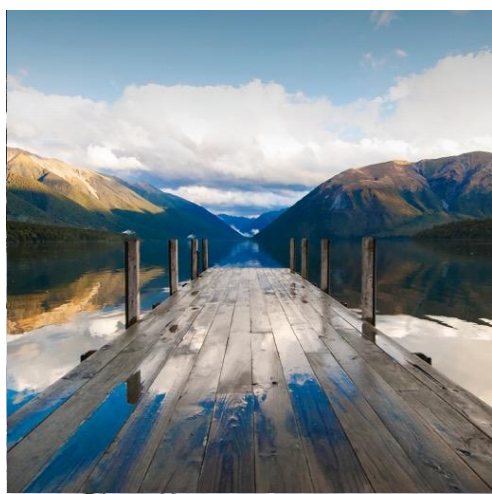


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Coming up

25th April 10.30am: Anzac
Day service. Community
Hall.

Monday 29th April: Mihi
whakatau: Lake Rotoiti
School 9.45am

3 May 7.15pm: Rotoiti
District Community
Council meeting, DOC
meeting room. All welcome

**Last Monday of each
month:** Alpine Flash Mob
social singing group. Ph
Jan 5211999.

Sundays 10.30 am
Lake Rotoiti Chapel
services are run by locals
and non-denominational.
Everyone welcome.

Sundays 3pm: Rotoiti Hub
Christian worship group.
Nigel/Sarah Calder
0274413776

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

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Mirror Lake - Nicky
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Lake Rotoiti School News

As Term 1 draws to a close and the temperatures are starting to drop, we thought it time to close the pool. Please return any FOBS or keys. It has been an amazingly warm summer and the pool has certainly been put to good use. We ran our first ever swimming carnival, with lots of games mixed with a small edge of competition.

We invited Wairau School to join us with our tryathlon. This year the kaiako (teachers) extended the course and the seniors biked down by the lake and then ran along Black Valley Stream. A swim in the pool was a perfect way to finish.

We then enjoyed a group of visitors from China - who taught us how to do taekwondo. We had our own karate kid 'Cadeyrn' spar with style. The Tuis then had a tent over at the kura (school) and enjoyed a night walk with Nik - anticipating the sound of kiwi, only hearing the sound of the 'human' kiwi.

We recently enjoyed four days at Mistletoe Bay, kayaking, sailing on the Steadfast and walking to Lochmara. The Burma trail was a highlight, likewise the glow worms and Bioluminescent Phytoplankton. Jumping off the jetty was awesome!!!

As Term 1 draws to a close, we had opportunity to practice our financial literacy and held a trading day. This was extremely successful and we plan to do another next term.



Farewells and welcomes

Sadly we say haere mai to Liz, as she prepares to head north. We wish her well and know she is going to miss the cold!!

We would also like to introduce Alison Hart - who will be taking over Liz's role with the Piwakawaka.

Alison is looking forward to becoming a team member at Lake Rotoiti School and joining the community at Saint Arnaud. Together with her husband (Paul), they have been building a house at Top House over the past couple of years. Alison has been actively involved working with children for many years, beginning in Playcentre as a supervisor, moving on to become a teacher aid and then completing her Bachelor of Teaching and Learning (Primary). She has recently worked at Appleby School teaching years 3 and 4 for the past 3 years. Alison was born and raised in Murchison, attending Murchison Area School. Her and Paul have three grown boys.

Last but not least - A big Thank you

A shout out to the wonderful parents who have helped our kura this term. We certainly can't do all this amazing learning and have adventures without your support. So ngà mihi nui. A big thank you. Thank you also to the wonderful people from the community who drop in and say hello to us during the term. We appreciate your visits and conversations. The door is always open for you to share ideas, skills or talents with all of us learners at Lake Rotoiti School.

Ngà mihi Sue, Liz, Dan, Alison, Tracy and Tilly

Lake Rotoiti School TRIENNIAL BOARD ELECTIONS - THIS COULD BE YOU!!

There are many ways you can help our kura/school either directly or indirectly and I would like to thank the many people in the community who quietly support us in their own ways.

However if you really want to step up to the plate we have the triennial board elections coming up. We hold eight meetings a year and the focus of these meetings is to shape and support the education of all children/tamariki. Having a diverse board with a large skill set is what we are after and we are supported by NZSTA (New Zealand School Trustees Association). Our meetings are getting quicker and are very focused. The current board the kura/school has is working as a strong team, building ideas in a positive forward thinking way. They are a pleasure to work with.

Ngà mihi, Sue

Lake Rotoiti School Library

If you have a preschooler or you homeschool your children you're very welcome to enrol them in the library and borrow from our great collection of books. The library is open for you to use Monday 9-10am, and Jan is usually working there at this time if you need a hand. Please contact her if you need to enrol or if you'd like a reminder of how to use the issuing system (ph 5211999 or janthomsonart@gmail.com).

Invitation to Mihi Whakatau

We would like to invite the community to join us with our Mihi Whakatau on Monday April 29th. This is a community gathering to welcome Alison Hart to our Kura (school) and community. We plan to get together at 9.45am to go over a few details, and the gathering will start at 10.00am. Please join us.

Ngà mihi Sue, Dan and Tracy.

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DOC staff have noticed piles of green/garden waste appearing on public conservation land.

As a reminder, green or garden waste (or any other rubbish) must not be deposited on public conservation land. Dumping of rubbish including garden waste is an offence, and DOC staff will take action.

Public conservation land in this area is not limited to the Nelson Lakes or Kahurangi National Parks. All public conservation land is protected. It is there to be enjoyed but it is an offence to leave anything (eg. garden waste/rubbish) or take anything away (eg. rocks, firewood). This includes Teetotal Recreational Area.

Lake Station continues to very generously accept green waste from the village by arrangement: please phone 035211843.

News from the Community Hall Committee

The hall committee are pleased to announce the appointment of Erina Merrilees as the new hall cleaner.

We would like to thank Karen Thoms for her time and expertise assisting with formulating the hall job descriptions.

And a big thankyou to Butch Goodwin for the repair work done on the hall floor.

For information about using the hall, hire rates and how to make a booking, see the website

www.lakerotoitcommunityhall.org

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Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Circuit Breakers exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,
Community Hall

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Gael 0272804078,

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Phone Toni Calman 035390681

Gold coin donation

Alpine Yoga

Alpine Lodge

Various classes on a weekly schedule– to find out
more call Ashton 022 525 7871



May 4th/5th

Beginners Watercolour Workshop

... a couple of spaces left..

with Jan Thomson at Korimako Studio. Two days
of learning watercolour basics together in a small
group. \$220 per person with all materials supplied
(\$160 if you prefer to supply your own). Please
call (03 521 1999) or email me to book
janthomsonart@gmail.com"

News from St Arnaud Rural Women

Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent events. The popular book sale and trash and treasure sale, as well as replenishing our reading stocks and shelves, raised \$1081.40. This money goes towards our community projects. The "She Shears" movie nights were very enjoyable and raised \$735. This money was donated to the Rotoiti Outdoor Lodge renovations. Many thanks to DOC for the venue.

Other activities have included ongoing community support and random acts of kindness: lunches for firefighters; gift baskets to show we care; catering; personal care packs supplied to the hospice and local schools. Ladies from Wairau Village joined us for lunch in a beautiful garden setting.

Upcoming events and activities include:

Catering for morning tea after the ANZAC Day service.
Casting for Recovery at Owen River Lodge: providing a gift basket for each participant.

**Many thanks to our supporters Nelson Honey,
Mitre 10, Wangapeka Cheeses, Pete's Lemonade
and George Dixon.**

Trees of Remembrance (TOR) – our ambitious and exciting project. After the passing of our friend Betty Butters we recognized the need to provide a space for memorial to those who have been part of this area and community. The project has evolved to three beautifully designed, three dimensional corten steel tree sculptures, each standing two metres high. There will be places to record the names of those we wish to remember. The TOR will be installed outside the Community Hall. At present all the required consents and agreements are nearly complete. This project comes with a significant cost and is the focus of our current fundraising. Donations would be most welcome.

Please feel most welcome to join us – either as a member or as a volunteer on a particular project. Also please contact us if you have any suggestions.

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Rural Women St Arnaud

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THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2019



ANZAC SERVICE
10:30 am
Lake Rotoiti Community Hall

We will be joined by Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Childs, DSD, Commanding Officer, First Royal

New Zealand Infantry Battalion, his wife Melanie, and Air Force personnel.

After the Service, help Rural Women St Arnaud celebrate their 60th birthday



Join us to launch our community project **'Trees of Remembrance'** You'll learn more about the project and how your family can get

involved.

Then catch up with friends at a **Catered Lunch** at the Community Hall.

Bookings essential.

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Changes to newsletter deliveries

The emailing list for the newsletter is growing steadily, presenting us with an opportunity to reduce the amount of paper and ink that we use by printing less.

The newsletter is emailed as an Adobe PDF file, usually about 1MB big. So it doesn't swamp the inbox or take ages to load, everyone can open it and choose to print themselves if they wish, and it looks really great in colour.

Many people resident in the village are already on the emailing list. So, starting in May, **the newsletter will cease to arrive in your village PO Box**. A limited number of printed copies will be available at the shop and in a free community paper box outside the PO boxes at the Fire Station.

Our NZ Post posties Mark and Tania have supported the newsletter delivery for years and we thank them for this marvellous and ongoing service to our community. For now, **Mark will continue delivering to the rural letterboxes**. The broadband is still pretty average for some of us living outside the village, and we are assuming that paper is the preference. It would be great to hear what people think about this.

If you are not on the email list and would like to be, please send an email to the newsletter team rotoitinews@gmail.com

Please also remember to update us with your new email address if you change.

Thanks!

From your community newsletter team Sandra, Gabi, Tracey, Sue and Jackie.

CONTRIBUTING TO THE NEWSLETTER

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 - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. 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).

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