

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Waterlea Primary School

The Waterlea netball teams had a fantastic season finishing off on a high with all 4 Waterlea teams getting through to the finals. The Kiwiz (Yr2-3) had a great game but unfortunately lost placing them 4th overall in the championship round.

The Aztecs (Yr 4) made it through to the finals in their grade and came up against Mangere Bridge Primary. They fought hard to the end and took the win 6-2. The All Starz (Yr5) made it to the play-offs for 3rd/4th. They played their little hearts out and took the win 14-8. This win earned them 3rd overall. The Angelz (Yr6) also made it to the play-offs. Here they came up against a team, that during the season, it didn't matter how hard they tried they could not beat them. Their spectacular goal for goal game looked like a finals game. The players took it up a gear during the last quarter to take the win 11-10. The Kiwiz were also presented the 2012 Fun Ferns Sportsmanship team.

Waterlea sent 3 teams to Lloyd Elsmore Park for the Interschool Hockey Tournament. All teams did extremely well with the boy's team and the girls A team coming 3rd. The school also was awarded the 'Sportsmanship' trophy. Well done kids, as usual you did Waterlea proud.

After winning the school speech competition with a speech entitled 'Chores', Jessyna Sinisa represented Waterlea in the Maungakiekie / Mt Roskill Cluster Speech finals. Out of the 12 schools competing Jessyna was chosen as the WINNER! The contest was judged by Ingrid Hipkiss and Jane Luscombe from TV3. Jessyna went on to represent the cluster at the Champion of Champions speech contest where she competed against representatives from 15 different clusters from all over Auckland. Jessyna performed with credit amongst a group of talented speakers. The winner was James Witana from Meadowbank School.

Recently Mangere Bridge School came to play our rugby league team. The sun shone and the crowd cheered as Waterlea won by 10 tries to 1. Room 14 performed a stirring haka to complete a fun morning. On Friday 21st Sep the Y4 - 6 children took part in either the cross country contest for the serious runners or a shorter Fun Run for the rest. With help from our parents the streets were manned as speedy children whizzed by. In the cross country the winners were Jamie Woods and Madelaine McCormick, Jordan Fuller and Hermione for the 9 year olds and Ben Hyland and Lourdes Alvarez-Llano for the 10/11 year olds. A great effort by all the children though one did ask the question 'Why is it called a FunRun when it isn't really fun?'

Congratulations to Timothy Sanvictores from Room 8 who has been selected to perform in the NZ Ukulele Development Squad Orchestra. The group will be performing at the Town Hall as part of the APPA Music Festival on November 21st. Waterlea's choir will be performing at this festival at the Town Hall on the 20th November. Last Thursday evening 38 Waterlea Choir students performed in the World Vision Kids for Kids Concert with Suzanne Prentice at the Telstra Clear Centre. As always it was a great evening full of fun and huge enthusiasm from all the performing schools.

Garden Volunteers Needed

Garden Volunteers Needed. Mangere Community Health Trust is looking for volunteers to help with the establishing and planting of a heritage seed garden in its Community Garden. Fridays 9.30am-11.30am, starting 21st September. Meet at the garden, next to Kowhai Court, Wadden Ave. All skills levels welcome! Share your gardening knowledge or learn new skills. Grow and eat your own vegetables. Please bring own gardening tools if you are able. Contact Tofa Pereira, Mangere Community Health Trust Ph 2544178 or email tpereira@mangerehealth.org.nz for more information or to register your interest.

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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

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

As I write this newsletter daylight saving is only a few days away and Super Value is ready to reopen after the fire four weeks ago. There have been many versions about what caused the fire however it was an electrical fault in the sub board that runs the fridges and freezers. Fortunately, being contained in a shaft separated from the shop by a block wall, the fire was contained within that area. The shop itself was undamaged but a lot of electrical wiring in the ceiling had to be replaced which took some time. The shop will sell all the usual range, including meat and frozen items but a slightly limited choice until the big freezer cabinets are operational in about three weeks. Look out for re-opening specials.

There is a line in an old song which says; "you don't know what you've got till it's gone" and this has certainly been the case with the supermarket out of action. The village has resembled a ghost town at times. As people have gone elsewhere for their groceries they have shopped outside the area so we hope they will all be back again soon.

Although there have been several opportunities for public engagement to discuss the Draft Area Plan, the majority of Mangere Bridge residents knew nothing about it and were quite alarmed at the proposal which contains apartment and terraced-style housing. However, the good news is that there will be a Mangere Bridge Railway station within the next ten years. With a growing preference for apartment-style living in Auckland it will be an attractive option for those not wishing to own a bit of land but desiring to live in a semi-rural environment close to a transport hub.

The Mangere Bridge Business Card Directory is to be updated soon. This is delivered to every mail box in Mangere Bridge. It's a valuable resource for the community and has a long shelf life. If you have a business you are eligible to be listed, however, as space is limited it will be first-come-first-served. The cost is \$60 plus GST.

If you'd like to play chess or teach others, or have a float in the Santa Parade please contact me through the business association's website www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or phone 636 7491.

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

TEE BALL! ROOKIE BALL! SOFTBALL!

What are you doing this summer? Your local Softball Club on Mangere Mountain is taking registrations for the summer. We have teams available for all ages! You can join a team, or enter your own team. We are on the same club grounds that are used for Soccer in the winter.

Tee ball is a version of softball for kids aged 4-8. The kids hit a ball off a flexible post called a tee, at home plate, then run around the bases to come home before the ball gets thrown back! Tee ball is kept local – all games are at the home grounds, Friday evenings starting at 5:45pm, followed by prize giving in the clubrooms at 7pm. First game is Fri Nov 2nd but activities will start before then.

Rookie Ball is for kids aged 9/10. It is very much like softball but the ball is pitched from a machine. It is played Friday nights at the same time as, and alongside Tee Ball.

Softball is for players aged 10 or 11 through to grandparents and is played at 'home and away', part of the competition run by Auckland Softball Association. Juniors games are played on Saturday morning, senior games are played Saturday afternoon. First game is Sat Oct 27th. We hear a lot of people say 'I used to play softball'...so why not get involved again and have some fun this summer? For more information, contact Carolyn, 0210-295-0860, email omsoftball@live.com, or visit www.omusc.com and find the softball page.

Residents and Ratepayers Assoc.

Over thirty people turned out for our first meeting since the AGM. Roger Baldwin is again our Chairman, but is hoping someone will soon fill the position as he is now living "out of town" Quite a few new members present. Welcome also to Don Presland a new committee member who was not mentioned in last month's newsletter. Carol Anne Armitage, the Village Manager talked about Village matters, but her main topic was the Auckland Council draft Unitary Plan, and how it affected Mangere Bridge. With the amalgamation of the previous seven local bodies and all their local District Plans, Dog Controls and many other bylaws, one Unitary Plan is being developed for the new City. As far as Mangere Bridge is concerned, there are plans for higher density housing close to the Village and future rail line to the airport, and high rise apartments along Kiwi Esplanade. Council staff have held several workshops in the area and there has been a vigorous campaign in the neighbourhood by many residents to encourage folk to make their feelings known on this contentious matter. Council will now finalise the draft plan that will then be notified for public consultation. Carrol Elliot from the Mangere Otahuhu Local Board gave us a resume of the Boards activities. The Unitary Plan has occupied a lot of their time. She advised that tenders had been called for the redevelopment of the all tide boat ramp. The Board had made their submissions on the new footbridge. They sought a high section of the bridge so that pleasure craft could pass beneath. The Board also hoped for a wider bridge but said NZTA would only pay for a six metre bridge. Anything wider would have to be funded by the City Council. Bill told the meeting of where we were with the old bridge replacement. NZTA having received hundreds of suggestions from their weekend presentations were now sifting through them to see what the general consensus was. Following an open letter to the Mayor from many local organisations seeking a delay to the work on the ramp until the new bridge plans had been finalised, an email from the Mayors liaison officer advised that total responsibility for the ramp work lay with the Local Board who would have made rigorous investigations in to the proposal. Council could not intervene. He advised that should the Board decided to delay the work then the funds budgeted for the project could be held over for another year. Mark Erskine gave a concise report on progress with changing the attitude of Councils in the region over mangrove removal. Changes in Government coastal marine matters should accelerate this change. Locally, the Manukau Restoration Society were applying for consent to remove mangroves in the Mangere Bridge area and at Otahuhu, where the Waka are launched for the annual portage crossing race. Frances Higgins told the meeting of the new "Friends of Ambury Farm Park" group and their activities. Now's the time to join the Association to keep you up to date on Mangere Bridge affairs. Send your name and address and email address with five dollars to Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers Assoc, Box 59023 Mangere Bridge The next meeting will be at the St. James Church Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 October

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Mangere Historical Society

Mangere Historical Society wants to honour those people who went away to fight in the WWII. These names are recorded on the Roll of Honour in the Mangere War Memorial Hall. If we do not search out this information NOW the people who have the answers and photos will have moved on also. There are 100 names recorded there and we have managed to complete profiles on 45 of them. If anyone knows that their family member's name is recorded there, please contact Val Payne 636 9261 or Jill Palmer 278 3129 and pass on any information. Names such as John Arthur Alderton, Frederick William Atkins, David Morton Boyd, Peter Creswick Bull, R.R. Carter, Braydn Leo Cooper, and his brother Donald Alexander Cooper, Henry Dallas Court, Colin Demchy and his brother Jack, William Alan Derrett, George Edward Dunning, James Edwards and so many more. We need your help with this challenge that we have taken on, before it is too late

Mangere Bridge Library 'Craft Club'

The Craft Club meets on the first Thursday of each month.

Suggested crafts: Knitting, Crocheting, Scrapbooking, in fact - anything portable and that won't take up too much space! Venue: In the library. Time: Any time between 4:30pm - 7:00pm. Tea and Coffee will be provided. Contact the library on 6366797 for any further details.

Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby

As you may have heard the inaugural Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby will be run November 18th 2012 on Ambury Rd, Mangere Bridge. The aim is to design, build and race a trolley down the hill. The Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby is open to everyone - little kids, big kids, and adults. If you can build it, you can race it. Kids, get a parent, Uncle, Neighbour or grandparent to help you out. Adults, you can build a cart and race it yourself, Or why not get a corporate team together at work and build and race it together. We'll be providing build clinics, with the first one on September 28th, with experts on hand to help you out, so even if you've never built anything before, we'll help you sort your Phillips head from your Allen key. This is all culminating with a family oriented community day where we can celebrate the completion of the project with a day full of good spirited competition - with races to see who's built the fastest soapbox racer, a show & shine, and some great prizes for Style-Meister. For further information contact Angela or Roo on 09 634 1725, to register go to www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz or check us out on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MangereBridgeTrolleyDerby?ref=stream>

Mangere Community House

Free Te Reo Classes Monday 10.00am - 12.00pm, Soup Kitchen 11.00am - 1.00pm every Monday for our Homeless and Needy families, donations greatly appreciated, Free School Holiday program starts Mon 1/10/12 limited registrations now open, Free Drivers License Course Monday nights, Amazing Nutrition 8 week family challenge, free to our community, educating our families as well as exercising together to a better and healthy lifestyle, registrations this Saturday 29-9-2012 from 10.00am - 12.00pm limited spaces so be quick, zumba, walking groups, pool work, boxing, budget healthy cooking, nutrition workshops, and more, for all enquiries whats happening at the Mangere Community House please call 09-2754920

Chess Group

Do you play chess? Would you like to play with others and/or teach others how to play?

If so please leave your contact details with Pars Kebabs or contact Carol-Anne on 636 7491 We are looking at early week daytime and/or evening

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OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Multi Ed Oscar	1 Oct - 12 Oct	9.00am - 3.30pm	\$25 per day (School Age)
Castaways (Knitting)	8 Oct - 12 Oct	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5 per day (6 - 10yrs)

ARTS & CRAFTS

Sew Style (L1)	Monday	9.30am - 11.30am	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Sew Style (L2)	Monday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5 (sewing machines provided)
Flax Weaving	Monday	10.30am - 11.30am	\$5 (beginners/introduction)
Flax Weaving	Monday	11.30am - 1.30pm	\$5 (intermediate - 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	10.30am - 12pm	\$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 - 11.30am	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	\$2 (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)
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	Gold Coin (5 - 11yrs)
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 & Thurs	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3 (children welcome)
Boxfx	Tuesday & Friday	12.00pm - 1.00pm	\$5
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	11am - 12pm	\$2 (children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free (10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5

Bridge Park Tennis Club

With the onset of summer now is the time to get out and enjoy the longer evenings with a game of tennis! The Bridge Park Tennis Club is urging Mangere Bridge residents to dust off their racquets and to come down to the tennis courts, on Taylor Road, for a hit. Bridge Park places importance on maintaining the accessibility of our sport by keeping membership fees down, social membership starts from as little as \$120 for the season, for adults.

Thursday evening is club night and we have the lights on so that keen players can keep hitting well after sundown. Bridge Park recently had a successful fundraising social - as a result we were able to make major repairs to our lights which with the onset of daylight savings time will allow for long evenings of tennis. We have a whole range of programmes available, from Juniors, Senior Interclub, Twilight tennis, family subscriptions or social - there is something for everyone! Whether you are keen to join as a group, or as an individual, our resident Club Coach will be able to help you get back into the swing of things.

We are also calling for Mangere Bridge women interested in the Midweek Ladies interclub competition. If you have ever thought about playing, you still have a chance to start this season! We are also offering casual Midweek Ladies so grab your friends and start a weekly match.

Feel free to come and experience first hand just how fun tennis can be.

For more information phone 634 9023 or email bridgepark.tennis@gmail.com

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