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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

Welcome to the first edition of the Normandale Times for 2014.

A new year brings a new editor to your local newsletter. My husband and I have lived in Normandale for 15 months and I have been fortunate enough to take over this exciting role as editor.

Living in an area with so much to offer for young and old, I look forward to updating you on what is happening around Normandale. I am interested in hearing from you, our readers, so please email through stories or photos from around the area and I will endeavour to include these in the next month's newsletter.

A big thank you to Paul Caygill for his work as editor to date. The best of luck to him with his future studies.

Tracy Bryant

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The next meeting of the NRA will be held at St Aidan's Church on Wednesday 19 February at 7.30-9 pm. All association members welcome.

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Cracker day for Santa's special visit

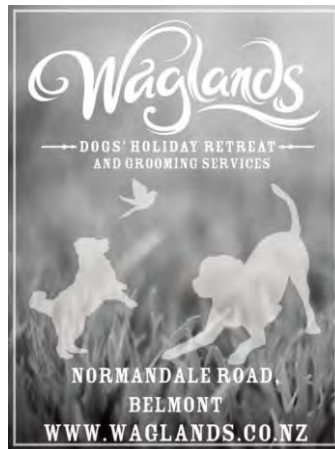
A cracker day and record present deliveries sum up Santa's return visit to Normandale on Christmas morning. Supported by his team of helpers, fairies and elves, he delivered presents to 32 local families and kilos of sweets (donated by the Normandale Residents' Association). It was his 30th visit to Normandale, a tradition that began on Christmas Day 1984. The wind dropped and the sun came out before Santa arrived and the day later turned on an impressive 24 degrees.

Santa had plenty of kind words for his fans of all ages. Some children even got presents with "naughty" or "nice" options printed on them (all scored "nice" for 2013).

Thanks to Sonia and Lyon Collins, John Kicks, Sandra Greig, Simon Greig, Rosemary McLennan, the Glover family, Malcolm and Judy Cameron, Belle and Olivia Rigby, Anjuli and Seleena Langdale, Christian Schneider, Alexander Unstead-Joss, Nadia and Sheena Hirayama-Barr and Elanor Capel.



Judy Randall's family organised a surprise visit




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Santa's return visit was Sarah McKenzie's last hope of receiving a giant teddy bear. After the last one was sold in front of Sarah at The Warehouse, her parents found one at another branch and arranged for Santa to deliver it. It wasn't under the tree on Christmas morning but Sarah, 10, told her family there was still hope. When Santa arrived outside her house he apologised for not having wrapping paper large enough and handed the life-size bear down from the sleigh, where it had had a bird's eye view of everyone out to see Santa and his team.



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