

Current Suggestions for Plants— *continued from front cover*

Upper slopes / slips



Mānuka, (*Leptospermum* sp.)
Koromiko Tāranga (*Veronica Parviflora*),
Kōtukutuku (*Fuchsia Excorticata* or Tree
Fuchsia),
Akeake (*Dodonaea Viscosa*).

Lower Slopes



Kōwhai-ngutu-kākā (*Clianthus maximus* or Kaka
Beak),
Māhoe (*Melicytus ramiflorus* or Whitey Wood),
Kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile* or New
Zealand Mahogany),
Māpou (*Myrsine Australis* or Red Matipo)
Kōhūhū (*Pittosporum tenuifolium* or Black
Matipo),
Rangiora - also known as Bushman's friend.

Road side.



Rengarenga (*Athropodium*),
Kiwikiwi (a type of *Blechnum* also known as
creek fern),
Other *Blechnums* and other ferns.



Word of the month: **Allurophile**

- A. A cat lover
- B. A maths lover
- C. Hate animals
- D. Hate doctors

Last-month's word: **DILATORY** C. Slow to act



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Planting Planning Plenary—Participate!

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You may be aware, from earlier editions of the Normandale Times, that we have a grant from the council to purchase plants for a community activity planting in the entrance to Normandale—also known as the Wattle Track.

Next Residents' Association meeting will be to refine our list of plants, discuss the area for planting further, and plan our planting day. Please join us at:

Where: 17 Pokohiwi Road

When: 7:30pm 18th April.

We realise that this is the beginning of the Easter Holidays and some of you might be heading away. Please feel free to contact the president (see details at the bottom of the page) or

on gmail: normandale.residents@gmail.com or
on our facebook page: "Residents of Normandale".

In our first meeting on this we decided different areas (upper slopes / slips; lower slope and the roadside) required different plants. Everyone at that meeting was keen on natives with a focus on those that belong in Normandale or work well in our suburb. For the list of plants we are currently thinking about planting see the back page of this newsletter.

Come along and join us for a cuppa and some conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Robyn Caygill



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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting
will be held at 17
Pokohiwi Road on
Thursday 18th of April
2019 starting at 7:30pm.

Little people, Gloop, Sand and Paint

If on a **Friday midday** you happen to be passing Poto Reserve you may notice some small people emerging from a steep driveway and if you look very closely you may observe about their persons traces of water, gloop, sand, dirt, paint or flour for this is a favourite meeting place for the babies, toddlers and two year olds that make up the Normandale Playcentre's Starter Session.

Normandale Playcentre has been running for over 60 years and the Playcentre, the historic school building (built in 1911) and the Poto Reserve are all testament to the tenacity and persistent lobbying of the local residents. The Playcentre over the years has provided a safe place for parents and caregivers to meet, have fun, support each other, share knowledge, undergo training and develop friendships that last through the school years and beyond.

We are one of the few Playcentres still running a Starter Session that is geared to meeting the needs of our youngest members in a quieter environment without the exuberant energy of the pre-schoolers. We are particularly lucky to be led by an enthusiastic childhood educator with over 20 years' experience in the field and we want to increase our numbers, so... if you have any persons aged three or under in your household or can borrow one, please come and join us. The first three visits are free, the people are friendly and most importantly the morning tea is delicious!



Contact us at Normandale@playcentre.org.nz wellingtonplaycentre.org.nz

Activities at Maungaraki Baptist Church



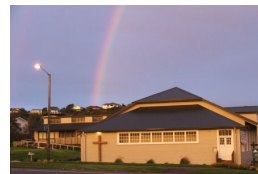
MBC connect is on every week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Maungaraki Baptist Church Centre. Come along anytime from 10am till noon for a cuppa and a chat.

Maungaraki Baptist Church Centre runs a Playgroup every Friday from 9:30 – 11:30am. Come along for music, play and to connect with other parents in the community.



Ignite Youth is on every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30pm. This is for young people in years 7 to 9. A fun filled time with games, hanging out and supper together.

Maungaraki Baptist Church Centre has a **Community Brunch** at 10am on Sunday 5 May. All welcome to come together over some food as a community.



Maungariki Baptist Church Centre gets together every Sunday at 10am, at 164 Dowse Drive. Everyone welcome.

If you have anything you want to include in the **Normandale Times**, or suggestions for the editors, submit it to ntimes@hotmail.com by the 25th of the month before (for example by 25th of April for May newsletter).

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