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Waterlea Primary School

Great learning is underway at Waterlea for the 2015 year. Glancing back to 2014 saw our classes working on a project with Watercare Service where each class adopted a local bird to research. Each child drew their chosen bird and wrote interesting facts about it. Classes voted on whose poster should represent the class. Chris Garton, from Watercare Services, had those selected drawings made into posters which are now displayed along the Ambury Farm Waterfront. Some of our classes will visit them this week when we put our feet first and walk down to the farm for our Whanau Morning. The public are welcome to wander down and check out these informative posters to learn about our local birds. Copies of the posters are being compiled into a book. We have asked for a copy of this book to be donated to the Mangere Bridge Library so everyone can check out our local birds. Below is Chris Garton with some of the chosen children showing off their fabulous posters.



The godwits are on their way, come along and say hooray.

Bar-tailed godwits are long haul champions. Every year they fly huge distances to and from their breeding grounds in Alaska. Their outward journey is in two hops via the Yellow Sea then, after breeding, they return on a direct flight from Alaska to New Zealand. This non stop return journey of more than 11,000km across the Pacific Ocean is the longest known flight of any migratory bird.

Come and join us to wish these frequent flyers goodbye and good luck.

The morning will include a walk and talk, suitable for all ages, and family activities.

Equipment:

- binoculars (if you have them) • suitable walking shoes • camera • water • bring a friend.

The morning will be followed by a presentation in the Ambury farm barn at 12.30 – light refreshments provided.

Ms Estella Lee will talk about the Godwits. Estella has joined the bird survey in Yalu Jiang, several times.

She will have a lot of information and experience to share.

For more information please contact Janine.nillese@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or phone 6366118

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 & 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 9:30 - 10:30am Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Ctr. Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
THURSDAY	Bridge Art Group, 9am - 12:00, Memorial Hall Scouts 7-9pm. Bridge Park Tennis Club Night 6:00pm
FRIDAY	Sing-a-long storytime 10:30am Library. Playball 2-5 years 9:15-9:55am, Mangere Bridge Scout Hall, Taylor Rd
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 Meet at Village notice board - 636 3556
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 526 0250.
3rd Tue	Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James Hall Church St
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

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Village Happenings

with Kate

Wow I can't believe that it's already March! This year seems to be moving along very quickly.

Lovely to see that the sun is still out and shining - I hope everyone is making the most of it.

Sadly I have been hearing a lot about car break-ins and petty crime in the area via social media. I think that as a community this is something that we all need to be aware of so that we can try and stop this. I think that it's really important to get to know your neighbors and people that live around you, or even start up a good old neighborhood watch group.

Mangere Bridge is such a wonderful community and a great place to live, let's try and keep it that way.

If you do see anything suspicious please call

0800555111, this is an anonymous call centre for reporting crime.

Village Focus

Poppy Project - Thanks everyone for all the support and feedback we have received with regards to the Poppy project. We have had a lot of people and groups really getting involved in this which is fantastic. There are still patterns available from ASB, Ruby, Stationery shop, The Library and Harcourts office. Please may I ask that you drop any completed poppies off to the Harcourts office.

Upcoming events 2015

St Patricks Day - St Patrick's day celebrations will be held on the 15th March this year with entertainment, activities for the kids and extra markets stalls so make sure to mark it on the calendar for a fun day for the whole family.

kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

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Mangere Historical Society

Mangere heard the recipe for success from David Veart.

This Onehunga ex Head boy from decades back, qualified as a Lawyer, Teacher and Archeologist He has spent a considerable amount of time, researching as DoC representative, the early gardens of the Maori dating back 650-750 years ago. He then started to investigate the very early cook books of the English. His first one was a massive tome that was meant for the lady of the house to use as she advised the "Cook" of all the things required of or by the household staff. Often the early cook books seemed to have stories accompanying the requirements. It was assumed that everyone knew how to cook meats, but many sauces and pickles to accompany the meats was including. He mentioned how the Maori gardens at Mangere, provided so much food for Onehunga settlers, as the Harbour Master had recorded the many canoe loads of fruit and vegetables landed at Onehunga's beach. Mrs Beeton's cookbook showed some very heavy and interesting diets. In 1850 Elizabeth Aitkin was the first cook book writer as we know them.

Those heavy tomes shown to us earlier, were not practical and smaller light-weight ones were published in Dunedin, that could be appreciated by the women who were educated sufficiently to read them. Mary Hooper wrote about using frozen foods. Recipes using Offal were also published. Lady Freyberg, wife of a Governor General of N.Z. at one time, had published her Scottish Mother's recipes which were very popular. Aunt Daisy's recipe book with its handy hints included was well known as was the much used Edmonds Cook book familiar to most women in N.Z.

The afternoon was completed with a celebratory afternoon tea for the Secretary on her New Year award of Q.S.M. for services

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Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers met for their first meeting of the year. It was very encouraging to have new members come along to contribute their thoughts and concerns for this special area that we are fortunate to enjoy.

Mark Erskine, our designated Mangrove project leader has been pursuing various Council officers who are responsible for this area of council concern. It seems inexplicable that when this is their portfolio that they are not willing to come to a meeting with the Mangere people who have a passion for clearing these weeds from our much loved harbour fore-shore. The Residents have worked very hard over the years to do the work that the Council should have been doing. There is a meeting to be held now on 3rd March and we await the outcome with great interest. The Local Board are now responsible for getting resource consent for more clearances.

Bill Kirk has for many years taken the cleaning of the all tide boat ramp as one of his many responsibilities. His concern regarding this facility and its problems has worried him and he has sent many letters to the various Officers of the Council. The answers that come back never really answer the concerns that have been pointed out.

He posed questions such as; - Who is responsible for the total failure of the upgrade to make the all-tide ramp what it is was meant to do? An all tide boat ramp that will be available for vessels to be launched and retrieved at all tide levels, and for rescue craft to be able to be launched and retrieved.

What steps are the Council going to take to rectify this serious and possible life threatening situation? Who is going to pay?

He has pointed out the history of the locals and their concerns for the inadequate ramp, meetings held with M.C.C. and promises and plans made by their officers.

Jim Jackson from Manukau Harbour Restoration Society has also expressed frustration at the lack of action from those concerned. The brand "Auckland Council" has been badly damaged through poor quality management decisions, by officers and politicians. He also strongly advocates for a formal enquiry in a responsible manner as has the R & R.

The need for more parking areas at the Bridge shops was expressed, as the popular eating places brings more and more people to the cafes.

A query regarding no taxi rank was made and the need to have phone numbers recorded, perhaps in the phone booth.

People travelling illegally on a friend's Gold Card had been observed on the buses. This seems to be costing out on many others.

R & R welcomes all resident to their meetings held on second Wednesday of every month at St James Hall at 7.30p.m

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- Maundy Thursday:** 2nd April at 7.00 pm. A re-enactment of the Last Supper with foot washing service. Commemorating Christ's action is washing His disciple's feet before His crucifixion, as an illustration of Christian servanthood to one another.
- Good Friday:** 3rd April at 8.30 am in the Village and 9.00 am at the church. This service is preceded by the Procession of the Cross from the Mangere Bridge Hardware in the Mangere Bridge Village at 8.30 am. There are a number of the Stations of the Cross on the way up to the church. Do come and join us in this procession of witness. The Good Friday reflection service at the church begins at 9.00 am.
- Easter Eve:** Saturday 4th April at 11.30 pm. This service begins with all main lights off. A short Service of Light when the new Easter Candle is lit, followed by the Eve service which begins at midnight. The first communion for Easter.
- Easter Day:** Sunday 4th April at 9.00 am. Easter Celebration Communion Service for the resurrection of Jesus. The St James Choir will be joining with us for this special service of Easter anthems.

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Mangere Community House for all enquiries

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