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items to: rotoitinews@gmail.com

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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters



Coming up

17 April 2021

Alpine Lodge Loop the Lake
Race

<https://nelsonevents.co.nz/loop-the-lake>

25 April 2021

ANZAC Day Event
Details to follow

Thursday Sailing

Kerr Bay (eastern end) by
the Water Taxi at 6pm
Bring something to put on
the BBQ and your own
refreshments

**Photos: Boats, N.
Crawford; Flirt, R.
Hamlett**

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

Lake Rotoiti School News

Apologies for not submitting for a while...

Every year we promise ourselves that we won't pack the calendar and every year we break the promise.

Since the beginning of the year, we have had all sorts of cool activities and we're only 6 weeks in!

The Senior students broke in the new paddle boards for the Lake Rotoiti Outdoor Centre:



We have had swimming sports:



Dive Kaikoura Bubble Makers:



The instructors were very impressed with the water clarity, but were upset by the lack of crayfish...

Water Safety lessons:



The school pool has certainly had a lot of use. We wish Jessica, Bonnie, and Nina all the best as they compete next week at the Wakefield Area Swimming Sports.

Somewhere in all of this the children are still doing the basics. Check out the newspaper reports from some of the Seniors.

LRS seniors dive

by Rebecca

On the 3rd of March, seniors from Lake Rotoiti had an experience of scuba diving. They did this all in their school pool.

The kids were put into two groups, so they could all have a longer turn. They had an hour session of proper diving with instructors Jayden and Shaun. They came all the way from Kaikoura to teach the children. Then going all the way back in the same day.

The kids had fun playing tag and having races under water. Jayden and Shaun taught them the technique of making bubble rings underwater. Some of the students hadn't used flippers before, and loved the additional speed.

In the end seniors of Lake Rotoiti school got an awesome experience of deep pool diving.

Students Dive In School Pool

by Caitlyn Mortimer

On Wednesday the 3rd of , two men from Dive Kaikoura called Jayden and Shaun came to Lake Rotoiti School. They showed Lake Rotoiti students how to scuba-dive in the school pool.

The senior students of Lake Rotoiti School were split into two groups. One group went at 9:30-10:30, and the other group went at 11:00-12:00. Shaun and Jayden showed the students how to use and put on the scuba gear.

The 2nd group did a race to the other side of the pool. Rebecca Jordan won. The students also did other fun things like using sign language underwater.

The senior students had an awesome time scuba-diving in their school pool and finding out how to scuba dive. The students' teacher (Mr Allen) said he was very disappointed he didn't get to have a go.

Have a look at the school website for more photos. Huge thanks go to Dominique for updating and maintaining this site.

At present we plan on closing the school pool on Wednesday 7 April (straight after Easter). After this we would appreciate the return of key fobs.

On behalf of the staff and children at the school I would like to thank the parents and volunteers at the Classic boats and at the Powerboat regatta. These are our major fundraising events and enable our students to do all of the fun activities. This includes camp at the end of the term and skiing in Term 3. School was never like this when I was a kid.

Please keep encouraging people to enrol their children at Lake Rotoiti School. As you know, we need our roll to grow so we can maintain two teachers into the future.

Mike.

Celebrating International Women's Day



On Monday 8 March the Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade female volunteers celebrated International Women's Day over a meal, stories and laughs.

There are 6 females on the crew (pictured left to right), including Nola (Treasurer/Secretary), Debbie, Sara, Janet, Sjaan and Linda (absent). They all bring diverse skills to the team of 21, and share their invaluable knowledge at call outs and training.

This year's theme is '**Choose to Challenge**'. We can all choose to challenge and call out gender bias and inequality. We can all choose to seek out and celebrate women's achievement. Together we can all help create an inclusive world.

The brigade is constantly challenged at every call out with the unexpected at any time day or night. The Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Brigade is proud and inspired by the amazing women in the brigade and their continued involvement and achievements.

Thank you for the work you all do to help serve our community.



**Servicing Murchison, St Arnaud
and surrounding areas**

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Shared travel costs

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03 543 8090 or 0800 301507

info@tuffnell.co.nz

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their continued support"***



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.

WATER TANK CLEANING

John Ross

Ph: 0212 450 550



Tasman District Council

Long Term District Plan

Tasman District Council is consulting on its Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

There is an opportunity to discuss with Councillors and staff what's in the plan for you, Rotoiti and the wider District;

Presentation

Wednesday 14 April 2021
Lake Rotoiti Community Hall
7.15 pm

Submissions to the plan close **24 April 2021**.

For more details, contact:

Sandra Hartley
Policy Officer

Phone 03 543 8554 | Sandra.Hartley@tasman.govt.nz

Link to content about the Plan the TDC website:

<https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/key-documents/long-term-plan/long-term-plan-2021-2031/>

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Kerr Bay sailing and water sports, at the eastern jetty, Thursdays 6pm

"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 and
Thursdays at 10.00am. 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

Alpine Yoga (all levels) & Massage
Alpine Lodge
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Contact Ashton 022 525 7871

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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



**National Emergency
Management Agency**
Te Rākau Whakamarumarū

Civil Defence needs your skills

Our local Civil Defence group is currently compiling a list of emergency resources for the village.

If you have skills or equipment which would be helpful in an emergency please think about going on this list, which will only be used in an emergency.

Skills such as medical training, trades, HT license, speaking another language and any others would be gratefully welcomed, as we don't know what will be needed until it happens!

If you're happy to be a part of this community initiative please send your name, phone/email and skills/experience details to Jan - janthomsonart@gmail.com or 5211 999.

Thank you.



**New: pre-cut Douglas Fir flitches.
From kindling to regular firewood size.**

Dry & Green Firewood - Beech, Bluegum, Douglas Fir, Pine
DIY Wood - Logs & Rings of Beech & Pine, Bundles of Douglas Fir, Flitches

Fresh Birchfield Coal

Garden Goodies - Flourish Bulk Compost, Barley Straw, Pea Straw, Linseed Straw (long-term weed suppression, birds don't remove it), Bark Chips, Sawdust

Hire - Tractor, Tip Truck, Logging Truck & Trailer, Woodsplitters

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Buy now and store under cover. It'll be dry by Winter.**

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