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New committee members for the Normandale Residents' Association are required. We meet together on the third Wednesday of each month and for special events.

Come to our next AGM or talk to one of the current committee members for more information.

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Word of the month:

Gimcrack

- A. Clever idea
- B. Showy but useless
- C. Geological phenomena
- D. Dry and wrinkled skin

Last month's

word:

Mendacity

- C. Lack of honesty

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Annual General Meeting

Our next annual general meeting is getting closer. Keep the 15th of June free! Come along to the AGM and see what we do.

Last month we mentioned that we will have a couple of committee members who will announce their unavailability for the 2016/17 year at our next Annual General Meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee, talk to one of the current members or just come along to the AGM to meet them. The ages of the current committee members range from 19 to 39+x (hint: it is more than 39), so be assured your age does not limit you! (Note also: the smaller you guess the x is, the happier some of us will be!) **We'd love to see you there!**

Normandale Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

15th June 2016,
7.30 p.m.

St Aidan's on the Hill.
Supper will be provided.

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*Robyn Caygill
(P.S. No prizes for guessing ages correctly.)*



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Note: Copy deadline 25th of preceding month.

The next NRA meeting will be held at St Aidans church on Wednesday 18th of May - all association members welcome. The meetings last from 7:30 until 9:00.

Normandale School Students took part in 'Movin' March, where children were encouraged to bike, scooter or walk safely to school. Just under 100 passports were handed in and will be entered into a prize draw to win a new bike. It was great to see so many students walking to school, some with their mums/dads and younger siblings, this greatly reduced the car flow in and out of school.



To celebrate this event the School Council organised a Fancy Feet Day where children were encouraged to dress up their feet for the day. There were some really creative 'feet' which were displayed on a cat walk and at school assembly where two winners from each class were announced.

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William Golder's Poetry

Continuing our series on the notice boards positioned at Normandale's historic sites we reproduce the following excerpt from the site of William Golder's 'Mountain House'.

William is credited with being the author of the first volume of poetry printed and published in New Zealand, and also the first amateur printer who was not a missionary. Reproduced here is his poem "The Setting Sun"

The Setting Sun

Behind yon lofty western hill
Half sunk the orb of day;
Along the length'ning shadows fell
Of tree and lowly spray.
The cottage windows vied to show
Respect to his last ray;
As, like to furnaces they glow,
T' illumine departing day.

Fair Emma by her window sat,
And needlework had plied, –
It now lies idle in her lap,
Her lily hand beside.
On window-sill her elbow leans,
Her chin rests on her hand,
Her face betraying anxious thought,
Which feelings would command.
Her cheek has lost its rosy bloom,
The tear stands in her eye;
The downward sun while watching, oft
Her bosom heaves a sigh.

"Fair orb of day," at length she cries,
"Though now ye look adieu,
Ye go to gladden flow'ry fields
Now bathed in pearly dew.
Ye go to childhood's fondest scenes,
To happy mem'ry true, –
Ye're rising o'er my Henry's home,
While sinking from my view.
Oh! Would ye bear him my regards,
Tell him my heart is true; –
I know he seeks your morning beams
Long ere ye come to view.

Methinks I hear his vows renew'd
Of truth and love to me; –
'Tis thus, though distance us divide,
We converse hold in thee.
Assure him, I am ever his;
As to thy trust thou 'rt true; –
But as ye hasten from my gaze,
Meet his in peace, adieu."

William Golder

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