



Te Waka o Aoraki



# Te Taihū o Te Waka a Māui Secondary School Sprint Championships 2021

**Ramere- Friday, 29 Hīringaānuku 2021**

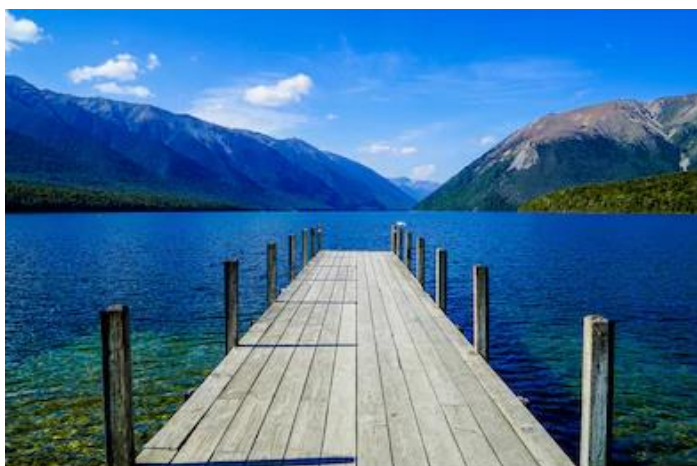
**Lake Rotoiti, St Arnaud,**

E ngā waka, e ngā reo, e ngā maunga o tai e whā  
Nau mai, haere mai ki te whakataetae waka ama i ngā kura tuarua o Te Taihū o te waka a Māui  
Kei roto i te rohe o Ngāti Apa ki te Rā Tō, i raro i ngā maunga o Kēhu raua ko Pourangahau o nga  
roto o Rotoiti me ngā Rotoroa.

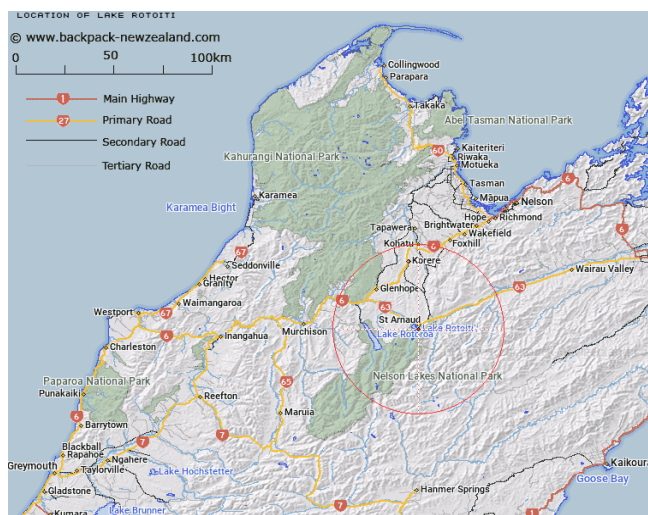
Tēnā koutou katoa, rātou e ngā mate kuawheturangitia, tātou ki a tātou e ngā kanohi ora  
Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.

Te Waka o Aoraki welcome Secondary Schools from across Te Taihū o Te Waka a Māui (the prow of the canoe of Māui) Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough Secondary Schools competition to be held at Lake Rotoiti on Friday 29 October 2021. This is intended to be a fun event that offers something to both those new to waka ama, as well as those with more experience. It also provides a pathway for Secondary Schools that want to participate at the Waka Ama New Zealand Secondary School Sprint Nationals to be held at Lake Tikitapu, Rotorua in 2022.

**Venue – Lake Rotoiti, St Arnaud, Nelson Lakes District**



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Lake Rotoiti is located within easy access from Tasman, Marlborough and Nelson times ranging from 3 to 1 and half hours to reach the destination.

## Important Dates

- 2021 Pānui Released (via School contacts) do we have a School Sports Te Taihū, Marlborough, Tasman, Nelson Te Waka o Aoraki and WANZ)
- 1 September 2021 Entries Open
- 18 October 2021 Entries Close
- 22 October Lane Draw Published
- 29 October 2021 Race Day

## Grades, Events and Divisions

There are two main grades for teams:

- Junior: Year 9-10
- Senior: Year 11-13

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There are two main events that will be contested in each age group:

- W12 500m (Double hull, 12 person canoe raced over 500 metres)
- W6 2.5km (Single hull six person canoe raced over 2.5kms)

Teams can be either all male, all female or mixed. Mixed W6 teams must have at least 2 Female paddlers racing. Mixed W12 crews must have at least 5 females, otherwise the team will race in the Male grade.

There will also be two main divisions:

- Tauhou / Novice (5 students required, with an adult steerer / or a steerer provided)
- Taurira/ learners-advanced (6 students including capable steerer)

Teams will race against teams in other divisions in the preliminary rounds before having finals for each division (depending on the number of entries).

Trophies will be awarded to the school that wins the finals in each division and grades.

Entries fees are \$25 per team and entries are to be made via Secondary School Sport (Tasman Sport). Please see your School Sport Coordinator to make your entry.

### **Trainings and Preparation**

This event is aimed to encourage students to try waka ama, therefore, is set up in such a way that minimum preparation is required on behalf of schools ahead of the event (particularly for teams in the Tauhou / Novice division). These teams will be given support and assistance at the event to ensure they get the most out of the day. For Schools who wish to undertake training ahead of the event, they are encouraged to utilise any existing resources within their school and/or relationships with local clubs to prepare teams. Training sessions can also be organised for those that request them, but are dependent on the availability of instructors to assist with these.

### **Indicative Programme – 29 October 2021**

0800-0900	Karakia / Registration / Safety and Race Briefing
0900-1100	W12 Preliminary Rounds
1100-1200	W12 Finals
1200-1230	Lunch break
1230-1330	W6 Preliminary Finals
1345-1445	W6 Finals Prize giving / Karakia

**Race Director:: Callum O’Leary**

**Assistant RD: Mike Beech**

### **Contacts:**

**Erice Lander for Collingwood**

**Selwyn Farr for Takaka**

**Todd Jago for Motueka and Kaiteretere**

**Kereama Payn for Waimea**

**Huriana Lawrence for Tuia Te Matangi**

**Jane Townsend for Nayland College**

**Charmain Payne for Nelson Girls**

**Anisha Huntley for QC College**

**Picton and Blenheim region**



## Summary

- The event is aimed at allowing those new to waka to give it a go, as well as providing some competition to those more experienced.
- Entries Open 1 September and close 18 October 2021.
- Entries must be made via the School Sport Coordinator and fees paid ahead of the event.
- The event on the 29 October runs from 8am until approximately 3pm.
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