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Mangere Bridge School Introduce Roots of Empathy Programme

The year the Roots of Empathy Programme has been introduced to Mangere Bridge School. This programme teaches children about feelings; their own feelings as well as the feelings of others.

Once every three weeks baby Madelyn and her mother enter Room 9 and along with the teacher spend time learning about Madelyn thereby building a strong caring family bond.

The Roots of Empathy Themes are:

Meeting the baby.
Crying.
Emotions.
Sleep.
Safety.
Communicating.
Who am I?
Goodbye and Good Wishes.

The Roots of Empathy Goals are:

To foster the development of empathy
To promote children's pro-social behaviors.
To develop emotional literacy.
To increase the knowledge of human development, learning and infant safety.
To prepare students for responsible citizenship.

Who is Madelyn?

Madelyn is Ms Jac Tapp's new baby daughter

who has become a very popular member of room 9.

The School needs your help!

The next part of their edible garden project involves creating mosaics and they need to collect some of the following so that they can create some fantastic artworks.

They are looking for;

Coloured or patterned tiles in bright, rich reds, oranges, yellows, blues, lilacs and greens. (The tiles can be broken ones)

Glass tiles in rich colours. Old patterned and coloured china plates or saucers, chipped ones are fine. (Not cups or bowls though). Smooth round river stones, not more than 4cm in diameter. Old glass or ceramic beads or treasures. (Not plastic). Strong shells, Paua shells. Old coins.

If you can help phone Jan Bills on 636 7304

Term 2 started on a sad note for the school with a memorial assembly being held for Tyrone who was tragically killed in a motor accident during the holidays.

Tyrone had been with the school from the age of five.

His teacher and classmates in Room 9 have a Memory Box in their classroom for Tyrone.

The teachers and students thoughts and sympathies are with Tyrone's family.

Masquerade Charity Gala Dinner

Hospice South Auckland are holding a really big Masquerade Charity Gala Dinner on Friday the 15th August at Telstra Clear Pacific.

Not only is this a very important event for them, as all the proceeds will go to Hospice South Auckland, it offers the public the opportunity to not only support a most worthy and deserving cause it also gives you the opportunity to organise a special fun night out with your friends by encouraging them to make up a party.

If your friends are unable to join you then ask your work mates to join in and buy a table.

Most everyone has in one way or another been touched by the amazing work done by the Hospice's and this would be one way in which you the public can support them in their work

It will be an evening where Masquerade awaits.

You will be entertained by an evening of elegance, fun and mystery while enjoying a delicious three course dinner.

It's an evening where you will be able to enjoy exquisite live music (including music from the *Phantom of the Opera* performed by renowned New Zealand opera singers).

It could prove to be an evening you will always remember.

Tickets are \$120 per person

or \$1200 for a table of ten

(Price includes dinner, entertainment and wine with the meal)

Dress:

A Mask is compulsory along with your finest attire



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 10.30am - 11.30pm
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
Last Tues	Cafe Church at Latin Coffee 7.00pm
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

TOY LIBRARY

Are your children getting bored with their toys or do you have grandchildren who visit and you haven't got any toys for them to play with?

The solution is simple. Join the Mangere Bridge Toy Library.

For just a small cost you will have access to hundreds of toys - from puzzles and games to ride on with new ones being added monthly

Visit the Toy Library at 5 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge. The hours are Saturday: 9.30 to 10.30am and Monday: 11.30am to 12.30pm. Membership is \$45.00 per year. For more information phone Debby on 634 0094

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Village Happenings

with Carol Anne

Hello everyone,
Winter is just around the corner but it is comforting to know that the shortest day is only a few weeks away and than we should start seeing the evenings gradually becoming lighter.

The Live Music will be taking a break during the Winter but we may have some bands busking occasionally.

Manukau Harbour Crossing (MHX)

Some enjoyed the "Meet the neighbours" day held recently at the site office. There will be another one later on, however members of the community are welcome to pop in to the office at the Waterfront Reserve any time to view the scale model of the new bridge.

Currently they are widening Rimu Road onramp. Please note that it will soon reduce to one lane for some months. The main construction period will start in Spring. The Community Liaison Group will meet on a regular basis to discuss traffic management issues. The roundabout by the ASB corner was damaged recently. To avoid further damage the apron around part of it will be extended. This will be removed and the grass area restored at the end of the work. Due to lack of access routes to the site much of the heavy traffic carrying materials for the new bridge will have to come along Rimu and Coronation Roads.

Sculpture at the Village Square

At 3.30am on Saturday the 24th May a vehicle was deliberately driven into, and totally demolished, the art sculpture in the Village Square. The owner of the vehicle has been identified and it is now a Police matter.

This type of mindless vandalism to an expensive piece of art commissioned by Manukau City Council as part of the recent Character Project astounds and saddens me.

It is damaging to our reputation and, given that this is the second sculpture that has been damaged, Council could well curtail any future expenditure in the Village and choose to spend money on items of this nature in areas where they will be appreciated

Village Focus

Pars Kebab and Queens Burger & Pizzas have Halal accreditation. Hammer Hardware has vegetable plants and seeds for winter planting.

kind regards *Carol-Anne Armitage*
Village Manager

Mangere Bridge Progressive Business Association

Discover the Dolphin Theatre



While there are some at the 'Bridge' who are well aware of the Dolphin Theatre and know what wonderful shows they present, it is more than likely there are many who are quite unaware that there is an exciting live theatre almost within walking distance of a large portion of Mangere Bridge.

Now is the time for you to try something new and exciting. Come and experience live theatre when The Dolphin Theatre presents "Quartet" by Ronald Harwood, Directed by Ricard Kelly from the 14th of June to the 5th of July, with the bonus of a matinee on Saturday the 21st of June.

Join the "Fab Four" - Cissy, Reggie, Wilf and Jean,

all famous retired opera singers, in this enchanting comedy set in a retirement home.



Egos collide in this inspired production about the ageing artists performing dreams. (Note that there is *NO* singing in the play).

The Dolphin Theatre is at 12 Spring Street, Onehunga (off Church Street).

For further information or bookings phone 636 7322 or visit their website on www.dolphintheatre.org.nz



Mangere Community House Programmes

ESOL - Improve your English for work or to be able to read to your children. All levels
Phone Joanna 275 4920

Safe With Age - Driving Seminar Ph 279 4331

In-House Counselling - Friday am Phone 277 5337 to make an appointment

Games Morning - Scrabble, Rummicub - Thursday 10.00am to 11.00am, all welcome

Drivers License - Beginners, Restricted, Full and HT, phone Harry on 257 2099 or Sam on 257 4213
Anger Management - for those who have been in the penal system Ph Varna - 275 4249

AA Aroha - Sundays 7.00pm Ph 636 8281

Widow and Widowers Group - ph Varna 275 4249

Funeral Information Seminar - An opportunity to get answers to your questions. e.g. Do I have to have a funeral service? to register your interest Ph 275 4920

Tai Chi - ring Joanna to register your interest

Mirimiri Clinic - Ph 275 4476

Rooms for Community and Private Hire

Phone Joanna for more information or visit their website at www.manukau.govt.nz the Key Words: Community Houses

Copy Deadline for July 2008

Deadline for the June Issue is the 27th of June 2008. To ensure that your article makes the July issue fax copy to 634 4251 or

email: mangerebridge@harcourts.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

Waterlea School Twilight Gala

Make sure that you mark this date on your calendar and are free between 5.00 pm and 7.30pm on Friday the 7th of November 2008.

Yes it's that time of the year when the school puts on its great two yearly fundraiser and fun community event.

Planning is already underway for this years Gala.

This year the plan is to raise money for their new Arts Centre which will be in the old school hall.

If you would like to help them by growing plants or vegetables to sell, or if your preference is to make handicrafts or perhaps just lend a hand, but you are not sure how to go about it, simply call either Ingrid Goodfellow on 275 6015 or Brenda Marshall on 636 2259

With the support that the community usually gives, this Gala should prove to be another great event in the schools calendar.

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Mangere Women's Institute

The pleasant weather ensured that there was a good turn out of members for the May meeting.

The Social Hour was, as usual, enjoyed by many of those attending with some just sitting and quietly chatting while the others played Housie.

After lunch and a cup of tea the meeting was opened by the President June O'Neill with the reciting of the Aspirations after which the meeting settled down to conduct the usual business matters. There were two speakers at the May meeting. Karen and Gail from a Mangere Women's Refuge described the work that they are involved in and spelt out their aims for the women and children that they spend their days helping.

Questions put to the speakers by the members centered on safety and the conditions at the "house". It would seem that refugees are not as anonymous as they could be.

Even though rain had been the order of the day the week prior to the meeting, the flowers entered in the competitions were lovely.

It would seem that the Institute is blessed with having some really talented cooks as their entries were of a very high standard.

However not to be outdone the entries in the sewing and craft sections also produced work equally as good.

There were three May birthday girls and all three were presented with a small gift.

Raffles for the month produced some very happy winners. The "Count the Items in the Jar" competition (with a donation to the South Auckland Hospice) always has the members guessing.

This month the bottle contained a collection of buttons of varying sizes. The person guessing the correct number or the figure nearest to the correct number receives a small gift.

The June meeting is at St James' Church Hall, Church Road, Mangere Bridge, beginning with the Social hour at 10.30am and followed by lunch and the meeting at 12.30pm.

For further information please phone President June O'Neill on 636 9790

Thought for the month:-

Nothing is opened by mistake more than the mouth.

Has he come home with a Bike?

Has your boy suddenly got a bicycle?

If so, could you please ask him where he got it from.

We would be quite happy if it could be given to the St Vincent de Paul Shoppe where they will see that it gets to the right person.

Bridge Park Bowling Club

The following are the last results for the Summer Season

Ladies Junior Singles

1st C. Pert
R/u L. Bacon

Mens Champion Fours

1st R. Smith (S), G. Copland, K. Hall, J. Robertson
R/u K. Siffleet (S), D. Frame, G. Pert, J. Drummond

Tournament 13.05.08

1st H. Piper (Te Atatu)
2nd T. Pepper, M. Garnham
3rd J. Wood (S), J. Fitzpatrick, C. Pert
4th J. Small (Papatoetoe RSA)
5th O. Speer (S), N. Martin, A. Rogers
6th T. Makira (Mangere)
7th K. Siffleet (S), J. Drummond, N. Thomson
8th L. Hansen
9th J. Moore (S), M. Leydon, S. Caine,

Lucky Skip: C. Boyle (Epsom)

Two: S. Dempsey

Lead: R. Slow

The Bridge Park Bowling Club played the Mangere

Club for the "Bone of Contention", at the end of the tournament the result was that it was retained by the Mangere Club.

Ladies Handicap Singles

1st F. Stone
R/u B. Hotene

Kava Bowl

1st J. McGillicuddy (S), F. Stone, G. Pert, L. Bacon
R/u J. Hunt (S), J. Wood, A. Leaf, C. Pert

101 Competition

1st B. Hotene
R/u D. Frame

Recently two afternoons over the weekend for Prize Giving and the Presidents Day were enjoyed by all those attending.

The Winter Optional Triples, run every fortnight, starts on Tuesday the 3rd of June. There is 'Jackpot' for this competition so make up a team and give it a go.

Starting time is 10.00am

For more particulars or assistance phone 634 1102

Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy

From 1983 to 2008 Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy has used horses to help improve the lives of young people with physical, emotional and intellectual disabilities.

Anyone connected with the Centre over the past 25 years - staff, students, riders, volunteers, board members, donors and sponsors are warmly invited to attend an afternoon of memories and celebration at the Centre on Saturday the 7th of June at 1.30pm.

It will be an opportunity to remember the early days of the Centre and celebrate the progress and achievements that have been made.

Students will give a riding demonstration and you will be able to see the current facilities and horses.

The programme for the afternoon will be -

A Welcome, this will be followed by a Riding Demonstration, an A-V Presentation, a Tour of the Centre and then Afternoon Tea.

Registration is \$10.00 per person.

To register or for more information please contact Lee at Ambury Park Centre for Riding Therapy on (09) 634 0763



Do you need to think about after school care for your children?

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Holiday Programme: 8.00am to 6.00pm

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Children Hip Hop to Las Vegas

Temanea and Tania-Jade Kauika-Fairbrother from Mountain View School are on their way to Las Vegas for the World Hip Hop Championship Competition. Both are members of the De Ja Vu Dance Crew who recently won the Auckland and then the New Zealand Junior Nationals Hip Hop Competition. The newly formed dance crew only had eight weeks to come up with what proved to be an awesome performance that impressed the judges at the Auckland Regional Competition.

De Ja Vu won the Auckland Competition and then went on to win the Nationals.

The competition they faced was very intense and the De Ja Vu Dance Crew had to train very hard to master all the street dance styles.

The trip to Las Vegas is a well deserved reward for all their hard work and commitment.

Their school mates are sure that they will do very well and be great representatives for New Zealand

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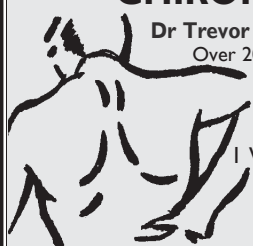
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Mangere Bridge Community Trust A.G.M

The Mangere Bridge Community Trust Inc. held their General Meeting on the 23rd of April at which Ken Duff delivered the Chairman's Report. The Report which included a history of the Trust also outlined the future plans of the Trust.

The Chairman in his speech also thanked the many supporters of the Trust and drew special attention to Mayne Automotive and Robin Young from G.A.S.

Bill Kirk also spoke to the meeting and added his thanks for the support given by the Mangere Bridge Vet, Onehunga Auto Electrical and the Manukau City Council.

Following formal resignations being accepted from Ken Duff, Bill Kirk and Sepali Naus the chair called nominations for a new executive and committee.

Nominations for Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer were received and accepted as were the five standing as committee members.

The new committee is as outlined below:

Chairperson: Brian Pilkington

Secretary: Liz Wright

Treasurer: Roger Baldwin

Committee: Les Dixon

Neil Way

Stuart Hill

Bruce Manning (*Business Association*)

Carol-Anne Armitage (*Bus Assoc*)

Prior to closing the meeting, Brian Pilkington, the incoming Chairman, extended the meetings thanks to Ken Duff and Bill Kirk for all the time and effort they had put into the Trust from the time of its inception.

Mangere Bridge Touch Rugby Team Boys and Girls

The Mangere Bridge Business Association, in conjunction with the new Manukau Harbour Crossing site office, is planning to start a Touch Rugby Team for local children.

If your boys or girls are interested get them to call in to the Mangere Bridge Library where they have a sheet where you can enter their name, address and phone number.

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