

# Community Christmas Event

As mentioned last month there is a Christmas event for our local community to celebrate together the greatest gift ever given.

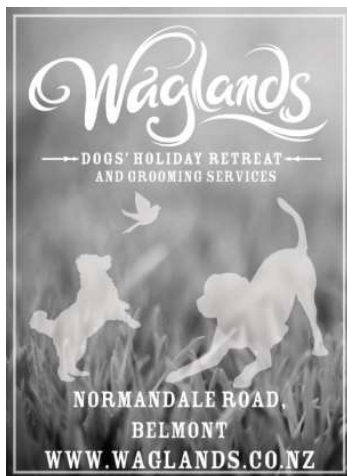
*Saturday 16th December 7pm @  
Maungaraki Baptist Church Centre*

Bring family and friends and enjoy a relaxed and meaningful evening as we sing Christmas carols together, and watch and listen to other special items.



The evening will be finished off with a free sausage sizzle, cuppa, and fresh baking.

Queries? Phone Daryl Collingwood on 586 0216



Quiz

**Word of the month:**  
**Torporific**

A. Causing sluggish inactivity  
B. Movie term, fast paced.  
C. Whirlpool  
D. Terrific

**Last-month's word:**  
**Guisard**

C. Masked performer

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## Civil defence in Normandale

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The wonderful people over at WREMO have been working hard to get the word out to communities about the Civil Defence Response. In the event of an emergency, be it a major tsunami or earthquake, Normandale may be cut off from the valley floor and will have to be self sufficient. This means that residents will have to have their own supplies and be able to coordinate themselves.

The WREMO hub activation exercise in Maungaraki walked through the things involved in operating a Civil Defence Hub in just such an event. The major takeaway that we should all be aware of is that IN AN EMERGENCY, IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT NOBODY IS COMING TO HELP YOU. In addition people may be coming up from the valley to escape possible tsunami warnings.

In such an event it is important to look after yourself and your immediate neighbours first, and this means having ample supplies and a good plan in place. The civil defence hub can then be used by any of you able to give help or needing help. We will all need to coordinate our efforts to keep Normandale safe. It is likely that we will have to be self-sufficient but you should now that there are no food supplies maintained at the hub (St Aidans on the hill). It is up to us as a community to coordinate the days or weeks following a disaster when we cannot get down to the valley.

Are you prepared for up to ten days after an emergency event? Do you have a plan in place in the event that the roads are blocked off, or that your access to crucial resources are cut off? NOW IS THE TIME TO GET PREPARED.

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The next NRA meeting is on Thursday the 7th of December.

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed in this paper do not necessarily reflect those of the committee.

Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

**Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas & safe holidays.**

If you missed out on ordering your 2018 calendar, contact me today.

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# Normandale's 34th Santa Parade!

Santa and his helpers are getting ready for his 34th Christmas morning visit to Normandale. The parade has become a highlight of our calendar since it began on Christmas Day 1984 under the auspices of the residents' association.

**Santa's parade begins at 10am on the corner of Poto Rd and Stratton St.** His approach will be heralded by a car with a siren.

**Santa's route is:**  
 Stratton St, Cottle Park Drive,  
 down Normandale Road, Poto Road,  
 Pokohiwi Road, Eastview Grove,  
 Pekanga Road, Taka Grove,  
 Christina Grove, up Normandale Road,  
 Poto Road to Wilson and Martin Groves,  
 down Miromiro Road and  
 up Normandale Road to finish at  
 Pekanga Road soon after 11am.



Santa will be delivering presents and his helpers will throw sweets to those waiting at their gates to greet him.

If you would like Santa to deliver a present or want more information about the event, phone Rosemary 586 4180.

Please have presents to her no later than a week before Christmas Day.



# Normandale School Knees Up - a 15 year tradition

On Friday December 8th, Normandale School is holding its Knees Up, a gathering to celebrate the school year.

It is the 15th year that the school has held a Knees Up, and although it still involves the traditional activities such as the Tombola, Bake Sale and BBQ, the event has definitely changed over the years.



A new Enviro-Stall is featured this year featuring 'planet saving' items made at the school.

People having a treat made by the 'famous in Normandale' bakers can also enjoy a coffee made by the Good Vibes Coffee Van. There is EFTPOS available and we even have our own currency - Normandollars!

An Auction has always been part of the Knees Up - and used to be run on a clipboard in the school office - now it is run online through Trade Me, and our Facebook page FonsEvents. The items auctioned have always been supplied by donations from families and local businesses.

Two things that never change - the singing and kapa haka performance at the end of the night - and the 'surprise' appearance of Santa.

The Knees Up starts around 5pm and finishes up around 7.30pm. Everyone in the Normandale school community and area is welcome to come and join in the celebration.



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