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St James – *the light on the hill*



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SUNDAY Church Services

8.30am: Traditional Service
10am: Family Service and Sunday School
6.15pm: Evening Service

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

EVE: 6:30PM Family Service
11PM Traditional Communion

DAY: 8AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Family Service

What's on at St James

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

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Church website:

www.menangle.anglican.asn.au

St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm.

BIRTHDAYS

1st Bradley Warner
1st Simone Collison
2nd Charlie Culpan
2nd Ethan Green
3rd Laura Howard
5th Jason Jeffree
6th Sam Ashton
6th Shane Halfpenny
7th Sara McNevin
9th Paige Robertson
11th Vanessa Perentin
18th Rosemary Tedesco
19th Neave Burt
21st Shane Koeford
21st Luke Campbell



Articles and contributions welcome:

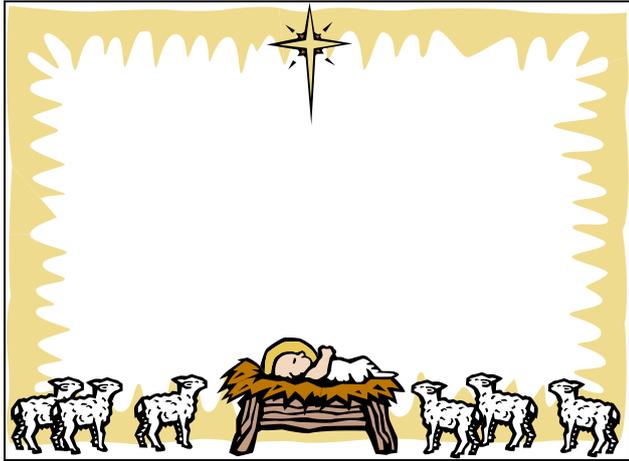
email: byp257@gmail.com

or leave written articles at 10 Station St

*Merry Christmas
to all our readers
-don't forget to
include some Christ
in your Christmas!*

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

What a Friend we have in Jesus!



Christmas is a lovely story about friendship. God the Father, who has created and now sustains all of life, wanted to throw open His doors and have a massive party with all people everywhere.

There was just one problem.

The people were afraid of God. They thought he was like a fire-breathing dragon, who would destroy them if they came anywhere near Him.

So God was very clever and His invitation came as a tiny, newborn baby. No-one is afraid of a cute little baby. All the mums and Grandmas can't wait for their turn to cuddle a precious little baby. The dads and Grandpas, sisters, brothers and cousins line up as well I have noticed!

As God's Son, Jesus grew up He understood the fear the people had for God and the love that God had for the people and he became the "neutral territory" where peace talks could begin. Jesus spoke about peace many times and is even called the "Prince of Peace".

He is still the great peacemaker.

Jesus is a friend who loves to spend time with us;
A friend who encourages us when we feel afraid;
A friend who is kind even when we are mean;
A friend who never takes offence at anything we say or do;
A friend who is closer even than a brother.

Why not talk to him today?

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sue Peacock

MENANGLE WALKING TRACK

Moreton Park Road is a very popular place for walking.

With a little bit of planning, maybe a grant or two, and a good dose of combined community enthusiasm, it is entirely possible that a beautiful (safe) walking track could be created on the verge along one side of the road.

Expressions of interest are invited to susan.peacock2@gmail.com

MENANGLE RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Wanted

A volunteer to assist the Menangle Brigade with preparing the annual Christmas calendars each year.

The job is simple but requires some administration and sales skills. Most existing advertisers repeat their ad in the next year, but sometimes new advertisers/supporters have to be found. Following that is the preparation of a draft, then approval then printing and finally invoicing. Computer skills are important.

Email Maurice Blackwood. mozzieb@ispdr.net.au

MENANGLE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Menangle Heritage Precinct

Last Christmas you will recall we voted and agreed with the Station Street developer to put all the housing he wanted to the east of the railway, to preserve the Rotolactor paddock and to extend Moreton Park Road towards the river, then across to Menangle Road to near the Sand and Soil gate, to prevent the Menangle crossroads from being further overloaded.

Unfortunately, while the developer agreed with us, Council were not in a position to consider this change in the proposal and as the application had exceeded the government's time limit at Council, the developer continued with his original proposal at the JRPP. This planning panel is made up of the Mayor, the General Manager two state planners and an independent, and they have now recommended that the original proposal has merit and requires more reports and planning.

The committee is alarmed that a process which virtually always leads to approval has taken place. We are further alarmed that we will only have a few weeks to object to it at the time of public exhibition in 2014. The result seems to be that we will be getting mass housing no matter what, partly on the paddock and partly to the east, and also probably no road extension either.

To this end, the committee has decided that we must now act on the advice given to us by State Heritage and council's heritage advisor, that the only way to protect the village is to nominate the old part of the village and Rotolactor area for listing on the State Heritage Register as a "Heritage Precinct". This would include the already listed items like the railway bridge, and station, weir, Rotolactor, Creamery, school, hall, general store, churches, as well as the unlisted assets such as the Rotolactor paddock, the silage pit, dam, river and the older cottages along Station Street and Menangle Roads.

The committee sent out an invitation to the possible affected owners and held a meeting on the 12 December to discuss the pros and cons of listing. Jacqui Kirkby and Peter Gibbs who have owned a historic house for 20 years and have owned Varroville* since 2004, addressed the meeting and answered questions. The result was that meeting unanimously endorsed the committee's view and encouraged the committee to move forward with the application, to secure the historic recognition the village deserves.

*Note: "Varroville", dating from 1858-9 is a significant example of the work of William Weaver, former Government Architect 1854-56. It is rare as one of the few larger estate landscapes remaining in the Campbelltown area where the form of the original grant and the former agricultural use of the estate and its rural landscape character may be appreciated. It was significant to the horticultural development of NSW through the laying out of a productive kitchen garden in 1809 noted for its extensive fruit varieties by the early 1820s and the establishment of a vineyard. It is historically important for its association with prominent owners Dr Robert Townson, Charles Sturt, James Raymond & Alfred Cheeke and for its relationship with Bunbury Curran Hill - a viewing point used by both Governor and Mrs Macquarie. Varroville during the Raymond, Cheeke and Jackaman periods was a prestigious country estate for owners whose wealth came from other sources. Between c. 1876 and 1950 the property was operated as a dairy. The property presently retains its rural character.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/heritageapp/ViewHeritageItemDetails.aspx?ID=5045252>

A message from St James

*(Church on the Hill)
and like minded Churches*

The LEGEND of the Candy Cane

A Candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would help us remember who Christmas is really about. So he made a Christmas Candy Cane.

He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth and sinless nature of Jesus. Hard candy to symbolize the solid rock, the foundation of the Church, and firmness of the promises of God.

The candymaker made the candy in the form of a "J" to represent the name of Jesus. It also represented the staff of the "Good Shepherd".

The candymaker then included red stripes. He used three small stripes and a large red stripe to represent the suffering Christ endured at the end of his life.

The candy became known as a Candy Cane - a decoration seen at Christmas time. The meaning has faded, but still gives joy to children young and old, whom Jesus loves and treasures.

PS. Last Sunday's *Carols on the Hill* was a wonderful time of community connecting! Special thanks to Mark Shepard, Murray Bishop and The Camden Community & Intermediate Bands, the impromptu Choir, Michael and Paula Wallace (Caring Vets), Ern Siddall (Pamphlet distribution), the Menangle RFS members and Brian P.

All the very best...

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(St James Menangle - Minister and Pastor)



MCA NEWS

The meeting went well with council and they have agreed to the idea of progressive footings. The next step is to prepare formal plans and then possibly start reconstruction; although we haven't lodged a DA yet. The subject of a damp course was brought up and has to be finalised.

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CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

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\$10 cover charge All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

MACARTHUR LEARN TO SWIM

2/53 Cawdor Rd Camden
ph. 4655 7735

BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area
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References available

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