

Massey Matters

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Massey Matters welcomes you to the festive season with an issue jam-packed with interesting things to do in Massey this summer and stories about the wonderful people and organisations that make our community special. It is a great time for people across Massey, regardless of ethnicity or religious beliefs, to embrace community spirit. Extend a welcoming hand to your neighbours and get to know those around you.

The team at Massey Matters would like to wish you all happy holidays and a safe and enjoyable New Year.

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Newsletter in 2009, we look forward to your contributions in 2010!

Merry Christmas!

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CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES

By Linda Fraser

There is no denying that December in New Zealand is full of Christmas celebrations and summer holiday activities. But

with the ever-growing mix of cultures and religions, just what do the people of Massey do at this time of year?

Do you know how, or if, your neighbour celebrates?

I asked a group of women from Don Buck Kindergarten what their family does at Christmas time, what they would be doing back in their homeland and what they like about New Zealand summers.



MEGGAN: Originally from South Africa

"We have a Christmas tree. Santa leaves presents for the young children in their Christmas stocking, which they hang on their bed Christmas Eve. Older family members buy treats for the stockings of one other family member. We have a

roast for lunch on Christmas Day and then we visit our extended family and friends. Christmas in South Africa would be the same.

"What do I love about New Zealand summer? Being outside and inviting people over for barbeques. Going to the beach."



KOLINI: Originally from Tonga

"We belong to the Church of Yahweh (God) of Jerusalem, so we don't celebrate Christmas. We exchange gifts on the Feast of Dedication, 'Chanukah'. It is sometimes called the Festival of Lights. We go to church in the evening.

The 25th day of Kislev (December) on the Hebrew calendar is actually the 11th December 2009 on the Roman calendar – so this is the day we will be celebrating.

"My family in Tonga are of a different faith, so they do celebrate. Everyone gets together and shares food and good times. They will also give gifts to people in need.

"Making use of the time off to spend with my loved ones, is my favourite thing about summer here. We go to the beach, have barbeques and I make Tongan fruit punch called Otai Meleni, using melon and other summer fruits!"



PETRA: Originally from Switzerland

"We have a real Christmas tree. Santa comes to leave gifts for the children on Christmas Eve, to open on Christmas Day. We exchange gifts on Christmas Day and have a lunch with family. It's all about family time.

"In Switzerland we have two celebrations. On 6th December Saint Nicholas visits, the children sing and dance for him. If the children have been good Saint Nicholas will leave them a gift of chocolate, nuts and fruit. Our Christmas tree wouldn't have electric lights, we use real candles. On 24 December we would

go to midnight Mass. We would exchange gifts before church and the Christmas Fairy brings gifts for the children.

"During summer in New Zealand, I like going to the beach! Barbeques and time with our friends and family are great. Being outdoors in the fresh air."



JUSTINE: Originally from New Zealand

"We decorate the Christmas tree as a family, early in December. The children donate gifts for children less fortunate. On Christmas Eve we go to the children's mass at our church. Before going to bed, the children put out their

Christmas stockings and leave biscuits and milk for Santa and carrots for the reindeer. Christmas Day we exchange presents, have a big roast lunch with the extended family and then spend the day not being able to move because we ate too much!

"My favourite thing about summer is being able to be outside with the kids – playing in the water, enjoying the sun. Socialising with friends – making use of the longer days!"



REETA: Originally from India

"We take part in kindergarten and school Christmas activities. Our sons were born here and are surrounded by all the Kiwi traditions. At home we put up a tree and other decorations. Santa delivers presents to the children's

Christmas stockings. We get together with our larger family, some who are New Zealand-born and some who are Indian-born. Everyone brings food to share.

"As a Hindu in India, the Festival Season begins in November (around Diwali) and continues through to January, with many celebrations. However, the 25th and 26th of December are a National holiday, just like in New Zealand. Some areas of India have a large Christian population and Christmas is widely celebrated.

"What is my favourite thing about summer in New Zealand? That's easy - everything! The weather here is not too hot. I love summer fruit – yummy strawberries! We enjoy the beach and I love summer clothes."

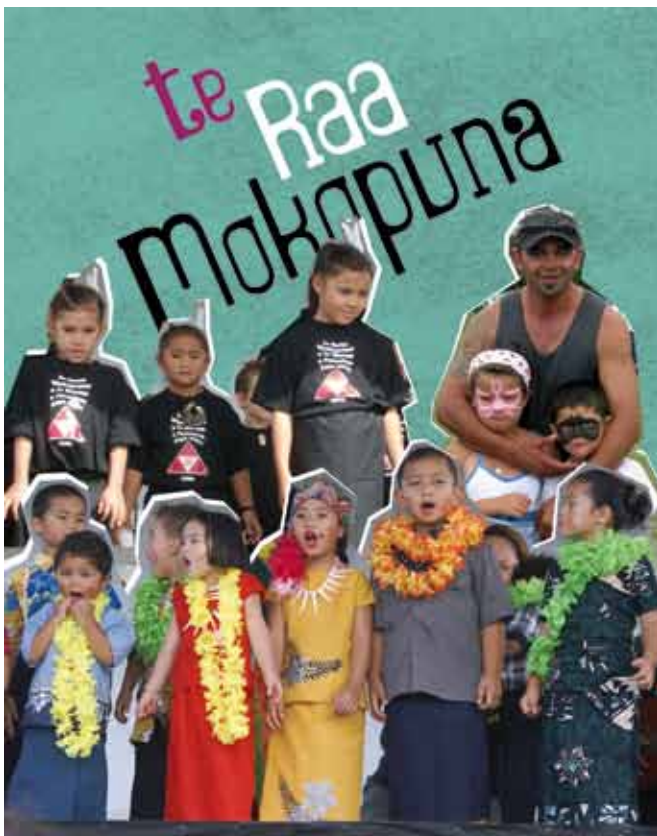


SHARON: Originally from New Zealand

"Before Christmas, the children decorate the tree, Santa leaves presents under it on Christmas Eve. We open presents Christmas Day, from Santa and from each other. Then we will have a shared meal with our extended family, it might

be at home or at the beach and it's usually a barbeque.

"The best things about summer are lots of time outside with the kids, the beach, barbeques and visiting family."



MORE FUN IN MASSEY SATURDAY 27 MARCH 2010 MOIRE PARK

Te Raa Mokopuna is OUR family day of fun, entertainment and education so make sure you can be there and mark Saturday 27 March 2010 on your calendar!

Experienced event managers Rocky and Willie Tahuri will work with Linda Shaw from the Massey Matters Project, on the 2010 event.

“The day is about and for our children,” says Linda. “But those of us a wee bit older are just children in big skins, so it’s about all people too. Lets celebrate our diversity, our spirit and the magic of Massey pride.”

Te Raa Mokopuna plans will be launched at a community meeting from 11.00am-12.30pm. Wednesday 9 December at the John Lawson Room, Massey Library. A follow up meeting on 27 January is also planned.

If you would like to volunteer to assist or are an organisation who would like a stall or to provide activities, please contact the organising team through Linda on 832 0431 email linda.shaw@waitakere.govt.nz

In Brief

Keep your eyes peeled for students and parents of **West Harbour Primary** as they trial **Walking School Buses** for their journey to school. Walking School Buses ensure children get to school safely, healthily and they and their parents have fun on the way.

The following Massey people were finalists in these

Unitec Sporting Excellence Koru Awards:

Steinlager Sportsman of the Year: Nafi Tuitavake (Rugby Union)

Steinlager Sportsman of the Year: Anthony Tuitavake (Rugby Union)

Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust Maori Achievement in Sport: Danielle Barry (Badminton), Catherine Latu (Netball)

Harvey Norman Henderson Sportswoman of the Year: Catherine Latu (Netball)

Ed Johnston & Co Barristers & Solicitors Pacific Island Achievement in Sport: Paula Griffin (Netball)

An **AUT Research team** interviewed people about the Massey Matters project as part of their Local Government review of community initiatives, to help politicians to understand the importance of community development. The final report is available at www.ipp.ac.nz

The **New Resource Management Amendment Act** saw rule changes for tree-trimming come into effect on 1 October 2009.

However, changes to rules on tree-removal won't apply until January 2012. Before removing or trimming trees, call the Council to check if consent is required. Consents are processed for free! Call the 24hour call centre on 839 0400.

Bags Not! Do your bit for the environment and take a re-useable bag with you when you shop. Check out www.bagsnot.co.nz for more information, and to find out how to get your free bag.

Don Buck Kindergarten said a sad farewell to Head Teacher, Meggan Keohane on the 26 November. Meggan and her family are returning to South Africa and they will be missed in their community.

The good news is that a familiar face at the kindergarten, Petra Wyrsh, is stepping into the role of Head Teacher. Congratulations on your new position Petra.

LEATA TIPI WINS SONJA DAVIES PEACE AWARD

By Linda Fraser



Leata Tipi with some pupils from the preschool.

Massey's Leata Laine Tipi has received the Sonja Davies Peace Award for 2009. Leata received the award from human rights activist and peace campaigner Dame Laurie Salas at a special ceremony at Parliament House in October.

The award was established in 2003 as a tribute to the life and work of Sonja Davies and promotes women's initiatives in advancing the cause of peace.

Leata was nominated by the community of Leataata O Tupulaga O Le Pasefika Preschool and Westfono for the work she does within the Pacific community to reduce violence.

Leata is using the funding from the award to undergo further training as mediator and to pass on this knowledge to others through workshops run from the hall at the preschool on Moire Road.

As a mother and grandmother, Leata is passionate about her work with families, running parenting courses in a relaxed environment. "I feel very blessed to have the support of so many people and organisations in the community," she says.

A playgroup is also run from the hall three mornings a week - a cheaper alternative to the preschool environment at only \$10 for all three sessions. "We just ask for a donation that the family can afford," says Leata. "I don't want any of the children to miss out!"

Leataata O Tupulaga O Le Pasefika Preschool has vacancies for children aged 5 months to 5 years. Contact Leata on 832 3616 for more information on the preschool, playgroup or workshops.

INTRODUCING 'A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS'

By Warren Jack

Habitat for Humanity is planning to introduce a new programme, called 'A Brush with Kindness', and hope to pilot it in Massey in 2010.

This is a home preservation programme which utilises community organisations and individual volunteers, to work with low income homeowners struggling to maintain their house.

Homeowners pay for the work on affordable terms and the funds are recycled to enable more projects to be undertaken.

If you are interested in contributing to this project with time or materials, or need information, please contact Habitat's office at 271 3357.



COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MASSEY

With plans to increase local jobs and encourage community enterprise, Massey Matters will bring together key agencies and community organisations next year to plan for local economic development.

One of the key events linking with this is the inaugural New Zealand Community Economic Development Conference being held from 9 to 11 February 2010 in Waitakere. Aimed at not-for-profit organisations, government agencies and councils, people and organisations from Massey who are interested in developing community-led local economic development, social enterprises, social finances (microcredit) and other support services should register as soon as possible.

International and NZ presenters will challenge conventional approaches to community economic development and this information will be vital to the follow on planning sessions that Massey Matters will hold.

Prior to the conference, two specialist workshops will be run on Asset Based Community Development and Cultural Planning, led by two leading overseas specialists.

For further information and to register for the early bird rate visit www.cedconf.org.nz

A MASS OF MASSEY ON THE MOVE

By Simon Vincent

TAG OUT TRUST 'ADOPT-A-SPOT'

“When graffiti is removed quickly, it denies taggers their glory - a key to the Tag Out Trust's success,” says Gill Evans, Graffiti Vandalism Prevention Project Leader. By taking action quickly, the taggers don't get a chance to admire their work for long. Community understanding proves that graffiti can be beaten by vigilance and low-key, efficient action and by following simple guidelines, residents can regain power and control over the 'taggers'. “414 Litres of paint was supplied to volunteers during 2007/2008 for use in the Self Help & Adopt-A-Spot programmes,” says Gill.

Joining the Adopt a Spot programme helps you take pride in your neighbourhood and respond quickly when graffiti appears. Tag Out Trust supplies volunteers with a graffiti removal kit - paint, brushes, gloves and wet paint tape.

Volunteers can be individuals or groups - residents, church groups, schools, girl guides etc.

Some public sites tend to attract a large amount of graffiti, and are not covered under the current contract. This includes transformers outside residents' homes, local walkways used by school pupils and fences adjoining local parks. Similarly some neighbourhoods appear to be major targets for tagging. These places are spots just waiting to be adopted!

If you wish to be a part of the Adopt-a-Spot programme or find out more information please contact Carl Bryant or Virginia Fong at the Tag Out Trust on 826 4276 or Gill Evans on 836 8000 ext 7851 gill.evans@waitakere.govt.nz.

At the launch of the Massey West school's clusters travel plan in October, students from Lincoln Heights, Royal Road and Massey Primary came together with Massey High School to celebrate their achievements and share their successes. Showing their commitment to being TravelWise the primary school student representatives walked with teachers, parents and supporters from their schools to Massey High School. On the way they read encouraging messages chalked on the footpaths, thanking them for their participation.

School Travel Plans are a collaboration between schools, communities, the council and the Auckland Regional Transport Authority (ARTA). They make sure journeys to and from school are safe, sustainable and active. They aim to reduce congestion and chaos at the school gate. (For more information www.travelwise.org.nz)

On arrival at Massey High the students were met by Maxx the TravelWise Pukeko and hosted by a wonderful team of students who had prepared an extremely professional presentation. Each school had the opportunity to showcase their TravelWise credentials. Lincoln Heights sang a road safety song and told of their walk to school day, Royal Road delivered a powerpoint presentation highlighting actions around their school and Massey High students shared the global impact of their 350 day of action. Carl Chenery from 350org (visit www.350.org) was on hand to thank the students. Councillor Vanessa Neeson handed out certificates and thanked the students for their efforts.

Stephen Linfield, representing ARTA, acknowledged the students as great role models.

Right: Massey High School pupils. Below: Lincoln Heights students.





AWA HUDSON A MASSEY LIVING TREASURE

Our latest presentation of Massey Marvels Awards included an inspiring woman who has served our community with great heart.

Following in the footsteps of our first two Massey Living Treasures, Bev Harris QSM and the late Gwen Nash, the Massey community honoured Awa Hudson at the October Community Forum.

Nominator Elaine Dyer from Violence Free Waitakere said "Awa is a bridge-builder and peacemaker. She holds a belief

in potential, goodness and hope for young and old in these challenging times."

Awa Hudson comes from a background of teaching and caring for the community. While her roots are in Massey, she is hugely supportive of her neighbourhood and wider whanau. She is active on the Taumata Runanga and many other committees and organisations which assist in caring for those in need, not just within Maoridom, but also the whole community.

Congratulations Awa! Your community acknowledges you.

Massey Marvels Awards were presented to:

Anita Weir, Early Childhood Education Network Coordinator for Waitakere City, who has awesome networking skills and is loved and appreciated by many people in our community. She consistently supports Promoting Great Parenting programmes has been Chair for Violence Free Waitakere and for the past 4 years has been a key organiser of the annual 'Toddler Day Out' event.

Loga Crichton, for her caring of Massey families through Westfono. Loga always goes the extra mile, assisting families with access to medical care and putting them in touch with other suitable support. She also provides transport for children to attend Sunday School.

Maria Collie, Community Worker for Te Ukaipo was nominated because she is seen as someone who quietly and gently works over-and-above the call of duty to achieve great things for her clients. She has a special ability to respond to people in crisis.

The Group Award went to **Peter Gembitsky, David Hoff** and **Matt Harper** who provide leadership on the neighbourhood clean-up days at the Manutewhau Stream and have done much of the heavy work planting flax in the area. They have also been proactive in coordinating communication between neighbours in their streets to improve the general wellbeing and safety of residents.



KIDS TAKE TO THE STREET

By Jenny Tanner



Another fence gets a new paint job.

A school holiday event with a difference was held in Massey East as part of preparing for Neighbours Day on 17 October.

Local residents worked with the Neighbourhood Support and Tatou West Harbour coordinators, to hold an event that involved children and their families in improving their streets' appearance.

The fun day included a treasure hunt in the Manutewhau for the kids, painting a new fence, removing graffiti, collecting litter, and most of all, working together and having fun.

New families to the area pitched in and lots of children were on hand, during the school term break. Two Massey High School students cooked the barbeque and one of the families held the event from their garage.

SUPER GRANS & GRANDDADS

By Tania

More than 40 Nanas and Poppas turned out for a special day with their grandchildren at the Y-Under Fives Childcare Centre at Massey Leisure Centre recently. The intention was for the children to invite their grandparents to come and join them for morning tea and a play. However, they quickly found out that the majority of the children did not have grandparents living in New Zealand.

The Y-Under Fives teachers talked with the fitness staff at the neighbouring YMCA and together came up with the awesome idea of inviting the Never2Old exercise programme members to attend the function. The members jumped at the chance to attend and 'adopt' a grandchild in need.

The centre was filled with 35 children and 21 grandparents sharing morning tea. The children immediately began interacting with these kind people, sharing toys and stories while enjoying one another's company.

A very successful event that saw communities connecting and best of all, the visitors all said they would love to come again.



Above: Grace with her Granddad Frank Kuhnel.

Right: Cecil Crawford with Rossi Faatonuga.



DID YOU KNOW ?

THE MASSEY COMMUNITY HOUSE AT 385 DON BUCK ROAD STARTS IT'S HOLIDAY CLUB, SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME ON 18 JANUARY. TO FIND OUT MORE CALL 833 9220.

IT TOOK EIGHT WEEKS AND UP TO 350 CHILDREN TO MAKE THE INDIVIDUAL FEATHER-SHAPED TILES FOR THE MOA MOUNTAIN SCULPTURE AT THE MASSEY LEISURE CENTRE. CHECK IT OUT NEXT TIME YOU ARE THERE!

VIOLENCE FREE BEGINS WITH ME

By Elaine Dyer

Colwill School was one of the Waitakere schools chosen to pilot the 'Violence Free Begins with Me' schools programme in the early part of this year.

Developed by Violence Free Waitakere, this 12 week course is run by the classroom teachers. It aims to help students in their final primary school years, to approach violence with a positive attitude that indeed they can take responsibility to make non-violent choices.

Based on the themes of communication, conflict resolution, safety planning and empathy, the programme was very popular with students and teachers alike. Parents interviewed for the study of the programme were also enthusiastic about the changes that they had noticed in their children. Here's what one parent had to say:

"He talks to me differently. Usually when I tell him to do something, he doesn't do it but lately he's been saying 'Yes' and doing it straight away. The attitude has come down a bit, too. There has been a lot of violence in our family. He's come home and said 'I'm violence free.' That's good to hear!"

Funding has been granted for two Massey schools to take up the opportunity to run the programme in 2010, Violence Free Waitakere are keen to keep it going in the area. Programme Manager, Elaine Dyer is encouraged by the evaluation. "Its good to know that the course can make a real contribution to the children who are part of it, and we know that the whole community is strengthened by each person thinking about how they can make a difference in this sensitive area"

People interested in knowing

more about the programme can contact Violence Free Waitakere at 837 4849



MASSEY PEOPLE MAKING THEIR MARK

By Linda Fraser

Paula Griffin - Silver Fern

Below: Paula (back row, left) in 2005 as part of the Massey High School Premier Team for the National Secondary Schools Championships (photo courtesy of Massey High School).



Massey produces pretty amazing people! This issue we profile just one of those.

Ex-Massey High School student Paula Griffin is currently in her third season on the Silver Fern squad, and is the second youngest member at just 21 years old.

Paula made her test debut for the Silver Ferns playing at Goal Attack alongside Irene Van Dyk against Jamaica in 2007, at the Trusts Stadium in Henderson.

Selected to play for the NZ Under21 squad and the Silver Ferns while in Year 13 at Massey High, Paula remained a dedicated player for the school team, playing alongside another promising netballer, Catherine Latu.

This year Paula captained the NZ Under21 Netball team to second place in the 2009 World Youth Championships in the Cook Islands.

Paula also excelled at basketball playing premier league for the school for 3 years. "In fact, I believe if she wasn't a Silver Fern, she'd be a Tall Fern instead," says Mako Nio-Aporo, Paula's Massey High PE teacher and netball coach. "Paula was, and continues to be, a great role model for young sportspeople."

Paula also takes part in the ANZ Championship, playing for the Central Pulse in the 2009 season.

Paula's final appearance for the 2009 season, as a Silver Fern, was in the high-pressure final quarter of the second test against Jamaica in October. She replaced Irene Van Dyk at Goal Shoot and netted 9 of her 11 shots.

Paula is just one the many Massey people we can be proud of, if you know of any other high-achievers in our community email lindafraser_editservices@paradise.net.nz.

BOOKWORMS MAKE A MEAL OF IT



The Neighbourhood Support Secondhand Bookfair on Sunday 20th September was a huge success.

Many thousands of books were sold and nearly \$5,000 was raised to help set up and support the growing number of Neighbourhood Support groups in the Waitakere area.

Neighbourhood Support would like to thank all the advertisers, the hundreds of residents who donated books, the libraries and helpers who collected them for us, the volunteers who helped to transport and sell them, NZ Safety for their 'high viz vests' and of course the 'happy bookworms' who left the hall with their bags filled.

We will be having two more Bookfairs during 2010 (dates are yet to be decided upon) so if you missed this one, happy reading until then! We will also start collecting more books after Xmas and would love to hear from you if you would like to help in any way. Contact Neighbourhood Support Waitakere at the Te Atatu Police Station on 834 5815 or email neighbourhoodsupportwaitakere@gmail.com www.nswaitakere.org.nz.

Wriggle & Rhyme

Active Movement for Early Learning

Massey Library is working with the Council and Sport Waiakere to provide Wriggle & Rhyme sessions with the focus mainly for babies from birth to two years.

Active Movement is a SPARC (Sport and Recreation NZ) initiative, which aims to provide positive movement experiences to stimulate development of both the brain and the body. Each session will be based on the Active Movement set of 14 activity guides using a range of music and movement.

Movement is a child's first language, so it is important to provide babies with whole body movement right from birth. Parents and caregivers are invited to take part in these free weekly sessions at the Massey library, where they can also learn skills to put into practice at home.

While the activities are generally for babies, older pre-schoolers are also welcome to attend and benefit from the sessions.

The free session is 30 minutes long and takes place Mondays at 9.30am at the Massey Library, Cnr Don Buck and Westgate Drive. No booking required.

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13-18 years old

HIP HOP INTENTIONS

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CREATING MASSEY'S FUTURE

By Linda Shaw

At the October Community Forum organised by Massey Matters, groups of creative and energetic people gave us their views on where Massey needs to focus into the future.

"This time we included jobs and training into our community consultation because the economic downturn is still being felt in Massey, with a number of people losing their jobs and young people struggling to get work," says Linda Shaw from the Massey Matters Project.

Biggest support went to a coaching and mentoring programme to get people into work, followed by Youth Transition and local apprenticeships. Collaborative partnerships with WINZ and the Ministry of Social Development and a Job Expo to showcase applicants and employment opportunities also featured.

Great ideas in other areas included older people supporting early childhood education, English courses for migrant parents of pre-schoolers and home learning groups.

"Youth continues to be a strong focus because of the high numbers of young people in Massey with few services and recreational facilities available to them," says Linda Shaw.

People wanted a central point like a drop-in centre for youth, a free community shuttle to help with transport, and mental health/addiction programmes for youth to be available locally.

Other strongly supported ideas included a People's Centre, community gardens, drug prevention, violence free programmes, a foodbank, fruit trees in parks, community events, street sports and barbecues.

"Our next step is to bring interested people and organisations together in the specific areas such as early childhood, youth, jobs and training, living the good life and community connection and find ways to work collaboratively to realise people's aspirations," says Linda.

If you are interested in being involved or your organisation is already doing tremendous work in these areas, contact Linda Shaw 832 0431 or email linda.shaw@waitakere.govt.nz

NEW SANDPIT FOR WESTBRIDGE SCHOOL

By Erica Wade

Westbridge Residential School is a specialist school, catering for the needs of children who display significant emotional, behavioral, social and learning difficulties that cannot be managed within their own communities. Situated in Massey, the school caters for 32 children from all over the North Island.

As part of their learning, students from Room 3 put forward a proposal to re-construct the old, ugly, unappealing sandpit and turn it into a masterpiece. They displayed their plan for the re-construction and presented it to the principal John Rutherford for approval.

The boys surprised themselves with the ability to teach each other patience when frustration and jealousy raised their heads and most importantly have learnt to work as a team.

Huge thanks needs to go out to Murray MacClure from MacClures Timber who donated equipment for the boys and Tom Huggard who donated materials and of course the students and teachers involved in this project.



Left: Ethan Natua and Jarod Graham use maths to plan the sandpit.

Below: The sandpit crew. From top left: Frank McCarthy-Veacock (teacher), Mandy Kettlewell, Tom Huggard, Joanna Brunton (teacher aide), Murray MacClure, Brian Titford, Jarod Graham, Ethan Natua, Junior Matiasi and Richard Menzies.



AMAZING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES SUPPORTED

The annual Massey Matters Funding round has once again produced new and exciting community initiatives such as establishment of a school community garden with associated cooking classes, planting of fruit trees on street berms with a workshop for the local street residents on how to care for them plus a street BBQ, a Homework Club where parents come in to learn as well, workshops to prevent violence, Ripper Rugby for 5-6 year olds after school and English language classes for a local ethnic community.

Many other initiatives which had received funding previously were also supported again. With applications double the \$25,000 available from Waitakere City Council, the committee had a hard time selecting the finalists. But the focus was on impact on our community and in the coming months we will report on the successes from these community organisations and schools.

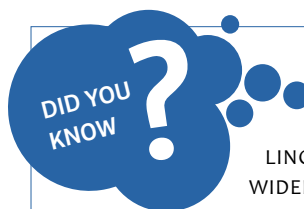
COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IHC is an organisation that advocates for the rights, inclusion and welfare of all people with intellectual disabilities, helping them to be able to lead satisfying lives in their community.

The IHC volunteer programme runs nationwide and is focussed on achieving this vision by creating opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities to make friends. The IHC Volunteer programme provides a fun, dynamic and well-supported way of making a valuable contribution to your community.

Volunteers are matched with someone with an intellectual disability in their community with similar interests. The programme encourages volunteers to include their friend in what they already do such as cook dinner with the family, do some gardening, go out for coffee, walks, art, crafts, music, sport... the list is endless!

The IHC Volunteer Coordinator in West Auckland, Sam Morrison, is there to provide the support and training needed to be a good friend. No special skills are required other than good communication and the right attitude. If you would like to find out more then contact Sam Morrison on 826 0565 or sam.morrison@ihc.org.nz



AS PART OF THE MOTORWAY DEVELOPMENT, THE NORTH WESTERN MOTORWAY BETWEEN LINCOLN ROAD AND WESTGATE WILL BE WIDENED BY SIX LANES.

KEEPING MASSEY BEAUTIFUL

By Jenny Tanner

Two community organisations on Moire Road made a big impression in September by taking part in the annual Operation Spring-clean, provided by Keep Waitakere Beautiful.

Leataata O Tupulaga O Le Pasefika Preschool and the Church of the Good Shepherd ran an event each, with assistance from the Sustainable Neighbourhood Development project, Ecomatters Trust and the Green Network from Waitakere City Council.

Volunteers made a great effort in planting flax, cleaning up rubbish, painting out graffiti and clearing weeds from

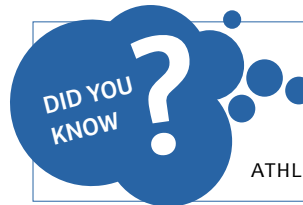


the stream areas of the Manutewhau environment.

Three volunteer dads (Peter, David and Matt) who have attended most of the Mucking-in days in the Manutewhau, recently received Massey Marvel Awards for their tremendous efforts in helping to keep Massey East a place to be proud to live and play in.

For more information on community events in the Manutewhau environment, please contact Jenny Tanner, on 836 8000 or 021 243 9683.

Left: Over a hundred flax were planted along the stream bank beside the Anglican church. Above: Pasifika preschool volunteers prepare for more planting in the Manutewhau.



MASSEY RUGBY CLUB, AT MOIRE PARK, WILL HOST THE TOUCH NATIONALS FROM 1-5 MARCH 2010. COME AND WATCH ELITE ATHLETES COMPETE. FREE ENTRY.



STARS PARTY "LOTS OF FUN!"

Massey Community Church hosted a very successful Stars Party on 31 October. With plenty of free activities for the whole family, everyone agreed it was "Lots of fun!"



WHITE RIBBON DAY

By Elaine Dyer

White Ribbon Day events attracted huge support from the people in our community

for another year. It was an opportunity for men in our community to speak out and say "Violence against women and children isn't OK."

Waitakere held a series of events. 'Behind Closed Doors'- an exhibition of nine art works created on demolition doors, was one of the highlights. The artwork was completed by a series of collaborations between artists and community agencies. The images below are from the children's door created by local artist Selene Wilcox, alongside Barnardos and the Brainwave Trust. On one side it shows the impact that family violence can have on a child's development, while the other side showcases the difference made when a child feels safe, loved and valued by their family.



Other events included the parade through Henderson by those concerned about family violence, and a banner competition with prizes for the winners with the most catchy messages. A concert featuring a range of local musicians and dancers was arranged by Jay Williams, Head of Drama at Henderson High. "I had never heard of this white ribbon idea before this year," said Jay. "But now that I know about it, and have been talking with lots of my family and friends, I am right behind it. Violence against our partners and children has to stop, and we men have to take responsibility to care for the wahine and tamariki in our lives"

In Brief

Congratulations to **Christina Mills** and **Tim O'Brien** from **Massey High School** who took part in the annual FedEx International Trade Challenge regional heats and the Global Enterprise Challenge. This was the first time New Zealand have had a team in the FedEx International Trade Challenge, which was launched in 2007 between FedEx Express and Junior Achievement Worldwide to educate and inspire young people to understand how entrepreneurship can improve the quality of their lives and communities.

Don Buck Kindergarten has new session times. Children aged 3 and 4 can now attend either 8.45am - 12.45pm OR 8.45am - 2.45pm. Call 832 4899 to find out more and to discuss how the 20hours free could work for your child.

Please take note of these temporary changes to Sunday Service times for the **Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd**, 6 Moire Road.

Sunday Service 27 December, 3 January, 10 January at 10am only, Holy Communion. 9am and 11am services resume on 17 January.

Sturges Road Bridge is being replaced. Work begins on the project this month and is expected to be completed by December 2010.

Between 26 December 2009 and 18 January 2010 the bridge will be demolished and replaced by a temporary single lane Bailey bridge. A temporary footbridge will also be built across the rail line for pedestrian and cycle access.

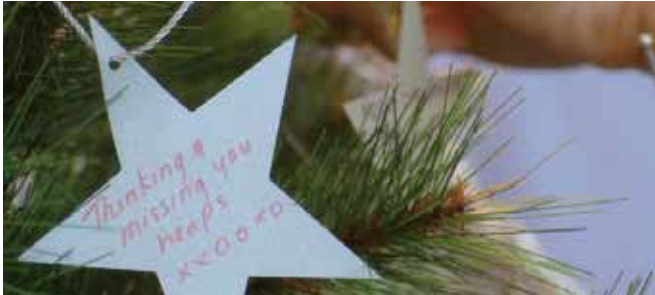
During this time the bridge could be closed for several days to allow for the old bridge to be removed and the temporary bridge put in place.

These dates coincide with a shutdown of the rail line by KiwiRail. There will be no trains on the line during this period.

People are advised to look out for signs advising of alternative routes to avoid the construction area.

- Eastbound Swanson Road traffic. Use Metcalfe Road, Munroe Road and Summerland Drive before rejoining Sturges Road.
- Westbound traffic on Swanson Rd. Use Henderson Valley Road, Border Road, Palomino Drive then rejoin Sturges Road. This is also the traffic diversion route for the southern sector of Western Heights, especially during peak traffic periods.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREES (STARS)



*In one of the stars, I shall be living.
In one of them, I shall be laughing.
And so it will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at the sky at night.*

– The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Hospice West Auckland's Christmas Remembrance Trees (STARS) appeal will take place from 7th –24th December 2009. The Christmas trees for the Massey area will be located at Westgate Shopping Centre.

Shoppers will be invited to write a message to a loved one on a silver or golden star decoration, hang it on the tree, and make a donation to Hospice West Auckland.

Outrageous Fortune fans will have the opportunity of winning a great prize. Donations of \$10 or more will go in the draw to win a walk-on part with a friend in the next series.

Send your wishes to your loved one on a star this Christmas and support Hospice West Auckland.

For more information see www.wah.org.nz

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW MASSEY?

Pictured here are some photos taken around the wider Massey area. Do you know where they all are? Have a go – answers are at the bottom of this box!



Answers: 1: The Methodist Church, Corner of Vadam Place and Moire Park, Granville Drive.
Road entrance to the Massey Leisure Centre. 4: Playground at Royal Road. 2: Massey Playcentre, 5 Sunpark Place. 3: Don Buck

MASSEY COMMUNITY BOARD UPDATE

By John G Riddell

As 2009 draws to a close and we look ahead to a new era of regional governance, it's timely to think about the role of community boards and their members.

Being a board member is not full time, but it is a role we take seriously and put a great deal of time and effort into – for the sake of our community.

So what do we do? Community boards are responsible for local decision making at ward level such as approving locations for bus stops and pedestrian crossings. We also assess and respond to local needs and provide input to the council's strategic plans and annual budgets.

Board members can also provide a link between

community associations and special interest groups with other organisations, including the council.

A third bill due before Parliament will determine the legislated roles and functions of the local boards in the new Auckland Council. These boards will be based on communities of interest and could mean that it will determine the funding arrangements of the Community House, a new library or swimming pool.

It's important that this community keeps its identity and voice as part of Auckland, and as I prepared the board's submission on the bill, I realise we have so much to be proud of.



CUT OUT AND KEEP DIRECTORY OF SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

Barnardos Waitakere www.barnados.org.nz

Call Stefanie Rockwell 838 0419.

Free Child & Family Support Services Social Worker in the home – budgeting, parenting, etc | **Teenage Parent Club** Ranui Community House Friday 9.30am-12noon with babies and children | Supervised access.

Big Buddy www.bigbuddy.org.nz

Call Stephen Bell 838 4448 extn 3.

Family Support | Counselling: Individual and Couple | Group Therapy | Youth Support Services | Men's Group | Drama & Music - Impact.

Man Alive www.manalive.org.nz Call 835 0509

Anger management programmes for boys/youth | Living Without Violence Programmes for men | Family, Couples or Mens Counselling services | "Men In Relationships" weekly support group.

Neighbourhood Support Waitakere

www.ns.org.nz Call Roi Stephens 834 5815 .

email: neighbourhoodsupportwaitakere@gmail.com

492 Te Atatu Road. Office Hours Tues-Thurs 10am-2pm
Connecting neighbours | Keeping people safe | Find the coordinator in your area or become the coordinator.

Parents Inc www.parentsinc.org.nz

Call Griff Richards 818 0204. Alternatively call into the Massey CAB, cnr Don Buck Rd and Westgate Drive (next to the library) or phone 833 5775 to talk to helpful, friendly people.

Toolbox for Parents - Parenting courses | Early years (0-6), Middle Years (6-12), Teenage Years (13+) | 6 x 2 hour sessions full of fun and great parenting ideas.



Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Ranatahi

Call 833 7005.

Social Services for Rangatahi and their Whanau in at risk situation | Family & Youth Advocacy | Project Twin Streams Ranui/Massey | Sustainable Households Ranui/Swanson.

Tu Wahine Trust Call 838 8700.

Qualified Maori Counsellors for Maori Women, Children and their Whanau to deal with all forms of violence and abuse including rape, incest and sexual abuse | Individual and whanau counselling and therapy, Child and Youth programmes, Parenting and Court Approved programmes.

Waitemata Plunket www.plunket.org.nz

Call Naomi Layzell 837 1291.

Plunket Nurse visits for babies | Parent groups and Parent Education | Toy Library and Play groups | Car Seat Rentals.

Massey Community Trust 8 Vadam Trust.

Call 833 8889. www.westsidecounselling.org.nz

Westside Counselling Services | Celebrate Recovery | MAX programme for year 7&8 pre-teens.

Work and Income Call 0800 559 009.

22-24 Cabernet Crescent, Westgate (behind Placemakers)
Assistance with employment searches | Benefit advice.

Massey Community House

385 Don Buck Road Call 833 9220.

Information and Drop-In Centre | Stroke Club | Courses for Adults | Communicare | Playground | Ice Box teens hangout | Rooms for Hire.

Violence Free Waitakere

www.violencefreewaitakere.org Call 837 4849.

Campaigns, programmes and events to raise awareness and alternatives to violence in the community.

WESTGATE GETS A NEW COMMUNITY LINK

A new Community Link office opened on 9 November, at 22-24 Cabernet Crescent, Westgate, located behind Placemakers.

You will still be able to access the same services from Work and Income and Child, Youth and Family as from their previous locations; however Community Link involves other government and non-government agencies, working more closely together in the same location.

Community Link provides an opportunity to develop better connected relationships with agencies to ensure clients, their families and communities get access to a continuum of support and services they need.

The Westgate Community Link has rooms available for use by community agencies and groups.

If your organisation is interested in being involved in the Westgate Community Link, please contact John Cavanagh on 916 1775 or email john.cavanagh001@msd.govt.nz. You can also find further information about Community Link on the Ministry of Social Development's website: www.msd.govt.nz/what-we-can-do/community/community-link/

GREEN DREAMS FOR ROSE

Massey High School student Rose Craigg was supreme winner of this year's Schools Trash to Fashion Awards.

Rose's Queen Neptune creation won the talented teen the secondary schools section of the Green Dreams category, for garments made from natural materials and inspired by myths, fairytales or legends.

The Trash to Fashion Awards provides contestants with the chance to design and create costumes from recycled materials. Designers are able to create a wearable garment from those things that are left over or usually thrown away.

Congratulations to Rose, who is pictured here modelling her winning creation.



BUILD STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOODS THIS SUMMER

By Elaine Dyer

With summer fast approaching many people are looking forward to time to relax, enjoy the sun, spend time with family or stretching out with a good book.

Unfortunately for many people the holidays are hard times, especially when money is tight and pressures on relationships can come to the fore. Spending time together can be tough if there are arguments that haven't been resolved or if people are worried about not being able to afford the treats their children want to have. People can often feel lonely at this time of the year and memories of people we have lost may dominate our thoughts.

One of the great things about community is that we can reach out to each other and offer support. Take this time, while you are not so busy to get to know others in your street or neighbourhood. Invite your neighbours over to share a meal one evening – everyone could bring something for the table.

DID YOU KNOW



11 FRUIT TREES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PLANTED AT TRIANGLE PARK AS PART OF WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL'S

PLAN FOR FRUIT TREES IN PUBLIC PLACES. THE TREES ARE MADE UP OF

APPLE VARIETIES, PLUM VARIETIES, ONE PERSIMMON TREE AND TWO WALNUT TREES.



Here are some other ideas on things that you can do!

- Say hello, kia ora, talofa, na maste, ni hao (or whatever works for you!) to a neighbour you haven't yet met.
- Do some baking and take it to your neighbour, or invite them to join you at your place.
- Next time you mow your grass verge – why not do the neighbours' as well? It won't take much longer.
- Pop a note card into everyone's letterbox asking if they are interested in getting to know each other. Organise a street barbeque – remember if you want to close the road you will need Council permission.
- Say thanks to a neighbour for something they have done for you.
- Exchange phone numbers in case of emergencies.



MASSEY EVENTS CALENDAR DECEMBER 09 - FEBRUARY 2010

EVERY WEEK

Mondays Budgeting Advice by appointment, Citizens Advice Bureau. Phone 833 5775.

Wriggle and Rhyme 9.30 - 10am Massey Library. For under 2's. No booking required.

Tuesdays Massey Senior Citizens (55+), 10am - 1.30pm Rugby Club, Granville Rd. Play bowls, house, etc. Contact Dawn or Robert, 833 7555.

Healing Prayer Clinic 6.30 - 8pm Available for all. Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Phone 832 5998.

Wednesdays Massey Walkers and Joggers, 6pm 53 Granville Dr, phone Kim 416 7700 or Shena 412 8076.

Wednesdays during term time: Pre-school story time, 10.30am and 2pm (30-40 minutes) Songs, rhymes and lots of fun.

Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays Playgroup, 9am - midday Leataata O Tupulaga O Le Pasefika Hall, Moire Rd. \$10 for all three sessions. Phone Leata 832 3616

Thursdays

Healing Prayer Clinic 9.30 - 11am Available for all. Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Phone 832 5998. Playgroup for pre-schoolers, 9.30-11am Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd.

Sundays Massey Joggers and Walkers, 8am 53 Granville Dr. Phone Kim 416 7700 or Shena 412 8076.

DECEMBER

Mon 7-Thur 24 Hospice West Auckland's Christmas Remembrance Trees (Stars) Appeal Stars available at Westgate Shopping Centre. www.wah.org.nz for more information.

Fri 11 Raise Up Hip Hop Intentions, 8 - 11pm Featuring DJ Funky, DJ Dub Step and DJ BIA. Massey Leisure Centre. \$5 entry or five for \$20.

Twilight Market 4 - 7pm Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd. Phone 833 9220 for more information.

Fri 18 Twilight Market 4 - 7pm Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd. Phone 833 9220 for more information.

Tue 22 Boredom Buster for primary school aged children, 1.30 - 5.30pm Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Games, activities, Christmas crafts. ALL FREE! Followed by a family friendly light meal and short Christmas presentation from the children. Pre-registration required, restricted numbers. Phone 832 5998.

Thur 24 Holy Communion by Candlelight, 11pm Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 More Rd

Fri 25 Family Holy Communion, 10am Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 More Rd

Sun 27 Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 More Rd. Change to Sunday Service times: 10am, Holy Communion. Normal services resume 17 January.

JANUARY

Sun 17 Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Normal Sunday services of 9am and 11am resume.

Mon 18 School Holiday Programme Holiday Club Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd. Phone 833 9220.

Sun 31 Market 9am-1pm, Massey Community House, 385 Don Buck Rd. Phone 833 9220 for more information.

FEBRUARY

Mon 1 Deadline for articles and photos for next issue of *Massey Matters* newsletter. lindafraser_editservices@paradise.net.nz

Mon 8 Girl Guides: Pippins 3.30-4.30pm, Brownies 4.30-6pm Church of the Good Shepherd, 6 Moire Rd. Girls aged 5-9. Meets every Monday. Call Carole Hay phone 833 7212 or email: carolehay@slingshot.co.nz

REGULAR SERVICES FROM THE MASSEY CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Massey Leisure Centre, Cnr Don Buck Rd and Westgate Dr. Phone 833 5775

EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME
Free legal services by appointment

EVERY FRIDAY MORNING
Free Counselling services by appointment

EVERY WEEKDAY 1 - 3PM
Justice of the Peace services.
No appointment needed

BY APPOINTMENT Settlement Support services for new New Zealanders

MASSEY MARVELS AWARDS 2010

From 2010 the Massey Marvels Awards will be handed out annually rather than at individual events throughout the community. Having a stand alone event will allow us to honour more inspirational people who are making a difference in our community every day. Watch out for more details coming next year and keep your eye out for potential recipients.

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