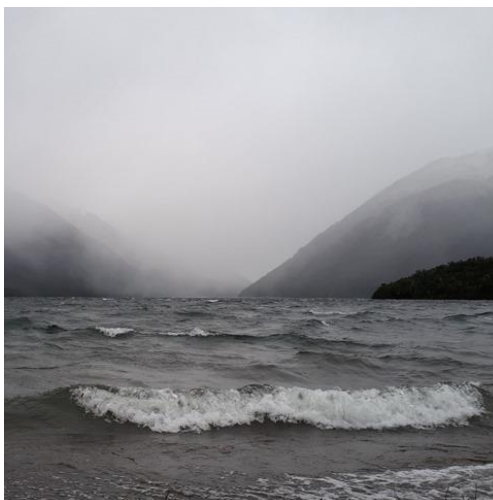


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Lake Rotoiti School News

The students, parents and staff at Lake Rotoiti School have been enjoying the winter season with our weekly trips up to Rainbow Skifield. Students have worked hard to improve their skills at the field followed by lots of fun together enjoying the snow. This is an amazing opportunity linking our learning to our environment.

This local environment theme has been a big part of our learning over the term in the junior room. The children have been looking at the invertebrates, birds and plants around our school. They have made links between all three and are coming up with ideas to help sustain and improve their school environment. Alongside this they are growing native seeds in the class to learn about germination and the needs of plants.

This week The Board of Trustees received and accepted the resignation of the Principal Sue Ford who will be leaving us at the end of the year. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her contribution during her time as Principal at Lake Rotoiti School

Coming up

Meet the Mayoral
candidates: **7.30 pm**
Friday 6th Sept
Community hall

Saturday 7th Sept
7pm Armchair
Travellers, Mountain
biking in British
Colombia.

Fireworks night
6.30pm 2nd November
Nicholls farm. Sue
5211110

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

Village Trapping
Group
for information phone
Pip Berkett 027 521
1130 or Julie Robilliard
5211874.

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

Photos: fungi – Rachel
Lamborn

On Friday to acknowledge Daffodil Day the juniors created their own daffodil art using pastel and dye.



(Editors note: this art is best appreciated by getting an email copy of the newsletter! Contact the news team to go on the list.)

A big Thank You to Sandra and Janet at DOC for helping me out with plant selection for the school grounds. It is a work in progress and your advice has been very useful.
Much appreciated.
Grounds Keeper Brent.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELLERS



UPCOMING TALKS

Saturday 7 September 2019

7:00 pm (DOC meeting room)

Rob Kay – Mountain biking in British Columbia

Saturday 5 October 2019 (TBC)

7:00pm (DOC meeting room)

Fran Andrews – Volunteering in Papua New Guinea

Saturday 19 October 2019 (TBC)

7:00pm (DOC Meeting Room)

Guy McDonald – 'Rangering' in the Auckland Islands

Have you had a recent adventure or been somewhere interesting, exotic, scary or off the beaten track, and are willing to give a short talk (45 mins) with photos?

Contact Julie Robilliard 03 521 1874 or robilliard@farmside.co.nz or Tracey Grose traceygrose@gmail.com or 021 475 514 for more information.

Everyone welcome

Craft Group

Thurs 5th and 12th September

Will be at Louisa Buchannan's (5 Kehu Lane)

Contact person: Jane 5211844

Meet the TDC Mayoral Candidates

Rotoiti District Community Council would like to invite you to meet the Tasman District Mayoral Candidates for a Q&A session on:

**Friday 6th September at 7.30pm
at the Rotoiti Community Hall.**

There will be a 10 minute session for Q&A for each Mayoral Candidate followed by the opportunity to socialise over a cuppa.

If you require further details regarding the Mayoral Candidates, please refer to the Tasman District Council website www.tasman.govt.nz

Other news from RDCC:

The TDC newsletter Newslane will now be available as a paper copy throughout the region. Ours can be found in the green box next to the post boxes at the firestation, with the intention to mail copies to residents in the future.

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 **FIREWORKS NIGHT** 

Saturday 2 November 2019



At the Nicholls's place

Starting with a potluck bbq tea at 630pm, meat for bbq and a salad to share!

Followed with fireworks and bonfire as soon as it gets dark(or sooner)

You can buy fireworks in town from Saturday (2-5 Nov) but if you'd prefer to bring a money contribution then that's cool too!

Need more info...email Ali.sue.nicholls@gmail.com or 5211 110



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Rat control around your property

The beech mast we experienced last summer has led to high numbers of rodents around the village. At such times rat poisons can be useful, but they come with their own set of dangers. Your local biodiversity ranger staff have compiled some facts and advice about using rat poison in our environment.

Whenever rat poison is used it should be secured in a bait stations to prevent children, pets and non-target animals like weka accessing bait.

Different poisons use different active ingredients which persist in the tissue of animals for different lengths of time. Some of these poisons can cause secondary poisoning of native birds and domestic animals. Secondary poisoning occurs when an animal eats another animal (either dead or alive) that has poison in its system. Some poisons can also build up in the environment as they take a long time to break down. This is called bioaccumulation.

Most rat poisons are anticoagulants which affect blood clotting and can be divided into two types:

First-generation anticoagulants

These require multiple doses to be effective, have a lower risk of secondary poisoning and a lower risk of bioaccumulation. Best practice is to keep the bait station stocked with the poison continuously for five days to ensure a lethal dose.

First-generation anticoagulants include pindone coumatetralyl, warfarin and diphacinone.

Second-generation anticoagulants

These often only require a single dose. There is a much higher rate of secondary poisoning and a higher rate of bioaccumulation. If a poison is labelled as effective in one dose it is likely to be second generation.

Second- generation anticoagulants include bromadilone, brodifcoum, flocoumafen, difethialone and difenacoum.

Rat Control Around Your Property

If you need to control rats around your property with poison it is best to **use first-generation** anticoagulants that are secure in bait stations. Always read the product label and directions before use.

Here are two examples of first-generation poisons that are available to the public:

- Diphacinone
 - Sold in Ditrac Rodent Block and in Connovation products like Ratabate and D Block
 - Products can be purchased online.
- Pindone
 - Sold as Pindone Pellets
 - Can be purchased online.

Note that most of the products for sale in normal hardware stores are second-generation anticoagulants. You will need to read the active ingredients on the labels carefully to see what type of rat poison you are dealing with.

So in summary, our advice is;

1. Use traps in trap boxes, Friends of Rotoiti has them for sale.
2. If you need to use poison, you can lower the risk of direct or secondary poisoning of non-target animals by using a first generation anticoagulant presented in a bait station.

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Friday 29 November 'til Sunday 1 December

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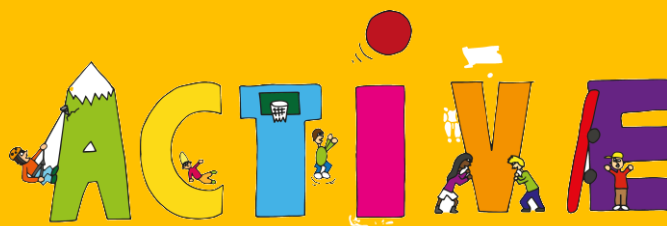
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- Full page ads incur a fee - \$30 (b&w) or \$70 (colour). This is a contribution towards photocopying costs. Please pay at the Rotoiti/Nelson Lakes Visitor Centre.
- Articles: plain text submitted in MS Word format, or in the body of an email.
- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

Contact: rotoitinews@gmail.com

BE GET STAY



Regular activities in and around St Arnaud

Badminton

Mondays 7pm

Community Hall

\$3 per person to cover hall and shuttle cocks.

Ed 5211106

"Circuit Breakers" exercise group

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays 10 am,

Community Hall

All welcome, gold coin donation

Gael 0272804078,

Seido-Karate

Community Hall

Tuesdays 6pm - kids & beginners

Thursdays 6 pm – General Class

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