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Coming up

Sunday 2 January 2022

9 am to 12.30 pm
Community Hall
St Arnaud Rural Women
Annual Book Sale and
Devonshire tea/coffee

Sundays 10.30 am

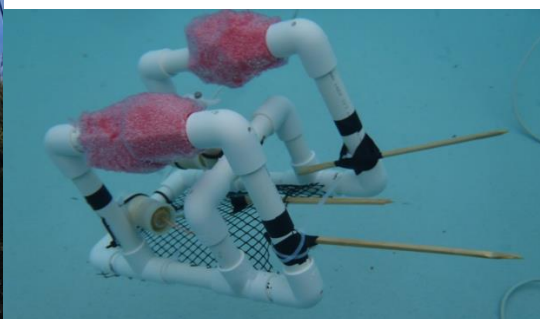
Lake Rotoiti Chapel
services are run by locals
and non-denominational.
Everyone welcome

**Photos: Friends of Rotoiti
volunteer trap
deployment activity**
S Field

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

Lake Rotoiti School News

The last two weeks have been amazing. The Senior students spent last Thursday at the Outdoor Education Centre doing high wire activities and then they paddled kayaks and boards from West Bay to Kerr Bay.



They also had the Ministry of Inspiration visit. They spent a whole day building underwater robots and then guiding them through a maze in the pool.

The Rural Women came to school and helped us make Christmas decorations. A big thank you to the members.



Next week the Juniors are visiting the Outdoor Education Centre to do some activities.

We have a new fundraising opportunity that Simon Thomas is heading. Have you any old lead acid car, truck or motorbike batteries? We are getting into recycling these. Watch for the flyer in your mail.

The swimming pool is open and we have a great team maintaining it over the holiday period. If you have a pool key, please do not share it around. You must be present when your key is being used.

We finish for the Year on **Wednesday December 15** at 1:30pm. I would like to thank everyone for the fantastic support over such a challenging year.

Mike.

A good electrician.

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Lake Rotoiti
WATER TAXIS
your wilderness link
Kayak Hire Walks

Hi folks, as of Wednesday 15 December passengers will need to show their vaccination pass before boarding the water taxi.

I want to make it clear that this comes from Ministry of Health and not from Lake Rotoiti Water Taxis or its parent company.

I am a tourist boat operator not a police officer so please be nice to me! I am guessing we are going to have a quieter summer season but I guess we will just wait and see.

It might mean more time for my hobbies which are flying. I'm a private pilot not a public one so unless you are an aeroplane nerd I won't talk about it. I enjoy surfing and I hopped in the waves the other day first time in over a year and man it felt good!

Anyway St Arnaud have an awesome Christmas.

Hamish

 **St Margaret's College**
Balanced foundations, bright futures.

St Margaret's College, Christchurch
December Rowing Camp
Sunday 12– Friday 17 December

The St Margaret's College Rowing Team is returning to Lake Rotoiti for their annual December Camp. We will be based at the Rotoiti Lodge Outdoor Education Centre and will be storing our boats in West Bay. We will be launching and rowing from West Bay.

The times we are on the water are:
Monday - Thursday - 6.45am – 9am, 9.45am – 11.30am and 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday – 6.45am – 9am

Trudy Keys, Rowing Manager, 027 233 5934



Te whakarauora whio: Friends of Rotoiti

Last Saturday thirty-seven keen volunteers participated in a community conservation activity coordinated by the Friends of Rotoiti and DOC.

Families, locals, bach owners, supporters, members of FOR and DOC staff helped to set out 5 kilometres of stoat trap boxes from Coldwater hut to the swing bridge up the Travers Valley.

It is hoped the new trap line will help keep the stoat numbers along the rivers sufficiently low between beech masts to protect the whio/blue duck which are currently seen in small numbers.

This will also help to close the gap in the trap lines run by the Department of Conservation and the Friends of Rotoiti providing protection for the Travers flats and slowing reinvasion of predators into the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project.

Around 6 boats transported the team to the end of Lake Rotoiti's Coldwater jetty. After a safety briefing and distribution of trap boxes, everyone set off to place their boxes.

It was a successful mission placing 50 traps at numbered specific locations which Wayne, Paul, Simon, Barry and Graeme had previously marked out earlier in the week.



Returning to Kerr Bay we were rewarded with a hearty and tasty afternoon tea at Blechynden Shelter. Everyone enjoyed the community conservation event, learning about the work the Friends of Rotoiti are doing to help bring back whio to Nelson Lakes.

It is so good to see the community helping to protect our threatened species. We thank everyone for getting involved and making it a memorable day.



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.

The Little Black Alpine CABIN : organic natural health



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ORAL CARE
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Private setting , not open to public : membership a must :
drop in during opening hours and sign up (it's free): ALL WELCOME

Mountain Bike Trails Trust

We all lost a great man last weekend, Alan Eskrick passed away peacefully after a short battle with cancer.

As one of the founders of the MTB Trails Trust, Alan dedicated his retirement life to his two loves, his wife Liz and the Trust.

The legacy that he leaves through tireless work over the past decade will be enjoyed by many in the years to come and I know we are all grateful for his vision and passion to deliver on it.



The Trust will go on and continue with the great work at St Arnaud and the other Tasman projects currently underway, however the hole left without Alan is indeed large....very large!

When you are next riding at St Arnaud, spare a thought for those volunteers like Alan who put so much into creating trail goodness for us all to enjoy, better still become a volunteer, get involved and give back to this great community we live in.

Alan, we all thank you, and rest assured that we will be dragging Liz out onto the trails to ride..... and dig!

Pedal on good friend.

St Arnaud Village Store

An update to how the St Arnaud Village Store, Café Fish and Chip shop will be running under the Governments Traffic Light System (at Orange).

Thank you all for your continued support and business during these challenging times. Please be kind we are all doing our best to navigate through these unfamiliar and changing circumstances. Although things may operate a little differently in our café at present, everyone is welcome in our store.

When entering via our main door at the front of the store, you do not require to show your vaccine passport, everyone is welcome. We are classed as an essential service (Fuel and Groceries), however **masks must be worn** (unless exemption applies) and signing in either with the QR code or in the written register is mandatory.

When entering via side door near the café outdoor area, you must have your vaccine passport (personal QR code on your phone or paper copy with QR personal code that they email through when you apply) ready to show a staff member. **Masks must be worn** (unless exemption applies or while seated) and signing in either with the QR code or with the written register is mandatory.

If you are choosing not to use the vaccine passport and would like to order food or coffee from our menu, you may still do so from the shop side counter. Under the Government's regulations, we can offer the takeaway option only.

Fish and Chip Shop, open Friday nights only 4-7pm.

You must have your vaccine passport to enter or be seated inside to wait, if you choose not to use the vaccine passport system, please wait outside and a staff member will give you further instruction. We will update you if any changes are to be made to the above rules.

St Arnaud Alpine Store Team.

Notices

CANCELLATION: The Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade Christmas BBQ 2021 has been cancelled. There will be a test of the evacuation siren and provide further details about this and the evacuation plan closer in December.

CANCELLATION: 17 December "The Barden Party" @ Alpine Lodge is cancelled.

REQUEST: Raywin Williamson, Glacial Terrace, would like to know if anyone has a birdcage she could borrow, please phone Raywin 0278734293

REQUEST: If you have any books you would like to donate to the St Arnaud Rural Women Annual Book Sale, please phone Marg Anderson 0274 172 690 or 5211864 or drop off to 33 Kerr Bay Road St Arnaud - they will be gratefully received.

FOUND: Sandie has found a birthday book with the name "Rita O'Brien" written in the front cover, dated 1921. There are a couple of photographs also of some of the local rural women. If you know who this may belong to, please contact Sandie 021 2779284.



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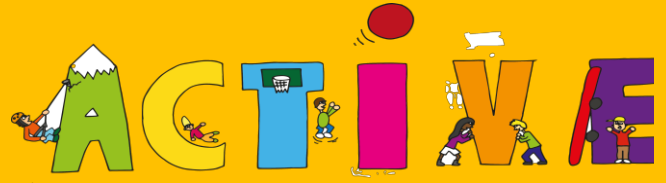
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***We thank all our existing clients for
their continued support"***



BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group
Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am
Community Hall All welcome, gold coin donation
Gael 027 280 4078

Pilates

Community Hall on Mondays at 5.30pm.
Contact Lisa 021 202 4034

Seido-Karate Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners
Thursdays 6 pm – General Class
Graeme 021 0859 4088. Gold coin donation

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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).