

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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2011 Entertainment books: We are now taking preorders for the 2011/12 Entertainment books, they will be \$65 as per last year - books will be available sometime in March, so make sure you get orders in with name and phone number / email we can get them to you, please let us know on 021 815 184 or shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

Mangere Bridge Emails: Webtastix is offering @mangerebridge.co.nz email address's for Community groups based in the bridge for their use free of charge, to apply for one please email Shane at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz with your details

Paving around trees in MB Village

Im not sure if im the only one that was wondering or not but the other day I was walking through the village and noticed all the trees had the paving right up to them, thinking this couldnt be good for the trees I was going to check it out, only to find i had an email about it in my inbox already....

"Auckland Council responded by telling me that the material they have used was provided by the Specimen Tree Company and is a new product called Aqua Flow. Apparently it is permeable and water just soaks through it. It was used on the smaller trees so it would not impede foot traffic etc. The boxed trees are boxed because the roots are above the ground and could not be sealed with the same material."

This was emailed to me by Moana Herewini RAV.

RAV is Room for another view - a MB community group committed to the protection and promotion of our arts and environment

Waterlea Primary School

At the end of 2010 Waterlea School had much to celebrate. The teachers had worked hard to improve our children's levels of attainment with particular focus on reading and maths. Our families were equally committed to supporting their children especially in these areas. Our children too tried hard to improve their achievement by setting personal learning goals and working hard to achieve them. All these efforts and hard work paid off with very pleasing results.

Over the holidays all staff have been busy preparing for the children's return on the 3rd February. We look forward to the start of the 2011 school year and repeating the great achievements made in 2010. We are ready for the return of our children and having our place filled with their happy voices.

We welcome Colleen Heath to our staff as a very experienced Middle School teacher. Her skills will add value to the lucky children in Room 10. We wish her well at Waterlea. Jenny Ryan is our new team leader in the Junior 1 Team. We know Jenny has a lot of experience to share with this team. We wish her well in this new leadership role.

The Junior Playground is getting an extreme makeover with new safety matting and will soon be looking fabulous. This upgrade has been made possible by funds kindly donated by ASB, NZ Community Trust and our own committed PTA. We appreciated this generous financial support.

We extend a very warm welcome to all those who will start the New Year at Waterlea School and hope they are happy while learning in our great school.

What's on in the Bridge

- Monday:** Guides 6 - 8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm.
Tai Chi All ages, \$6 for students - 7pm
St James' Church Hall - Phone 266 7473.
- Tuesday:** Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 4 - 5:30pm
- Wednesday:** Brownies 6 - 7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30am - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall.
Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
- Thursday:** Bridge Art Group, 9am - Noon, Memorial Hall
Scouts 6:30 - 8:30pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Mon/Tue/Thur** - Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- Mon/Wed:** Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall
- 2nd Sun's:** Sunday Walking
- Tue - Thur:** Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am
- Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri** Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
- 3rd Wed:** R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall
- Mon/Wed:** Chen Style Tai Chi, all ages - 10am
St James Church Hall - Phone 266 7473
- 1st Thu:** Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 634 1062.
- 1st & 3rd Sat:** Village Square Market.
- Contact Details for Scouts - 0800 Scouts

Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm
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Saturday 9am to 1:00pm

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Happy New Year to you all! Some of the shopkeepers have enjoyed a bit of a break over the holiday period and we hope you've had some time-out as well. For your convenience many of the shops are now open for extended hours during the week and also on Saturday and Sunday, plus the cafes. With so many people working and/or involved in weekend sport you will find these hours much more convenient.

Live Music

Thursday night music outside the cafes starts again on Thursday 10 February and will run each week from 6.00pm - 9.00pm, up until the end of April.

St Patrick's Day Thursday 17 March

We will have some Irish music and hopefully a few dancers too. Mark this on your calendar and spruce up your green clothing in preparation for this annual 'wear something green day'.

Autumn Festival Weekend

The dates this year are as follows: Jazz & Blues Fest, Saturday 16 April, 5pm - 10pm; Food & Wine Festival Sunday 17 April, 11.00am - 4.30pm. Due to the Easter weekend the rain dates will be the weekend after Easter. The bookings for these popular events are coming in steadily however I still have to find enough funding before I can confirm those.

Facebook

If you want to check on upcoming events we have a Facebook page. Our thanks go to Stuart McIntyre who looks after it.

Notice Board

The notice board has been shifted to the other side of the Village Square, opposite the Village Butcher. The key is kept at Mangere Floral Studio. Due to space restrictions the maximum size is A4 and all notices should be dated and removed after one month please. I am still looking for someone who might like to design a new one for us.

If you would like to talk to me in person I'm available by appointment on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoons as my position is only part time and I often have to attend meetings. Please phone 636 7491 or send an email to village@mangerebridge.co.nz. I can also be contacted via the business association's website: www.mangere-bridge.co.nz

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
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Onehunga Community Centre

83 Church Street, Onehunga Ph: 634 9253 (by the Library)

For all classes check out www.onehungacentre.org.nz

Mondays: Bollyfit 9:15am - 10am \$2 (also on Wednesdays)

Bollywood dance inspired aerobics. Exercise for all levels of fitness

Active Music and Movement 10:15am - 11:15am \$2

Fun way to interact with your children and make friends. Come along, and wriggle, sing and dance. Encouraging children to learn through song and movement.

Waiata 1:30pm - 2:30pm FREE (Recommended)

Learn maori through song. Join a multi cultural group of keen singers. We are a social group learning basic and not so basic maori songs. Children welcome.

Tuesdays: Boxfx 12pm - 1pm \$5 (also on Fridays)

Get fit fast with a dynamic boxing exercise technique. Kids play area available.

Soft Tech Jewellery 12:30pm - 2:30pm \$10

Hands on class learning to make jewellery with materials that are recycled or cheap. Great for you or for gifts.

Rip-it Youth Dance 4pm - 5pm Gold coin entry

Hip hop and contemporary dance classes for youth 8-12yrs. Youth instructors that are studying NCEA dance

Wednesdays: Chi Ball Method 10am - 11:30am \$5 (also on Mondays)

Mind-Body exercise and wellness programme that promotes balance, well-being and harmony. Our instructor is a qualified and registered professional.

Thursdays: Knitwizz 1pm - 3pm Gold Coin

Knitting, crochet, embroidery. Come along, Learn or show off your hand crafts, Join a group of all ages.

Y-Boxfit 4pm - 5pm FREE

High energy fun & fitness suitable for both boys & girls 11-15yrs. Qualified YMCA Trainer

Fridays: Picasso Kidz 10am - 11am \$6.50 Casual, \$50 per 10 week term, discounts for more than 1 child

Interactive mother and pre-schooler (2-5yrs) art classes. Paint, texture and sculpt. Great fun in a safe learning environment, with structured classes by Chantelle (bachelor fine arts & post grad dip in education)

Kedgley Music Centre

Kedgley Music Centre (based at Kedgley Intermediate School) is still taking late enrolments for 2011. Classes run after school on week days and Sat. mornings, for Primary and Intermediate School children, from age 7 years. Lessons available are - Clarinet, Drums, Flute, Guitar, Keyboard, Recorder, Saxophone, Singing, Trumpet, Ukulele & Violin. Some instruments available for hire. LATE ENROLMENTS CLOSE Fri. Feb. 11th, or before if classes are full. For an enrolment/information pack call the KMC office 277-7043 or email: Kedgleymusic@xtra.co.nz.

8 Week challenge beginning Monday Feb 7th

Location: 99 Taylor Road, (Chinese Comm Center) When: Mon and Wed 6am - 7am, Sat 7am

Cost: \$10 (Covers the full 8 weeks)

Pre-Registration twenty47@xtra.co.nz or mobile 029 622 1742

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Advertising plays a huge part in this newsletter and without the Business's advertising in the newsletter we wouldn't be able to keep it going, if there is any business that would like to go on the waiting list to advertise in the Mangere Bridge Newsletter or would like to advertise on the Mangere Bridge website please get in touch with me at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz

Mangere Bridge Kindergarten has spaces for 3 and 4 year olds in the afternoon sessions starting in term 1, 2011.

Our kindergarten is a fun, interesting and challenging environment with three qualified teachers. Children learn literacy, numeracy, physical and social skills in a well resourced, play based, beautiful environment. During term 4, 2010 the children engaged in learning about sustainability, gardening, the art of Hundertwasser, clay work, drama, maps and took trips to the farm, schools and the city by train.

We have a close association with the schools in Mangere Bridge and during 2006-2008 were a Centre of Innovation with research focussing on Transition to School. This research is ongoing in 2010- 2011.

Please phone Ingrid to put your child's name on the waiting list or visit us at 36 Linds Place (off Muir Avenue on the way to Ambury Farm).

We have a blogsite which illustrates examples of everyday experiences at kindergarten.

You can find us at mangerebridgekindergarten.blogspot.com.



Mangere Bridge Kindergarten

Onehunga Mangere United Assoc Football Club
2011 Winter Registration

Monday 7th Feb 5-7pm, Tuesday 10th Feb 5-7pm, Monday 14th Feb 5-7pm
Mangere Mountain Clubrooms (Domain Rd)

Registration enquiries please contact Barbara Lindsay 636 8626

We look forward to seeing our current members return for the 2011 season and welcome all new members to our club.

Mangere Mountain Education Centre

WALK THE PRESENT...DISCOVER THE PAST!

Summer walks focusing on volcanology and how Māori lived on Māngere Mountain are available on the following days.

Māori Walks: Saturday 26 March 2011 from 10am-12pm and Saturday 23 April 2011 from 2pm-4pm.

Volcanic Walks: Monday 14 March 2011 from 10am-12pm and Saturday 9 April 2011 from 2pm-4pm.

Cost: \$10 per walk

Please wear suitable walking shoes

Bookings are essential.

If the above dates do not suit, you can contact Centre staff to arrange other walking times.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

We are in the process of developing a short course in various Māori Arts i.e. Flax weaving, making korowai (cloaks) and making piupiu. If you are interested in any of these short courses can you please express your interest by contacting Centre staff using the contact details provided below.

Watch this space for further educational activities such as a seminar based on 'The Lost Villages of Manukau'.

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The lions are roaring

December we had a great turnout selling candy floss at the Mangere bridge Santa parade adding \$167.00 to our project account.

If there are any residents in Mangere bridge who would like to find more about the lions club in mangere bridge we are going to be holding a meet and greet evening on the 22nd February will be doing a letter box drop closer to the date.

Lions Mangere bridge Meet 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month 1st meeting 8th February at yacht club on Kiwi Esplanade 630pm

The club is still looking for members so if you are interested or know of any projects in the community that lions could support come along and attend a meeting or call Ian 636 9520 or David 270 9343

Ambury park Annual car boot sale

Market and Car boot sale
Saturday 5th March 2011 - 8:30-12:30

Ambury Park is holding its annual market and car boot sale at the centre, 66 Wellesley Rd Mangere Bridge. Everyone is welcome

There will be new and preloved goods, pony rides, sasusage sizzle, cake stalls, plants, entertainment and much more, Cost for stall holders is \$10. For more details phone 634 0763 extn 203

Come and play indoor bowls

Anyone can learn to play from 15 years of age or younger if accompanied by an appropriate adult or guardian.

When: Wednesdays 7:20pm

Where: Memorial Hall, Domain Road, Mangere Bridge

Its a good way to have some exercise and meet new people - Three games are played with supper after 2nd game - \$2 per night with a sub of \$18 for the year

For further information phone:

Secretary: Marilyn 634 2241 or 021 292 1015

President: Charlie 622 3254

Copy Deadline for March 2011

Deadline for the February Issue is the 23rd February 2011. To ensure that your article makes the Mar issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events



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Brownies - Girls 7-10yrs - Wednesday 9th Feb
Guides - Girls 10-14yrs - Monday 7th Feb
Ranges - Girls 14-18 - Papatoetoe
Times on first page in "whats on"
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