

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Waterlea Primary

Waterlea School had a very busy end of term. The Years 4- 6 produced a stunning musical which entertained the sell out audience for 3 nights. The Show gave the talented children an opportunity to shine on stage. Waterlea is very grateful to the dedicated staff who put in a lot of extra hours to make the show such a success.

The Years 1 -3 are our volcano experts. They have been out visiting the museum and local geological sites as part of their studies on rocks.

Everyone's fitness has improved through the cross country training and the Travel Wise 'Walk to School' campaign.

The whole school celebrated the progress we are making to improve as confident readers.

Newsletter

Please note that next months newsletter will be the final newsletter for the year, please get us items before the 25th of November - That edition of the newsletter will be delayed slightly to allow a notice after the Santa Parade has happened.

Residents And Ratepayers Assn.

Mangrove update.

Because of the numerous enquiries we are receiving about the mangrove problem we have included an update in the newsletter.

The Residents and ratepayers assn have written to the Chief Executive of the Auckland council seeking permission to remove mangroves from the Kiwi Esplanade foreshore from Coronation Rd through to Ambury farm.

The request cites Item 17 attachment A , part 6. 11) of the Mangere Otahuhu local board agenda on mangrove control whereby a community may request permission to remove mangroves on a more permissive policy and rule basis where time frame does not allow for a regional assesment.

We hope for a positive outcome and will keep you informed.

New Store: Yankee Doodle Dandy

Edward Malopito (ex Assist- Principal) and wife Corina (USA citizen) will open YANKEE DOODLE DANDY very shortly opposite ASB roundabout Mangere Bridge.

This store will contain exclusively USA brands, which are very popular world wide.

Our clothing line will contain such brands as Old Navy, Ralph Lauren, Levi Strauss and Dickies to name a few. Also our food packaged goods will be such items as the ever popular Twinkies etc and other sporting goods to cater for all ages and needs.

PLEASE stop by and introduce yourself and be excited by our friendly American customer service and themes as we look forward to opening our first store here down under. ALOHA!

Mangere Bridge School Car Boot Sale

Mangere Bridge School is holding its annual Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 3 December from 8 am to 12 pm.

Come along to the school on Coronation Road, Mangere Bridge for lots of great bargains.

There will also be a sausage sizzle, drinks and a cake stall with plenty of delicious home baking.

This is a great opportunity to turn unwanted items into some cash for Christmas.

If you would like to sell anything, please book your space by contacting Terri on 266-6658 or email mangerebridgePTA@gmail.com - Cost is \$10 per car boot.

Musicians, if you are interested in busking at the car boot sale, please contact us for more details.

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.
Wriggle & Whyne 9:30 - School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm Bridge Crt Hall

Tuesday: Keas 4 - 5pm
Cubs 5 - 6:30pm

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.
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 am- 12:30pm
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road

Thursday: Pippins 4:30 - 5:30pm
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

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

1st Thu: Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips
phone 634 1062.

1st & 3rd Sat: Village Square Market.

3rd Thurs - Library Book Club 7pm - 7:45pm

4th Wed - Library Tea & Topics 10:30 - 11:30

Opening Hours

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

I have just returned from leave and it's hard to believe that, after all the months of build-up to the Rugby World Cup, it's all over! Being part of the Adopt-a-second-Team programme brought some of the excitement and vibrancy of this huge event into our local communities. It was a great pity that the first lot of flags that we were given to hang along the verandas, and looked quite stunning, were not of a standard to withstand our Spring Equinox weather and shredded to bits in town centres right across the wider Auckland region in a weekend of very stormy weather. There were concerns raised with council about the debris being washed down the storm-water drains.

It was great to see the large number of cars that displayed a wide variety of country flags on their car windows, roof racks and even across the bonnets! It really added to the atmosphere of the occasion for overseas visitors. Manukau Rovers Rugby Football Club hosted many groups over the time of the cup and they were very happy to have our tourist brochures for their guests, as were the local hotels and motels. Ambury Regional Park has reported a big increase in campervans making use of their camping facilities and enjoying the peaceful surroundings of the park.

The last empty shop has now been leased so it's nice to have all the shops full again. One of our property owners is working with some builders with a view to extending behind the Mangere Bridge Pharmacy block of shops in the middle of the village.

Village Focus - Yankee Doodle Dandy: This new shop will be selling imported American clothing and some food product lines.

Coronation Restaurant & Café: Once their liquor license has been approved there will be an official opening night before it opens to the public. Get in early to book your Christmas functions.

Hair Zone: Has now reinstated a late night on Thursdays. Did you know that they do hair straightening?

Bridge Variety: Are currently stocking a range of second wine glasses.

To make an appointment for either Tues, Wed or Thur, after 2pm, phone 636 7491 or contact me through the Business Association's website: carol-anne@mangere-bridge.co.nz

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Webtastix Internet Services

Do you hate having to take a day off to get your computer fixed or having to take your computer somewhere to be worked on? Webtastix Internet Services is now offering after hours Computer support to customers in Mangere Bridge for \$45 per hour can take bookings for most nights / weekends, to make a booking please call Shane on 282 3191 or 021 815 184 or you can email shane@webtastix.net - WIS also offers VoIP Lines, Business Email accounts - Website hosting / Spam filtering and a lot more, please call for more information.

Food Trade Table

Have you grown lots of one thing in your garden? Want to swap for something else?

Come swap garden produce with other beginner and advanced gardeners! No money involved – just a lot of garden and food talk. Anything goes.

When: The second Friday of every month (rain, hail or shine)

Time: 10am - 11am

Venue: Mangere Mountain Education Centre, 100 Coronation Road (opposite the Vet)

Mangere Bridge - Contact number: 09 634 7305

Dates for 2011 - Friday 11 November (10am) - Friday 9 December (10am)

Watch this space as more dates could be added during the summer season.

Mangere Community House

The Disability Resource Centre is bringing its Mobile Equipment and Information Service to Mangere Community House, 141 Robertson Rd, Mangere on Tuesday November 8th, 10 am – 12 noon. Find out about support options for you or a loved one and view a range of assistive products to keep you safe and mobile. EFTPOS facilities will be available if you wish to purchase items. Morning tea is included. No entry charge, but donations towards costs gratefully received. Bookings essential, please ring the Age Concern office on 09 279 4331 Ext 800.

New Scout Hall

Have you seen the new Mangere Bridge Scout groups hall under construction along Taylor Road, just behind the Bowling Club. This is exciting for the scout group and the community. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from community groups who may be interested in using this great new facility. The building will be officially opened at the beginning of December, the building will be available in the new year 2012. All enquiries welcome. Ph: Patrick McGinniss 027 981 754 or email mcginniss@clear.net.nz.

Kedgley Music Centre

Kedgley Music Centre (based at Kedgley Intermediate School) is now taking enrolments for 2012. Classes run after school on week days and Sat. afternoons, 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. ENROLMENTS CLOSE THURSDAY, Dec. 15th. Phone KMC office 277-7043 for an enrolment/information pack.

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The lions are roaring

The charter night of the Mangere Bridge Lions Club was held at the Papatoetoe Bowling Club on the 20th August with more than a hundred lions from all over District 202K. The Induction of members was carried out by Past District governor Michael Kemp and the Installation of officers for the 2011/2012 year by District governor Eric Carter. It was noted in the speech by the past DG that this was the first club to be chartered for the last 3 years in the North Island and joins a membership of over 135000 international members around the world in over 200 countries.

Past President of the Papatoetoe Lions Club was responsible for the early beginnings back in 2010 with the formation of the club in March this year. To date the club has carried out projects in the Mangere Bridge area as follows; Painting the Guide Hall, Raising 9800 dollars for a hart walker for a young boy of 6 who lives in the bridge. We have assisted with street collections, involved with the Santa parade at the Bridge and also the opening of the new Mangere Bridge highway.

In her speech Charter President Cath Imrie referred to the help given in the forming of the club by Marion Andrews, [extension chairman] Deidre Bridges [membership] Richard Simmons [GLT Team Leader] David Fox [guiding Lion] and other members of the Papatoetoe Lions Club.

The Mangere Bridge Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Manukau Yacht & Motor Boat Club Kiwi Esplanade.

We are a multi national club and we would like to see new members coming along or just to find out all about us. The 4th Tuesday of the month is a dinner meeting where we have all sorts of different themes. We held a very exciting Fijian night with Kava and food plus entertainment the next special night we hope to be a South African dinner lots of fun so come along and join us.

Contacts for Club as follows, Cath 6347777, Ian 6369520, or Jacqui 6361054

Mangere Historical Society

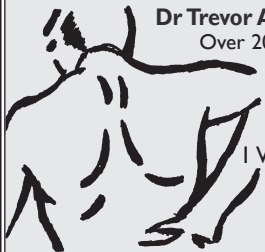
Our speaker on 18th Oct was the daughter of one of our very early members Bruce Kirkbride. Lois is the Principal at Favona School. She spoke of her own schooling at Mangere Central School (the old one) moving on to Epsom Girls Grammar and Teacher Training College. She did her probationary year back at her own primary school, under the headmaster who had overseen her own education, Mr Dave Smith. She told of the differences in many things these days. The size of school classes are dramatically smaller than those of the people she was talking to. The David Lange moves that abolished School Boards and now the Principals are concerned with the management and the Boards look after the governance. Inspectors not only check the teachers and grade them but can also offer advice and suggest courses for the teachers. The ERO inspections check all schools at regular intervals. She told of the problems that she experienced as a young teacher and the way they dealt with them.

The difficulties females teachers had to become a Principal, and the strict dress codes required of the women, no slacks to be worn only dress or skirts and tops. Unions have worked very hard and improved the rates of pay for teachers over the years. Sabbatical and Study leave is available to principals and Deputy Principals to continue their studies into their educational special interests. Many questions were answered and much chatter over a "cuppa" followed. The new Archives at the Mangere Town Centre is to be officially opened in November and will be available to the General Public for research on Monday mornings between 10a.m – 12.30p.m - The next meeting will be on the third Tuesday of the month at 1.30 at St James. All are welcome to join this friendly group. Enquiries to Val Payne 636 9261

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Santa Parade - Thursday 1 December

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It's also a great opportunity to publicize your club or group during the entertainment that follows after the parade. Space will be allocated for participants to erect tents and for stalls.

If you would like to take part this year please contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491 or info@mangere-bridge.co.nz.

Onehunga Community Centre

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MONDAYS - ACTIVE MUSIC & MOVEMENT

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Class 1: Jam'in with Jane 9.30am - 10.10am
Fun structured learning thru Rhyme, Rhythm and song
Class 2: Looney Tunes 10.30am - 11.10am
Wiggle, dance, clap, sing. This class is less structured than class 1 earlier.

Fibre Space (Sewing Classes) 9.30am - 11.30pm / 12.30 - 2.30pm \$5
Sewing machines & equipment provided.

FRIDAYS - PICASSO KIDZ 11.30am - 12.30pm \$5
Art is such a fun and creative way for 2-5yrs to develop their fine motor skills. This class requires parent interaction, is structured with flexible elements to adapt for different levels.

THE ART OF MAORI WEAVING 11.30am - 1.30pm GOLD COIN
Come along and meet Annie our new tutor, an experienced flax weaving teacher to learn this wonderful culture art form.

WAIATA 1.30pm - 2.40pm FREE
Learn Maori thru song. This is a group of mixed ethnicity New Zealanders who love to sing.

TUESDAYS - ZUMBA 9.30am - 10.30am \$2
Fun, Fitness Everyone welcome.. Children can zumba too!

JEWELLERY MAKING 12.30pm - 2.30pm \$5
Hands on class learning to make jewellery with materials that are recycled or cheap. Great for you or for gifts.

ZUMBATONIC - NEW 3.45 - 4.15pm \$2
Zumba for kids aged 5-11 years... Grown ups can Zumba with their kids too!

WEDNESDAYS - CHI BALL 10am-11.30am \$5 (also on Mondays)
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RIP IT DANCE 4pm-5pm FREE
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KNITWIZZ 1pm-3pm GOLD COIN
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