

MANGERE BRIDGE



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2.5 - 5 year olds at the Mangere Bridge Scout Hall on Taylor Rd (behind the bowling club) on Friday mornings 9.15am - 9.55am

4 - 8 year olds at Waterlea Primary on Wednesday afternoon 3.15 - 4pm.

Contact Erin for a FREE trial on 021 923232 or coacherin@playball.co.nz or sign up now at www.playball.co.nz

Govenor General visits Mountain View School



Mountain View School was privileged to have His Excellency Lt Gen the Rt Hon Sir Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General of New Zealand attend the Lifting of the Tapu Dawn Ceremony and officially open the new Silasila Modern Learning Environment. It was wonderful to see so many visitors, Mangere Bridge residents and families come to school so early to attend this very special event.



What's on in the Bridge

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| 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 |
| 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 Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm |
| 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 |
| Tue - Thu | Mangere Bridge Walking group 9am |
| Mon/Wed/Fri | Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road |
| 2nd 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

Monday - Friday 8am to 6pm
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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

If you have passed the library recently you may be interested to know what all the construction is about. Thanks to a bequest from Mr. Charles Tuck they have been able to plan an outdoor courtyard at the rear of the library to use for their many activities. It will be a great asset to the community and a huge improvement on the overgrown garden and tall flax bushes that were there (some of which were donated to a school) which blocked sight lines for the CCTV cameras overlooking the rear car park. The courtyard will have seats, shade sails and better lighting.

The footpaths and parking areas are again covered with leaves. Business associations around Auckland are complaining constantly about the drop in service levels for footpath cleaning. Complaints made to our Local Board and Councillor Alf Filipaina have not brought any resolution so our business association has written to the Mayor. In addition the Central /South BID managers have requested representatives from Auckland Transport attend our next manager's meeting to seek better outcomes. In the meantime we have discovered that there is provision for extra cleans for leaf fall during winter so I am hopeful of seeing an improvement. In the meantime please take care as these leaves become slippery after rain.

Lindsay, our volunteer, who did lots of odd jobs around the village, is temporarily on holiday in Christchurch with his sister as his elderly parents have moved into a rest home. The family is looking for a small one bedroom unit or bedsit for him in Mangere Bridge. Please contact me if you know of anything suitable.

A ramp has been installed at the Post Office entrance. The original one was removed by the contractors who upgraded the footpath but didn't re-instate the ramp.

Mangere Bridge Pharmacy is now open on Sundays from 10am - 2pm. 8am - 6pm Mon - Fri, 9am - 1pm Sat.

HOP cards can be purchased or topped up at 'Top Dairy' in the Harcourts block where there is now also a rental agency.

If you like Twinkies from the USA they are now available at United Video.

As my position is only funded for part time hours I work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, therefore the Management Office is often unattended. Messages can be left on (09) 636 7491 or you can contact me through the Business Association's website:

www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association



The wonderful Entertainment books have now come out for 2014-2015! the fundraising the books assist with is helping keep this newsletter running, so please do support us... please contact me to order one at shane@mangerebridge.co.nz or by visiting <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1032k86>

Mangere Bridge School PTA Book Fair

Friday 27th June, 3pm - 6pm & Saturday 28th, 8am - Midday in the school Auditorium

Help raise funds for the new library!
Books/Games/Puzzles

Warm up - Counties Manukau

Free home insulation for low income families

To ensure that you and your family are better prepared for winter this is the time to consider whether or not you and your family are eligible for the free retrofitting insulation programme Warm Up Counties Manukau offered by the Counties Manukau District Health Board.

By insulating your home you will improve the health of your family and you will reduce your power bills through having a more energy efficient house. Living in cold damp homes is impacting on the health of our community. We want to reach out to families who meet the eligibility criteria and who have the most to benefit from having their homes insulated by the programme.

For further information please contact the Warm Up Team (09) 262 9583 or email warmup@cmdhb.org.nz.

Volunteer Wanted

Ambury Regional Park needs help this year raising orphan lambs and other animal husbandry tasks.

We need a dedicated person who can support rangers and other volunteers during the peak season at Ambury Farm. You will need to be able to make a commitment for 6 weeks and up to 4 hours a day 4 - 5 times a week. If you are interested in being outdoors, helping with animals and working with a great team down on the farm.

Please contact Janine @ Ambury, ph: 636 6118 or email janine.nillesen@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz - Remember this is volunteering position.

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Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Congratulations to our first Championship winners of the year:

Triples Winners Murray Keesing, Helen Robinson and Geoff Slee

Mixed Pairs Winners Fred Webster and Annmarie Hannan

Runners up Danny Maddan and Gaile Hannan

Drawn Fours (played as Triples) Winners Jeanne Carey, Maria Reid, Joshua Smith

Singles Winner Joshua Smith

Runner up Ian Price

New members are still welcome. Come along on a Wednesday evening to the Memorial Hall, Domain Road, names in by 7.20pm.

WasteWise - Sweet Talks

Over 40 people, with a combined total of 774 years connection with Mangere Bridge, joined in the first of a series of neighbourhood 'Sweet Talks' at Ambury Farm last week. Hosted by Friends of the Farm and Foreshore, this fun and informative event drew local residents with connections to many local groups, including churches, schools, early childhood centres, sporting groups, interest groups and businesses.

The purpose of the gathering was to create another opportunity for people in the community to meet one another, to share what our Friends' WasteWise group has been doing in the community, to generate ideas for ongoing waste reduction in Mangere Bridge, and share practical tips.

We discussed what makes Mangere Bridge a "WasteWise, Caring Community" and practical ideas to enhance this vision. People highlighted their connections with others and suggested new ways to meet, including a community picnic. Many valued our public spaces and suggested ideas to ensure their ongoing care, building on previous efforts, such as clean-up projects and recycling workshops. People thought we could enhance our image as a "WasteWise, Caring Community" through signage and media. Our village businesses are a community hub and a means to further promote this image. We also discussed ways to upcycle, reuse and recycle.

After the event, Mangere Bridge resident, Damon Shelly offered fabulous feedback. "The biggest thank you," she said, "for hosting/creating this event. Much, much more fun than I'd imagined, very well run – and I was taken aback at how misinformed I was when it comes to environmental issues and recycling. The knowledge shared is invaluable and will certainly be passed on. I was also tickled to meet a neighbour who I have lived beside for 3 years and never knew. Any one of these good things would have made the evening worthwhile, together it was outstanding. Thanks again, I'm looking forward to being a part of the next 'Sweet Talks'."

Our group was extremely heartened by the turn out and response to our first 'Sweet Talks'. Huge thanks to Donna Hansen for her gorgeous supper. We're now considering how to progress some of the fantastic ideas. We'll keep you posted! If you'd like to know more about our group or to get involved in what we're doing, please check out our blog:

(www.mangerebridgewatsewise.blogspot.co.nz) or contact us at: justineskilling@gmail.com or Frances Hancock 0210722696.

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ARTS & CRAFTS

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|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|
| 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 | Free | (beginners/introduction) |
| Flax Weaving | Monday | 11.30am - 1.30pm | Free | (intermediate - advanced) |
| 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 Club | 3rd Sat/month | 10.00am - 1.00pm | \$5 | |

ADULT INTEREST

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|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| High Notes | Monday | 12.30pm - 1.30pm | Free | (music for special needs adults) |
| Waiata (Maori Songs) | Monday | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | Free | (learn Te Reo thru song) |
| Dance 4 Us | Tuesday | 1.30pm - 2.30pm | gold coin | (Dance for special needs adults) |
| 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

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| Active Music & Movement (Class 1) | Monday | 9.30am - 10.10am | gold coin | (pre-school age) |
| Active Music & Movement (Class 2) | Monday | 10.30am - 11.10am | gold coin | (pre-school age) |
| Picasso Kidz | Tuesday | 9.30am - 10.30am | \$8 (\$45 for term) | (pre-school age) |
| Picasso Kidz | Tuesday | 11am - 12pm | \$8 (\$45 for term) | (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

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|----------|-----------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| Chi Ball | Monday | 10.00am - 11.30am | \$5 | |
| Zumba | Wed/Thur | 9.30am - 10.30am | \$3 | (children welcome) |
| Zumba | Wednesday | 7pm - 8pm | \$5 | |
| Box Fit | Thursday | 4.00pm - 5.00pm | free | (10 - 17yrs) |
| Zumba | Sunday | 8am - 9am | \$5 | |

FOOD & COOKING

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| Milly's Kitchen | Thursday | 11.30am - 1.00pm | \$2 | (Learn to cook traditional kiwi meals) |
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Important contact details

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| Citizens Advice Bureau | 275 6885 |
| Mangere Bridge Post office | 636 9645 |
| Village Management Office | 636 7491 |
| Community Constable | 634 2208 |

Mangere Bridge Community Information Services

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| Village Newsletter | 021 815 184 |
| Mangere Bridge Website | 021 815 184 |
| Articles | articles@mangerebridge.co.nz |
| Advertising | shane@mangerebridge.co.nz |
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