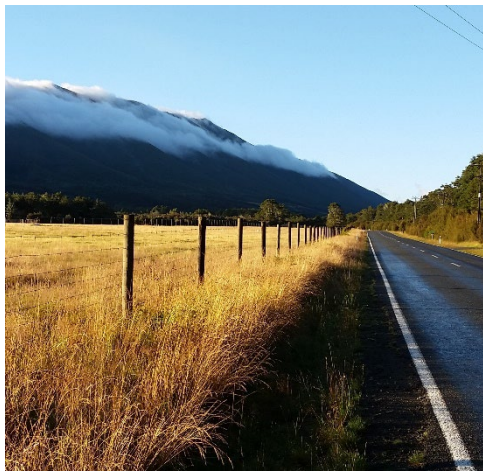


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Coming up

18 June - Rainbow Sports Club "Snowball", The Playhouse Theatre, 6 pm until late. **Info and Tickets [here](#)**

Tuesdays 10am-12pm : Playgroup, Lake Rotoiti Community Hall Kirsten 022 044 5829

Photos: Hukere Valley, DOC. Falcon, L. Pogson

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

Lake Rotoiti School News

Term 2 promises to be a reasonably quiet one for our students. We hope to be involved with the powhiri for the kiwi release soon and we will be starting a number of lessons in preparation for the School's Ranger Cup. Our learning focus this term is "Place and Environment"; the relationships between people and their place.

We say farewell to Maria Koleff who has been teaching piano and guitar to our students for the past three years. If you know of anyone who is suitably qualified to take her place, I would be grateful to hear from them.

Progress on the pool changing sheds is excellent. We hope to have foundations down over the next month. Foundations, plumbing and electrical work are being funded through local donations with the labour being done by volunteers. The building construction is being overseen by Murray Leaning and largely funded by Rotary. It will be very nice to have a more permanent changing area. I would like to acknowledge Paul Dulieu, Simon Thomas, and Barry Thomas who are leading this work for the school. I would also like to acknowledge Ken Robinson who has done the design work on our behalf. If you are able to help in any way, please contact Paul or Simon. A big thank you to John Gully, Robbie Thompson and their team for raising funds for us from firewood.

I would like to report similar progress on the redeveloped classroom and toilet block, but this has stalled. We are hoping for a cash injection from the Ministry of Education sometime around July so that work can recommence.



It was wonderful to see a huge number of people at the ANZAC commemoration last week. Our children's artwork was clear to see at the entrance and at the back of the stage.

While the crosses were on the lawn, nearly every car that stopped for a break had people, young and old, taking photos and walking respectfully among the

crosses. It goes to show that people remain grateful for the sacrifices that our service personnel made and still make to enable the lifestyle that we enjoy today.

A massive vote of thanks needs to go to Rural Women for their time and effort organising this display and the service on Monday.



It's the time of year when some of our local conservation weeds stand out with autumn colour.

Rowan has a lot of leaf colour at the moment and if it's in the scrub at the edge of the section it can sit camouflaged all summer and suddenly be very apparent when the leaf colour comes. It is SO much easier to kill it when it's small! And by catching it young we also prevent impacts on the native systems close by.

Rowan is listed in the St Arnaud Site-led Pest Programme in the TDC Regional Pest Management Strategy as a plant that must be destroyed prior to flowering. Both the TDC and DOC are happy to help landowners with identifying the plant and removing them.

One of the interesting things about rowan seedlings is that they seldom establish close to mature trees. They seem to grow best when sited far from adult rowans in the beautiful growing environment provided by wetland edges and light manuka cover.

Hunting out rowan seedlings is a great way to spend a couple of hours on these beautiful autumn afternoons and our bio team rangers would love to spend more time on it, but really there is too much conservation land on the edges of the village for us to deal with adequately. If you find rowan anywhere on conservation land please feel free to haul it out. We'd like to hear about what people are finding, so we maintain an understanding of the problem. If you find a big patch please let us know and we'll target it as a priority.

There are still a few mature trees in the village on private land. Over the years we have helped numerous landowners remove mature rowans and so the seedling problem is much less than it was 10 years ago. If you'd like help to remove a large rowan then please let us know and we will see if we can help (just call the Visitor Centre 03 5211806).



Other South Island communities also struggle with rowan invading their native plant ecosystems – here's links to some other examples at [Aoraki](#) and [Upper Waitaki](#). We have done well at St Arnaud, not to be in the same position as these places

with rowan.

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Welcome to the inaugural Rainbow Sports Club Snow Ball - a night to dress up retro glitz and glamour...or squeeze into your best retro onesie or original 80's spider suit and support the ski field. No need to eat first, as we have a feast of rolling nibbles throughout the night, then prepare to get down on the dancefloor with DJ Spread Eagle spinning the best of the 70s and 80s goodness.

Lots of fun and games throughout the evening, plus raffles and prizes for best dressed up for grabs. Get your tickets from Eventfinda today - <https://events.stuff.co.nz/2022/rainbow-sports-club-snow-ball-retro-theme/nelson>

Menu for the night rolling nibbles
Asian Style Fried Wontons pork
Chicken Pinwheels
Squid Rings
Prawn cutlets
Satay Chicken Skewers on Rice (gf)
Thai Noodle Salad (v)
Fish and Chips
Nase Goring (v)
Petits Fours, variety of bite size desserts

Reece Stratford told me he planted {the Kerr Bay Douglas fir} when he was a very small boy with his father. As Reece died just short of his 100th birthday that makes the tree over 90yrs of age. RIP Reece.
Pamela Chapman



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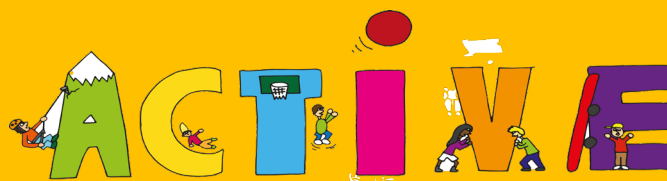
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Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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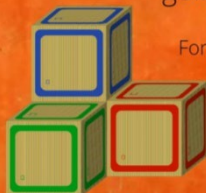


Playgroup meets Tuesday mornings
10am - 12pm at the community hall, all
preschoolers welcome.

Many thanks to St Arnaud
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For any inquiries please contact
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Hi everyone.

A Big thank you to our new members who signed up to our St. Arnaud Natural Health Club. We are soon storing a Real Fruit Ice cream truck next to our Club House over winter. As a treat and thank you to all our club members: ice-creams are on us. Yummy ☺ Come and enjoy a real fruit ice-cream on the Club house deck. If our signs & Real Fruit Ice Cream flag are out : we are open for our members (not the public). Become a member! Drive up, come in & sign up, then enjoy your ice creams. (The Ice Cream truck is fully registered & food compliant)

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