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**Thank you to the families who responded to the July request. This was great. For those who haven't paid yet there is still an opportunity to help your community.**



Word of the month:

### Mulct

- A. Polish style of coffee
- B. A fine or penalty
- C. To have been betrayed
- D. Processed animal entrails

August's word:

### Esurient

- A. Extremely hungry or greedy

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## Civil Defence in Normandale.

Given the recent plague of earthquakes, and the storm that swept through Normandale, the committee thought that now would be an optimum time to add in an article to recap on the useful preparations for a civil defence emergency. As we are a hill community we may be cut off from the valley or any supply lines, So especially here it is necessary to be prepared for an emergency. Our nearest Civil Defence Centre (St. Aidan's ) will not have any of their own supplies, it is simply a meeting place.

- Have enough food and water to be self-sufficient for 5 days
- Be aware that Supermarkets and Petrol Stations may be locked down.
- If you need to communicate, avoid phone calls. Send text messages instead if possible.
- Check on your neighbours, they may not be as well prepared as you are!
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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

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

## News from Normandale School

### Special Visitor

We welcomed our Mayor, Ray Wallace to Normandale. The Mayor spoke to all the children in the hall before answering their many questions. The students were really interested in the mayoral chain, the main medallion and the names on it. There were great questions from the students that included: What do you do in your office? Who inspired you to become Mayor? Do you want to be elected? Do you know my mum and dad (in some cases he did!)?

The mayor also spoke to us about earthquake drills and being prepared. Many of the children could talk about their family plans for an emergency, their emergency backpacks, how to exit from their home and the designated place to meet.



### School Swimming

The school have been enjoying two weeks of swimming at Huia Pool, ending with a race day on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and a Fun Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Students years 1-6 have been concentrating on water safety and improving their backstroke, freestyle and

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breaststroke skills. Students Years 1-3 have been working on freestyle, noodle, flutter board etc. Most students completed their swimming assessment and some of the results were outstanding, it was great to see the growth in confidence as well as skill. Thank you to the instructors, teachers and parent helpers.

### Book Fair

We are holding a book fair on **Saturday 21 September** at the school between 1-4pm. There are many great books available for children and adults at great prices. There will also be a white elephant stall, sausage sizzle, raffle, lemonade, lollies, popcorn and cakes for sale. We look forward to seeing you at our fundraiser.

### Concept Plan

*If there is anyone in the community that could help with the refurbishing of our sandpit we would love to hear from them. Please contact Anne-Marie Gordon if you are able to help in any way.*

Anne-Marie Gordon  
Principal

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