

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Great learning happens at Waterlea

There is lots to celebrate at Waterlea. Just about all of our parents came to school to hear from their children about the great learning they are doing. Not only was there good news about their progress in reading, writing and maths they might have heard about how the children have been keeping fit and learning new games and skills like swimming, ripper rugby, tae-kwon-do, netball and soccer.

To get first hand experiences to help our learning we have been on visits to places like Arataki, the zoo and Ambury Farm where, with the help of the knowledgeable Rangers, we learned about growing native trees and plants.

We are also helping look after our environment. We are decorating some dotterel roosting boxes for Watercare. These roosting boxes protect the dotterel chicks from predators as they grow. We are excited about being able to contribute to the care of these clever, hardy birds.

There's lots of slurping noises around the school when it's time to drink our milk from the Fonterra Milk in Schools programme that has just started.

On Mondays and Fridays we are trying to save our planet and keep fit when we ask our families to leave the car at home and let the children walk to school on our 2 new walking school buses.

To top off our great learning this term we have invited our parents to view the amazing art works we have produced for our art exhibition on the 25th June.



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
- 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
Saturday 9am to 1:00pm
Sunday 10am to 2pm

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Village Happenings

with Carol-Anne

I always breathe a sigh of relief when we get to the shortest day as gradually the nights will start to get lighter again but we still have the coldest month to go, July - good weather for having a hot chocolate or a nice hot, bowl of soup at one of our outstanding cafes.

The supermarket upgrade to Fresh Choice, which is part of Progressive Enterprises, is underway. There are four stores in Auckland; Glen Eden, Half Moon Bay, Ranui and Waimauku and on their website place an emphasis on fresh food being the cornerstone to a healthy and enjoyable life. Work is being done at night to minimise disruption to customers. It's a new era for Mangere Bridge. Lots of things are happening. The family medical centre has been taken over by East Tamaki Healthcare; the bridal shop will become an Asian restaurant and the old Yankee Doodle Shop a real estate agency.

The business association works closely with Friends of the Farm & Foreshore (FOFF) to encourage our business owners to cut down on the amount of waste currently going into landfill. As a pilot programme three organisations will be collecting any leftover food from the café strip and we are looking at different ways of collecting food waste to convert into compost or stock feed.

One of my aims is for Mangere Bridge Village to become 'plastic bag free' and to encourage shoppers to keep a supply of cloth bags in their car instead of needing plastic bags for their shopping. It's better for the environment and cuts down costs for business owners.

We support recycling and upcycling and together with FOFF are looking at ideas to share with the community. We are hoping to have a collection point in the new Fresh Choice store for plastic bags (which can be recycled and made into drums for cables) and small batteries. Follow this blog for regular updates www.mangerebridgewastewise.blogspot.co.nz

Let's be a WasteWise Community!

The Manukau Beautification Trust collects electronic equipment. If you have an old TV or computer equipment to get rid of check out this website: <http://www.beautifulmanukau.org.nz/e-cycling.html>. They also recycle many other electronic household items and provide an everyday solution which is convenient and offers responsible handling, dismantling and recycling of e-waste.

I can be contacted through the business association's website: www.mangerebridgevillage.co.nz or phone 636 7491 to leave a message.

kind regards

Carol-Anne Armitage

Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association



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Mangere Boating Club Gurnard fishing competition

When: 2nd August

Ticket Prices: \$20 per Adult, \$5 for Juniors (12 and under)

\$5 of each ticket sold will go towards the lift required for Ric Stewart's van. Contact the Mangere Boating Club for more information.

Mangere Bridge Arts Group Original Art Sale

The Spring Exhibition of the Mangere Bridge Arts Group will take place at St James Church Hall, Church Rd, Mangere Bridge on Sat 23rd and Sun 24th August from 10 am to 4 pm.

All works are for sale and the exhibits are all produced by the local art group. A variety of media, oil, pastel, acrylic, pen and ink and watercolour are all represented.

This is the tenth year the group have organised this popular event so why not come along and enjoy the efforts of your local artists. This is an opportunity to purchase original artworks at affordable prices, and possibly meet the artist who created it.

Free Entry - Refreshments are available throughout the weekend and over 200 works are for sale at this two day event.

- **Free Entry**
- St James Church Hall
- Church Rd, Mangere Bridge
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Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby 2014

Preparation for the 2014 Mangere Bridge Trolley Derby is underway. This year's Trolley Derby is taking place on the same course as last year on Taylor Road, Sunday November 16th but with a few surprises in store for drivers.

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. Trolley Build workshops and Parts Days will be coming up soon at the Mangere Bridge Scout den, so you can come along if you need any help building or designing your trolley, or if you're looking for spare parts, even if you've never built anything before, we can help you sort your Phillips head from your Allen key.

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 check out the website to find out more at www.mbtrolleyderby.co.nz and to be kept in the loop Like Us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MangereBridgeTrolleyDerby>

Mangere Bridge Lions Club

If you are interested in becoming part of a World wide voluntary organisation that wants to help others please attend our Public Meeting to be held on:

**THURSDAY JULY 17TH AT 7PM IN THE ST JAMES CHURCH HALL
CHURCH ROAD MANGERE BRIDGE**

Lions work towards bettering the lives of those in our Community and other areas by Fundraising and helping all. We ask that you only give as much time as you are able as every little helps and we all lead busy lives. If you would like to find out more about our aims and goals please attend this very important meeting.

Mangere Bridge Burglary

Mangere Bridge residents should be aware that there has been a recent spate of break ins in the area. Our home was recently burgled. The thieves took a number of items including a 13inch Apple Mac book Pro laptop and an antique Chinese gold bracelet with jade stone insets. The laptop has precious family photos and the bracelet is a family heirloom. Anyone who has information leading to the recovery of these items, please contact Jason on 0220 468 558 or the local community police station. A generous reward will be offered for the safe return of these items.

Mangere Bridge is a great neighbourhood. Getting to know your neighbours and keeping an eye out for any suspicious behaviour can help keep crime down.

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Mangere Local Lass Overcomes Challenges

Mangere Historical Society listened with great interest as we heard of the challenges Dale Wartraby (nee Clough) had to overcome to train to be an Electrical and Mechanical Engineer. She had left school thinking she would be a teacher but changed her mind and undertook technical training. She was disillusioned when after six months she discovered that the men who had the same training, were being paid at a higher rate than she was getting. She travelled overseas for some time. On her return she worked for Bishman Electrical and moved on to "design and building" consultancy work. She found that estimations were very stressful work. She moved to Opus and did basic training of 40 other graduates. She has worked on a variety of projects and her latest is working with Fletchers on the huge Westgate extension Mall. This was something that we knew nothing about. The new streets have been named by numbers in Maori e.g. Taai, Rua Toru etc. Many of the very big companies in New Zealand have elected to build substantial shops in this complex. There is to be an underground car parking area which allows buses based there to connect across to the West Harbour ferry service to take people from West Auckland into the City. Dale passed around conceptual pages of the many businesses and buildings which will start to be built very soon and completed by Labour weekend 2015. The members had a very informative and interesting afternoon.

Matariki at the Mangere Mountain Education Centre

Listen, Learn, Sing, Share and celebrate Matariki the Maori new year at the Mangere Mountain Education Centre.

A range of hands-on Maori workshops associated with Matariki can be enjoyed by all during July 2014.

These workshops include: Basic Weaving, Making Kites, Story Telling, Singing and MORE...

If you would like to make a booking or for more information, contact staff at the Centre via

Email: mangeremountain@xtra.co.nz or Phone: 634 7305

Wild School Holidays at Mangere Bridge Library - Free Events

Sat 5th July - 1:30pm - 3pm Go wild with LEGO - Let your imagination run free what can you build?

Mon 7th July - 2:30 - 4pm Its a zoo in here - Let your imagination go wild with a fun animal craft.

Wed 9th July - 2:30 - 4pm Meet the twits - Meet Mr & Mrs Twit then make a collage of thier upside-down house

Fri 11th July 3:30 - 4:30pm Lost in the wild - Star Gazing - Using the stars to find your way

Copy Deadline for August 2014

Deadline for the August Issue is the 21st July 2014. To ensure that your article makes the August 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.



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