

# VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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### Waterlea Primary School

Waterlea School remembers ANZAC Day. Each class made a wreath which was laid during the school's ANZAC service. (see attached photo)

Numbers are growing at Waterlea School so Room 20 has begun to accommodate the latest New Entrants.

It was great to hear about our ex-Waterleans, Mitchell Longair and Matthew Dunbar, from Onehunga High School, winning the World Robotics Competition in America.



Congratulations- Waterlea School has successfully achieved a Silver TravelWise Award for 2011. The awards scheme is designed to recognise the hard work schools do to promote road safety and active transport in their school communities. In 2011, Waterlea School demonstrated commitment to being a TravelWise School through participation in TravelWise activities, events and the integration of TravelWise messages into our school curriculum and communications.

### Mother's Day Fun for Kids

Kids can pop along to the Onehunga Community Centre on Saturday 12th May between 11am and 2pm to 'Cupcakes & Crafts,' to create a wonderfully creative special gift for their mum. The Onehunga Business Association and Onehunga Community Centre are joining forces this Mother's Day to put on this event and enable local children to make their mum feel like a princess on Mother's Day.

Also keep an eye out for daily free Happy Mother's Day balloon giveaways in Onehunga Mainstreet and Dress-Smart in the week leading up to Mother's Day, between 11am-1pm and 3pm-5pm.

One lucky Mum will also win a Chamilia bracelet and pendant, courtesy of Onehunga Jewellers!

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### 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 5 - 6pm  
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 7 - 9pm.
- Friday:** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- Saturday:** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- Sunday:** 9am - 12pm Village Boutique Market
- 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.
- 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*

The seventh Autumn Festival Weekend, held in April, was once again a huge success. The large number of Saturday evening café and restaurant patrons saw the welcome return of Petra, accompanied by Max Purdie on keyboard. Petra's rich, mellow jazz and blues style is particularly suited to the café strip.

The road was partially closed on Sunday 15th for the Food & Wine Festival. There were 46 stalls offering a varied taste of foods including Hungarian, Indian and West Indian and there was also a good range of confectionary. Villa Maria was the main wine contributor and together with Gruff Junction Cheese and the Salmon Man, who were alongside, offered wine and food matching. The weekly Boutique Market stallholders were in their usual spot in the Village Square and there was a good range of art works and crafts. Roger Skinner and the Motivation entertained on a truck parked across the roadway. There were Zumba Demonstrations which included audience participation, Arabesque Belly Dancers and Quadraphonics a barbershop quartette who also did some busking. The children were kept amused with rides on a Safari Train, a clown doing balloon modeling and face painting.

The event would not have been possible without the support of a number of sponsors and I would like to acknowledge the following organisations; Auckland Council Economic Development, Four Winds Foundation, the Lion Foundation and the Manukau Courier. Others who contributed to the success of the event were; Draw Art Supplies and Carroll's Cartage from Mahunga Drive Business Association, Harcourt's, and Mangere Bridge Business Association members.

After six years in Mangere Bridge Lee Urquhart from the Village Butchery has decided to move on and explore other opportunities. We thank him for his generous support of events and local community groups over the years and we wish him well with his plans for the future. We welcome the new owners, Hun and Vuty to the business association. As well as the highly sought-after variety of small goods meats they will also be selling pre-packaged meat and will be open seven days a week. Do call in and make them welcome.

Yankee Doodle Dandy has now opened stocking a range of imported American clothing and other goods, including bagels. The shop will be open from Sunday to Friday, closed Saturday.

I will be on leave until 15 May.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*

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## Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

The mangrove weeding working bee was a great success. About forty people worked in different locations along the Kiwi Esplanade foreshore sometimes up to their thighs in the soft mud pulling out seedlings. If we had not done this then within a year or so they would have doubled their size and then we would have been breaking the law if we removed them. Isn't that a crazy way to look at conservation. After a vigorous wash down at the boat club we enjoyed a barbeque with provisions donated by our Super Value supermarket and Lee our friendly butcher. So a big thank you to them and also to the boat club for allowing us to use their facilities. The biggest thanks to all those who turned up and did the job. When we get permission we will remove the two stands of bigger weeds, one on the west side of the causeway and the other well along the Esplanade. Mark Erskine, our mangrove removal guru is finally getting council officers to consider changes to their policy that will allow the removal of these weeds. An engineer from Watercare found himself among some sixty irate Mangere Bridge residents when he gave a talk about the proposed new interceptor that is to be tunnelled from Western Springs to the plant here at Mangere. Residents main concern was the plan to have a large ventilation flue located at the bottom of Andes Avenue. Why is it the we always seen to get the crappy end of the stick (sewer) A further public open day is being arranged for mid May. We want the manager of Watercare Mark Ford to front up and listen to the hard done by Mangere Bridge residents. When you think about what we have put up with over the last fifty years and what we have lost it's time for Watercare to give us something back. There is going to be a huge amount of sandstone borings from the tunnel that could enrich our foreshore and fill in the area between the bridges. Watercare could get all the consents and do all that as part of the project. We will all have an opportunity later in the consent process to have our say. How about this for a laugh? We wrote to Auckland Council asking that they institute the process needed to reclaim the area between the bridges. They advise this is not possible as the area is designated as a special coastal zone having features that should be preserved and has visible lava flows from the eruption of Mangere Mountain. Obviously we don't realise what a treasure we have on our doorstep. One redeeming feature is that the Regional Coastal Policy plan is to be reviewed within the next few years. Then perhaps the authors (new ones by then we hope) will agree to changes in the plan that could allow the development of that area into a wonderful reserve for us all to enjoy. Now that's something for Watercare to do for us. But even that will not buy our approval for a stinky vent pipe up wind of our community. These are the views of the author, not necessarily the R&R. Come to our next meeting on 16 May at 7.30 pm at the St James Church hall and tell us how you feel about these matters. We'd appreciate your \$5 membership fee to assist with dealing with these problems.

## Mangere Community House

Learners, Restricted and HT Licensing Free Course starts 30/4/2012 Registrations now open. 55+ Community Group starting 1/5/2012 a time of fun, food, games, crafts, speakers, free education and more ... light refreshments available All welcome, Hot hula classes, Mainly Music starting and much more coming soon, for term 2 call 09-2754920 Mangere Community House.

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In simple terms the scammers use a small device known as a skimmer to record the information held on your card and to store it for future use. The skimmers may be fitted to ATM's or used as a handheld device replicating EFTPOS terminals.

To avoid becoming a victim of credit card fraud we recommend the following tips:

Use secure ATM machines – under video surveillance or inside of a bank lobby. They're less likely to be tampered with. Thieves have to take more risk installing skimmers where there are security cameras.

Cover the ATM keypad as you're entering your PIN – just in case there's a hidden camera around.

Skimming devices will stick out a few extra inches from an ATM. If something looks suspicious, find another ATM. Don't fall for a poor fitting device (or a sticker or sign that says "Swipe Here First", or "Use This Machine Only").


If a machine keeps your card, call the bank immediately and report it.

Don't accept "help" from anybody hanging around the ATM machine. They may say they were having trouble also and you just need to enter your PIN again.

Keep your eyes on your card if you have any doubts. Don't let a merchant walk off with your card – even for a few seconds.

If you are a retailer check on the authenticity of anyone who comes in to swap your EFT-POS terminal. Watch out also for groups who may create a distraction so as to enable them to swap EFTPOS terminals.

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Sew Styley (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5	(learners - advanced)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Drawing Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Create with Milly	Thursday	11.00am - 11.30am	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Painting Classes	Friday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Onehunga Art	Saturday (3rd Sat mthly)	10.00am - 1.00pm	\$5	

## ADULT INTEREST

High Notes	Monday	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Waiata (Maori Songs)	Monday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free	(learn Te Reo thru song)
High Notes	Thursday	10.30am - 11.30pm	Free	(music for special needs adults)
Art Therapy	Friday	1.00pm - 2.30pm	\$4	(art for special needs adults)
Scene	Tuesday (1st Tues mthly)	1.00pm - 3.00pm	From \$3	(social club for 55+ adults)
Scene	Friday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Gold Coin	(bowls, cards etc 55+ adults)

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

Music Mondays	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)
Looney Tunes	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)
Kumon	Mon & Thur	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Ph 5799229	(5-12yrs learning)
St John Youth	Monday	6.30 - 8.30pm	\$10 p/term	(6-18yrs)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	11am - 12pm	\$5	(pre-school age)
Zumbatomic	Tuesday	3.45pm - 4.15pm	\$2	(5 - 11yrs)
Pre-School Ballet	Wed & Fri	1.45pm - 2.30pm	\$7.50	(2-4yrs)
Renaissance Dance	Wednesday	3.30pm - 6.15pm	Ph 2759552	(5-16yrs Tap/Jazz/Hiphop)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	Gold Coin	(pre-school age)

## EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Mondays & Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tues, Wed & Thurs	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5	(children welcome)
Hot Hula	Thursday	11.00am - 12.00pm	\$3	(children welcome)
ACC Tai Chi	Thursday	12pm - 1pm	Free	(assessment required)
Tai Chi with Jacqui	Thursday	1pm - 2pm	\$6	
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

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