

## NORMANDALE MAINLY MUSIC PLAYGROUP

Will recommence for 2017 on Thursday the 16th of February at St Aidans Church, 2 Stratton Street, Normandale. Our doors open at 0900 with the music for little ones and their parents/ caregivers starting at 0930. Cost \$3 per family. For further information call Pat 589-6638 or go to [www.mainlymusic.org](http://www.mainlymusic.org)



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## Quiz

### Word of the month:

#### Blatherskite

- A. Moving on ice
- B. Foam on the top of drink or soup
- C. Feeling like carrying a heavy weight
- D. Person who talks a lot of nonsense

### Last-month's word:

- Grandiloquent**
- B. Pompous or excessively elaborate language

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## Perfect weather for Santa's visit

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Santa in Pekanga Road with Aaron Gough driving the safety car behind.



Kallam Singh receives his present from Santa, watched by Dad Krish with Darrah on his shoulders.



Taylin and Kailah with their presents from Santa.

Christmas Day turned on weather perfect for Santa and his helpers – a warm, dry and cloudy day with a slight breeze. It was Santa's 33<sup>rd</sup> Christmas morning visit to our suburb and he didn't disappoint his loyal fans waiting at their gates to greet him. There were sweets for them, provided by the Normandale Residents' Association, and present deliveries for about 30 families.

Thanks to David Capel, Göran Persson, Malcolm Cameron, Sheena Hirayama-Barr, Elanor Capel, Brooke and Charlee Collins, Aaron Gough, Rosemary McLennan and Joe, Devin and Casey Glover.

See inside page for a poem about the parade.



### BUILDER'S OWN

- \* Close to Normandale Primary
- \* Walk to the bus stop
- \* Minutes from Lower Hutt CBD
- \* Zoned for HVHS
- \* On three levels
- \* Stunning valley and harbour views

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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at St Aidans church on Thursday 15th of February - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

# Hutt Valley Kyokushin

Did you know Normandale is now home to the Hutt Valley Kyokushin dojo?

Learn Kyokushin Karate with a club that's been operating in Lower Hutt for the past nine years. Anyone over four years of age is welcome. There are separate classes for children and adults. We teach a traditional style that is recognised all over the world as one of the strongest styles of karate! Students gain self confidence, improved fitness and strength while also learning discipline and respect.

Come and see us in our new dojo (in Normandale) - the first 3 lessons are free! For our address, training times and more info check out our website:

[www.huttvalleydojo.co.nz](http://www.huttvalleydojo.co.nz)

## An Ode to Normandale

Rosemary Santa's helper.  
Each Christmas she comes back.  
All the toys she has to shelter.  
So she keeps them in a sack.

Pekanga Road bursts into song.  
As Father Christmas came along.  
Toys to children he hands out.  
With lolly scrambles all about.

by Tony Watling Christmas 2016

### Predator-free Normandale

Last newsletter carried an advertisement for a meeting to discuss a predator-free Normandale.

For those of you that couldn't attend, the intention is to remove rats, mice, and mustelids from the Normandale area. The meeting was told about how it would work and about success in other communities in the Wellington region. More about this in an upcoming newsletter.



## Did you spot...

...the art installation in Jubilee Park? It is doing a tour of Hutt City so has moved on from Normandale now.

# Caring for your cats

If you own a cat, it is really important to ensure that your cat is neutered and vaccinated.

A couple of months ago, Sammy turned up on a local doorstep cold, wet, frightened and starving (see top photo). He is very affectionate and has obviously belonged to someone in the past. The vet estimated that he was about 5 years old and had FIV.



Having FIV means his immune system does not work as it should, and he is more vulnerable to other illnesses. Sammy is now desexed, which means his illness is only transmissible by a deep bite wound from another cat. Though Sammy is a very relaxed cat, the other cats he may encounter in the neighbourhood might not be as relaxed. Sammy now has to be kept indoors so **he doesn't pass FIV to other cats.** This could have been avoided if his original owners had got him neutered. He has been adopted through the Cat's Protection League ([cpl-wellington.org.nz](http://cpl-wellington.org.nz)) and now has a lovely home.

If you have concerns about feral/stray cats that need trapping see also: [www.petrescue.org.nz](http://www.petrescue.org.nz)  
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