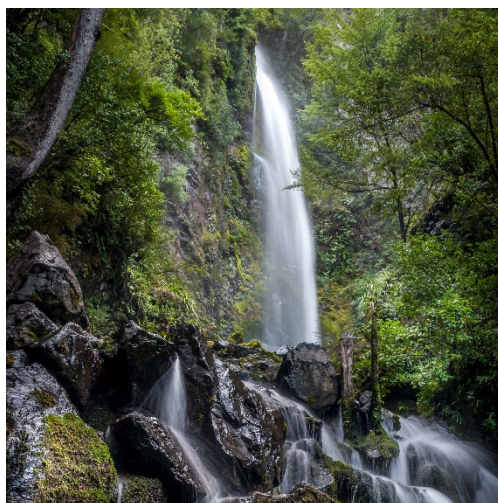


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5pm Friday 17 February 2023

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www.lakerotoiti.school.nz/newsletters.html



Coming up

Friday 10 March – Secondary School Waka Ama racing at Kerr Bay

11 & 12 March – Power Boat 100 Years Regatta at Kerr Bay

16 March – 7pm.
Notice of Lake Rotoiti Hall Committee Triennial Meeting. Held in the Community Hall.

Saturday 1 April – Alpine Lodge Loop the Lake. Details and entry on nelsonevents.co.nz

Photos: Whiskey Falls. Junior trappers, I. Biertumpfel.
Clematis forsteri

Lake Rotoiti School News

Kiaora kotou,

As I write this, the food tent has just opened for business for the Classic Boats weekend. It's the first of two major events that raise funds to enable our students to have some fantastic experiences. I would like to acknowledge the incredible work that Ina and Dominique put into planning and organisation. I would also like to thank the volunteers who offer their time to support our school and its students.

Believe it or not, we are half way through the first term already! Children are well into classroom routines. A big part of our learning is swimming, and the children are swimming at least once a day. The pool is a great asset that many schools do not have anymore. Our children are developing strong swimming skills and water confidence.



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

school news continued...

The pool will remain open for public use outside of school hours until Friday 31 March. At this point we will be shutting it down for the winter. If you have a fob, please return it after this date.

Despite one week of poor weather, we have been able to sail every Thursday afternoon so far. Thursday sailing is a community event with a barbecue. We welcome everyone for a chat and if you want, a sail. Bring something for the barbecue. There are only four more sailing weeks left in this term, so come on down and join us.

It would be nice to think that COVID has left us, but unfortunately it is still hanging around. If you live in the village, need some tests and can't get into town, the school still has some available. Likewise, if you need masks, we still have about 2,500! Please send me an email principal@lakerotoiti.school.nz if you need masks or tests. I will leave them on the child's chair beside the office door for pickup outside school hours, or I will do a delivery if you are unable to come to the school.

Nga mihi,
Mike.



Wasp wipeout - DOC and community wasping, 2023

This year we carried out our annual wasp baiting operation early February (9th/10th), with bait collected on 16th/17th). It was a massive effort, so a special acknowledgment to everyone who volunteered their time to help out including people from the Friends of Rotoiti, MTB Trails Trust, and Canyoning Aotearoa. Post-operation checks have shown that wasp traffic at 80% of wasp nests monitored in the control area has decreased to undetectable numbers, with remaining nests showing significantly lower traffic than pre operation. Beech honey-dew droplets are already increasing significantly in areas where wasp control occurred.

See here for extra information and up to date media coverage about our local wasping efforts
[Wasp baiting brings back the sound of birdsong in Nelson Lakes | Stuff.co.nz](#)





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



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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

Rotoiti Hub

Sundays 10am

Local spirit-led Christian worship, equipping and encounter.

More details and enquiries:

Nigel /Sarah 027 4413776

or Kay 035211261 / 0273072820



Your Invitation to support
Friends of Rotoiti
and the Rotoiti Nature Recovery Project
at Nelson Lakes National Park,
South Island, New Zealand

We are a group of conservation volunteers who work with the Department of Conservation to **control weasels, stoats, ferrets, mice, rats, wasps, possums and feral cats.**

Over the past 20 years Friends of Rotoiti Volunteers have removed over 40,000 pests by maintaining and improving an impressive 52 kilometres of trap lines around the **Rotoiti Village Area, Rainbow, Speargrass, Whisky Falls and Tophouse.**



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SUPPORT US TODAY

PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Applicant: Tasman District Council

Event: Stopping Distance Demonstrations Road Safety for Schools

Location: Portion of Kerr Bay Road, Lake Rotoiti to Lake Road Lake Rotoiti

Date and time: Tuesday 2 May 2023, 8.00am-2.45pm

Alternative provision for ordinary vehicular traffic:
Resident traffic will be let through between Stopping Distance Demonstration events during this time. It will

Yes! I would like to support Friends of Rotoiti

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

As a non- profit group of volunteers, FOR need your support to continue predator control and maintain trap boxes, stainless traps and remote camera equipment which we use to monitor **KIWI, KAKA & KEA.**

- ☐ I would like to be an active Friends of Rotoiti volunteer – Please contact me.

Make a Donation for the calendar year Jan – Dec

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- ☐ \$_____ Make a Donation

Payment can be made to Friends of Rotoiti:

Account 03-1709-0102228-00

(Please reference your name with payment or email friendsofrotoiti@gmail.com)

Claim your donation as a tax credit our Charities Commission number is CC49211

Please return to:
Friends of Rotoiti
PO Box 18
St Arnaud 7053

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be an offence under the above regulations for any person otherwise than under authority of an authorised period to use the roads for ordinary vehicular traffic during the period of closure.

Objections close: 5pm, Friday 24th February 2023.

Please send any objections to

jeni.thornborough@tasman.govt.nz

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- Photos: JPG files up to 5MB, attached to an email (not embedded in text).

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