

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Waterlea Primary School

Waterlea's Got Talent - The Waterlea's junior musical has sold out for all the performances and it's no wonder! The talented youngsters have taken to the stage like ducks to water. They loved performing under the big lights while wearing their colourful costumes and sharing their talents to their families. The show opened with a Maori item jam packed with action and rhythm in poi, haka, waiata and mau rakau. The show rolled on through many fun and foot tapping items where bugs, bears, Disney characters, jungle creatures and even pukeko had the crowd singing along. There was something for everyone. For the more mature audience members a chance to wander down memory lane and enjoy dances such as the twist. The younger set was revved up by action packed items performed by snazzy jazzy ensembles and raging rock groups. Even the very young were catered for - they rocked along to favourite catchy tunes such as Gummy Bears. The whole show was a great team event with staff, parents and children sharing their talents and left the audience with the many items tunes playing in their heads.

Last Friday evening our Waterlea Choir performed in the World Vision Kids for Kids Concert with Jacqui Clarke and Nathan King at the Life Convention Centre. It was an absolutely wonderful evening full of humour, fun and great songs. Our 43 Waterlea students looked fantastic and sang their hearts out on the stage along with students from 14 other schools from around the Auckland region. It was great to see our children enjoying themselves after all their hard work throughout the year. A special congratulation goes to Eve Griffith, Room 13, who charmed and impressed the audience with her quirky narration in the Wonky Donkey - a performance to be proud of. This choral group had great parent and teacher support.

Our senior children have been active on the sports fields. Recently our teams represented Waterlea at the Interschool's competition for cross country, hockey, netball soccer and rugby. There was a mixed bag of results with some teams winning all their games and some individual personal bests while others, although not winners on the day were richer for the experience. Everyone who took part enjoyed the experience and was appreciative of the adults who supported them on the day and throughout their training.

Mangere Bridge Scouts - Hypnotist Evening!

Did you ever attend Jamboree as a Scout or Girl Guide? If so, do you remember how much fun it was? At the end of this year, a group of 12 Scouts and 2 Leaders from the Mangere Bridge Scout Troop will be attending the 20th NZ Scout Jamboree in Fielding. This is a 10 day event packed full of fun and challenging activities, with troops arriving from all over NZ and the world! As it is only held every 4 years, it is a memorable highlight of the Scouting years.

Consequently, the Scouts have been fund raising for this event for over a year already, and have one more major event they would like to invite you to: ever wanted to see a live hypnotist in action with your friends? If you already have, you'll know what fun this can be! Come and see Kiwi comedian and hypnotist Guy Cater at the Mangere Bridge Tavern. This is an event for ages 18+ so the Scouts won't be there, but their parents and leaders will be, promising a fun evening of stand up comedy and hilarious hypnotism. This may be the funniest show you ever see, especially if you encourage your friends to get up on stage! Ha ha! Date: Friday, November 1st, tickets cost \$25 each, show starts 8pm. Contact Gina on 027 653 4129 for tickets, and support your local Scout Troop going to Jamboree!

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 club phone 634 6091 for information

Opening Hours

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

From earliest Maori settlement, Chinese market gardeners and pioneering farming families from Europe (after whom many of our streets are named) the four winds have brought us all to Mangere Bridge. We are preparing to go back in time again in October as part of Heritage Month. On Saturday 12 October there will be a Chinese Market from 9am - 1pm with food and entertainment plus a Tai Chi demonstration at 10.30am and a Lion Dance performance.

At 11am check out our 'Fashion through the Ages' fashion parade with period costumes from the early 1900's through the decades up to the present time with a section on 'How to Dress Well on a Budget' presented by the St Vincent de Paul shop. The parade will start in the Village Square and then the models will walk around the shops so you'll get a good view of them all. Look out for a Penny Farthing bicycle and a mystery 'Pioneer Lady'.

Vintage Cars, Jeeps and a Pony & Cart will give free rides to the end of the old bridge and back (times to be confirmed). Enter into the spirit of the occasion and dress up or wear a hat.

The Soulstep Marching Team will demonstrate the sport of marching in Naomi & Bill Kirk Park at 11.45am and 12.15pm. Marching for sport, leisure and recreation is an activity with embryonic beginnings in New Zealand. It first made its appearance on the NZ sporting scene in the dark days of the 1930's depression when Marching teams were formed as part of a nation-wide move.

I have been able to source a good number of wonderful, old photographs of the area and these will be displayed around the shops. The library will also have a photographic display. There is a book available called 'Sons of the Soil' which tells the history of Chinese Market Gardeners in New Zealand and has a section about the community here at Mangere Bridge. Late night is on Thursdays until 8pm and open Saturday until 12.30pm.

On Sunday 13 October the Boutique Market will have a Maori Focus with mussel fritters and hangi plus Maori crafts and there is also some entertainment planned. Te Puea Marae (Miro Rd, off Mahunga Drive) welcomes visitors but contact them in advance.

The Mangere Mountain Education Centre manufactures and sells natural balms. Use as a moisturiser or to treat a number of conditions. The centre is a great place to learn the history of the mountain. Explore the traces of Maori occupation on the Mountain including rua kumara, house terraces and fortifications. Phone: (09) 634 7305 or call into the centre at 100 Coronation Rd.

Further details will be on the business association's website www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or contact the Village Manager on (09) 636 7491.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Ambury Farm

What's new on the farm, Jemima has 10 piglets, the lambs are massive fat thundering things but are still being fed at 4pm for a couple more weeks, all the dairy cows have calved and they are super friendly, two new bulls have arrived for the season, the Jersey bull we named Humberdink and the Simmental is Vivaldi. Baby G the goat is sporting a nice yoke around her neck to keep her in the paddock and not scoffing all the trees and we have a new rabbit named Rosie.

Wow wasn't the rain and storm awesome the other night - we had puddles at the farm where we have never had puddles before! A total of 26mm overnight - not bad.

Sounds like we may have some more of that heading our way.

Better now than FARM DAY!

If you are interested I still need quite a few helpers for Farm Day, the day runs in two shifts - am and pm. Mangere Bridge Kindy makes a beautiful burger for our volunteers - how can you resist?

Love to hear from some of you. Remember it is Sunday 6th October.

This year at Farm Day we will be having a zero waste farm day and the Friends of the Farm and Foreshore will be there with bells on helping to reduce the rubbish created.

Our group, alongside Carol-Anne Armitage (Mangere Bridge Village Manager), want to support Mangere Bridge to become an environmentally responsible 'WasteWise' community that works together to care for its people, streets, parks, village, farm, foreshore, harbour and mountain by reducing the rubbish we produce at home and in our community.

So we are starting at Farm Day! See you there!

Also for anyone interested Freelance adventures are running a school holiday programme at the farm again, October 3rd, 4th, 10th and 11th.

The kids have a great time, they are fully entertained and tired out at the end of the day - what more could you want. Follow the link below.

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Mangere Bridge WasteWise Initiative

Did you know that over 65% of the 1.17 million tonnes of rubbish Auckland sends to landfill each year could have been recycled or composted? Our local 'Friends of Ambury Farm and Foreshore' group, alongside Carol-Anne Armitage (Mangere Bridge Village Manager), wants to support Mangere Bridge to become an environmentally responsible 'WasteWise' community that works together to care for its people, streets, parks, village, farm, foreshore, harbour and mountain.

Reducing the rubbish we produce at home and in our community is good for our local environment and will decrease our contribution to landfill. It will also save us money, with Auckland Council planning to introduce charges for the collection of this rubbish by 2015.

To find out more, look out for the WasteWise group at Ambury Farm Day, the local market and other community events over the next 12 months. Please join us in making this an exciting opportunity for the Mangere Bridge community to find creative solutions that benefit us and our environment.

For more information contact:

Janine Nillesen 027 2160183
Frances Hancock 021 0722696
Meredith Fountain meredithf68@gmail.com

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Congratulations to the following Championship winners:

Pairs Winners	Marilyn Baskiville and Geoff Slee
Runner up	Ian Price and Gloria Maughan
Fours Winners	Marilyn Baskiville, Nessie Thomson and Sue Redfern
Runners up	Fred Webster, Josh Smith and Geoff Slee
Skips and Leads Winners	Marilyn Baskiville and Danny Maddon
Runners up	David Sayers and Doris Lowe
Graded Fours Winners	Ian Price, Jeanne Carey and Jocelyn Rose

Our Fours championships have had to be played as triples because not enough members were able to play.

More members are required to keep the club running so if you are interested please give us a call or come and visit on a Monday 7.30pm (practice night) or a Wednesday 7.20pm at War Memorial Hall, Domain Road, Mangere Bridge. Our Championships have finished now so good time to get some practice in for next year, and increase your circle of acquaintances and friends. Prize giving is Wednesday November 6th.

Copy Deadline for November 2013

Deadline for the November Issue is the 21st October 2013. To ensure that your article makes the November issue please email your articles to articles@mangerebridge.co.nz. We cannot guarantee a definite delivery time for the Village Newsletter, however we will do our best to have it delivered before the advertised upcoming events.

St James

St James' Players annual Theatre Restaurant is on Friday 18 October at 7.00pm in St James' Church Hall, Church Road. Theme this year is "Down on the Farm" - time to create an outrageous/funny/clever costume as fancy dress adds atmosphere. Raffle \$2 a ticket, 3 for \$5 drawn on the night. Fully catered meal with unique entertainment, complimentary glass of wine/fruit juice and guaranteed a fun night out. Entry by ticket only - \$30 per person, 8 to a table, book through Di on 634 2003. Don't miss it!

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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	\$8	(soft tech & recyclables)
Creative Kids	Tuesday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	Free	(art classes for 8-12yrs)
Art Classes	Wednesday	9.30am - 12.30pm	\$5	(art with Rick Julian)
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)
Box Fit	Thursday	4.00pm - 5.00pm	free	(10 - 17yrs)
Kidz Club	Friday	9.30am - 11.30am	gold coin	(pre-school age playgroup)

EXERCISE

Chi Ball	Monday	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	

FOOD & COOKING

Kiwi Cooking	Thursday	11.30am - 1.00pm	\$2	(Learn to cook traditional kiwi meals)
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Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby 2013

Preparation for the 2013 Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby is underway. Promising even more fun than the 2012 event on Ambury Road, this year's Trolley Derby is taking place on a longer and faster course on Taylor Road, Sunday November 17th.

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, Neighbor 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.

If you don't know how to build a trolley never fear. Build clinics will start in October and run each Saturday at the Mangere Bridge Scout den. Come along if you need any help building or designing your trolley, even if you've never built anything before, we'll help you sort your Phillips head from your Allen key.

With local business sponsorship from the Mangere Bridge GAS Petrol Service Station, and FuelMe in Onehunga, we've also been fortunate to receive financial support from the Mangere-Otahuhu Local Board area Auckland Council, so this year's event is going to be bigger and better.

Working closely with the local Mangere Bridge Scout Group, it all culminates in a family oriented community day where we can celebrate the completion of the project with a day full of good spirited competition. There will be 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 Andrew on 09 634 1725, or to register your entry go to www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz or check us out on <https://www.facebook.com/MangereBridgeTrolleyDerby>

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