

Minoh House Martial Arts Day

There will be a Japanese martial arts demonstration at a new event in Normandale on Sunday, April 14 at Hutt Minoh Friendship House. The Japanese cultural centre at 38 Normandale Road, is hosting its first Japanese martial arts expo. Groups invited include karate, aikido, sumo, judo, kendo and the kyudo (archery) club which is based at the house. They will be giving demonstrations and providing information for prospective new members. Children and adults alike are welcome.

The free event is on from 1 to 4pm. Park at the Normandale over-bridge car park or in Normandale Road by Jubilee Park near where the skateboard ramp used to be. Mobility parking is available at the house, via its recently-repaired drive. Inquiries 586 4180, on the day 586 3231.

Sunday, April 14
1-4pm
Hutt Minoh House,
38 Normandale Road
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Word of the month Aubade

- A. To place a bid at an auction by phone
- B. A song or poem greeting the dawn
- C. A dish created with mostly vegetables and insects
- D. A fossil formed of a sea creature

February's word Ratiocination

- A. The process of logical and methodical reasoning

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News from Normandale School

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In February Normandale School was visited by the Life Education Trust mobile classroom. I hear it was a little nerve-racking watching it manoeuvre its way down the Martin Grove extension and into the school driveway! The mobile classroom brought Harold the giraffe to help teach the children about healthy eating. The senior students also had a chance for some new taste sensations during a 'Fruit and Vege Experience', with many children trying things they had never eaten before.



Not only have children been learning about – and eating – healthy food, the beautiful weather has meant that plenty of exercise and outdoor activity has been possible, especially swimming in the school pool we are so lucky to have. Many schools have had to close their pools over the years because of the cost of upkeep, but with careful management and the support of the community over the years, Normandale has managed to maintain its pool. And what a summer for it! A big thanks to Wayne Lindsay and other members of the school community for keeping it so sparkling fresh all summer. As we head into autumn the mornings will get cooler quickly – but here's hoping for plenty more sunshine to help keep the water nice and warm!



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The next NRA meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th of March - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 till 9:00.

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The summer weather has certainly brought a smile to many people's faces, although those of us in the rural parts of Normandale are watching the rapidly dwindling stock of grass with increasing concern. If we don't get rain soon, I'll have to wash the car or some other drastic measure to encourage it.

Your committee has shrugged off the holiday lethargy sufficiently to have our first meeting, and there promises to be plenty on the agenda to keep us busy in the coming months. Our major project this year is likely to be the development of the recreation facilities at Poto Road corner. With the pines removed, there is a better opportunity to gauge the best options and we are working closely with HCC officers and local landscape designer Blair of Elements landscape solutions, on a detailed plan and work schedule. With the freehold land at the front of the site now sold, we will also be keeping an eye on any application for sub division, and ensuring the height restrictions are enforced to ensure any development does not detract from the view from the recreation area.



At a wider level, we await the decision of the representation review which will determine if we retain the Western Community Committee, and of course the debate on the structure of Regional governance will continue. The NRA will continue to put forward the views that you expressed at the public meetings, and that was common across all communities, which was the importance people attached to local decision making. This is a common view world-wide and one that is being advocated from both ends of the political spectrum. In response the move elsewhere is to devolve civic power to parish and community level. *(continued over)*

It seems strange then, that so many of our current regional councillors appear hell bent on curtailing local representation in favour of remote, region-wide decision making.

Thank you to all those that voted on the new logo for the NRA. As you know from the last NDT, the two featuring birds were clear favourites, with the fantail taking top spot.

Finally a reminder on behalf of the Treasurer for all those who have yet to pay, that we rely on your subscriptions to fund the community activities we organise, and to produce the Normandale Times.

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