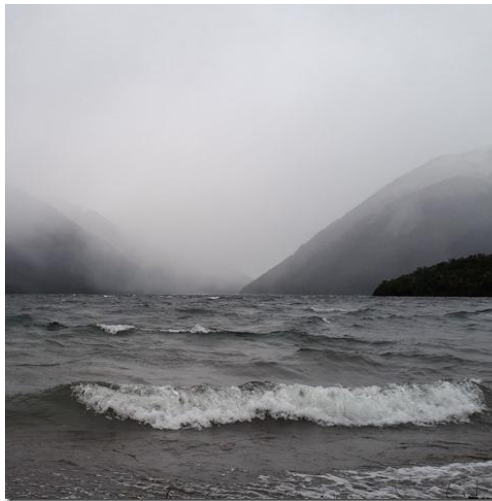


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Friday 11 October 2019

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You can download a copy of
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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



Lake Rotoiti School News

Kia ora whanau

Welcome to the last week of term, the kura has been bustling with activity for the past few weeks.

Garden Kaitiaki

In the Tui class tamariki have been engaged in plant growth experiments, to better understand what helps plants grow. As the plants have grown, we have gained insight into how the different sections of a plant develop along with what conditions support plant growth. We hope to use this information to better protect and support our native flora and fauna around the kura and the community.

Cross country

Two weeks ago, the tamariki took part in a cross-country at Wairau valley school, prior to this we had been training hard and setting personal goals. It was great to see all the tamariki taking part, trying their hardest and representing our kura. Tēnā rawa (thank you very much) to Wairau Valley School for hosting us and making us feel welcome.

Coming up

Saturday 5 October

7:00pm DOC meeting
room.

Fran Andrews

Volunteering in Papua New
Guinea

Saturday 19 October

7:00pm DOC meeting
room

Guy McDonald 'A Ranger in
the Auckland Islands'

More info –Julie Robilliard
03 521 1874 or

Tracey Grose 021 475 514

Thursday 31 October

1000am DOC meeting
room

Kiwi Conservation Month
morning tea

2 November

6.30 pm at Nicholls farm
Fireworks

Sue & Ali Nicholls 521
1110 or

ali.sue.nicholls@gmail.com

29 Nov to 1 Dec

Marahau

Community weekend

Sue & Ali Nicholls 521
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ali.sue.nicholls@gmail.com

**Photos: dandelion clock
and fungi – Rachel
Lamborn**

Solander ski races

Last week, some of our ski enthusiasts took part in the Solander ski races in which our teams competed against other schools and teams. This was a great opportunity to show off all that they have learnt throughout the term. It was great to see the tamariki taking part, especially those who had their first ever ski experience at the start of the term.

Once again, many thanks to Jo and Sam for helping us to get prepared for the races.



Leadership awards

Every second Friday we hold assemblies during which we celebrate the achievements of our tamariki. We also award students that strive to actively uphold the school values of P.R.I.D.E. Last week's awards were given to Teilo, Max, Cadeyrn, Shaun, Anika, Caitlyn, Nihalii and Bonnie.



Kaka going crazy!

DOC staff have received lots of very happy comments about the flocks of kaka seen around the village and national park in recent weeks. These birds are thought to be juveniles.

You'll hear their loud raspy call before you see them. They perform acrobatics around the trees and are remarkably agile for such large birds.

Visiting the lakefront at dawn and early morning, and before dusk is the best time to see flocks of kaka.

Kaka facts (Adapted from NZ Birds Online)

- Kaka (*Nestor meridionalis*) are large, forest-dwelling parrots found on all three main islands of New Zealand and on several offshore islands.

Identification

- Plumage - olive-brown parrot with grey-white crown, red-orange underwing and deep crimson belly and under-tail. Males have a noticeably longer and deeper upper mandible and bigger head than females.



South Island Kaka (© Leon Berard)

- The call is a harsh, repeated, rhythmic "ka-aa" when flying above the forest canopy, and a harsh grating "kraak" alarm call when disturbed.

Nesting

- Kaka generally nest in tree cavities over 5 metres above the ground in spring and summer. The nest floor is lined with small wood chips.
- The clutch is generally 4 eggs and the female sits on the nest for over 30 days.
- The female alone incubates the eggs and cares for the nestlings. She is fed by the male throughout the breeding season. Both parents feed the fledglings.

Threats

- Forest clearance has destroyed all but a fraction of the kaka's former habitat. However, the biggest threat to their survival are stoats and possums.
- Nesting females are particularly vulnerable to stoat predation.
- Protection for kaka and kiwi is the main reason the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project (RNRP, mainland island) target stoats with trapping.

Abundance

- Probably fewer than 10,000 birds in total across the three main islands.

Kerr Bay campground upgrade

If you've been past the Kerr Bay campsite recently, you'll see the amenities block is getting a big refresh.

The upgrade will mean year-round availability of:

- hot showers (currently just over the summer months),
- disabled shower and toilets, and
- washing machines.

Kerr Bay and West Bay campsites remain very popular with New Zealanders for family holidays and overseas visitors.

Before last summer Blechynden Shelter, adjacent to the Kerr Bay camp, was painted, had new cooker installed, as well as getting a new roof and skylights.

- ❖ *Both campsites must be booked* via the DOC online booking system (www.doc.govt.nz select 'online bookings') or the Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre (a small processing fee may apply for assisted bookings).
- ❖ *Do you know someone who would make a great volunteer camp host at either Kerr Bay or West Bay camp?*
 - Duties can range from one week (Wed-Wed),
 - Be a valued member of the team,
 - Full induction and daily contact with rangers and Visitor Centre,
 - Duty takes about four hours/day, so you'll be free to relax,
 - no cleaning or other duties required.

Go to www.doc.govt.nz and click on the 'Volunteer' tab

School holiday activities

Will family or friends visit over the school holidays?

You might like to try these fun activities

- ❖ **Orienteering** - Pick up Nelson Orienteering Club's orienteering map from the Visitor Centre and try their introductory orienteering course.

Options range from 30 mins to 2 hours.

Suitable for walking or running.

Make a walk even *more* interesting and fun!

❖ **Toyota Kiwi Guardians**

Kids get out and experience the national park and win a medal!

Step 1 - Download the Nelson Lakes map onto your phone or pick up a map from the Visitor Centre

Step 2 - Follow the map and get exploring!

Don't forget to find the 'magic word' on the Kiwi Guardians post/pou.

Step 3 - go online to www.kiwiguardians.co.nz enter your details for a certificate and medal.

Check the Kiwi Guardians website if you are travelling these holidays. You have over 100 Kiwi Guardians sites around New Zealand to visit or a range of fun outdoors and conservation activities you can do at home to choose from - and win Kiwi Guardians medals!

❖ **50 things to do before you are 12 ¾**

DOC's Conservation Week activity forms are still available from the Visitor Centre.

Entries close on **13 October 2019** so you have plenty of time to enter. Great prizes.



Rotoiti Community Phone Directory

Available from the St Arnaud Alpine Village Store

Cost - Donation or \$2

Thanks to Jan McConochie and Sheri Robinson-Lee for compiling the list on behalf of Rotoiti Community District Council.

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The Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre is looking for someone available on a casual basis to fill in as and when needed.

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, visitor information, issuing permits, booking campgrounds and huts, retail sales and basic office administration.

If you are not scared of computers and phones, 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 Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre before
Friday 11 October 2019.

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



UPCOMING TALKS

Saturday 5 October 2019

7:00pm (DOC meeting room)

Fran Andrews – *Volunteering in Papua New Guinea*

Saturday 19 October 2019

7:00pm (DOC Meeting Room)

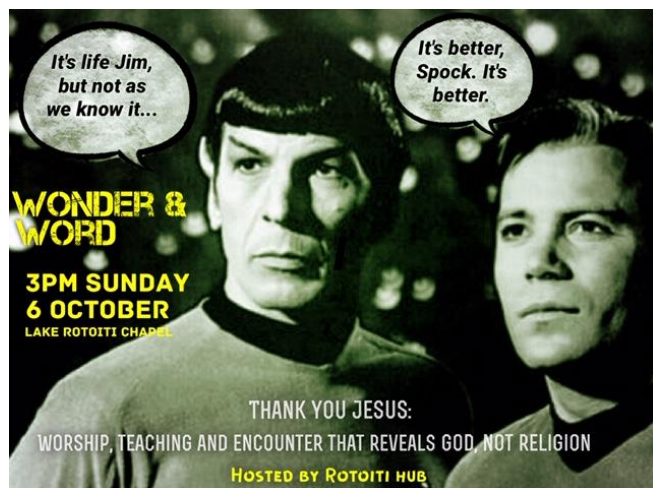
Guy McDonald – *'Rangering' in the Auckland Islands*

Have you had a recent adventure or been somewhere interesting, exotic, scary or off the beaten track, and are willing to give a short talk (45 mins) with photos?

Contact

- Julie Robilliard 03 521 1874 or robilliard@farmside.co.nz or
- Tracey Grose 021 475 514 or traceygrose@gmail.com for more information.

Everyone welcome



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BADMINTON

Badminton has finished for the season and will return when daylight saving ends.

Thanks to all who came.
Have a great summer!!

Ed and Nicky Shaw

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Samsung 32" flat screen TV. Includes remote control and stand. \$40

Samsung 40" flat screen TV with remote and stand. \$70

Freeview Box with remote and cables. \$40

Phone Brent 021 706 440

Proposed Amendments to the Speed Limits Bylaw

Tasman District Council is currently reviewing some speed limits within its Speed Limit Bylaw and is undertaking public consultation as required by the Land Transport Rule Setting of Speed Limits 2017. We welcome your feedback.

The focus of the proposed changes is:

- addressing inconsistencies in the current speed limits;
- responding to growth and development which is changing the nature and use of some roads (for example rural residential developments); and
- reducing the severity of crashes on some roads which have a poor safety record and where the current speed limit is not safe or appropriate.

More information, including the complete list of proposed changes to speed limits will be available at www.tasman.govt.nz/feedback from Monday 23 September 2019.

The last day to provide your feedback is
Friday 1 November 2019.

Ngā mihi
Megan

Megan Bell

Technical Officer - Transportation (Road Safety Liaison)

DDI 03 543 8551 | Megan.Bell@tasman.govt.nz

Private Bag 4, Richmond 7050, NZ

A colorful illustration of a beach scene with children playing in the sand and water. The text is overlaid on the image.

Community Weekend Marahau

Fri 29 Nov to Sun 1 Dec 2019

Family fun weekend for all the community.

Beach, sun, fun, food, friends repeat!!!!

All welcome.

**More information contact Sue & Ali Nicholls
521 1110 or ali.sue.nicholls@gmail.com**

BOOK LAUNCH

Kauri: Witness to a Nations History

Joanna Orwin launched the revised edition of her book (which includes a chapter on the Kauri die back disease) in Christchurch.

"This remarkable tree which grows up to 50m with trunk diameters of over 5m can live for over 1000 years, so it has played a part in the lives of all inhabitants, celebrated in Maori Myth and integral to early colonial history."

Joanna will be in St Arnaud from 22 September for six weeks.

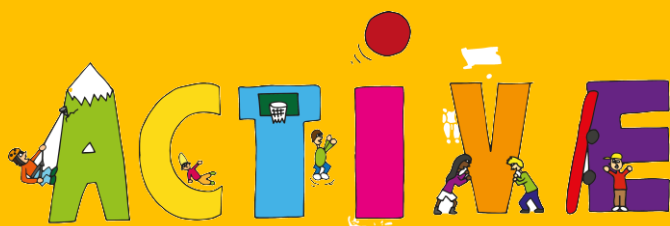
Joanna has ordered a box of books to bring with her and can offer them to you @ \$35 a copy – that's 20% discount.

Signed if you want.

If anyone is interested, please text 021 0220 6327 or call at 3 Summit St, St Arnaud.

Payment **cash** please.

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 0272804078,

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesday 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursday 6 pm – General Class

Toni Calman 03 5390681. Gold coin donation

Yoga – all levels

Alpine Yoga and massage

Ashton 022 525 7871

Craft Group

Thursday 1pm – 3.30 pm

Bring your crafts and share with others

Jane McConochie 5211844

Te Reo (Maori Language)

Thursday 7 pm

Lake Rotoiti School staff room

Sue Ford sue.ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz

Alpine Flash Mob (social singing group)

Meet last Monday of each month at Wendy

Bolitho's, 19 Toutowai Place, St Arnaud.

Contact Jan Thomson 521 1999 or

www.janthomsonart@gmail.com.

Village Trapping Group – Friends of Rotoiti

Meets every second Wednesday.

DOC meeting room, 10.00am to 11.30 approx.

Cuppa afterwards.

Contact Pip Berkett 27 521 1130 or Julie Robilliard

521 1874

ROTOITI DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The previous meeting was held on 28 August 2019 and the following topics were covered:

1. Update from Department of Conservation: Kerr Bay campground facilities upgrade to commence in September and take approximately 8 weeks. West Bay campground will be opened during this time with Kerr Bay closing for the works. Glenhope refurbishment is underway and there is an intention for an open day in the future. Wilding Conifer work is due to commence late September and the kaka dispersion programme is underway.
2. The firebreak at the southern end of the village is underway.
3. Update from Rotoiti Lodge on the upgrade. To date have received \$500-600,000 in donations, with only \$200,000 - \$250,000 left to be in a position to full complete the upgrade. Thank you to all who have contributed in time and/or monetary.
4. St Arnaud phone list has been updated and is available from the shop for \$2 with donations going towards recovery of costs.
5. Currently looking into possibility of upgrading the tennis court.
6. Elections are underway with voting papers being sent out on 20 September, with voting completed on Saturday 12 October at midday.
7. Update from Murchison Police - concern of a number of break ins in the village and damage to vehicles up Mt Robert car park. Discussion regarding installations of security cameras.
8. Jansons Bridge (Motueka River) is not an easy repair due to the design of the current bridge and the requirement to ensure that the bridge meets current safety standards.
9. Soldiers Memorial is underway and the plaque being organised.
10. Welcome to St Arnaud sign on the south side of the village is underway.

The next meeting will be held at **7.15pm on Wednesday 30th October, at the DOC Meeting Room**. Please send through any agenda items to rotoitcommunitycouncil@gmail.com by 17th October. Please feel free to join us as all are welcome.

Lake Rotoiti Field Day 2019

Saturday 23rd November at School

Programme

- 10.00 Doors close for judging exhibits (doors open for staging at 9.30am)
Judging of Animal Classes
- 11.00 Kids side shows
- 12.00 Shared BBQ lunch – please bring meat, a salad to share, **plates and cutlery!**
- 1.00 Swimming (actively supervised by parents)
- 2.00 Tug of War – East V West
- 2.30 A *surprise* visitor
- 3.00 Afternoon tea, raffle draw etc.



Field Day Classes

Children will be put into groups according to their year for judging in all classes:

- Group 1 – Year 1 & 2
- Group 2 – Year 3 & 4
- Group 3 – Year 5 & 6
- Group 4 – Year 7 & 8
- Group 5 – Adult



Animal Classes (for years 1-8)

- Calf
- Lamb/Goat
- Poultry
- Dog
- Rabbit or Guinea Pig
- Other small pet
- My pets got talent – wow the judges with your pet's skills, talents or tricks
- Fancy dress pet

NB: Children will be interviewed by the judges on their pet; health, care, feeding, training etc.

Art/Craft Classes (years 1-8)

- Craft – bird feeder - to be done at home
- Installation – to be done at school
- Colouring – to be done at home, supplied by Field Day Committee
- Vegetable novelty - to be done at school on Friday 22nd November
- Art – sunflowers by Van Gough to be done at school – the kids to paint/re-create this

Photography (to be done at home)

- Group 1 – My favourite dinner
- Group 2 – Wacky hairstyle
- Group 3 – Family portrait
- Group 4 – On a lazy Saturday afternoon
- Group 5 – Wisdom

Cooking (to be done at home)

- Group 1 – Pikelets
- Group 2 – Cupcakes
- Group 3 – Biscuits
- Group 4 – Gingerbread house
- Group 5 – Homemade savouries

Please remember – items in the cooking classes will be consumed for afternoon tea!

Please note: all entries must be the child's own work (ie. not that of an adult) and all pets/livestock must belong to the child/family.

Also, do not put your child's name on any entry – you will be given a code letter on the day for your child to identify their entries (judges must not know which child has done each entry).

All children in years 1-8 in the community are welcome to join in on Field Day. If you wish for your child to be included and they aren't at Lake Rotoiti School, please call Janine on 5211003 and she will make sure you have everything you need. If you have preschool aged children and think you might come along to Field Day, please get in touch also so we can make sure your child is not left out of the Santa presents.

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- Advertising and notices sized to fit the newsletter columns. Accepted formats: MSWord, PDF or JPG.
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- Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.
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