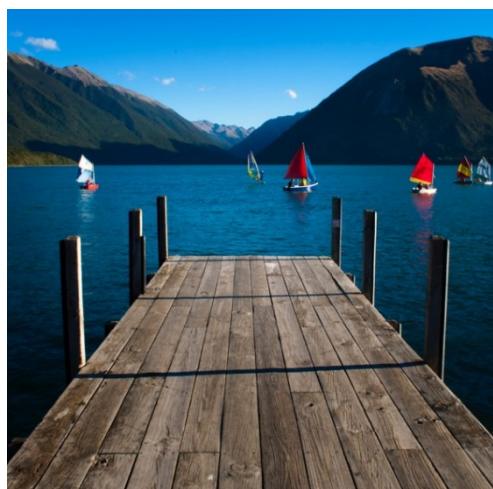


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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

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items to: [rotoitinews@gmail.com](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)

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## Coming up

20<sup>th</sup> March (Wednesday)  
**Lake Rotoiti School  
Tryathlon** starting at the  
lake edge.

22<sup>nd</sup> March (Friday)  
**Working Bee** at Lake  
Rototit School 1pm. Bring  
spades and wheelbarrows

2<sup>nd</sup> April-5<sup>th</sup> April  
**School Camp** at Mistletoe  
Bay

13<sup>th</sup> April: **Alpine Lodge  
Loop the Lake**  
– [www.nelsonevents.co.nz/  
contact/alpinelodge-loop-  
the-lake](http://www.nelsonevents.co.nz/contact/alpinelodge-loop-the-lake)

25<sup>th</sup> April: **ANZAC Service**  
10.30 pm @ Community  
Hall

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

Sundays 3pm  
**Rotoiti Hub:** Christian  
worship, prayer, and  
guidance. Locations vary.  
Contact Nigel & Sarah  
Calder 027 441 3776

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

## Lake Rotoiti School News

### OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

Thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to all those affected by the horrific tragedy in Christchurch. Through this event with have seen an over whelming joining together of people. Kotahitanga  
*Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that. (M.L. King)*

### OUR WHOLE SCHOOL/KURA SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The pool was recently put to great use with our first ever Swimming Carnival. There was endless fun and laughter. Tamariki worked in teams to gain the most points - however by the end of the carnival, it wasn't the points that mattered, but the co-operative teamwork that developed. We had sponges being thrown, wet clothing being swapped, frisbees and ping pong balls and of course the occasional competitive race. The highlight of the day was the salmon dive, to which tamariki are still practicing their skill set under careful watch of the teachers/kaiako.  
Thank you to our wonderful parents - who again supported in style. Next year we will be planning a race for you to participate in as well.

### THIS COULD BE YOU!!

Being new to this area (now in to my second term), I have had a variety of people ask - **how can I help Lake Rotoiti School?** There are many ways you can help our kura/school either directlv or indirectlv and I would like to

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.

Our Board works collaboratively with sub committees. These subcommittees are Property, Pool and Bus. Each of these sub committees requires input that is not onerous. Meetings are held twice to three times per year, per portfolio, and are short. We are keen to build these sub committees. So if you want to support children's learning and can help in a positive, future focused way, but do not want to be a Board member this may be your answer. Please give Sue a call on 03 521 1830 or email [sue.ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz](mailto:sue.ford@lakerotoiti.school.nz) Ngā manaakitanga (Thank you for your on going support

Sue, Liz, Dan, Tracy and Tilly

### **POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT THE KURA/SCHOOL**

We are seeking a Board secretary. The position description is to take the minutes at our meetings and distribute these to all board representatives, digitally. We provide a device for you to work on and this is a paid position.

Thank you to the people who have also offered to be back up bus drivers. We have your names and welcome more.

### **Local water deliveries**



**Contact Adrian Biggs if your water tanks are getting low.**

**021 2291109.**

**[briggs\\_adrian@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:briggs_adrian@yahoo.co.nz)**

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### **LRVFF Pigeon Valley Campaign**

The Lake Rotoiti Volunteer Fire Force committed a crew and rural tanker (5175) daily up until Day 17 of the fire when the situation finally enabled crew numbers to be reduced.

Our Little Yellow truck proved invaluable on the fire ground with its ability to go a number of places where others couldn't and attack those stubborn hot spots. It was a great experience for all of the crew as we all learnt so much about ourselves as a team and the abilities of our equipment. It was also a great opportunity to work along side a number of different crews from throughout the country, some of whom had significant big fire experience.

A big THANK YOU to The St Arnaud Rural Women and Elaine's Cafe (amongst others) for providing crew lunches early in the campaign. The Army just can't compete against the food and happy notes which made the long 15 hour days considerably more tolerable. In addition to the pigeon valley fire the members left covering the village over this period was kept busy with 7 call outs including 3 MVAs and a significant scrub fire near Murchison (which luckily was discovered by Murchison's crew on the way to one of the MVA's.). A big thanks to the community for the support we have received throughout this campaign fire. It truly helped keep us going.



### **Total Fire Ban**

Just to advise that despite the recent rain, The Total Fire Ban for the Nelson lakes and Murchison Areas remains in place until further notice.

Regards

Wattie Mortimer

Fire Permitting Officer / FENZ Tasman



### **SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES NZSTA**

NZSTA is supporting schools, to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. They are introducing a the ***Kōrari Programme*** for whanau interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections to support education and equity for all learners. Please read what is on offer:

***Kōrari***: a programme (workshop) that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

We will be rolling out workshops for Kōrari in April this year.

***Kōrari form***: NZSTA will support anyone who advises us they are interested in becoming a trustee, by way of the workshops but also providing access to our Learning Management System where online modules re. school governance, student achievement etc. can be completed.

***Community member guide to the role of the board of trustees***: This explains a lot of commonly asked questions and information about becoming a trustee.

#### **Wanting to rent:**

A three bedroom home within the village for a young family. No pets. Please contact Sue on 03 521 1830

### **CLINKER CAFÉ OPEN HOURS**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Monday    | 9am – 4pm |
| Tuesday   | CLOSED    |
| Wednesday | CLOSED    |
| Thursday  | CLOSED    |
| Friday    | 9am – 4pm |
| Saturday  | 9am – 4pm |
| Sunday    | 9am – 4pm |

(03) 521 1040

info@clinkercafe.co.nz



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### **Regular activities in and around St Arnaud**

**“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  
Graeme 521 1022. Gold coin donation

### **The Tree Doctor**

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thetreedr@yahoo.com

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03 5211225



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**Thursdays**

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**Shared travel costs**

**Phone or email to book your job**

**03 543 8090 or 0800 301507**

**info@tuffnell.co.nz**

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their continued support"***



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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](mailto:rotoitinews@gmail.com)