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St James – *the light on the hill*



Photo by Steve Braiding

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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

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What's on at St James

EASTER SERVICES

9:30AM **Good Friday** – hot cross buns at the rectory after the service

8:30 & 10am and 6:15pm **Easter Sunday**

ANZAC DAY

Re-dedication of Wall of Remembrance 9:30am

BELL RINGING PRACTICE

Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 PM
New members welcome.

MEN @ SHOP

...an opportunity for men to relax, with other men, over a cup of coffee or tea in a friendly atmosphere once a week at 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Menangle Store. The meetings usually last about an hour and if you would like further information, please contact Warren de Montemas on 0410 689 474 or Graham Noyes on 4633 8810.

St. Patrick's Church



Mass: 1st Sunday of each Month at 6pm

Birthdays

- 2nd Ben Black
- 3rd Ivan Green
- 4th Elliott Margin
- 5th Bev James
- 5th Beau Kent
- 6th Mark Robertson
- 9th Dave
- 9th Matthew Tedesco
- 12th Graham Noyes
- 14th Jethro Margin
- 19th Lucy
- 20th Christine Butler
- 21st Indigo Margin
- 22nd Cindy Haines
- 30th Brett Warner



ANNIVERSARIES

- 14th Steve and Simone Collison
- 15th Steve and Kerry Charles
- 18th James and Karen McFarlane
- 20th Steve and Vicki Blight
- 22nd Brian and Sue Peacock

Add your special dates to our list by sending an email to: byp257@gmail.com

Articles and contributions welcome:

email: byp257@gmail.com
or leave written articles at 10 Station St

RAINBOW REFLECTIONS

A beautiful double rainbow appeared briefly during my afternoon shift at our Curves Gym last Thursday. As I drove home a bit after 7 pm there was a patch, a window, of rainbow in the eastern sky -it looked to me as though God had taken His multi-coloured paintbrush and daubed one colourful patch of brilliance onto the light grey clouded evening sky. The earlier double rainbow was in the setting I normally expect to find rainbows - a cobalt blue sky background, with yellow light glorifying every aspect of the scenery, and the rainbow overarching and completing the magnificent picture.

But the second one was unusual: a promise of something more, a glimpse of something awaiting full manifestation, a hint of something yet to be. Perhaps it was a gentle reminder from God to keep looking up even when life seems grey. Looking for evidence of God's goodness certainly increases our likelihood of finding it.

How do we look for good in the midst of situations that seem all bad, or for hope in the midst of heartache?

One of my favourite things in the bible is found in Luke 4. Jesus has just begun His public ministry and He is handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He reads out the following amazing words "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Right there are six things Jesus promises to do when we are in tough circumstances – are you poor? Listen to the good news "By humility and the fear of the Lord are RICHES and HONOUR and LIFE".

Are you broken hearted? Jesus came to heal you. Are you depressed or trapped? Jesus came to set you free.

Look for God's new mercies every morning and through faith and patience you will be empowered to BE the change that is needed for whatever situation you are caught up in.

Perhaps the little patch of rainbow was God's way of reminding us "the best is yet to be!"

Blessings,
Sue Peacock

STATE ELECTIONS 28TH MARCH

Government is something all Australians need to be informed about, especially people in the Church whom Jesus called 'Salt' - i.e. those who preserve moral standards and 'light' i.e. the ones who discern right and wrong.

In our last census over 60% of Australians ticked the box identifying themselves as being Christian making the Church the "biggest community group in Australia."

As a nation we have historically been tremendously loyal to our preferred major parties, and there are many wonderful members in all of them, many strong Christians including Mike Baird, Luke Foley, and Jai Rowell who work tirelessly for the benefit of the people.

But the major parties seem to be in trouble - corruption issues keep surfacing, and leadership contentions keep happening.

We have a chance at the end of this month to vote with one voice, and actually make a significant difference in the government of NSW. The Christian Democratic Party, which is the only party that has a statement of faith has many candidates standing for this election both in the Upper and Lower House.

If every single adult who claims to be a Christian votes ONE Christian Democratic and TWO for their preferred major party, we would make a huge difference in seeing Christian values restored to our state. It is a small, safe way to take a faith stand, but all those small, safe whispers collectively, become a shout!

CANDIDATES:

Upper House: Fred Nile, Ross Clifford, And Peter Tadros

Lower House: Wollondilly – Susan Pinsuti Camden – Linda Dinkha

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE

The commemorative wall in St James' church lane recognising the service of locals in WW I & II has been restored using grants from both state and federal governments.

During preparations for planting a garden, a decorative section of sandstone flagging was revealed. This had been covered with earth that had washed down the slope over time.

The wall will be rededicated in a short ceremony commencing at 9:30am on Anzac Day.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. All welcome.

WELL DONE, SARAH!

During December 2014, Sarah McNevin competed in the NSW State Open Water Championships, winning gold in both the 10km and 5km swimming events.

Following this success, she travelled to Perth, WA in February to compete in the National Open Water Championships. The event was held under very difficult circumstances including relocating the event on the day of racing to a new venue due to rough seas and strong winds, and many blue bottle and jellyfish stings at the new venue.

Sarah raced incredibly well in both the 10km and 5km events in Rockingham WA bringing home 2 Silver National medals, missing gold by 14 seconds in the 10km event and by only half a second in the 5km event the next day.

Well done Sarah

POLICE REPORT

Police are investigating a report of a man impersonating a police officer in Menangle last night.

About 9.40pm, a 19-year-old woman was driving her vehicle south on Menangle Rd when a white sports sedan drove past her in the opposite direction.

The woman told investigators she saw the car do a U-turn and drive at speed to catch up to her.

The car appeared to have blue and red flashing lights and a siren that sounded

muffled as it came up behind her car and indicated for her to pull over.

The woman pulled over on Menangle Rd, about 1km north east of Finns Road.

A man, described as being caucasian, with a bald head and yellow teeth, approached her car. She also noticed that he had no shoes and no police identification.

The man called for her to get out of her car, however the woman drove away.

She reported the matter to Camden police who are now investigating the matter and are keen to speak with anyone who may have seen a man matching this description, or a vehicle described as a white sports car.

Anyone with information that could assist the investigation should call Camden police on 4632 4499.

From the Macarthur Chronicle

BOOK REVIEW

Adam Spenser's Big Book of Numbers

Adam Spenser will be well known to ABC watchers and listeners (even JJJ).

In his book Adam shares his love of mathematics with his customary humour and with the enthusiasm he brings to all his work. During summer The Sydney Morning Herald published some extracts and for some time the book was sold out.

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Menangle Social Golf Club

Round	Date	Location	Tee Time	Competition
1	1/03/2015	Antill Park Picton	7:56am	Stableford
2	3/05/2015	Gerringong Golf Club	8:00am	Stroke
3	5/07/2015	Antill Park Picton	8:10am	Stableford
4	30/08/2015	Calderwood Golf Club	6:40am	Stroke
5	1/11/2015	Antill Park Picton	8:10am	Stableford
6	6/12/2015	Campbelltown Golf Club		4 Ball Ambrose

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ST JAMES' COLUMBARIUM

If you would like to reserve a niche where your cremated remains may be placed: please contact Brian 4633 8261

On a journey from 1 to 100 you will learn many interesting and often quirky facts about numbers and the mathematicians who have contributed to their field. There are exercises for you to try (and the answers are in the back!)

The 4's problem from last issue was from the book but my current favourite is the bridge problem:

4 people need to cross a bridge before it explodes in 18 minutes. They only have one torch and only 2 people can cross at one time. Each person moves at a different rate but when they cross together they can only move at the pace of the slower person. A can cross in one minute, B in two mins, C in five mins and D in ten mins.

If A crosses with B that's 2 mins and takes 1 min to return for C then crosses with C that's another 5 min plus 1 min to return for D and finally crosses with D in 10 min – that gives:

$2 + 1 + 5 + 1 + 10 = 19$ minutes and the bridge has already exploded! Can you see the way to get them all across in less than 18 minutes?

The book is available at the ABC Shop or as an E-book for about half the price. Either way, this is a great book for getting teenagers interested in maths and you can bond with them by working through some problems together.

If you have read an interesting book and would like to submit a review please send an email.

Don't forget the free library/ book exchange at Jason and Laura's house, 12 Station Street – the one with the distinctive front door!

Brian

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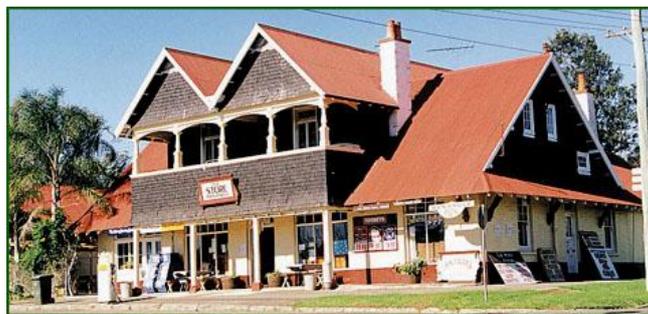
CAMDEN AGLOW MEETING

10am 3rd Wednesday each month except Dec
in the **Red Gum Room** at Narellan Library
\$10 cover charge All Welcome
Contact Sue Peacock 4633 8261

The Forbidden Dance Company

We currently provide fun private dancing classes to suit every individual. Salsa, Bachata & Merengue. Currently held in our personal studio in Haines Pl, Menangle or at your home. Private lessons: 1.5 hour basic classes: \$30.00 per person or \$50.00 per couple. Discount for groups or multiple pre-booked lessons. Call Claudia on 0430 460 205 to book in or email: Forbiddendancers@hotmail.com

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THE MENANGLE STORE

Phone 46338101 Fax 46338686

Pet Care

My name is Sarah Howard; I love animals and I am offering the following services in Menangle Village:

1. Feeding your pets while you are away. For a negotiable fee
2. Walking your dog for 20 mins. Fee \$5.00

Please contact me on 4633 8543

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BABYSITTING

Laura Howard - Menangle Area
Hourly Rate: \$8; ph 46338543
References available

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NUTRIMETICS

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