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## Coming up

**Saturday 18 June @ 6pm**  
Rainbow Sports Club  
“Snowball” – see advert in  
newsletter

**Sunday 19 June @ 12 pm**  
Annual Blue Duck Nude  
midwinter swim – see  
notice in newsletter for  
details

**Photos: Falcon, L.  
Pogson, Lake Rotoiti,  
C Hutchinson**

**Note:** regular notices about  
fitness related activities are  
listed in a separate box  
within the Newsletter –  
NEW: Badminton on  
Wednesday at 7pm

## Lake Rotoiti School News

Tena koutou,

It's been a wonderful couple of weeks where we have been able to focus on learning. After some reflection we have realised that this is the first time in two years that we have not been locked down at some point. To be at school with a consistent programme certainly makes a difference. For some children they have never experienced what we would call a 'normal' term. For others they still have not had this pleasure as a result of family isolation due to Covid, or from having caught it. To date, 60% of the students have had Covid-19.

Last Tuesday the Senior students learnt and practiced CPR at the Community Centre.



Many thanks to Brian for organising this for the community and for allowing us to attend.

Thanks also to the adults who were there for letting us join them. After the tutoring we visited the Fire Station to see where the defibrillator is stored and learnt how to remove it. Removing it usually sets off the siren, but Wattie very kindly deactivated it so we could have a go.

This term the children are researching and learning about "Our Place": the places and things that are important in their lives.

We have run into a dead-end in research though. Does anyone know how Teetotal got its name, who named it and why? If you can answer this question, an email to [principal@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:principal@lakerotoiti.school.nz) would be very much appreciated.

Nga mihi,  
Mike



Now winter is upon us, with snow on the hills and cold frosty mornings, the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is open from 9.00am – 4.00pm each day. These hours will continue throughout the winter period.

Feel free to contact us for snow/avalanche information, weather forecast, track conditions and warnings, dog permits, hunting permits, assistance with online bookings, hut ticket sales, bag storage, personal locator beacon hire, backcountry food, gas cannisters, Nelson Lakes T-shirts, books and other retail items.

Retail items will not be available for sale on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June due to our annual stocktake.

With a change in the weather temperatures, this is a good time to remind folk that the ice skate hire business is owned by Hamish of Lake Rotoiti Water Taxi – please contact Hamish directly.

Masks are required to be worn inside the Visitor Centre at all times.

### St Arnaud Criminal Activity

There has been recent suspected criminal activity in the village with at least two sightings of what may be the same person in suspicious circumstances.

Please do not hesitate to call the Police on 111 if suspicious activity is observed. The Police can also be contacted on 105 though this is for cases where an activity

has already occurred e.g., a burglary and the burglar has left.

*Any queries please contact:*

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Secretary  
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their continued support***



## STOLEN

Police have received a report of the theft of a trailer fitted with a 1000 litre diesel tank. The tank had around 500 litres of diesel fuel in it.

This was stolen overnight between Wednesday the 18th and Thursday the 19th of May 2022 from a construction site on a remote rural property some distance off SH 6 in the Canvastown area of Marlborough.

Police will be grateful if you would contact the police with any information about the theft, or any sightings of a tanker trailer in your travels in the last day or so. You can pass this information by phoning police on the non-emergency number, 105, or report information via the police website at: [www.police.govt.nz](http://www.police.govt.nz)



## Beechnest Subdivision

Many of you will be aware, that the owners of the wetland along Beechnest Drive were wanting to lift the covenant on this area to allow subdivision into 10 sections which would then subsequently have a house on each.

Many locals were against this idea and a small group of residents were taken to court over this matter. It ended up becoming a very complex process spanning three years, costing a huge amount of money and energy.

After a long wait, Judge Tuohy reached his verdict in favour of the respondents. The application to lift the covenant has been refused and further subdivision cannot go ahead.

We are delighted with this outcome but incredibly sad that Francesa didn't live to hear the result, as she was a passionate driver behind this.

At this stage we do not know what will happen to the unsightly building pads that have already been put into the wetland, but we hope the whole community will enjoy the walk along here with views over the wetlands to Pourangahau/Mount Robert.

Leighton and Alexandra, Erin and Jarron, Gisela and Wayne, Russell and Franceska



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## Annual Blue Duck Nude midwinter swim @ 12 noon

East jetty in Kerr Bay – for both locals and visitors and you don't have to be nude!



## 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.

## BE GET STAY



### Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

#### "Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday & Wednesday 10 am, Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 027 280 4078

#### Pilates

Community Hall on Thursdays at 5pm.

Contact Lisa 021 202 4034

#### 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

#### Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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