



Japanese cultural classes at Hutt Minoh Friendship House have gained more than 20 new students from the Meet the Tutors Day on 2 February.

New students were gained for ikebana (flower arranging), beginners' calligraphy, new origami (paper folding) and Japanese conversation groups.

There was also interest in the kyudo (archery) club based at the house at 38 Normandale Road (inside Jubilee Park) and tea ceremony.

The next event at Minoh House is the annual Japanese Martial Arts Expo on Sunday 16 March 1-4 pm. It will showcase a selection of Japanese martial arts groups from Lower Hutt. These will include karate, kyudo, kendo, aikido and sumo.

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AUTUMN IS UPON US...

We say goodbye to Summer and hello to Autumn, cooler nights and our lush green neighbourhood changing to the colours of the new season.

Also around the area, Normandale School is in full swing and Minoh House is bustling with activity as always.

Up the road, the Official Opening of the Poto Road Play Area is happening on Sunday 23 March with a wet weather date of 30 March. Mark your diaries! A great opportunity to visit the play area and catch the amazing view at the top. Bring the children, something to eat and enjoy the afternoon up there. Please read on for further details.

And finally we are looking for a volunteer deliverer for the Normandale Times. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch (see advertisement).

Tracy Bryant

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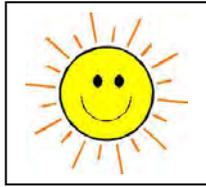
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NORMANDALE SCHOOL

We have had a great start to the school year with our enthusiastic and motivated students and teachers.

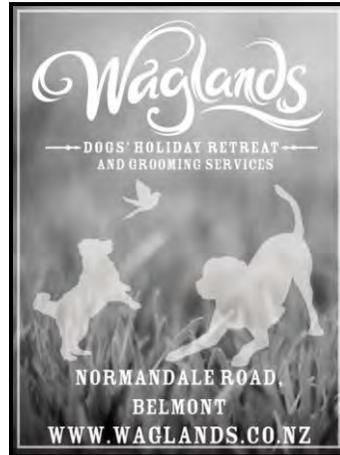
We welcome three new teachers to the school. **Darren Scott** is our new Deputy Principal and Year 5/6 teacher; Darren previously worked at Eastern Hutt School. **Holly Hughes**, who is teaching year 4/5 four days a week, grew up in Normandale and started her teaching career at Normandale School. **Jenny Schroder** will be teaching year 4/5 on a Friday. We also welcome back **David Haste** after six months on a Science Fellowship at Wellington Zoo.

The theme for Term One has been learning all about Planet Earth – weather, sun and shadows for the juniors and natural disasters for the seniors.

At every opportunity the students have been enjoying the school's outdoor swimming pool. The students are also lucky enough to swim and have a play in the pool at lunch times.

Touch Rugby has been popular again with five teams ranging from years 1-6. We are also lucky enough to have a waterpolo team this year with coaching taking place in the school pool once a week and games starting during Term 2.

Anne-Marie Gordon
Principal



You're Invited!

Invitation to Normandale residents and Friends

The NRA Committee invite you to bring your afternoon tea and share the time at the opening of

**Poto Road Play Area
Sunday 23 March 2014 at 3-5 pm**

(If wet, alternative date of 30 March 2014)

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