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## Waterlea Primary School

It's all go at Waterlea School as we've been learning about survival and to keep themselves safe.

We've learned a range of safe practices that we can use when interacting with other people, support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults and make parents and teachers more aware of the need to keep children from being abused by adults or older children. Our parents have been invited to talk to their child about what they have been learning so you can reinforce the messages children are getting and help their child use their new skills with confidence.



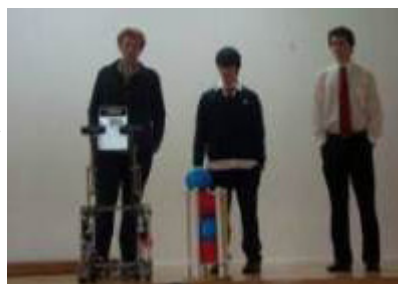
The St Johns taught us to keep ourselves and others safe with real hands on activities.

In our Survival studies we've had fun through practical hands-on activities such as pitching a tent, making stretchers and cooking sausages. Our families have been really supporting us during these studies.

Our sports teams have had some success too – at

the Interschool sports our Soccer team came 1st and – our A netball team came 2nd,

We had a visit from our home grown world robotics champions (Symbiosis). These World Champions go to Orehunga High School and shared their victory at Assembly. We are especially proud of two of the team as they are ex-Waterleas - Matthew Dunbar, and Mitchell Longair. The other team member was Zachary Sutcliffe.



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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 - 1pm 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  
**4th Fri** - Probus, Mangere Bridge - Bridge bowling club information call 634 6091

### Opening Hours

Monday - Wednesday 9am to 5:30pm  
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## Village Happenings

*with Carol Anne*

After a very wet summer, winter arrived early this year and it's been quite noticeable how quiet the village is at the moment. With the cold, wet weather people are not out-and-about so much, perhaps preferring shopping malls. However, it is essential that we continue to support our small shops over the winter months.

The Sunday Boutique Market will continue over winter with a core group of stallholders including Glenbrook Lavender and Gruff Junction Cheese. We hope to have a Merry go Round available on dry days. We also have some new food and craft stalls.

This year we have celebrated Matariki in the village with kapa haka performances from Mangere Bridge Primary School on 21 June followed the next day by Robertson Road Primary School. The children were very enthusiastic and added to the atmosphere of the village. They might come again towards the end of July so keep an eye on the notice board for more info. We hope to add this celebration of Maori New Year to our programme of annual events and are also investigating having a celebration for Chinese New Year.

Check out the library's Matariki events during July: Matariki Children's Book Club Event Friday 6 July 3.30pm; The Block (Lego) Party Saturday 7 July 1.30pm - 3.00pm; School Holiday Programme Monday 9 July 10.30am - 12.00pm.

Amanda Laird, owner and chef from Ruby Red Café, is also the food writer for Viva and has just launched her own cook book "Good Times". Call into the café to order a copy and have a chat to Amanda about the recipes.

Dr Usha Chand is taking on new patients. The surgery, which is in the middle of the village, is open from 9am until 4.30pm on weekdays, 9.00am - 12.30pm Saturdays and she also does house calls.

A new contractor has taken over the street cleaning and I am hoping that they will clean the footpaths at the weekend which was not covered in the agreement by the previous contractor.

Next time you go down to Ambury Farm check out their ice cream shop '3 Little Monkeys' which is open at weekends.

I can be contacted via the Business Association's website; [www.mangere-bridge.co.nz](http://www.mangere-bridge.co.nz) (also check out upcoming events) or phone 636 7491.

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

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## Manukau Yacht & Motor Boat Club

The Manukau Yacht Club is holding its AGM on the 5th August at 4pm..

Also the Kids sailing program is kicking off with our newly certified club instructor, so if you have children that are interested in learning to sail please get in touch with us at [shane@mymbc.org.nz](mailto:shane@mymbc.org.nz) for more information - or goto [www.mymbc.org.nz](http://www.mymbc.org.nz) for more info.

## Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc

Twenty folk turned out to our meeting on Wed 20th June, even though there was torrential rain. Several topics were given a good thrashing. A few people had come along to express their disgust at the way the "rock walling" along the foreshore of Kiwi Esplanade had been left unfinished at the top, where it would be easy for pedestrians to hurt themselves as the kikuyu grass made the area look level. It was noted the secretary had written to the CEO of Auckland Council asking that before more stages were started, consideration should be given on how to finish the work already done to make the Esplanade reserve a safe and attractive place. This letter has been completely ignored. Not even an acknowledgement and work started on more of the same. Someone suggested we should re name the road Quarry Esplanade! The upgraded footpath on the causeway to the old Mangere Bridge was given the thumbs up, though the safety barrier was questionable. The lack of movement on the proposal to improve the all tide boat ramp was explained. The plan agreed to at two public meetings had been ignored and the Council's own plan had been advertised, and the only quote received was way outside the budget. Council proposes to re advertise the project in the hope of getting a lower price. Meantime a meeting of interested parties is being planned, where a "local" plan will be considered. Mangroves got a bit of a hard time at the meetings our gentle slap on the wrist from the Coastal Team at Auckland Council for getting a bit carried away with our estimation of 600mm was considered bearable. We are trying to get consent to remove the two remaining stands, one beside the causeway (not between the bridges) and the other well along the foreshore towards the yacht club. We are asking Council to remove the Protective Area designation for the area between the bridges so that mangrove removal and reclamation can be considered.

The proposal for a big tunnel from Western Springs to the Treatment Plant at Mangere to bring storm water and sewage for treatment and discharge into the harbour is to be strongly objected to by the Assoc. Next meeting is on Wed 18th July at the St James Church Hall at 7.30pm

## Mangere Community House

Next Term Free Programmes:

'Look the Part' assisting and mentoring our people in Career Paths, Job Search, CV Writing, and making you 'Look the Part'. Limited Registrations, Open Now!!

'Jump Start' School Holiday Programme - 9th July - 15th July, 9.00am - 3.00pm co-ordinated by our Youth Cadet team and Volunteers, enjoy our theme dress up days, 'Fairy and Prince Day', 'Sports or Sports person day', Amazing race day, Adventure day, Party day, everyday is exciting for our children, Gold coin donation, limited Registrations open now!!

Sams Free Drivers License Course starting up for next term, Registrations now open, limited only,

Forever Young Group - Keeping our Senior Community in action, light exercise, bingo, singing, speakers of services available to our Seniors, games, light refreshments, come along and be part of an exciting growing group supporting each other

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**Shoplifting** - The reality of shoplifting is that it is theft and should be treated as a criminal act and always reported to the Police.

We should also note that major retailers now treat shoplifting as a cost of daily business and therefore factor the lost rate into their costings when setting their selling rates. This means that we all pay for the cost of shoplifting through the higher prices that we pay at supermarkets and retailers.

The common perception is that shoplifting is committed by young offenders of stereotyped profiles. The reality is that 40% of all shoplifting is committed by employees and the remaining 60% by offenders of all ages, genders and backgrounds.

It is important that shop owners and managers have plans and processes for preventing shop theft. The most important of these is good customer service techniques that ensure that the criminal element know immediately that they are under observation. Other important elements include procedures for locking the till and staff working alone, protection of high value stock items and the use of security hardware and technology (i.e. mirrors, cameras etc).

If you have an ongoing problem with shop theft do not be afraid to approach the Police, Business Association or security provider for some guidance and support.

### Ripe for the picking in Mangere Bridge

Here in Mangere Bridge, many tonnes of good quality fruit goes to waste each year. Fruit trees on people's properties become laden with great fruit, but on many occasions the fruit is not picked or left to rot on the ground. Step in Community Fruit Harvest.

Community Fruit Harvest is an initiative which is already running in other parts of Auckland and is just getting established here in Mangere Bridge. Volunteer fruit pickers register their interest to help harvest fruit from people's properties. Some property owners have spare fruit on their trees which they are not able to use and/or pick. They allow the volunteer pickers to harvest their fruit and donate the produce to a Mangere Budgeting Centre foodbank or the children at Dingwall Trust. Dingwall Trust caters for children and young people up to 17 years of age, who are in need of care and protection away from home.

We need:

- People who would like to register their trees for picking with the pickings donated to charities.
- People who are willing to volunteer to pick fruit.
- People who are willing to make jam, marmalade or preserves from the fruit picked.
- People who are willing to teach others how to make great jam, marmalade or preserves.

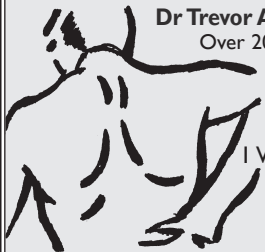
Let's all get behind this worthy initiative, especially now with the persimmon and citrus season upon us.

In Mangere Bridge, this initiative is being co-ordinated by Brendon and Wendy, who can be contacted by email at [pickfruitmbridge@gmail.com](mailto:pickfruitmbridge@gmail.com) or tel. 622 0318. They also volunteer with the Tableside Charitable Trust which is involved in many different community projects around Auckland. For more information about Community Fruit Harvest in Auckland visit the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/pickfruit](http://www.facebook.com/pickfruit).

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Celebrate MATARIKI 2012 at Onehunga Community Centre, 21 June – 21 July 2012.

Poi Making	learn about & make poi	Mondays	10.30am - 2.00pm	Free
Weaving	learn traditional flax weaving	Mondays	11.30am - 1.30pm	Free
Waiaata	learn te reo through song	Mondays	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Free
Poi Dance	learn how to use poi	Mondays	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Free

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Poi Making	kids learn to make and use poi	Thursdays	10.30am - 2.00pm	Free
TukuTuku	kids learn to make Maori panels	Thursdays	10.00am - 11.30am	Free
Flax Star	kids learn to weave a flax star	Thursdays	11.30am - 12.30pm	Free
Clay Art	kids make Maori designs	Thursdays	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Free
Plantings	plant root seedlings to take home	Thursdays	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Free



*Through Our Eyes*  
**Matariki 2012 Art Exhibition**  
 16 July 2012 - 22 July 2012  
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