

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We're on the look out for two volunteers to help distribute the Normandale Times. One distribution route covers the lower half of Normandale Road, the other route covers part of Poto Road. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers for the monthly delivery, please get in touch at ntimes@hotmail.com

Maungaraki Tennis Club

Midweek / Daytime league open day
Thursday 6th Feb 10am - 12.30pm.
Wet or fine.



Come down for a relaxed morning of tennis, with a cuppa break halfway through. Give it a go for a couple of sessions and see if you like it. \$120 membership to cover Feb to September.

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Quiz

Word of the month:

Wasp

- A. An insult
- B. Corset or belt
- C. A sharp taste
- D. A gang member

Last month's word:

Jorum

- C. Large drinking bowl



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Community BBQ

Come and meet your neighbours and celebrate Neighbours Day Aotearoa, next month as the Normandale Residents' Association will again host a community get together.

There will be a free barbecue, live entertainment, cake, and juice to enjoy as you get to know your neighbours.

When: 11:30am to 2:30pm Saturday, 14th March, 2020

Where: Poto Rd Reserve

If you would like to provide some entertainment on the day we would love to hear from you. Contact us:

✉ ntimes@hotmail.com

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Neighbours Day Aotearoa runs 27 March until 5 April. For more information about Neighbours Day visit: neighboursday.org.nz

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The next NRA meeting will be held at 17 Pokohiwi Road on Thursday 20th of February - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30pm until 9pm.

Ideal parade weather for Santa's visit

Christmas morning turned on ideal weather for Santa's welcome return to Normandale.

It was a change from the rain he and his team of helpers had encountered the previous Christmas Day.

This Christmas Day presents were delivered to about 25 local families plus there were sweets provided by the Normandale Residents' Association for everyone waiting to watch Santa ride by on his sleigh.

At the rear of the parade was long-time local resident Malcolm Cameron driving a 1940s Jowett Bradford dragonfly car.

Thanks are due to David, Tara and Elanor Capel, Göran Persson, Malcolm Cameron, Aaron Gough, Ian and Eliza Bloodworth, Alex Whitton, Kate Wilson, Rosemary McLennan and Joe, Ruth and Krystle Glover.

Contributed by Rosemary McLennan



Drew, left, and Kiera receive the first delivery. With Santa are, from left, Kate Wilson, Alex Whitton, Eliza Bloodworth Elanor Capel.



Little Wyatt gets a special Christmas delivery.

Normandale pre-schoolers go bush

On a Thursday morning as many of us scramble into our cars to join the morning rush to the city, the pre-schoolers of Normandale Playcentre are going bush. Just minutes from suburbia, they travel past cows, sheep, horses and rabbits to the Belmont Regional Park woolshed at the wild end of Stratton Street. They have arrived at their learning ground, an open grassy field at the edge of the gentle beginnings of the Korokoro Stream. The commitment is to play outdoors in all weather and we diligently repeat to ourselves on rainy winter mornings: *There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing!*

Some weeks the tamariki lead us to the creek where they make dams, ditches, mud slides and muddy puddles to jump in, climb the clay banks with ropes, float leaf boats and play with water or just go adventuring up the stream bed. Other weeks they choose to roll down grassy slopes and create fairy gardens, pirate ships, flying cars, houses and obstacle courses out of wood pallets, bricks, tyres and ropes. Sometimes they hunt for insects and forage for berries or make art works from sticks, grass and leaves. Other times they cook damper and sausages on an open fire to sustain themselves over the four-hour session.

Apart from the obvious benefits of being surrounded by beauty, fresh air in the lungs and room to stretch one's legs, this session teaches our tamariki about safety (around water, fire and in the bush) and about life itself (the seasons, the plants and animals, life and death - while for example contemplating a dead bunny!).

So....if your children are driving you up the wall, take away the walls... and if you have any pre-schoolers aged three and a half and over in your household or can borrow one, please come and join us. The first three visits are free.

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