



**Normandale Playcentre Starter Group
Come and visit!**

Our friendly starter session is held on Friday mornings between 9.15am and 11.45am and we currently have spaces available.

At our starter session children from birth to 2.5 years play together with their parents and other adults, engaged in a wide range of learning experiences. There is a common commitment to learning through play, mixed ages sessions, and family involvement.

You are invited to have 3 free visits with us before joining. Get to know what happens on the sessions and talk to other families.

For more info or to arrange a free visit please phone Kelly Maher on (04) 589 1227



Word of the month
Fainéant

- A. An object pretending to be something its not
- B. Able to sense the supernatural
- C. Non-metallic substance
- D. Lazy or disinclined to work

July's word
Parsimonious
B. Very frugal or ungenerous

The next NRA meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th of August New members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00 and all input is welcome.

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Have your say on public transport

The Greater Wellington Regional Council is currently conducting a review of the fare system for public transport. They are seeking the opinions of the wider public on the proposals for change. Even if you don't currently take public transport you should check out the proposals as some of the options being considered will be detrimental to local public transport users. This could well result in more cars on the road! Visit www.gw.govt.nz/fare-system-review for the report containing the options under consideration.

The review is comprehensive and examines the following issues:

- how fares are calculated with respect to distance travelled;
- whether off-peak discounts are offered and how much they cost;
- use of technology for paying fares (integrated ticketing); and
- the continued use (or not) of concessions for children, youths, tertiary students, seniors, beneficiaries and people with disabilities.

One of the options currently being considered with respect to fares is reducing the zone system from the current 14 zones to 7 or 5 zones. The 5-zone option would mean that a person travelling to Wellington from Upper Hutt would pay the same fare as a person travelling from Petone.

If you want to have your say on any of these issues, there is a survey you can complete (@ <http://www.farereview.co.nz/survey>) or the opportunity to provide written feedback to the GWRC.

The deadline for feedback is September 14.

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Please pay directly into the NRA bank account:

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Ensure that you give both your name and partial address enough to identify who you are in the references.

If you prefer to pay by cash or cheque, please send your subscription to: The Treasurer, c/o 301 Normandale Road, Lower Hutt, or contact one of the committee.

Thank you to those who pay and have paid, we appreciate it.

NRA Presidents message

I'm currently sunning myself in England in record temperatures and I must admit not really concentrating on activities in Normandale right now. However, I'm sure most of you also watched the opening ceremony of the London Olympics and two items stood out for me as reminders of things that we need to concentrate on. Both are directly related to the sense of community. As you know the ceremony was wholly based on volunteers, not the usual 'go on a committee' type but ordinary people who just wanted to help. We have the opportunity to celebrate our own volunteers later this year when the HCC Western Ward Committee is hosting a celebration of local volunteers. I can't promise anything spectacular, but if you know of someone who deserves recognition please let me, or any other committee member, know and we will do our best to show how much we appreciate their efforts.

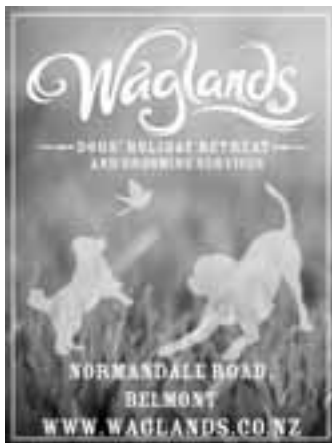


The second thing also emphasised the disparity between a persons contribution to society and the recognition they receive. The names of those who appear on TV or even just go out with someone on TV are well known, but even after Friday night, I wonder how many people will remember the name of the man who has changed the way the entire world works and who enabled me to send this to our editor from the other side of the world? Had Sir Tim Berners-Lee patented his ideas he would be the richest person alive, but instead he gave his ideas, in his words, 'to everyone'. We can't all make such a massive change in society, but we can all make sure that we contribute and just as importantly honour those that like Tim, contribute without any expectation of reward or recognition.

Pete Matcham

President, Normandale Residents Association

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