

RICHMOND SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

6th April 2023



From the Tumuaki desk this week ...

THANKS TO 'FRIENDS OF ROTOITI'

Recently, seven senior syndicate classes from Richmond School (Nelson) held their school camps at Lake Rotoiti.

In total, over 180 nine and ten year old students, 10 teachers and at least 30 parents attended the 3 day, 2 night camps over a 3½ week period, staying at the Red Deer Lodge.

The foci for these camps were Turangawaewae (celebrating places where we belong) and NZ flora and fauna.

As a result of teaching Barry Thomas' granddaughter at school a few years ago, I heard about the 'Friends of Rotoiti' organisation and approached his daughter for contacts.

I was delighted to meet up with Butch Goodwin and wheels were put in motion to include the 'Friends of Rotoiti' as a part of our programme whilst the classes were on camp.


Using the excellent Department of Conservation's centre's auditorium and display space as a classroom, Butch and his group of volunteers freely gave up their time to become the kaiako to help children understand the effects of predators and how the trapping processes have changed over time and how they work. They also assisted students in their understanding of the displays and answered questions as they arose.

Back in the classroom, there have been follow-ups across the curriculum. Reading programmes have continued focussing on birds, insects, snails, reptiles, bats, tuna, the mustelid, possum and wasp predations, freshwater testing, national parks and mainland islands.

Individual inquiry research has been undertaken with students branching out into their own investigations and many critical thinking opportunities were presented like:

Saving From Extinction

The Black Robin was almost extinct. What did they do to prevent this from happening?



Analyse

In analysis, you divide something up into parts so that you can understand it better and also think about each part separately if you wish.

Research a bird that was almost extinct.


How many were there?

Why were they nearly extinct?

How did they avoid extinction?

Introduced Pests

What would happen if another animal was brought to New Zealand? What effect would it have on our native plants and animals?



Random Input

Random: You cannot get new ideas by looking harder at the old ones, so you bring in something random or unconnected with the situation.

Raccoons (From America) have been found at Lake Rotoiti.

How will this affect native birds and plants in the area? How would you control this problem?

You will need to research the racoon, where it lives, what it eats and what damage it could do.

My class has also visited Borck Creek (Richmond) to participate in a lesson taken by Prashanti Lovegrove (TDC Environment Educator) to learn about how to check the health of a local water way and we did a comparison between the long-finned tuna of the lake and short-finned tuna of the creek.

We also went on a visit to Natureland to learn about their native birds and tuatara. Whaea Kelly O'Leary from the Nelson Museum visited to retell the Maori legend of the lake and tuna.

In art, my class has completed chalk pastel pictures of takehe and tuna in the style of artist Warren Pohatu and we have painted NZ parrots and plan on creating an abstract painting of the lake and a creation of the lake legend.



We have also completed posters using technology on kiwi, takehe and pukeko; pencil and charcoal drawings of kiwi, drawings of wasps and clay sculptures of tuatara. This week we have been focusing on Whio and making a double door on our personal choice for 'Bird of the Year' from what we have studied this term.

We were really grateful that the 'Friends of Rotoiti' were able to support our camps. Two students have already been back up to the lake with their families so hopefully they have continued to build their relationships with the lake environment and maybe one day will become volunteers to continue the hard work the 'Friends of Rotoiti' do.

The volunteers in the 'Friends of Rotoiti' group members were amazing. Their content delivery and use of resources made it easier for the children to build up their knowledge of a local area. We also appreciated the 'Friends of Rotoiti' finding time to educate seven classes especially when it was your busy baiting season.

We were also grateful they were involved in wasp baiting prior to our camps as taking a camp with the threat of wasps around makes risk management so much harder.

Hopefully in the future, the 'Friends of Rotoiti' will continue to be available to pass on their passion and knowledge to our younger generations, teachers and parents.

Thank you 'Friends of Rotoiti'. Your mahi is greatly appreciated.

- Raewyn Brenton (Room 3 class teacher).



TERM 1 FINISHES 3pm THURSDAY 6th APRIL
Good Friday 7th April

TERM 2 BEGINS 9am WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL
Accord (Staff Only) Day Monday 24th April
& ANZAC Day Tuesday 25th April

PIWAKAWAKA SYNDICATE TRIP

The Piwakawaka Syndicate had lots of fun on our trip last Friday. We went to the Centre of New Zealand and then to Tahuna Beach. On the way in the bus we looked at lots of special places in Nelson. Mrs Joass also told us a very exciting story about Kupe and the Wheke. The weather was beautiful, the parents were wonderful and the children were awesome.



PTC EASTER RAFFLE



Huge thank you to the school community for your support with our Easter Raffle.

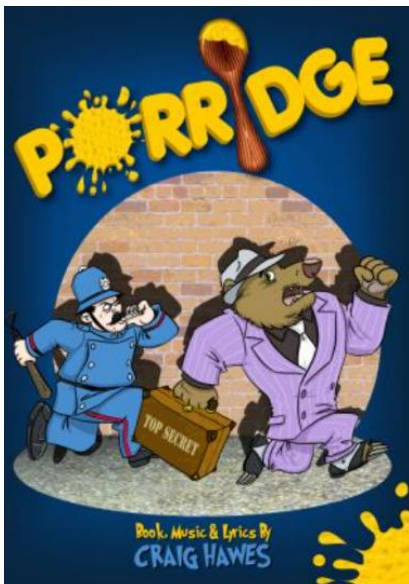
A fantastic \$5,477 was raised.

All winners have been notified.



SENIOR PRODUCTION TERM 2

June 21st & 22nd – Hope Community Church



The main parts have been allocated and the children are very excited about Term 2. Other children will find out what they will be doing in weeks 1 and 2 next term. All Senior children will be involved.

There are lot of opportunities for parents to help if they wish. We will send information home next term.

DISCLAIMER These are notices we include on request of organisations and individuals.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TABLE TENNIS NELSON

COME TRY IT OUT TODAY!

MONDAY & FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL PLAY IS BACK!

Monday 3:30pm - 5pm is an introduction to table tennis, with coaching followed by fun games.

Friday 3:30pm to 4:30pm - warm up and coaching
4:30pm - 6pm is for more advanced juniors, two player teams made up each week with whoever turns up.

Great opportunity for all players to put some skills into play

Find us at Saxton Stadium, Stoke



<https://www.sporty.co.nz/ttnelson>

THE DANCE club ZUMBA

ALL WE NEED IS A BEAT

Thursday 4th May

COMETS 3.30 to 4.20pm
GALAXY 4.30 to 5.20pm

8 weeks \$70
Richmond New Life Church
Wensley Road

📍 The Dance Club
☎ 027 776 5888
📧 dancers.at.the.dance.club@gmail.com
(the register simply email us your child's name and age!)

FREE t-shirt for new members



Lea & Amani

BRICKS INCLUDED
SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS

BRICKS INCLUDED USES EVIDENCE BASED LEGO THERAPY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP CONFIDENCE IN MAKING MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS. PARTICIPANTS ARE SUPPORTED IN COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION & PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS.

THE PROGRAMME OFFERS PARTICIPANTS POSITIVE SOCIAL EXPERIENCES IN AN UNDERSTANDING & ACCEPTING ENVIRONMENT. THE SESSIONS & ENVIRONMENT ARE PREDICTABLE, THE PROCESS IS STRUCTURED AND FOLLOWS A ROUTINE.

LEGO IS DYNAMIC BUT PREDICTABLE, WHICH GIVES PARTICIPANTS WHO ARE NEURODIVERGENT AN EVEN PLAYING FIELD TO TAKE PART AND ACHIEVE GOALS. GROUP MEMBERS ARE MATCHED CAREFULLY TO MEET EVERYONE'S NEEDS.

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Term 2 Coaching Programmes 2023

at Richmond Tennis Club

Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June

RTC Hotshots – Family Fun

Day offered: Saturday 9 – 9.45am, starting April 29th

This is a fun session for players aged between 5 – 9 years, starting out in tennis and wanting to give it a go! Lots of hand-eye coordination activities, learning through play, and improving racket-ball skills. Parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to join the fun!

Cost: \$60 members, \$80 non-members

Pee Wee (5 – 8 years) - Red Level

Day offered: Monday 3.20pm – 4pm starting April 24th

A high energy and fun introduction to tennis with more technical coaching, with the use of red low-compression tennis balls and mini-nets. This group works on basic tennis skills and development towards a love of the game, learning through play! You will also learn how to score and rules of the game.

Cost: \$85 members, \$105 non-members

Smashers (8 – 12 years) - Orange Level

Smashers – Day offered: Monday 4 – 5pm starting April 24th

This program is for players who are beginners or have recently graduated from the Pee Wee Program. This is a chance for players to improve their technical skills toward rallying and serving as well as having fun! This session is held on a three-quarter full court.

Cost: \$100 members, \$120 non-members

For further information, please contact **Kolie van Zyl**
027 829 3306 or kolievz@yahoo.com

 **YEAR 5-6**
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

9:00	NetballSmart Warmup
9:30	Activities - Attack
10:15	Snack Break
10:45	Nutrition & Recovery
11:00	Activities - Defense
11:30	Mini Games
12:00	Finish

Nelson College for Girls PFA
presents

Emma Wright Raising Body Confident Kids

**A *must see* for
parents of
toddlers to teens**

Thursday
18 May, 7 pm
\$20

Nelson Girls College
Hall

Book your ticket

<https://emma-wright-nelson.eventbrite.com/>

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Raising
Body
Confident
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Enrol for bagpipe or drumming lessons starting term 2



Nayland Primary School.
Thursdays 5-6pm weekly.

To enrol, visit: celticpipeband-nelson.nz

Group lessons are available for school kids aged around 9-11 years. Lessons cost \$50 per term which includes the rental hire of equipment.



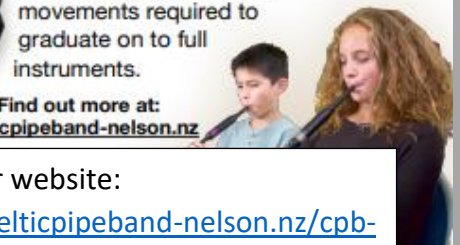
Learners enjoy challenging and rewarding music instruction, hone their theory in music games, learn basic marching skills, and meet new friends.

This is a low cost entry point for pipe banding, give it a go and see if it's right for you.

Our team of voluntary tutors are dedicated to giving learners a well rounded and rewarding music journey.

Throughout their first year, kids will play on practise instruments and have fun learning the technical movements required to graduate on to full instruments.

Find out more at:
celticpipeband-nelson.nz



Check out their website:

<https://www.celticpipeband-nelson.nz/cpb-learner-programme>



HOST FAMILIES WANTED

Become a kiwi family for Garin College international students

- Experience a new culture first-hand and learn from each other
- Build lasting relationships that transcend borders
- Who can host? Empty nesters, retirees, single, have no kids or have a tribe.
Any household within walking distance from Garin College with a spare bedroom and clean police record
- Remuneration and ongoing support provided
- Contact the Garin College International Office for more information and a friendly chat



"We bring the world to our children"
Homestay family

"We can learn so much from international students that we can't learn in school or by ourselves and that's something really special"
Garin student



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Athletics Nelson with support from Downer will be hosting the 2023 Schools Cross-country League over three events in the month of May.

Full details of dates, times, venues, entry, grades etc can be found at the following link:

<https://athleticsnelson.co.nz/childrens-winter-x-country/>

Please calendar these events and encourage participation within your school.

- Saturday 13th May – Saxton Fields
- Saturday 20th May – Branford Park
- Saturday 27th May – Saxton Field

Waimea Harriers welcome any students wanting to do some warm-up races on

22 April, 29 April and 6th May at Moturoa/Rabbit Island.

Further details can be found

here: <https://www.waimeaharriers.nz/>



BECOME A SUPPORT WORKER

Are you passionate about helping others? Have you considered a career as a Support Worker or are you already an experienced carer?

Why work for NZCommunity Living:

- Support people and make a difference in your community!
- Get paid Competitive rates between \$22.49- \$28.25 per hour
- Receive free training towards a healthcare qualification
- Balance family and work – shifts are available Monday to Sunday depending on the location
- Work for one of the largest healthcare providers with thousands of clients nationwide

Training is available! Experience in disability support is NOT necessary but would be appreciated.

Full working rights in NZ and full driver's license.

We are looking forward to hear from you soon!

For enquiries re this or to Apply, contact Tinny - Tinny.Singh@nzhealthgroup.com

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