

MANGERE BRIDGE



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Waterlea Primary School

There's much to celebrate at Waterlea where great learning happens:

We are very excited and proud that Mangere Bridge Kindergarten won the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Education in the Early Childhood sector. Over the years through inclusive practices MB Kindergarten have built strong relationships with both Mangere Bridge and Waterlea schools to ensure the children successful transition to school. They have shared their transition processes with other schools and kindergartens throughout New Zealand. As part of the PM Awards a film crew, from the Ministry of Education, spent time at Waterlea recently capturing the stories of children, parents and teachers about transition. The filmed story will be available for viewing by other schools on the ministry website. It was played at the awards ceremony in Wellington where Andrea Jamieson, the Deputy Principal of our Junior School, represented our school.

Caring, Kind Hearts – Our Senior School held their annual Shop Day on Friday 19 June to raise money for a charity that supports health research. This links in with this term studies as the Senior School have been learning about body systems and how to take care of our body.

Quizathon – The children raised a whopping \$9123 through the recent quizathon fundraiser. Room 2 won the pizza lunch for the highest funds raised - a grand total of \$1245! We are really grateful to everyone who supported this fund raiser that will be used for subsidising team trips and visits.

We've been getting help and helping others – Counties Manukau Sports has helped our Year 2 children to learn a variety of skills like: balancing, leaping, striking, dodging etc. These skills along with developing spatial and body awareness, help to increase our children's ability to learn and participate in games and sports.

The Year 1-3 children have rolled up their sleeves to help at Ambury Farm planting trees to create future areas of shelter and gathering seeds. They dug holes, planted young trees, mulched around the newly planted trees and placed surrounds around each tree for wind protection. They collected manuka seeds to look after back at school for future planting.

Recently we opened up our school to teachers and school leaders from schools in Queenstown, Cromwell and Alexandra. The focus for their visit included looking at our work in transition, SOLO taxonomy, using e-learning tools to support learning, collaborating within a cluster and supporting Maori learners. We are very happy to host these visitors to further develop our ongoing learning relationship.

At our Whanau Morning it was great helping our mums and dads understand how their child is learning to learn. We treated parents to a presentation by the children then asked them to join a group to learn something using the SOLO taxonomy. We had a great time and at the end our parents enjoyed a well-earned cuppa in the David Lange Memorial Hall with the other adults.

Entertainment Books

We now have the 2015-2016 Entertainment Books available to purchase for \$65 each - Contact shane@mangerebridge.co.nz or 021 815 184 to order one

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 Library Book Club 10:30am
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Clue, Day Trips phone 526 0250.
3rd Tue	Mangere Historical Soc 1:30pm St James Hall Church St
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 Kate

As I sit here writing this month's issue the sun is shining but it's freezing outside. Winters definitely here and although it's crisp it's a nice feeling sometimes to rug up and dress cozy for the winter months. When it's not raining it's still nice to get out and enjoy the sunshine.

I have noticed lately that there have been a lot of leaves around the village and I have been on to the council about this so hopefully it will be under control soon. If you see the footpaths in a bad state please lodge a complaint with the Call Centre on 301 0101.

Village Focus

St Vincent De Paul - Have the most amazing knitwear available for babies, this is all knitted by Elizabeth and Margaret and sold in store from \$2.00 per item. A wonderful gift for any newborn.

They also have knitted slippers which are great for keeping warm over the winter months.

Brandys Roasts - Fantastic way to get your weekly roast without all the cooking. Have you tried Brandy's "pork roast" by far the most popular dish sold at Brandy's, pop on in and try it out and they even have desserts to complete the meal.

Upcoming events 2015

Community Crime Prevention Meeting
15th July at the Scout Hall on Taylor Road.

7pm - 8.30pm, a great chance for business owners and local residents to come along and talk with the Police and learn about crime prevention.

Residents and ratepayers meetings

Correction - these are held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the St James hall on Church Road. 7pm onwards.

I can be contacted through the Business Association's website:

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kind regards

Kate Adams

Village Manager

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Newsletter improvement ideas

We are always looking to improve the community newsletter so if you do have suggestions on improvements, people to ask for articles, or even if you are able to write some articles yourself we would love to hear from you... without ideas from the community we can't improve the newsletter... contact shane@mangerebridge.co.nz with any improvement ideas you have.

Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowling Club

Congratulations to our Championship winners:

Mixed Pairs Winners	Ken Oldfield and Judy McGuire
Runners up	Danny Madden and Maria Reid
Drawn Fours Winners	Ian Price, Jocelyn Rose, Geoff Slee, Sue Redfern
Runner up	Helen Robinson, Alison Smith, Gloria Maughan, Stefan Henton
Singles Winner	Marilyn Baskiville
Runner up	Ian Price
Mens Singles Winner	Ian Price
Runner up	Geoff Slee
Ladies Singles Winner	Marilyn Baskiville
Runner up	Maria Reid

Our next Plunket Tournaments are Friday 24th July and 18th September. The hall will be closed for renovations for the first three weeks of July, so hope to see everyone back at bowls on 22nd July.

Mini Mozart

Mini Mozart now enrolling for term 3:

- Fun and friendly music classes for 5-8 year olds
- \$5 per lesson for an 8 week term fee of \$40
- Lessons involve fun games and songs that teach basic music skills, and opportunities to apply these skills to musical instruments
- Thursdays 5-5:30pm weekly

Contact Cara at caragermaine@gmail.com for more information.

Copy Deadline for August 2015

Deadline for the August Issue is the 22nd July. 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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Mangere Historical Society

Back to School for some Mangere Historical Society members.

The speaker at the June meeting was Audrey Ritchie, who has become the Archivist for the Historical Onehunga Primary School in Selwyn St Onehunga. This very old building is slowly being restored, room by room, exterior and interior.. The only other school of this design is at Herne Bay. Bayfield School. Audrey had researched so many of the stories associated with this venerable building. It has comparatively recently had the Bell Tower restored, the original plans show where the hand basins were in every corridor; a box of tiles was discovered under the building, by tradesmen. The lovely Buchanan Prize Honours Board has been restored and other associated boards installed alongside. Behind the original one was a surprise, when a list of WWI ex-pupils was found.

Some of the pupils who have excelled in their particular field have been written up in a book yet to be published. Sir Vincent Meredith, William Friar well recognised soldier and winner of the Bisley Rifle shooting competition for many years, Jonah Lomu for a very short time, Sir Murray Brennan, recently knighted in the New Year Honours for his work in Cancer research, surgery, and teaching at Sloan Kettering Research Hospital in New York. She discovered that Onehunga had once been both primary and High School with a roll of 800 pupils. It was thought to be the first school to train School Army Cadets.

Parents and Grandparents of many Onehunga residents attended this school.

Audrey has worked hard and came with many photo albums and folios of data that she has accumulated through her many years of research and work. She has scanned school rolls, talked to the local RSA for information, read up Papers Past and talked to many people. It all made for a very informative talk.

Community help needed to retain alcohol bans

Alcohol Bans in public places across Auckland are being reviewed and won't exist after 30 October unless there is evidence of alcohol-related crime or disorder. The Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board is asking residents for their support in providing the evidence to keep vital alcohol bans in their neighbourhood parks.

We're asking residents who have seen or experienced alcohol-related crime and disorder, in a current alcohol ban area, to submit this as evidence to help retain the ban.

This is one of the ways we can ensure our public places are safe, free from intimidation, and accessible for everyone.

Evidence for the alcohol ban review is being accepted from 19 June to 17 July and should be alcohol-related and relevant to a specific alcohol ban area. This may include:

- Photos of alcohol-related broken glass and /or litter with a description of time and location in the park
- People drinking alcohol which may lead to aggressive, intimidating or offensive behaviour toward others
- People gathering in public places, drinking alcohol, and being noisy and disruptive to neighbours
- Inappropriate behaviour as a result of drinking alcohol (this may include urinating in public, fighting and property damage).

Evidence can be submitted online at www.shapeauckland.co.nz (from 19 June) or in a submission form available from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board office.

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 There is no cost. The class is held on Monday 6-8pm at the Mangere East Community Centre behind the library on Massey Road. The new term starts the 20th July. Phone Olofa 0211796752 or Pua 634 1878 evenings. Manuia le aso, fa'afetai.

Community Fruit Harvest

Members of the community are able to come and pick unwanted citrus fruit and donate to local food banks... If You want to help be involved in picking you can contact **Pickfruitm-bridge@gmail.com**

Last year we donated over 50 banana size boxes.

Mangere Bridge Residents and Ratepayers

Mangere Resident and Ratepayers have had several concerns brought up at their last meeting.

The review of the liquor ban areas along the Mangere Waterfront and associated parks is evidently to be review and many local residents have commented on the marked improvement they experienced once this was put in place. They are worried that there may well be a return to the rubbish that they had been clearing away from the adjoining park areas, the noisy behaviour and parties that disturbed the peace at all hours etc.

The disturbing fact the Auckland Council are considering allocating the two top paddocks of Ambury Farm for a campervan parking area and storage of equipment, on the land that Mangere Pony Club have requested as extra grazing for their horses. This was at one time the largest Pony Club in N.Z. and now that St Heliers have had their grounds taken from them, their members would like to come and join with Mangere. At the present time there is no extras grazing available at the Mangere Grounds in Wellesley Rd and their property adjoins these two paddocks. It seems very reasonable to ask the Council to reconsider their options for the betterment of the young people and their animals.

Activity was noted on the Harbour frontage as investigations continues searching for the fault area in the Harbour bed before the tunnelling for the Central Interceptor pipe to be installed. Helicopters have been re-enforcing the stability of the power pylon with concrete suspended in buckets as they dart along their air corridor.

A replacement Secretary is required for this group as our hard working Brian Pilkington has been committed to more responsibilities with Police Patrols, Cop Shop efficiency etc. as well as his own business commitments. If you are able to take minutes and send out email information please contact Val Payne 636 9261

The Resident and Ratepayers AGM will be held at St James Hall on August 12th at 7.30. Come along and voice your concerns and support the hard working group who for many years have fought for the betterment of our Mangere Bridge area.



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