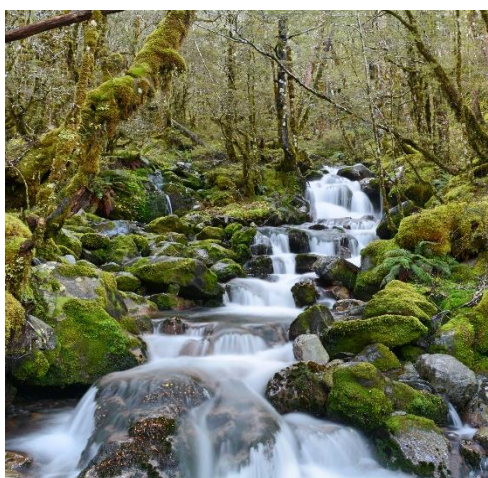


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Friday 19th August 2022

Please send your newsletter
items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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You can download a copy of
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Coming up

Sunday 28 August -

Plinkers Ukulele Band
Camp Jam: Lake Rotoiti
Community Hall, 1 - 3
pm Tea & coffee Koha

**Photos: Rainbow
skifield, L Rotoiti School**

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

Lake Rotoiti School News

Welcome back,

This term we welcome 2 new faces: Abel in the Junior Room, and Isaac in the Senior room. We also welcome back Fraser, Noah and Lachie for the term.

Hopefully some progress will be seen very soon on the STEAM room. Watch *that* space! The work on our pool changing rooms will also start as soon as the weather permits. Thank you to Linda and Debbie for organising the fundraising dinner to help cover the costs.

We had our first day up at the ski field last week, and what a day it was! Everything from the weather to the snow conditions were perfect and we had an absolute blast. Dominique and Miriam gave skiing a go for the first time; Dominique soon went back to her familiar snowboard and Miriam had a great time and only one tumble.

Thank you everyone who attended the Quiz Night and for Dominique for organising the groups and tables. Thank you also to Debbie and Danny for being able assistants with marking and scoring. It was a fun night and we enjoyed running it.

The Lake Rotoiti School team now has brand new jackets so we are easily identified when out and about, specially up at the ski field. Thank you again to the Board of Trustees for recognising the importance of staff being identifiable and for organising the jackets for us.



It will be a busy term with learning about personal safety, skiing, Life Education and St Johns. By the end of the term, it will almost be summer and we will be thinking about opening the pool and starting up sailing again, how exciting.

Nga mihi,
Mike and Miriam.



On the 10th of September between the hours of 9am and 2pm, the Tasman Police Armed Offenders Squad will be conducting a rural patrolling exercise in the Teetotal Flat area.

This will involve approximately 12 Police staff and 2 Police Dog teams. There will be Police vehicles parked in the area, staff will be wearing black and carrying firearms. Staff will not be carrying any live ammunition. If you are in the area, please don't be alarmed, it is only a training exercise. We apologise if it causes any inconvenience.

If you have any concerns please contact
Aaron Senior 021 191 5516.



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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

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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).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

PLAYGROUP



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

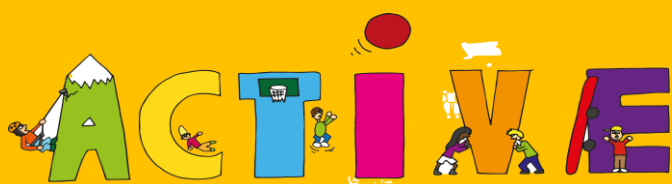
Many thanks to St Arnaud
Rural Woman for your on going support



For any inquiries please contact
Kirsten on 0220445829



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

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

Pilates

Community Hall on Thursdays at 5pm. 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

OSPRI TBfree pest control planned for Upper Wairau

We're inviting feedback on our 2023 national
plan for TBfree pest control operations.

The plan and feedback document are available
on our [website](#).

The plan outlines the proposed aerial 1080 pest
control operations for 2023.

You will see in the submission form that we are
asking for feedback on the boundaries, timing
and nature of the proposed aerial operations.

The feedback period runs from 1 August 2022 to
30 September 2022 and there are a number of
ways to make a submission, including an [online
submission form](#). If you would like to meet to
discuss, please contact us.

We believe that it is important to undertake
effective and timely consultation. This will provide
an opportunity for people and organisations
interested in, or affected by, our pest control
operations including landowners, farmers,
hunters and recreational land users to discuss
any concerns they may have regarding the
proposed operations.

If you have any immediate questions or
comments please
contact consultation@ospri.co.nz.

We encourage you to share this with relevant or
other interested stakeholders.

See the following page for details about Upper
Wairau proposed operation:

Rainbow (Marlborough)

Terrain and operational area

The proposed Rainbow Aerial takes in the catchments and tributaries for the Wairau and Rainbow Rivers. The Northern boundary extends up towards the Bull Paddock stream with the Southernmost boundary bordering Molesworth Station.

TB management area

The planned operational area is within the Wairau Waihopai TMA.

Consultation and collaboration

OSPRI has been working with Rainbow Station to draft an operational plan for control and surveillance. Control for herd protection has commenced with deeper discussions into an aerial control plan underway. Local DOC staff have been briefed on the necessity of possum control to achieve TB freedom objectives. OSPRI is working closely with DOC to ensure that any future aerial control plans include Kea mitigation where required.

Recent TB infection history

TB was first found in ferrets at the confluence of the Rainbow and Wairau rivers in 2017/2018. It was hypothesised that these ferrets were long distance migrants from known infection in the neighbouring Molesworth Station. Following a herd breakdown in 2019, possum surveillance was undertaken in 2021. The discovery of TB infection in possums within the Rainbow Valley has spurred a



control response with accessible areas now undergoing ground control. OSPRI is working with Contractors to undertake novel survey techniques (such as sentinel pigs) to delineate the extent of wildlife infection.

Operational control method preferred

Due to the very high possum numbers expected, aerial

application is the preferred option for treatment. Aerial application ensures complete coverage and knocks the population back to below required levels. Rugged, steep and dangerous to access in almost all parts by foot, aerial control is considered the most viable and effective way to achieve eradication in this TMA.

Map boundaries are indicative only and are subject to change after consultation.

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