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Santa Parade & Festival

Mangere Bridge Village

Thursday 6 December

6.30pm – 8.30pm

Parade Route Coronation Road between

Domain and Church Roads and back again.

See Santa afterwards at Naomi & Bill Kirk Park

Yes, it's that time of the year already and the Mangere Santa Parade is not so far off so it's time to do some creative thinking for your floats.

It's also a great opportunity to publicise your club or group during the entertainment that follows after the parade which will include Bouncy Castles, Face Painting and Pony & Cart Rides. 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 email village@mangerebridge.co.nz

Mangere Mountain Education Centre

Volunteer's needed

The Mangere Mountain Education Centre (MMEC) is a non-profit organisation. We are extremely passionate about restoring, re-enacting and reinforcing our cultural heritage and history.

MMEC has a small team of dedicated volunteers that we would like you to join. We are looking for volunteers to assist with:

- Reception duties; and
- Facilitating workshops and guided tours

If you are interested in: developing skill and experience that will look great in your CV; or you are wanting the satisfaction of working/giving back to the community, please contact Centre staff on 09 634 7305 or mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz.

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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
Thursday - Friday 9am to 6:00pm
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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Our long awaited all-tide boat ramp has been further delayed. The design was changed from the one that was originally approved through the various public meetings held a number of years ago. The re-design is felt by many to be unsafe and Jim Jackson of Jackson Electrical, who has boated on the Manukau Harbour since he was a small boy, has put forward another proposal which would also allow space for rescue craft, plus ferry facilities for the longer term. However, in the meantime the New Zealand Transport Authority (NZTA) has been advised that the old pedestrian/cycle bridge, which is a vital link between the communities of Mangere Bridge and Onehunga, has deteriorated to such a stage that it will have to be replaced within the next five years.

The NZTA met with key stakeholders recently to give this update and to advise that following a mailbox drop to both communities in late July they would be running some Open Days to consult with the public. No concept designs will be started until after public consultation. It would make sense to combine the building of the new boat ramp with the replacement pedestrian bridge and hopefully we will come out with a win/win situation all round.

After 21 years operating Bridge Mini Mart James Kumar has sold the shop. We say farewell to him and his family and thank them for their valued contribution to the community and wish James well in his retirement. During the winter months the new owners will be closing the shop at 9.30pm

Top Dairy, at 43c Coronation Road, has Mercury Energy Glo Bug Cards. You can put money on the card towards your power bill to ensure you don't miss your prompt payment discount date. The shop is usually open till 8pm every night except Monday. Please note that the card has to be validated first before you can start using it.

The Santa Parade and Festival will be on Thursday 6 December so please let me know if you want to take part in the parade or if you would like a craft or information stall at the festival afterwards. You can contact me through the business association's website at www.mangere-bridge.co.nz.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

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Time: 10am to 11am

Date: The second friday of every month

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Exciting news at Mangere Bridge Kindergarten

Our Book "Crossing the Border" has been published and is now available to teachers all over New Zealand and internationally. This book is the result of 6 years of research working with Mangere Bridge and Waterlea schools to instigate effective Transition practices for children and their families. The book is written by teachers, for teachers. Carol, Pat and Jemma worked with two lecturers from the University of Waikato, Sally Peters and Margaret Carr to produce the book, which we all hope will be useful to both early childhood and primary teachers.

The book will be celebrated and launched at Ambury Farm on August 2nd. Please contact the kindergarten if you would like to attend. Email mangerebridge@aka.org.nz.

The cover artwork was painted by one of our children, Angeline Vlasich.

Our thanks go to all in the Mangere Bridge community who have contributed their enthusiasm to and support for this book.

Help us get New Zealand on the roll and voting!

Registrars of Electors work all over New Zealand, and we are the local team for Manukau Electoral Office. We're here to help communities learn about enrolling, voting and taking part in elections in New Zealand.

Help us spread the word about the importance of getting on the roll and ready to vote. Are there events or opportunities we can tap into to spread the word amongst your community to get people enrolled? Please let us know.

Contact Ms Marama Wilson on 09 262 3962 or email to tamaki@elections.org.nz. We're here to help!

Bridge Community Network Presents: "New Person's nights - Coffee and Cake Evenings"

Have you moved into the area during the last two years? We want to welcome you, introduce you others, and inform you about our local community. Come and join us for coffee and cake on

Mondays, October 1st, 8th and 15th.

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Coronation Restaurant

Oct 1st "What Happened When?" Val Payne (historian), Moana Wilson Mountain Ed Centre.

Oct 8th "Who Does What?" Carol-Anne Armitage, Village Manager.

Oct 15th "What is Happening Now?" Janine Nillesen (Ambury Farm); Loryn Tompsett (Library).

For more information phone Christine 021 894 366

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Mangere Community House

Free Courses - Be successful Mondays 12.30 - 2.00pm cv writing, interview skills, leadership motivation, Te Reo Classes Monday 9.00 - 11.00am, Drivers License Course Monday 6.00pm - 8.00pm, Forever Young (Seniors Group) Tuesdays 10.00am - 2.00pm, MIT Learning for Everyday Life Mon and Weds 9.00am - 12.30pm, Budgeting Class Fridays 1.30 - 3.00pm, Registrations still open ... call MCH 09 2754920

Coming up, Free Exercise Class for elderly, Zumba, Hot Hula, Basic computer classes for all ages, Career Services, Garage Sales and more ...

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc. Annual General Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 22nd August 2012
Mangere Bridge Primary School
Performing Arts Centre (bring a cushion)
Taylor Road
Be there!

- Find out what is happening in your neighborhood
- The Association's aim is to make Mangere Bridge a better place to live – we need your support and being at the AGM will help.
- Join us and have your say
- Membership Fee: \$5 per household

July has been a busy month. Two issues have been followed through with mixed success. Firstly the question of rocks left on the sea bed when the oxidation ponds were removed. The Treatment Plant Community Liaison Group chaired by Colin Dale, on which we have three members, Roger Baldwin, Ken Duff and Brian Pilkington met with Watercare senior officers on the foreshore near the Oruarangi Creek entrance. There was a low tide, so the rocks were clearly visible where the pond dividing wall had been located. The residents spokesperson spoke about the pre ponds era when folk used to flounder fish in the rock free area. Watercare acknowledged that the rocks were remnants of the wall but felt the cost of their removal would be better spent on improvement to the sewage system to prevent overflows in residential areas. They agreed to record the situation so that future generations wouldn't think the rocks were always there. Watercare still "own" the seabed, and will give some thought as to when their jurisdiction of the old ponds area will be relinquished. Secondly, the ongoing delays in the plans to make the all tide ramp safer and more user friendly facility were discussed by some forty interested parties at a meeting on the 18th of the month. We were quite surprised to be told by a planner from NZ Transport Authority (previously Transit NZ) that they were planning to remove the old Mangere Bridge and replace it with a footbridge. There would be public consultations starting soon. Happy hundred year birthday old bridge! So with a new bridge, hopefully high enough for boats to go through, there are already suggestions that the new ramp should be on the inner side of the causeway. The unfinished look of the rock work on Kiwi Esplanade foreshore is still a concern with the Association. Residents will be able to have their say at the R&R Annual General Meeting to be held at the Mangere Bridge School Hall on Wednesday 22nd of August at 7.30PM. We hope you will attend and support your Association by giving us a \$5 membership fee at the door. (voluntary)

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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	Monday	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	

Mangere Bridge Primary School

We have had a great start to the year. We started with a complete computer network upgrade and the modernisation of rooms 11 and 12.

Our learning last term focussed on SUSTAINABILITY. Children worked in teams across the school and presented an EXPO to show their learning. These were held over three days and featured TREES, WATER, BIRDS and WHALES. Our children have been working in the community planting trees, cleaning up the beach, learning about how to care for our environment and showing others how to care. We have a great group of junior citizens at the Bridge!!

We have had a great term of learning and are looking forward to Term 3.

On the zone championship sports field the soccer team tried very hard to match the swimming team's win in term 1 (a consecutive 12th win) and came a hard earned second. Our basketball team was in the finals and also came second.

For Matariki our Kapa Haka team performed in the village and were so good that people came out of the shops to watch and Carol-Anne invited us back to perform again.

As part of our Curriculum -in- Action (C.I.A.) programme our choir performed for elderly people in a local rest home and were warmly welcomed by the residents.

Our new early childhood centre, White Heron Learning Centre has now opened.

Important Contact Details:

Citizens Advice Bureau	275 6885
Mangere Bridge Post office	636 9645
Village Management Office	636 7491
Mangere Bridge Community Information Services	
Village Newsletter	021 815 184
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