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Waterlea Primary School

Four excited netball teams took to the Mangere Otahuhu Netball Courts for the start of the 2013 netball season. Michelle Stanaway and her team of coaches are pleased with the way the players are applying themselves and are as keen as mustard to enjoy their games.

Bikes, scooters, wheelie shoes, prams, remote control cars – anything with wheels was welcomed at our recent Wheels Happy Hour. Everyone had fun with their friends while celebrating successes in managing ourselves to follow the Waterlea Way – even those children who ran the first aid post.



Gastronomic delights and opportunities to foster friendships were highlights of the PTA's recent International Dinner. Already we are looking forward to the next PTAs social event which will be a parents' only event to be held on Friday the 14th June. This event will be an awesome opportunity for Waterlea parents to enjoy a well-deserved night out and promises to be a great evening while enjoying some fantastic entertainment. Parents should watch the Waterlea Weekly for further details.

We are great readers at Waterlea and so many classes have walked to the Mangere Bridge library to check out their selection of books to keep up our reading mileage over the holidays.

What's on in the Bridge

- MONDAY** Guides 6-8pm.
CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm.
Methodist Church Hall.
St John Youth - 6:30-8:00pm.
Wriggle & Whyme 9:30 -
School Term only, MB Library
Senior Citizens Housie, 1pm
Bridge Crt Hall
- TUESDAY** Keas 5-6pm
Cubs 5-6:30pm
Line Dancing (intermediate) 6-7:30pm
- WEDNESDAY** Brownies 6-7:30pm
Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm
Mangere Mountain Education Ctr.
Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls
Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Plunket car seat rentals 9:30 - 12:30
Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road
Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
Line Dancing (absolute beginners) 7-8pm
- THURSDAY** Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00,
Memorial Hall
Scouts 7-9pm.
- FRIDAY** Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library.
- SATURDAY** Plunket Toy Library 9:30 - 10:30am
- SUNDAY** Village Boutique Market 9am - 1pm
- Mon/Tue/Thu Plunket Playgroup 9am - 11:30am
- 2nd Sun's Sunday Walking
- Tue - Thu Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am
- Mon/Tue/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
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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

The Food & Wine Festival on Saturday 28 April was another fabulous event for Mangere Bridge Village. This year there were a record 57 stalls with the return of a number of favourites from previous years and the addition of some new ones that we hope will become regulars. Villa Maria Estate, our locally-based, world-renowned winery, held pride of place in the centre of Naomi & Bill Kirk Park. The great variety of food on offer included dishes from the distant countries of China, Malaysia, France, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Turkey and Jamaica plus all the regulars from the Sunday Boutique Market. Craft stalls offered great gifts ideas for Mother's Day and there was entertainment for all the family.

Mello jazz tones filled the village on the Saturday night preceding the festival as 'Peta' once again joined us for Jazz & Blues Nite, this year accompanied by Jim on drums and Maua on guitar, both filling in for Max Purdie who was in hospital recovering from a fall earlier in the week. A good number of diners enjoyed a laid-back evening of jazz favourites, some people even getting up for a dance or two.

Without the generous support of our funders and sponsors this event would not have been possible. I would like to acknowledge with thanks; The Lion Foundation (Traffic Management Plan), Manukau Courier (colour advertising), Mayne Automotive (WOF vouchers plus tables and chairs); Harcourts Real Estate (Safari Tractor), Aggreko (generators), Mangere Bridge Realty (St John Ambulance). Others who contributed to the success of the event were; Carroll's Cartage (truck for the band), Robin Young from our local G.A.S Station (storing the hired furniture over the weekend), members of the Mangere Bridge Community Network (completion of survey forms) and the members of the Mangere Bridge Business Association.

For every \$35 WOF Voucher presented to Mayne Automotive the business association will receive \$10 towards our events fund. The vouchers don't have an expiry date so next time a vehicle needs a warrant grab one of the vouchers which are available at a number of shops in the village. We are delighted to have formed this partnership with Mayne Automotive in Onehunga who also service the Mangere Bridge Volunteer Patrol car and provide the bouncy castles for the Santa Parade.

The Unitary Plan is now available online. There are major changes to zoning for Mangere Bridge and you are now able to check what kind of housing can be built in the future on your land or in your street by going into this website address:

<http://unitaryplan.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/pages/xc.enquire/default.aspx>

Please pass on this important information to your neighbours, family and friends as it applies to the whole of Auckland. Submissions close 4pm 31 May.

I'll be taking a much needed break for a few weeks but you can email me through the business association's website:

www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz

kind regards
Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager
Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

The April meeting was well attended due to contentious zoning proposals in the Auckland Council Draft Unitary Plan that affects Mangere Bridge. Last month we were addressed by Grant Taylor from the Cockle Bay R&R. Grant is the provisional chair of a new Auckland wide Regional Ratepayers Assoc. The aims of the group is to coordinate submissions to ACC on matters affecting the whole area. We have resolved to join the new group. The first meeting was held on 27th April at 130pm. A report will be sent to our Assoc for next month's meeting. Members at our meeting were concerned at the latest plan on local zoning that showed the Intensive Housing zone that was previously shown as east of Coronation Rd had been extended to the east side of Woodward Ave. Residents are urged to look at this plan in the library and be sure to make a submission on the matter. The R&R will make a submission against that proposal. Carol Anne Armitage gave a report on activities in the Village. There was concern that some of the paving on the path leading to the library was badly cracked. Also areas where the Sunday market was located were cracking. It was noted that the exposed aggregate McCallum's shingle finish to the recently laid footpaths was becoming rougher, due to regularly waterblasting by Council cleaners. The surface will probably have to be ground at some time in the future. The meeting was reminded that Council had met with residents before the work was done, to consider the finish, and had agreed to provide the same finish that had been laid outside the supermarket. Council then went ahead and laid the surface that we had unanimously rejected. Nothing seems to change! It was reported that the mangrove seedling cull had been very successful with forty or more residents participating. Great that we able to prevent a forest developing along the foreshore of Kiwi Esplanade. Well done everyone! Mark Erskine reported that there had been no progress in the proposed changes to the Council attitude to removal of mature mangrove. The Chairman reported that Watercare will at some time in the future extend the treatment plant to the south of Island Rd. When that happens, they intend to relocate the road to Puketutu Island to somewhere between Ascot Rd and the present location. Watercare will be asked to remove mangroves from all the areas that were previously oxidation ponds and sludge lagoons. Then followed a vigorous discussion on the lack of dissemination of projects and plans to the community by the Local Board. It was felt it was not good enough to just publish budgets in the annual plan. There should be public meetings where all proposals should be voted on. This led to the question as to whether the R&R would support candidates in the forthcoming local body elections. A rush of candidates should contact Brian Pilkington at pilkys1@vodafone.co.nz. Someone asked about the tens of thousands of birds on the reserve near the Yacht Club. Do they migrate? Our bird expert Ray Clough advised that they are South Island Oyster Catchers and the only migration they do is to the South Island. Aren't they a wonderful sight! Next meeting will be at the St James Church Hall on Wednesday 15 th May at 7.30pm

Copy Deadline for June 2013

Deadline for the June Issue is the 21st May 2013. To ensure that your article makes the June issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz

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Mangere Historical Society

Mangere Historical Society were fascinated with the speaker Edward Bennett, who spoke of early Auckland History centred on the Symond St Cemetery. It was placed a distance from Auckland's early township and eventually became part of the Centre of the every growing township and city. The Gully had no large native trees growing, probably because of the 6000 years of active volcanic activity that had occurred in the area. Meola Reef is the end of a five mile lava flow. This cemetery was divided into religious sections, Anglican, Jewish, Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist and Non-conformists. We were able to see early pictures of Grafton Gully and the first elevated pedestrian walking bridge opened in 1884. The next one was a much smaller one at the bottom of the gully allowing people to cross from Grafton to Symond St. The present one, when opened was the largest reinforced concrete single span bridge in the world, and some people thought that it was a waste of money. Only eight graves were disturbed in this construction.

Early graves were surrounded by picket fences to prevent wandering stock from eating the roses, violets etc plants on the graves. Nancy Stein collected Victorian roses from here and propagated them to form the basis of the Parnell Rose Gardens.

We were shown many different types of headstones, early ones were made from wood or stone, sometimes sandstone brought from Tasmania. It was explained how building materials, cast iron, railway lines granite etc were brought to Auckland as ballast in the ships that had taken frozen meat and butter to U.K. When the present Motorway construction was put through 4100 graves were re-interred in multiple burials. We learnt that Governor Hobson was the first person buried here after he had suffered a couple of strokes. He was the only Governor buried in N.Z. until Sir Keith Holyoake.

Early wooden churches were moved around Auckland to take up other positions e.g. St Sepulchre at Grafton became the H.Q of the Girl Guide movement in Grange Rd Balmoral. Mourning photos, dress, jewellery and black edge stationery were shown to us. We all learnt so much from listening to our speaker.

Some of our members joined Manurewa Historical Society on the following Saturday for a bus tour around places of interest in Mangere.

Mangere Community House

Our Soup Kitchen starts on the 6th May 2013 from 11.00am - 1.00pm. All families and individuals are welcome to come and join in a community meal. We also will be providing food parcels, clothes, and blankets for our needy families. Donations are greatly appreciated by way of perishable foods, clothes and blankets, school uniforms, school shoes for our children. Volunteers welcome.

Free Te Reo/Harakeke classes starting 6th May 10.30am - 1.00pm, Free Niuean and Tongan Language classes starting 2nd May 6.00pm - 8.00pm, Free Drivers License course Sat and Sundays, Free Tai Chi classes 10.00am Friday mornings, all enquiries and registrations to naomi.kaleta@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or call the office from 9am - 2pm Mon - Fri on 09 2754920.

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Sew Styley (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)
Art Classes	Mon/Wed	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
Jewellery Making	Tuesday	12.30pm - 2.30pm	\$5	(soft tech & recyclables)
Create with Milly	Thursday	10.30am - 12pm	\$5	(Learn to make crafts)
Yarns	Thursday	1.00pm - 3.00pm	gold coin	(Knitting/Crochet/needlework)
Onehunga Art	3rd Sat/month	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	1st Tues/month	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 (Class 1)	Monday	9.30am - 10.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Music Mondays (Class 2)	Monday	10.30am - 11.10am	gold coin	(pre-school age)
Picasso Kidz	Tuesday	9.30am - 10.30am	\$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	Mon/ Wed	10.00am - 11.30am	\$5	
Zumba	Tue/Thur	9.30am - 10.30am	\$3	(children welcome)
Zumba	Wednesday	7pm - 8pm	\$5	
Hot Hula (New Teacher)	Thursday	10.45am - 11.45pm	\$2	(children welcome)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Zumba	Sunday	8am - 9am	\$5	

Community Fruit Harvesting Update

Thanks to all of you who have responded to the Community Fruit Harvest initiative here in Mangere Bridge. Last year volunteers picked at least 40 boxes of fruit from trees in Mangere Bridge and Onehunga that would otherwise have been left to rot on the ground! We also had volunteers using some of the fruit to make marmalade and preserves. The bulk of the fruit was given to the Mangere Budgeting Centre, Hands of Hope and the Dingwall Trust, for distribution to children and families in need.

The citrus and persimmon season is almost upon us and it's not too late to be involved. Do you have a fruit tree with unwanted fruit? Don't let it go to waste. We will come and pick fruit and donate it to people in need. Also if you are able to help pick fruit or make jam and preserves, please contact us on 6220318 or pickfruitmbridge@gmail.com.

Thanks again to all of you who are helping make better use of excess fruit from trees here in our local community.

St James' Church Fair

Doors open at 9.00am on Saturday 4 May for St James' Church Fair, Church Road.

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