

On Saturday 17th of November, volunteers braved the inclement weather to collect Normandale's inorganic rubbish. This annual event run by the NRA was event was once again a success and your rubbish was successfully collected and disposed of.

The amount this year was less than the total last year, and although our resources this time were diminished, the effort put in by the hardy band of volunteers was more than enough. So thank you to all those that gave up their Saturday morning to chase behind the back of the truck and collect our refuse from the road side.

Volunteers:

- Margaret & Jim Cousins
- Rachael Linkhorn
- Graham Caygill
- Evan Caygill
- Chris Gannon
- Iain & Glenna Matcham
- Pete & Sandie Matcham



Word of the month

Lugubrious

- A. Thick and viscous
- B. Extremely mournful, sad or gloomy
- C. Covert joy at another's misfortune
- D. Excessively wealthy

November's word

Pusillanimous

- C. Lacking courage and resolution

# NORMANDALE TIMES

December 2012-January 2013

Voting on the new logo will take place until the 1st of January 2013

## News from Normandale School

The third week of November was perhaps the most exciting week all year for our senior students – it was the biennial school camp. Year 5 and 6 children had two nights away, and our lucky Year 4's joined them on the second day, for one night away from the family. El Rancho was the venue, with a side trip to Adrenaline Forest on the way to Waikanae, just to add to the thrill!

I was lucky enough to be able to visit El Rancho and watch some of the activities. A highlight for me was witnessing frozen grimaces relax into genuine smiles when children got onto the horses – it must seem like a long way down for those of our students who hadn't been on a horse before! But after a few minutes it is amazing to see their bodies – and smiles – relax and see the way they start talking to the horse, see them start moving with the gait, and perhaps make a new (animal) friend.

Other fantastic activities included tubing on the river, watersliding, rockwalling, team initiative exercises, archery, go-carts and more. If you know a Normandale senior, ask them what their favourite activity was, and watch them light up!

The camp is only possible because of the very hard work of senior syndicate teachers Steph Campbell and Andrea Piters, and the support of lots of parent helpers – you know who you are –thank you!

Stephanie Vincent

Chair, Board of Trustees

*About Normandale School*

Normandale School aims to develop in its students a lasting enthusiasm for learning and personal fulfilment, as well as good attitudes towards themselves, other people and the environment. We have six classroom teachers, an on-site after school care programme, and we welcome enrolments from all areas. For more information about Normandale School, see our website at [www.normandale.school.nz](http://www.normandale.school.nz). For enrolment enquiries contact the office on 566 2010 or [admin@normandale.school.nz](mailto:admin@normandale.school.nz).



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The next NRA meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st of November - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00.

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Dogs really enjoy quite a social life. When Mum and Dad head off on holiday, they have some pretty colourful ideas of what they would like to do with their time on holiday too.

Ben and Arlene Adams have utterly dedicated their lives to making the old Abbey Manor an extraordinary venue for their happy holidaying guests. As a result, **Waglands Dogs' Grooming and Holiday Retreat** has just been judged winner of the Westpac Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce Small Business Excellence Award. This award considered excellence in Innovation, Creativity, Business Practices, Goals and Achievements, and Sustainability.

In just three years, this little doggie holiday spot has undergone a major upgrade project, doubling its play area to include more diversity and interest. There is better covered and sheltered space, outstanding food, and great company, all for a perfect doggy holiday. There have also been many changes behind the scenes to keep everything squeaky clean and well organised.

With a passion for continuous improvement, there are a host of other small and large changes in the pipeline. Thanks to all our local furry fellows who have supported us to make this possible.

*Waglands Dogs Grooming and Holiday Retreat, the space and care to holiday happily.*



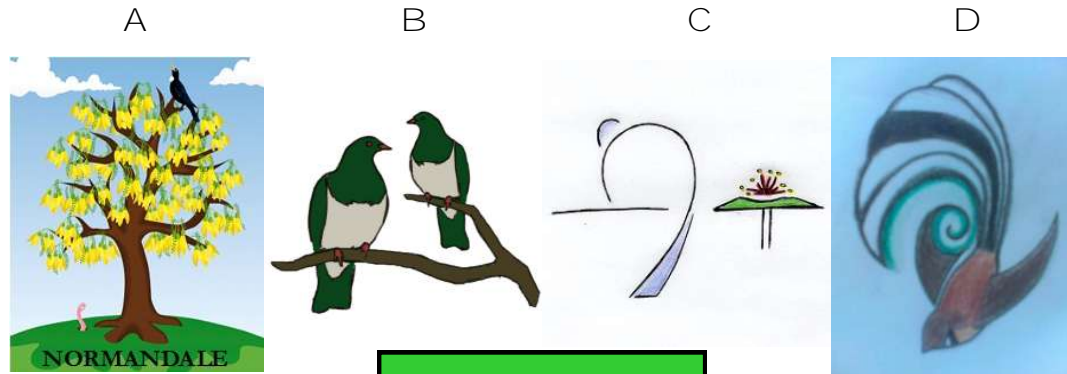
The competition to decide upon the new logo has been a great success so far. When I was thinking about how the competition should be run, I knew it had to be something that came from the community, and was for the community.

Now, I am stuck with the prospect of having to judge four of the best designs, and decide which of them is the best for this newsletter. To me, these are all superb logos and I wouldn't want to choose just one. Thinking back, I remembered that this was about the community, and not just how I felt. That is why I want to hold a vote: so that the community can decide on what it loves.

To vote, simply send in an email to [Ntimes@hotmail.com](mailto:Ntimes@hotmail.com), with your vote in the subject line e.g.: RE: logo vote A

Things to consider when voting:

- The logo will need to look good in colour and in black and white;
- The logo when used may be diminished in size for the purpose of saving space.



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## Santa is coming to Normandale!

Normandale is very lucky this year to again welcome Santa to Normandale on Christmas morning. The parade has become a tradition in Normandale since it began in 1984. The parade begins at 10am from the corner of Poto Road and Stratton St.

The route is: Stratton St, Cottle Park Drive, down Normandale Road, Poto Road, Pokohiwi Road, Eastview Grove, Pekanga Road, Taka Grove, Christina Grove, up Normandale Road, Poto Road to Wilson and Martin Groves, down Miromiro Road and up Normandale Road to finish at Pekanga Road soon after 11am.

Santa will be delivering presents and his helpers will throw sweets to onlookers.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more info, phone Rosemary on 5864180. Please have presents to her no later than a week before Christmas Day.



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