

Held over from the February Issue

Santa cool but damp during return visit

Light drizzle kept Santa cool but slightly damp when he returned to Normandale on Christmas morning.

But he and the helpers on his sleigh would have sweltered in the previous day's heat.

About 30 families had special present deliveries and there were sweets, donated by the Normandale Residents' Association, for all the fans waiting on the footpath for Santa and his entourage to pass by.



Langdale, Nadia and Sheena Hirayama-Barr, Elanor Capel, Eliza Davies and Sandra Greig.

If anyone has footage of the parade, or previous parades, Rosemary would like a copy and can be contacted on 586 4180.



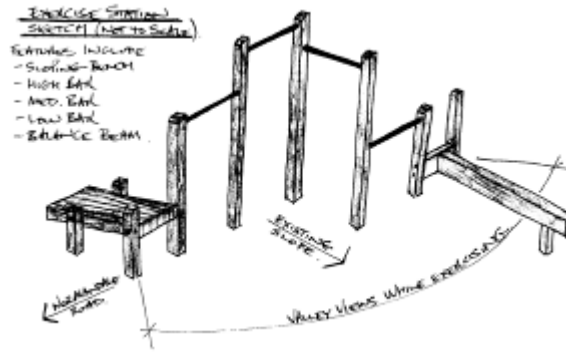
It was Santa's 31st extra visit to the suburb, his first on Christmas Day 1984 and the dampest weather he has encountered.

Thanks to Malcolm Cameron, Joe, Ruth, Devon and Mercedes Glover, Nick Daly, Göran Persson, Aaron Gough, Rosemary McLennan, Richard, Anjuli and Seleena

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Jubilee Park Skateboard replacement



Your committee has been thinking about how we can best improve the recreational opportunities in Normandale, and we wanted to provide something at the top entrance to Jubilee Park to replace the skateboard ramp.

We know that the ramp was a popular spot to 'hang out' on the way home from school for many, and so we wanted something that would provide this opportunity as well as cater for those more inclined to energetic use. Following from the successful design for Poto Road reserve, we approached Elements Landscape Solutions for suggestions. We now have a formal design approved by HCC Parks and Gardens and after the optimum position for the equipment is agreed we hope to get installation underway in the near future.

Pete Matcham

President Normandale Residents Association

Normandale School News

Normandale School had a great start to the school year with a donation of books from Hutt Libraries as they were **the school that had read the most books** in Hutt City Libraries Big Read challenge for 2014/2015 – **a total of 327 books read by Normandale School students over the holidays!** Well done to all the students that participated in this challenge.

Normandale School is a decile 10 school which welcomes enrolments from all areas as we are currently unrestricted by a school zone. We have 7 classroom teachers and offer an after school care programme.



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WE NEED YOU – if we don't get some new members on the Toy Library Committee ASAP this valuable community resource will have to review its future.

The library is run by a committee of volunteers with support from a paid librarian. We are urgently seeking some new committee members and hope that this might appeal to you? It is a very relaxed friendly committee. It's not an onerous commitment, we meet once a month for about 2 hours, and every 2-3 months we have a fundraising activity. Our next meeting is **Monday 16 March at 7.30pm** at the community centre.

If you're tempted to find out more, please drop me a line or come along and check us out at the next committee meeting, we won't bite and there might even be a choccie bickie or two.

Regards,
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Minoh House News

Hutt Minoh Friendship House Japanese cultural centre at 38 Normandale Road hosts its third Japanese Martial Arts Expo on Sunday, March 22, 1-4pm. Admission free. Guest demonstrators invited are karate, kendo, aikido, sumo, judo and kyudo (archery). This is your opportunity to see what they offer and think about joining their clubs. Park at the Normandale Overbridge carpark or on Normandale Road. Mobility carparking at the house. www.huttminoh.org.nz. Inquiries Rosemary 586 4180.

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Introducing Michelle - Naturopath

As a qualified Naturopath, I have a passion for natural approaches for health and well being. Having provided relaxation and therapeutic massage for over 20 years I believe massage is beneficial for both de-stressing, repairing, relaxing and re-energising the body and the mind. These benefits I have seen in my clients. As a qualified teacher and trainer in Qigong I hope to soon be advertising this body- mind exercise and making it available to everyone in the local areas from Maungaraki. Also through my practice I offer Consultation, Indian Head Massage, Foot massage, Qi (chi) therapy, various herbal remedies and Bach

Flowers essences. Originally from New Plymouth I am enjoying living in Maungaraki and have been here for over 2 years. I have a lot to offer and look forward to meeting you soon!

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The next meeting of the NRA will be held at St Aidan's Church on Wednesday 18th March 2015 at 7.30-9pm. All association members welcome