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School News

Finally... Lockdown ended and we came back to school.

It's hard to say who was more excited: the children, the teachers, or the parents. Our first day back was wonderful, reconnecting and having fun. After lunch we had an old fashioned fun afternoon with egg and spoon races, tug of war, sack races, egg toss and an art challenge. Check out the photos.

We managed to get a lot done over the time away and most children made some great advances in their learning thanks to their efforts and those of their parents. On the website there's a great video of Shaun showing his talent and skill.

Around the school, you will notice that Brent and Allie planted the front of the Junior room and we have a new tree at the entrance – more of a twig at the moment, but it will grow!

The website has been updated. You will be able to see the BOT minutes on the site now as well as our draft three year curriculum programme.

<https://www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/>

Regards

Mike Allen

 Photos of school events on the following page

Tuesday 16th June
Lk Rotoiti School BOT
Meeting, 7.00pm

Wednesday 24 June
RDCC Meeting
DOC staffroom
7.15pm

Photos:
Kereru; Richard Thoms;

Mushrooms, Toni.

**We'd love to print your
photos here.**

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Photos from Lake Rotoiti School



Notice – BOT meeting

Lake Rotoiti School's Board of Trustees
7.00pm, Tuesday 16th June,
at the school.

Megan Jordan



DOC News



See Tiakina Ngā Manu factsheet attached to this newsletter email.

The factsheet gives an overview of upcoming predator control in the Nelson Lakes National Park planned for the winter of 2020.

Nelson Green gecko sightings

DOC staff are very excited to hear of several Nelson green gecko (*Naultinus stellatus*) sightings in the last few months.

The Nelson green gecko is found only in the Nelson area from south of the Bryant Range, westwards of the main divide, to the Murchison district and north Westland.

Babies are born alive as opposed to hatching from an egg as many reptiles do. Young (usually twins) are born in the autumn or early winter. Keep an eye out for them.

Nelson green geckos are classified as nationally vulnerable, and although you are not allowed to touch them you can try to spot them on your walks. They live in open scrubland such as manuka and kanuka forests.

One local resident took these photos of one sunning itself in their vegetable patch.

- Please report any sightings to Melissa Griffin, Senior Biodiversity Ranger at mgriffin@doc.govt.nz.

See photos over the page

Nelson green gecko

Photos by Kerry Stratford



Rotoiti District Community Council

Update

With a more relaxed Alert Level, life has resumed some normality!

The effectiveness of the Covid 19 response is a credit to New Zealand and particularly to those charged with making it work!

As a community, and as individuals we owe our local Civil Defence Controller, Russell Ferens, a huge vote of thanks.

Russell has been tireless throughout the Lockdown, ensuring people were safe, in a suitable place, and following procedure.

It hasn't been easy! He has had good support from Fiona and Dani, and others from Civil Defence and the local community.

We are now entering the "Recovery Phase", i.e., we are broke, and trying to jumpstart the economy. We all need to support our local businesses, as they have supported us.

Some of us, who are neither retired or in government work, will have suffered a sharp

drop in income. Some jobs have disappeared entirely and are not covered by the wage supplement.

So if you have work that needs doing, why don't you post it on the Community Notice Board at the Alpine Store or in the Rotoiti News? It all helps get the economy moving.

Ours has always been a supportive community, and it was wonderful to see each community "cluster" support and check on each other during the lockdown.

The RDCC will hold its first Post Pandemic meeting on **Wednesday 24th June at 7.15pm** in the DOC staffroom. Numbers and distancing may still apply, and this will be advised, along with an agenda in June.

Robbie Thomson

Chairman RDCC



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- ❖ Thursday 25th June
- ❖ Thursday 23rd July

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Quail Eggs

My quails are still laying through the winter.



If you would like some cute eggs for your salad or whatever you come up with, please let me know.

\$5 for a dozen.

If you would like a jar of pickled quail eggs, available in different flavours for \$ 7.

Did you know that quail eggs are supposed to help with allergies?

Phone 021 420 766

Cheers Ina

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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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com



NZ Police News

Report of a Burglary - Tetley Brook area south of Seddon.

The victim lost horse riding equipment from a shed on the property between 20th and 25th of May 2020.

Please keep a look out for the following stolen property:

- **Black leather Bates Dressage saddle - 53cm girth 17 inch gusset.**
- **Horse Scoot Boots (Hoof Boots) - size 3 left and size 4 right - black with purple straps.**
- **Horse cover - Make, Weatherbeeta - purple colour.**

If you know anything about this, please contact the local Police Station.

Regards.

Sergeant Michael Porter

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Safer Communities Together

Burglary in St Arnaud

Images of the person doing the burglary at 11 Rotoiti St, last night (below).

If you can give any information, please contact Constable Josiah Young
03 523 1170 or

josiah.young@police.govt.nz



