a participating school reaches their \$1,000 target they can redeem from the variety of technology, sports, literature & music packages on offer. The more people involved and nominating a school the sooner they will be rewarded. Call 0800 99 99 89 to start supporting us today.

I am away for three weeks experiencing teaching and learning in Finland (really). It is something that I have heard a lot about and seems to come close to the way our children are taught at Lake Rotoiti. I hope to come back with some great ideas and a better understanding of where the NZ education sector could go.

Sailing has finished for the season.
The pool has closed.
Please return your fob at this time.

Term 1 finishes on Friday 11 April.
Term 2 starts on Monday 28 April and finishes on Friday 27 June.

Nga mihi,
Miriam, Wendy, and Mike.



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Arnaud, Howard, Gowan &
surrounding area's weekly**

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

Nelson Lakes Eels Social Basketball

**Social Basketball Competition starting
Wednesday 30th April from 6pm, to be
played at the Lake Rotoiti Community
Hall**

**Any individuals or teams wanting to
play please contact Todd 0273502002**



The Friends of Rotoiti and the Department of Conservation are pleased to announce the transfer of 11 great spotted kiwi from the Kahurangi National Park to the Nelson Lakes National Park was successful. This was the final step in a 21-year project supported by the Friends of Rotoiti. The kiwi will be monitored as they settle into their new home. To help keep them safe, it is vital that dog owners continue to be vigilant and follow the rules in the vicinity of the village/National Park. If you are hunting and your dog has not completed kiwi aversion training we highly recommend doing this. Feral cat trapping efforts are also being increased in the vicinity of their release. Thanks to all those involved in making this success possible, may the kiwi live long and healthy lives here in their new home!

Any hunters who are interested in their dogs completing kiwi aversion training, please email Ricki Mitchell ramitchell@doc.govt.nz

FRIENDS OF ROTOITI are a community of volunteers who live in or about St Arnaud, or visit regularly. For more than 20 years they have installed more than 100km of traplines around the village and deep into the Nelson Lakes National Park, and they continue to service these lines on a regular schedule.

Friends of Rotoiti work closely with DOC on key tasks such as the annual wasping operation in February and, just this past week, on the relocation of roroa (Great Spotted Kiwi).

Friends of Rotoiti are always on the lookout for new volunteers, and for funding support! You can contact them at friendsofrotoiti@gmail.com or call or text the Chair, Wayne Sowman, on 027 2385597.



Boulder Lake, their previous home



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Young 6m water ballasted trailer yacht on road trailer plus outboard
Newly painted deck & cockpit with new windows so ready for sailing on the lake for family or friends. for autumn adventures.

Good sails including new No.2 jib & interior has squabs, radio, fuel tank stove etc. davit system to make mast stepping easier,
Water ballasted so excellent for towing & going onto the beach eliminates mooring to jetty.

Will be advertised on TradeMe at \$5200 ono
We would love to see it go to the lake with a local family or even a group share with the school or Lodge students so will negotiate a much more favourable private offer.

Can view in Murchison most times. Recent photos available
thinicebrewers@gmail.com
Ray & Sheri Robertson



WAKEFIELD PHARMACY

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Sunday 27th April 2025 Rotoiti Community Hall 3pm-6pm


Kia ora people of St Arnaud. We at Wakefield Pharmacy along with the PHO have been tasked with trying to get out and about into rural areas to try and get better health engagement within the community.

Brad Collins and Hamid Johari from the Pharmacy are planning on coming out to St Arnaud on the 27th of April for a health promotion day and vaccination clinic.

We're hoping to have some conversations with the locals about health services available in the region and where and how we can try and fill the gaps.


We will also be offering Flu and Covid vaccinations to help prepare for the ills and chills season, as well as a few other funded vaccinations (eg boostrix for pregnant mothers and Shingrix for 65 year olds) If there are any other vaccinations you would like us to bring along, give us a call on 03 541 8418.

We look forward to seeing a few friendly faces and would love to meet some of you that we may not have had a chance to meet yet.



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NEW OPENING HOURS:
MONDAY EVENING: 5 - 6.45 PM
THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 11 AM - 3 PM
SATURDAY 10 AM - 5 PM
WHERE: 5 MIN NORTH OF VILLAGE :
BLENHEIM / NELSON T-JUNCTION : FLAGS ARE OUT

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

Rural Women St Arnaud Notices

It's time for an update to the local phone directory. For additions and alterations please contact Ingrid rotoitidowns@farmside.co.nz

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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).

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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



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