

Japanese Calligraphy for Beginners

If you are looking for a meditative hobby and want to join a friendly group, a class in Japanese calligraphy here in Normandale could be the answer.

Calligraphy grand master Akiko Crowther is again offering beginners and intermediate level classes at Hutt Minoh Friendship House Japanese cultural centre at 38 Normandale Road.



The ability to read Japanese is not required. The classes could also appeal to Chinese speakers because they share some written characters with the Japanese language.

Classes are held monthly on a Saturday or Sunday. Inquiries to akiko@yuyu.co.nz (her website is www.yuyu.co.nz) or Rosemary ph 586 4180.

Easter Sunday Service

St. Aidan's Church invite you to join them for their Easter Sunday Service on the

16th of April
at 7am

at the **Maungaraki Water Reservoir**. There will be Hot Cross Buns at the Church after the service.



Quiz

Word of the month: Abysmal

- A. Deep and thoughtful.
- B. Terrible
- C. Cruel/heartless
- D. Shallow

Last-month's word: Blatherskite

- D. Person who speaks a lot of nonsense

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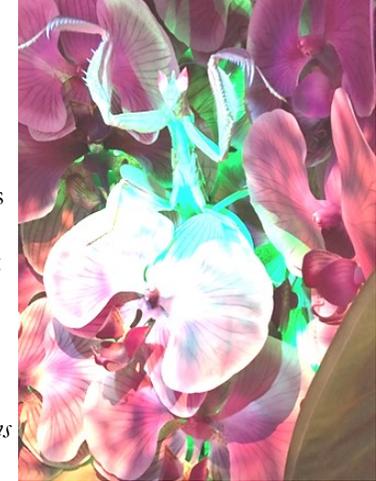
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Normandale School's Senior students' trip to Te Papa

Senior students from Normandale school visited Bug Lab on Friday 17th February. It was a perfect opportunity for children to explore the world of bugs.

The talks by the Te Papa host encouraged our children to look at bugs in a different way, challenging the students as to why they are an important part of our world and what part they play (as well as showing some amazing skills that bugs have!).

I think all bugs will be looked at slightly differently after visiting the Bug Lab.



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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at St Aidans church on Thursday 16th of March - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.



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Adele Adams leaving - by Rosemary McLennan

Long-time Normandale resident Adele Adams has left Pekanga Road for Auckland where most of her family now live. A local since 1949, Mrs Adams, 90 and a great-grandmother of eight, believes she had become the oldest long-time resident of Normandale.

Mrs Adams' late husband Bill grew up in Normandale. The couple married in 1946 and, with their two daughters, Lee-ola and Denise, moved into the family home when Bill's father, Harry, became ill and soon after died.

Pekanga Road was gravel and there were no footpaths. The family did not have a car so used the limited bus service to get to Lower Hutt for shopping.

Later the Normandale Store, on the corner of Miromiro Road and Stratton Street, opened. Locals could phone their grocery order through and it would be delivered. The Adams family did not have a phone so Mrs Adams would phone her order from a neighbour's place.

Because many people did not have a car, doctors did house calls. Mrs Adams remembers giving the prescription to the bus driver who would take it to the chemist, have it made up and bring it up on a later bus.

From the family home, Mrs Adams has watched the building of Maungaraki and many parts of Normandale including Taka Grove and in the gully below Pekanga Road. There was a lot of gorse around but always ferns in the gullies, she says.

Adele Adams



Adele Adams leaving contd.

There were many daffodils on the Adams property. Mrs Adams picked them for the market to buy her first fridge, then first washing machine. The land has been subdivided over the years but some daffodils remain.

Mrs Adams well-remembered the 1957 amalgamation of most of Normandale into Lower Hutt City. It was Lee-ola who presented a posy to the mayoress, Mary Dowse.

A highlight of Mrs Adams' life in Normandale was the 2007 re-enactment of the amalgamation and the repeated cutting of a piece of number 8 wire near the boundary at

100 Normandale Road. Lee-ola, now Mrs Orr and living in Auckland, was on hand to again offer a posy to the mayoress of the day.

Mrs Adams' other daughter, Denise Mitchell, has regularly been travelling out from Wellington to help her mother look after her large garden.

When Denise moved to Auckland to work, Mrs Adams decided it was time to follow. She's sold her Pekanga Road house, built about 25 years ago, with its impressive harbour views and bought a self-contained unit in a Pukekohe retirement village.

Adele Adams . . . seen much change during 68 years in Normandale.

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Maungaraki Richmond Scouts

Maungaraki scout troop are looking for new members. Anyone aged from 5-15 (Years 1-10) is welcome to join. The scout den is at the bottom of Barberry Grove by the tennis courts (down Dowse Drive from Maungaraki shops)

Keas (Years 1-3): Tuesday 5:00-6:30
Cubs (Years 4-6): Thursday 6:00-8:00
Scouts (Years 7-10): Tuesday 6:40-8:30

Visitors welcome!

