



Plunket coffee groups are running again in Maungaraki!

They are held at the Maungaraki Baptist Church 10am Thursdays.
Term 2 dates are 3 May, 24 May, 21 June.

Email Megan at HuttPlunketCSC@gmail.com or check our Facebook page Lower Hutt Plunket for updates and any changes.



Word of the month:
Taw

- A. Large marble used to shoot at other marbles
- B. Type of rotation in a plane
- C. Lake high in the mountains
- D. A non SI unit of pressure

May's Word :
Invidious

C. Likely to arouse envy, discontent or resentment

Reminder to dog owners:

When you go out on a walk, take a bag and pick up your dogs droppings. Hutt City Animal Services have had complaints about the amount of dog poo left on the footpaths. The Animal Control Officer has asked us to remind people that you can be fined \$200 if you do not pick up after your dog.

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) of our Normandale Residents' Association will be held on the 20th June 2011, commencing at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's on the Hill. Supper will be provided and it is a great opportunity for you to voice your opinion on issues both big and small. The AGM is also a chance for the committee to gain some views from the wider community. If you turn up to the meeting and decide that you enjoy inputting your opinions into the development of the community, then the NRA would be more than happy to have you turn up to some of the regular meetings as well.

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What's new at Normandale school

May was 'show time!' at Normandale School. First we were delighted to have Gerry Paul visit the school. Gerry is a songwriter and award-winning local author of 'Hank the Wrestling Shark'. The students enjoyed a fun-filled interactive show, where they even had the teachers singing on their own! Everyone learnt about a lot of different instruments and listened to a variety of music including 'Hank'.



Then later in the month we were treated to the 'Totally Amazing' show, a musical play linked to the NZ Post Book Awards, with a message for us all about how you can find fun in the middle of even the most boring jobs. We're lucky to be able to host such great entertainers at Normandale School, and have an opportunity to see



fantastic NZ children's fiction and music from a different perspective.

About Normandale School Normandale School aims to develop in its students a lasting enthusiasm for learning and personal fulfilment, as well as good attitudes towards themselves, other people and the environment. We have six classroom teachers, an on-site after school care programme, and we welcome enrolments from all areas. For more information about Normandale School, see our website at www.normandale.school.nz. For enrolment enquiries contact the office on 566 2010 or ad-min@normandale.school.nz.

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Acknowledging volunteers

The HCC Western Community Committee, which represents the interests of Maungaraki, Normandale, Alicetown, Melling, Harbourview, Tirohanga, Belmont, Kelson, Manor Park and Haywards, wants to give the volunteers in our communities the recognition they deserve.

Economists have calculated that if we all stopped volunteering New Zealand would cease to function as a viable nation within a week. Many people give voluntary service in a wide variety of roles over many years, and never ask for anything but the satisfaction of helping others. They work in the background, often outside formal organisations, and fade into the background when the job is done. The biggest issue when it comes to acknowledging these people is that we do not know about the work that they are doing. The Committee would like you to tell us about the people you know who willingly give of their time and energy and are making a difference. They might even be your mum or dad. All those whose names are put forward will be acknowledged in some way.

There is no age restriction, and the only criteria is that they give their time and energy for nothing.

I look forward to hearing back from you with many suggestions of those who deserve to have their efforts recognised.

Please contact me at normandale.residents@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Thanks

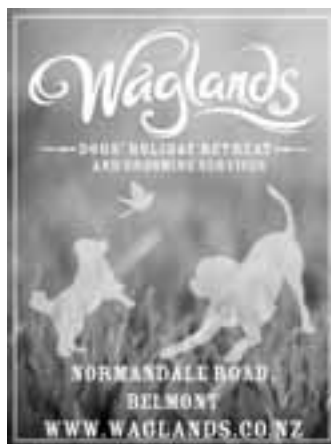
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Congratulations!

Shannon Power & James Murray's art work was chosen for the 2012 HZQA Top Art Exhibition (among 60 pupils throughout NZ). The Exhibition in Lower Hutt has just finished at the Dowse. Both Shannon & James are Normandale people and went to Normandale School.



Thank you to the cleaners

You may have noticed, one weekend in May, some of the local residents walking around wearing gloves and carrying black rubbish bags. This was some of your neighbours working to beautify our environs.

Thank you to all those who turned up early on an autumnal Saturday morning to help with the clean-up of our wonderful suburb. You all did a splendid job. It was a wonderful treat to walk through the suburb with lovely clean streets and footpaths.

Thank you also to Grant Roberts for organising the bags and gloves and removing the bags at the end of the day.

Amalgamation commemorative plaque

Your forgetful president had a phone call some time ago from a resident who had noticed that this plaque was coming loose, and retrieved it. Unfortunately, I put the persons name and address in a 'safe place' and haven't been able to find it since. If the person would be kind enough to contact me again on 565 1083, I will pick it up and get it replaced at the site.

Have you visited the new website for the Normandale Residents' Association? Go to www.normandale.org.nz and have a look at what you can find there. You can find electronic versions (in .pdf format) of the ntimes! Over time the site will have even more interesting things for you to read and see.

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