



COMMUNITY NOTICES AND NEWS

Having your say

As I am sure you all know there is an election and referendum coming up

But do you know every thing that you want to know? Do you have any un-answered questions that need to be answered? And most importantly do you know the two questions which, come referendum day you will be tasked with answering?

The first question asks whether you want to keep MMP (which is the voting system we use at the moment) or whether you want to change to another voting system.

The second question asks which of four other voting systems you would choose if New Zealand decides to change from MMP.

For all of your referendum needs visit: www.referendum.org.nz
And for election info, go to: www.elections.org.nz

Paper run

Currently, we have a space open for any volunteers who would like to do a Normandale Times paper run. They would be delivering once a month, every month (except in January) to all the houses from Wilson Grove to Playcentre

For inquiries phone: Caroline: 589 2720

Congrats!

Congratulations to local resident Mike Sarten, recipient of the Safe City Area Commanders Award!



Word of the month:
Sesquipedalian

- A. a breed large of sea birds
- B. A type of transition metal
- C. **Name of a 1980's movie starring Sean Connery**
- D. Someone given to the use of long words

September's word:
Gallimaufry
C. a collection of odds and ends

The next NRA meeting will be held on the Wednesday 17th of August. New members welcome.
The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00 and all input is welcome.

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Go the train!

Use it or lose it?

The news from Tranz-Metro is that whilst the trains for the Melling line have returned to regular service, the passenger numbers have not.



The NRA are concerned that this may give the impression that it is inefficient to keep the train lines running at their present service or at all.

Tranz-Metro had also apparently not received many complaints about the service. And so it is that we must use it and speak up to retain this service otherwise the patrons of this line will lose it forever.



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Centenary celebration

Celebrate 100 years of learning, play and fun at the Old School building, now Normandale Playcentre. The Centenary Celebration will take place on Sunday 6th of November from 11am to 2pm at the Playcentre.

Come along for old fashioned games and fun, and a trip down memory lane. The celebration centres around games played through the years, including traditional play with sand and blocks, which has never gone out of fashion! Games include elastics, knuckle bones and skipping, plus have a go at poi and Maori stick game - ti rakau. A sand saucer competition using natural materials will take place in the morning with judging at 1pm.

Photos and memorabilia

depicting happenings over the years will be on display. For example we have found some photos and newspaper clippings of the devastating fire that took place in the nineties. Some current members will be getting into the swing of things by dressing in period costume and Normandale School will be involved with a special performance.

We are looking to re-enact some of the events that took place with the original opening, so if anyone knows of a bagpipe player, please let us know.

Gold coin donation on entry with all proceeds toward building a new playground. Any enquiries phone the Playcentre and leave a message for Lisa on 589 1227. All welcome.



Community NOTICES

I run an art and craft market at Knox Church hall once a month. It is on the 2nd Saturday of the month right through to Christmas, from 9:30 am to 1:30pm. We are at the Knox Church hall, 574 High Street, Lower Hutt.

We sell lovely handmade goods and crafts made by local crafts people. A must for a browse. Stall enquiries phone Marianne on 5895-388



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Rugby Fun Times at Normandale School

This term our students have been using the Rugby World Cup to learn about different countries, their anthems and what is special about each country. We have tasted pain au chocolat, chop suey, maple syrup, learned to greet each other in different languages, count and say the days of the week.

During the last two weeks we have also held some fun days, our black out day to support the All Blacks, we dressed in red when we went to the Hutt Rec to watch the Tongan team practice and the main Rugby Event Day with the students dressed up in the colours of the country they were studying. We had a Parade of Nations, shared what we had learned, played games and had a picnic lunch. Photos and stories can be found on class blogs via our school website www.normandale.school.nz



Normandale residents association inorganic rubbish collection

Saturday 12th of
November 8:30 am

- All inorganic rubbish to be on roadside verge by 8am
- No garden or household refuse will be collected
- No tyres, hazardous waste, paint cans or glass
- Assistance to load heavy items would be appreciated

For volunteers on the metal truck: meet at 145 Normandale Road at 8:45.

There will be a free lunch and you get to keep any of the junk that you want. We need ten to work on the truck and some spaces are already gone!

Contact Caroline on: 589 2720