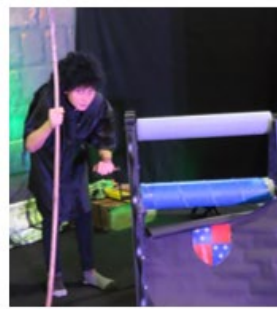
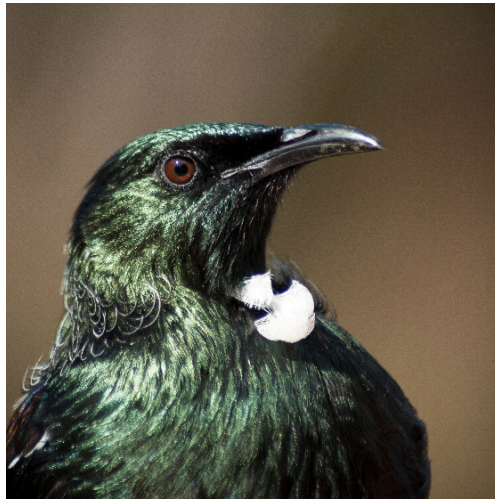


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Friday 8 October 2021

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items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



Lake Rotoiti School News

It's been a frantic few weeks!

Thank you to those that made it to our Matinee and Evening performance of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. The kids did an absolutely amazing job. It's almost as if they were a 'team of highly trained professionals'. Everything came together absolutely beautifully, and we couldn't be prouder of the kids.

Twenty-two children ranging in age from 5 to 13 all with speaking parts and they never missed a cue. The audience was in stitches - even though it was no time for embroidery - and the applause at the end of the performances truly reflected the fantastic show the kids put on.

Lockdown created a lot of problems for our preparation, but I think you'll agree that the children rose to the occasion magnificently.

Thank you also to our parents and community members who helped set up and pack up the stage, and also to Chris who built the World's best squisher. If you want to see some more awesome photos, please go to the School website.

School finishes for the term on Friday 1 October and we return on Tuesday 19 October. Monday 18th is a Teacher Only Day when staff are learning about Mindfulness for teachers and children. Then it gets busy!

Term 4 is a short one, but in this time there 13 separate activities over 8½ weeks.

Mike and Alison

Coming up

Wed 1 October 10am-2pm
NMDHB – Covid-19
vaccination clinic at Lake
Rotoiti Community Hall

Wed 6 October
Rotoiti District Community
Council Ordinary meeting
at 7.15pm at Community
Hall
Any agenda items to Brian
at
[rotoiticommunitycouncil@
gmail.com](mailto:rotoiticommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

Sundays 10.30 am
Lake Rotoiti Chapel
services are run by locals
and non-denominational.
Everyone welcome.

Photos: Rotoiti School
production "Robin Hood
and the Sherwood Hoodies"

Note: regular notices about
fitness related activities are
listed in a separate box
within the Newsletter.



LOST & FOUND

Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is a contact point for Lost & Found items. If you find any items in the National Park, please feel free to drop to the Visitor Centre during opening hours.

We will however not accept perishable items.

We are open every day except for Christmas Day. Open hours are 9am - 4pm during the winter months and from 8am - 4.30pm over the summer.

FOUND: Keys - if you have lost a bunch of keys, please call 03 5211806 and see if we have them!

During Covid Level 2, all visitors must either scan in or sign in and the wearing of masks is mandatory.

Sustainable Nelson Lakes

Nelson Lakes National Park is reducing waste to be more sustainable, but we need your help!

DOC Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes is asking camp users to consider production and disposal of litter. Where possible, we prefer all visitors to use the *'Pack in, Pack out'* motto used by trampers and visitors to national parks.



Lake Rotoiti is remote from facilities, and it is difficult for us to manage recycling and general rubbish.

Please note that the bins at Kerr Bay are for campers only.

We ask that Bach owners do not dump their rubbish - Tasman District Council provide rubbish / recycling facilities in St Arnaud, and these are available on the TDC website.

There are waste transfer stations located at Murchison (Matakitaki West Bank Road), Richmond (Fittal Street) and Blenheim (Wither Road).

KEA - some news from Ricki at DOC, Nelson Lakes, Biodiversity Ranger

Hi all, just wanted to give you a quick update to pass on to everyone on our kea work.... and some pretty exciting news that you may have already heard.

Our MOR pair have been found on a nest with four eggs. The nest wasn't one we previously knew about, but one I stumbled upon by pure chance!

Will let you know how the next check goes.



The pair over at St Ronans haven't yet laid eggs but they look like they are hanging around their usual cavity too.



Unfortunately, we haven't seen any activity from the pair that are usually up ski field road - so it would be great to put the call out to the friends, whenever they are up that way doing traps, or if they just want to do some surveying, to note down any Kea heard or seen in that vicinity! A specific time and as close to a specific location they are coming out from would be great!

Volunteers wanted to run a trap line in the Maggie Valley (comes off the Howard Valley) to protect a significant black billed gull colony during the nesting season - early October to early January. The FOR people who organise things are very busy so we would appreciate volunteers to both organise and help on the line. Please contact Friends of Rotoiti friendsofrotoiti@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please remember to visit www.friendsofrotoiti.org.nz for information and see the news option for current events.

Kea Conservation Trust who are a huge support for the work Nelson Lakes does protecting kea, have set up a Give a Little Page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/cat-trapping-for-kea>

Other websites you might like to visit include:

- : DOC's newsletter "Birdsong"
- : Tasman Environment Trust
- : Predator Free NZ
- : Whats Up DOC
- : Friends of Flora.



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

STAFF WANTED
ROTOITI/NELSON LAKES VISITOR CENTRE

The Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is looking for someone available on a casual basis to fill in as and when needed. This may extend to fixed term over the summer months.

We also have an opportunity for someone to be available two days/week (Friday/Saturday or Saturday/Sunday). This will be an ongoing position.

We are looking for people with a positive attitude who like dealing with people in a busy and fast paced environment. The work involves general customer service, providing visitor information, issuing permits, booking campgrounds and huts, and retail sales. Must be available to work weekends and summer school holidays.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, enjoy talking with customers, have a good general knowledge of the local walking tracks and the area, this might be just the job for you!

If you would like to be involved in our work, please contact the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre, View Road, St Arnaud.

Phone: 03 521 1806, E-mail: shutchinson@doc.govt.nz

Nelson Lakes biodiversity volunteer ranger

The Department of Conservation Lake Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes is looking for suitably experienced volunteers to work with DOC rangers on tasks such as trapping, monitoring and weed control.

When: November 2021 to April 2022

Preference is given to those who are studying in the field of ecological science, or who have undertaken other species and trapping work. Ideally, we are looking for a four-week commitment so you can build up a good range of skills and have a meaningful experience.

The Nelson Lakes biodiversity team is based out of St Arnaud and carries out fauna and flora work across a range of conservation land. Fauna work involves pest control and native species monitoring with most work centred around the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project.

This mainland island site at Lake Rotoiti tests pest management techniques and much of your work as a volunteer will be in this project.

Flora work involves weed control across the district in a variety of habitat types as well as native flora monitoring. As a volunteer, you will gain experience in both fauna and flora work as well as contributing to conservation.

Wasps are very prevalent in the Nelson Lakes area in the summer; so, wasp stings are a real possibility for anyone around the village or walking in the bush.

Keep this in mind when applying for this opportunity and note that St Arnaud is over an hour from the nearest medical assistance.

The work is varied and could include:

- predator trapping (for stoats and possums)
- monitoring of trapping effort (tracking tunnels)
- native species monitoring (kea, kiwi, bats)
- helping in one of the largest wasp control operations in the world
- monitoring native flora
- weed control.

Most work is undertaken during regular working hours although overnight trips outside the RNRP are possible. The work involves working with rangers and alone, handling dead animals and putting toxins into bait stations.

Volunteers must have a high level of fitness and well-developed backcountry tramping skills.

You need to be experienced and comfortable:

- navigating in the bush
- being off formed tracks
- using a map and compass
- have completed multi-day trips in the backcountry or have done similar work.

You will be required to work for short periods of time unsupervised so you must be confident in the bush unaccompanied.

Shared bach-type accommodation is provided free in St Arnaud for the duration of the volunteer period.

You supply your own food and transport to St Arnaud.

A full gear list is supplied with an information pack on acceptance. All safety equipment and any transport required for the job are supplied.

How to apply: Complete the online application form

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/volunteer/in-your-region/nelson-tasman/rotoiti-nature-recovery-project-volunteer-ranger/application-form/>

If you have specific questions, please email Ricki @ ramitchell@doc.govt.nz



The Nelson Marlborough District Health Board are holding Covid 19 Vaccination clinics as follows:

St Arnaud: Lake Rotoiti Community Hall, Main Rd

- Wed 1 October, from 10am to 2pm

Tapawera: Shedwood Hall, Main Rd

- 28 September, from 9am to 1pm

Bring your families too – anyone aged 12+ can be vaccinated. If you need your second dose at one of these clinics, please make sure it's been at least three weeks since the first dose.

This information is also on the Top of the South Rural Support Trust website

Where can I find good information about the vaccine? You can find trusted information about the vaccine and COVID-19 at:

- Unite Against COVID-19: www.covid19.govt.nz
- Ministry of Health: www.health.govt.nz
- Te Puni Kōkiri: www.karawhiua.nz



RULES FOR ENTERING ROTOITI LODGE OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTRE GROUNDS

While a group is occupying Rotoiti Lodge, please ensure you do the following:

- Face covering **MUST** be worn
- You **MUST** sign in using the covid tracer app
- You can only walk along the driveway to get to the other side
- Please stay out of activity areas
- Please do not go on the deck or enter **ANY** buildings.

Please help us to be able to operate.

Failure to comply with these rules will mean we have to shut off all Rotoiti Lodge grounds to the public.

We value our community and want to keep the access way open to public. Please help us keep our community safe.

If you need to talk to us, please call 03 5211820 to arrange a meeting.

ST ARNAUD VILLAGE SECURITY CAMERA PROPOSAL

The RDCC has been investigating a proposal to install roadside security cameras at each end of the village. This proposal is now likely to proceed but further information

and questions can be asked at the next RDCC meeting on October 6th, 7:15pm at the Community Hall.

So far village donors have contributed over \$3,000 and a further \$2000 grant has been allocated by the TDC. A further \$2000 is still required and any donation is gratefully received.

Contributions may be made into the RDCC account: 38-9010-0624715-01

Any questions can be addressed to:

Brian Erasmus, Secretary
Rotoiti District Community Council
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COMMUNITY WEEKEND @ MARAHAU BEACH

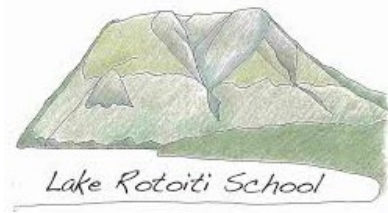
Friday 26 - Sunday 28 November 2021

Family fun with your neighbours!

Bring your togs, bedding and some baking!

Catered for by Lake Rotoiti chapel folk

Let me know you are coming by
email ali.sue.nicholls@xtra.co.nz
ring 03 521-1110 Ali &Sue



Jessica's best and worst things in lockdown

One of the best things in lockdown is that I can do what I want when I want to. Which means I can have breaks whenever I want.

I can stay in my pyjamas all day. I can also sleep in and no one is allowed to wake me.

One of the worst things in lockdown is that I have to be on a device practically all day because most of our work is on a chromebook. It is annoying when there is no internet because Matific logs me out.

Another thing I don't like about lockdown is not being able to see my friends. But the good thing is that I can talk to them on a google meet or text them.

While I'm at home during lockdown mum and dad make me do WAY MORE chores because I am on our property

all of the time. They make me do chores like lighting the fire and doing the dishwasher.

The last thing that I don't like about lockdown is that I can't go to town on weekends. I miss my favourite shops and the skate park.

Gavin Gutwrencher

Gavin is evil and not nice. He loves his job (torturing people) he likes seeing people suffer and be in pain. He doesn't really have a heart. He acts creepy because he is creepy and likes people to know he is not nice. At the end he is happy because he can finally use his squisher properly.

He wears black clothes because he is a very dark person. He also moves fast and efficiently. He is very bossy and controlling of his guests. His face has a very unfriendly look on it and is very dirty and he wears not nice clothes. He smells very bad and would not do anything else for a job.

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday

Lake Rotoiti Chapel, 10.30AM,
Rotoiti Street, St Arnaud

- Services are run by locals and non-denominational.
- Everyone welcome

Thursday & Sunday

Rotoiti Hub, 3 pm

- Holy Spirit lead worship, encounter, revelation and ministry.
- Phone Nigel and Sarah 027 441 3776 or Jane 027 332 8096 for info and location.

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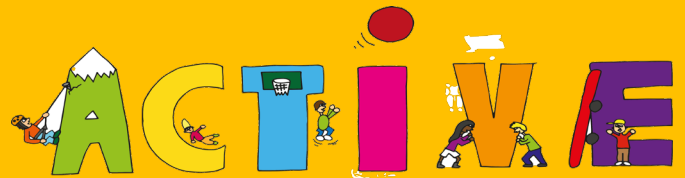
CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Playgroup for pre-schoolers

Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Community Hall

\$2 donation for hall use

Contact Frith 0277 534 880

“Circuit Breakers” exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am

Community Hall All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 027 280 4078

Pilates

Community Hall on Thursdays at 5pm.

10-week terms in line with school terms.

Contact Lisa 021 202 4034 for further information or if you would like to join.

Seido-Karate Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation