

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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Activities Galore at Waterlea School

New Junior Sandpit:

Waterlea School had a new sandpit built during the holidays by Daryl Kirman the school's caretaker. This sandpit was designed by Emma Wallace a past pupil of the school and last year (2008) a Year 13 student at Onehunga High School.

Special thanks too must go to The Lion Foundation, Daryl Kirman, Ross Green Contractor, J.K. Fillmore Contractor, Winstone Aggregates, the sandpit committee, Emma and Lyn Wallace and the families who assisted with donations that made the sandpit a reality.

Feet First - Encouraging kids to walk

Waterlea School is taking part in the year long Feet First walking promotion programme. Although classes will be involved in individual projects all students are encouraged to walk some of the way to school.

Senior and Middle School students, who are being driven to school, are being invited to be dropped in Sullivan Ave so that they walk some of the way to House Ave.

Some teachers are getting in on the Feet First act by starting a walking group. The Feet First programme was launched on Tuesday 3rd March when at the school's popular Mums' and Dads' day everyone attending was invited to join the classes.

Celebrating excellence

Congratulations to Seth Nicholson and Fern Buncuga who will attend the Gifted Kids Programme at Waikowhai Intermediate one day a week.

Venezia Henry who was selected to represent New Zealand in the NZ Karate Development Squad has returned to school after competing and attending seminars.

Brandyn Talagi-Aholima has been invited to participate and assist on the Niue Stage at the ASB Polyfest 2009 on 20/21st March at the Manukau Velodrome.

Ex-Pupil Achieves Honours

Congratulations to ex-pupil Europa Lafou'ou Lusa for being appointed the Deputy Head Prefect (Vice Captain) of De La Salle College.

It is great to see Waterleas achieving and being acknowledged for their integrity and leadership skills.

Travel Wise survey results

Some of the 2008 Senior School GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) students received the Travel Wise survey results from the ARTA representatives. A working party of adults will continue to develop the schools Travel Wise Plan.

Parents indicating an interest in more consultation will be advised personally by letter.

The full results of the survey are available at the school's office. Here are some interesting facts from the survey. More Waterlea children walk home after school at 3.00pm than walk to school in the morning!

How do Waterleas travel to school-54% in the family car, 2% in friend's cars, 1% by scooter, 38% walk, 5 % bus. 28% of our families car-pool. 46% of our families drive their children to school because it is convenient. 28% of those children who come to school in cars would prefer to travel by a different means.

ONEHUNGA MANGERE SOCCER CLUB 2009 SEASON

Official registration days have already taken place but it's possibly not too late to play if you're quick.

Junior and Youth games commence on Saturday 4th April.

For details go to www.omuafc.org.nz or contact Barbara 6368626 or email admin@omuafc.org.nz

Boots, socks and shorts are all available through Champs Sports in Panmure.

GIRLS IN SOCCER - new programme!

Onehunga Mangere Soccer Club this year are running a programme for girls of all ages playing soccer at the club this season. Call Angela Valamaka on 021546221

What's on at the Bridge

Every Wed	Mangere Bridge Plunket Indoor Bowls Names by 7.20pm Mangere Memorial Hall
Every Thu	Bridge Art Group 9am to Noon Memorial Hall
2nd Sun's	Sunday Walking
Every Wed	Tibetan Buddhist Class 7:30pm
Wed	Brownies 6 - 7.30pm
Mon	Guides 6 - 8pm
Every Mon	CMA Day Care 9:30am - 12:30pm Methodist Church Hall
Mon	W.I. second Monday of the month
Cub Scouts	Wednesdays 5:30-7:00pm 7 1/2 - 10 1/2 years
Kea Scouts	Tuesdays 4.30 - 5.30pm 5 1/2 - 7 1/2 years
Scouts	Thursdays 6.30 - 8.30pm 10 1/2 - 14 1/2 years
Mon/Tue/Thu	Plunket Playgroup 9.00am - 11.30pm
Mon	Plunket Toy Library 11.30am - 12.15pm
Sat	Plunket Toy Library 9.30am - 10.30pm
Mon/Thu	Plunket Car Seat Rentals 12.45 - 2.45pm Plunket Rooms, 5 Taylor Road. M/Bridge
Tue - Thur	Mangere Bridge Walking group 9:00am
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	Mangere Bridge Playcentre 9.15am-12.15pm, Domain Road
3rd Wed	R & R Meeting 7.30pm St James Church Hall
Every Fri	Sing-a-long Storytime 10.30am Library
Mon/Wed	Senior Citizens Housie, 1.00pm Bridge Crt Hall
Mon	St John Youth- every Mon 6:30 - 8:00pm
Wed	Exercise Classes with DYNABANDS Manukau Yacht Club 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Wed	Yoga 6.30 - 8 pm Mangere Mountain Education Centre
Art & Craft	1st & 3rd Saturday of the month Village Sq Market
1st Thu	Senior Citizens Travel Club, Day Trips every first Thursday Phone 634 1062
Daily	Mathematics/Mandarin Tuition Phone 622 2688 or 021 135 0368

Our Apologies

Our apologies for not being able to publish the February issue of the Newsletter.

The computer used to produce the newsletter crashed and unfortunately took some time to be repaired.

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,

With the cooler morning and evenings and the nights getting darker a little earlier it's noticeable that we are heading into Autumn.

Some of the shops are open until 6.00pm during the week which is handy for those on the way home for work and there are even some open on Saturday until 1.00pm or even later.

Live Music

We have some great bands performing on Thursday nights from 6.30pm till 9.00pm. It is a great nights entertainment. The next Karaoke night will be on the 26th of March. Come along and sing your favourite songs or just listen and enjoy. There is some real talent in Mangere Bridge

St Patrick's Day Celebrations

This years event includes Market days on both Saturday and Tuesday 14th & 17th March. See the ad on page 3 for details. Wear green on both days and enter into the spirit of the occasion.

Autumn Festival Weekend

Planning is underway for the Jazz & Blues Fest on Saturday the 18th of April and the Food & Wine festival on Sunday the 19th of April.

Craft Market

We haven't had a good run with the weather on Saturdays for a while but weather permitting it will run from 9.00am to 1.00pm on the 1st and the 3rd Saturdays of each month. Handmade crafts are very popular as gifts and are not too expensive. I am looking for additional stall holders

Village Focus

Queens Burgers & Pizzas is under new management, in addition to Gourmet Burgers they are open for breakfasts from 9.30am. A new art shop has opened at 26 Coronation Road. They also have a Chinese doctor available. Francis is looking for artists who might like to sell their work through the shop. De Brette's Hairdressing Salon now open on Sat mornings.

Management Office

As I am often out it is best to contact me to make an appointment to meet with me. Phone: 636 7491, E-mail: mbvillage@maxnet.co.nz.

kind regards *Carol Anne Armitage*
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association



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Mangere Community House Programmes

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141 Robertson Road, 275 4920

joanna.keane@manukau.govt.nz

Tai Chi Wednesdays 1.30-2.30 Gold Coin

In House Counselling Friday am Ph 277 5337 to make an appointment.

Games Morning Scrabble, Thursday 10.00-11.30 all welcome

Driver Licence Beginners, Restricted, Full & HT ph 257 2099

AA Aroha Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

Al Anon Wednesdays 10.00am

Parent Trust - Being the Mother you Want to Be

This 2009 8 week programme is led by a friendly, supportive and experienced group of facilitators who help mums explore some of these stresses and find strategies to make parenting even more enjoyable ph 376 0400

Presentations from WINZ; Working for Families, Welcome Home, Community Law Centre

Mirimiri Clinic ph 275 4476/2570142 to make an appointment

Rooms for Community and Private hire. Community office space for hire View their website or phone Joanna 275 4920 for more information. Developing programmes to meet the needs of the community, ideas are welcome, please give them a call.

www.manukau.govt.nz Keywords community houses

Copy Deadline for April 2009

Deadline for the April Issue is the 21st March 2009. To ensure that your article makes the April issue fax copy to 636 6096 or post to 6 Conifer Lane Mangere Bridge
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

Mangere Bridge School

News from the School

The school has had a great start to their school year.

The amazing weather has helped them with their Swimming Sports Day, as well as their Parents' Picnic night and the Parents Curriculum Information evening.

This year; the school will continue to still run school banking using their students as bank tellers

The school still has its **Wonderful Wednesday** pre-school programme.

The schools counselor, Jude, is still with them 3 days a week. Some of their year 5 children continue to be involved in a mentor programme with four year old children so as to facilitate their transition to school from the Mangere Bridge Kindergarten.

This year they will continue to focus on Literacy and Numeracy as well as learning with new technologies.....

Exciting events coming up for The Arts include a week-long workshop for students with the Footnote Dance Company. This will culminate in a performance, a term long Artist-in-Residence and an Art Exhibition.

The schools children will soon plant their 'Edible Garden' alongside Taylor Road and finish the mosaics.

The new Pacific entrance way will be planted with fabulous plants following the Pacific theme.

The schools new on-site Early Childhood Centre will be built and operating before term 4.

Currently they have 3 new entrant classrooms and suggest that if you have a child who is starting school this year that you please go to the office, enroll them and make a time to talk to the schools Deputy Principal, Emma Ritzema Bain.

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Hospice Require Volunteer Drivers in South Auckland

Hospice South Auckland is in need of drivers in the Mangere Bridge/Mangere areas. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your community and make a real difference in people's lives.

Hospice provides palliative care services at no charge to the terminally ill. This includes arranging for volunteer drivers to transport patients, who are unable to organise transport themselves, to appointments at Middlemore, Greenlane, Auckland hospitals and the Super Clinic.

There is also a very popular Daystay service on Mondays and Wednesdays – patients can get together for activities and enjoy one another's company.

A \$10.00 petrol voucher per drive is available to cover petrol costs.

Would you like to be part of this wonderful community service? If you have some free

time and a well maintained and insured vehicle and of course, a current full drivers licence and would like to volunteer to help Hospice and our patients we would love to hear from you. Give us a call now - phone Chris 6400219 or Sally 6400220

MANGERE BRIDGE PLUNKET INDOOR BOWLING CLUB

New members are welcome, so if you would like to give Indoor Bowling a go come along on a Wednesday evening around 7.15 pm at the Memorial Hall, Domain Road. We start at 7.30 pm and play three games with supper after the second game, finishing around 10 pm. It is only \$2 an evening, your first night free. All you need is soft soled shoes for walking on the mats.

For further information call Charlie 622 3254, Marilyn 634 2241 or Fred 275 6623

SECURITY REPORT

Unfortunately our message this month is very similar to previous reports – businesses in the village need to take some accountability for their own security. Modern alarm systems are very cost effective and monitoring costs are available on request. By utilising Icon as your alarm response company you will get a prompt and effective response if your alarm should activate and our rates are discounted for businesses in the village.

On a more positive note we are pleased to report that crime levels in the village are still very low and that the vigilance of our patrols appears to be shifting the criminal element on to other areas.

If you wish to submit articles of your Club or organisations activities for publication in the Mangere Bridge Newsletter please contact the Editor on 021 815 184

St Patrick's and Market Days Celebrations

St Patrick's Day Celebrations and Market Days will take place on Saturday the 14th of March from 9.00am to 1.00pm and on Tuesday the 17th of March from 10.00am to 2.00pm (weather permitting).

There will be Irish music on Saturday the 14th from 1.30pm to 2.30pm and 6.00pm to 9.00pm as well as on Tuesday the 17th from 11.00am to 2.00pm and from 6.00pm to 9.00pm

In addition there will be a St Patrick's Day prize draw. Each time you purchase goods or services from participating stores between the 9th and 21st of March you can go into the draw.

Any enquiries please contact the Management Office on 636 7491

Mangere Residents & Ratepayers Association

The first meeting of the Mangere Bridge Residents & Ratepayers Association for 2009 was held on the 18th of February.

The Association seeks to make the Manukau City Council and Government Departments aware of the views of the local community and to do that they need you to become involved if you care about what happens in the community.

Amongst the concerns raised at the meeting was the dust, from the commercial operations on Puketutu Island, that has been drifting into residential areas, particularly along Wallace Road. The most likely sources of the dust, it was felt, were the Living Earth composting plant and Winstone's Quarry.

The ARC has a phone number dedicated to complaints concerning air pollution. If the dust concerns you phone 379 2090.

The Auckland Regional Council recently amended its policy regarding the removal of mangroves. The Association has sent a letter to the ARC seeking clarification of the policy with particular reference to the area around the new bridge.

The government's cancellation of the housing area planned for Whenuapai has raised concerns that the houses will now be built in Mangere. The Association is seeking clarification from the Minister of Housing.

Councillor Taylor reported on the council's cost cutting on the ten year plan due to the economic crisis. In view of this it was felt very important that the community provide feedback to the Council when the plan becomes available for public consultation.

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The Year That Was

Some of the Highlights of 2008



Puss and Boots and Tin Man with the children at the Santa Parade



Competition Winners-Freds Team



Our Mayor at the Santa Parade



Group Photo of Touch Team Players at Swanson Park

Thinking Ahead On Health

A group of Mangere Bridge residents have been meeting to think about the kind of health services that are needed across our community.

The group is a cross section of Bridge people of different ages and from different cultures. It comprises people with disabilities as well as the able bodied.

The group is supported by MICH (Mangere Integrated Community Healthcare) who are working across Mangere to get community voice back into the development of health in our wider community.

At this stage the group is trying to understand how the diverse range of ethnic and

other communities in Mangere Bridge can work together to define what is important to us and for that to drive the way services are designed and delivered locally.

All residents are welcome to be part of these discussions. If you would like to take part, ring Tony Spelman on 636 2107 or e-mail Tony on tonys@pl.net

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