



MAGDALENE NEWS

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of the Magdalene Community,

Welcome back to everyone in the Magdalene Community as we begin 2014. A special welcome to both our new staff and students as they begin their individual journeys at Magdalene. I look forward to an academically challenging and exciting year ahead, I also continue to encourage all students to make the most of their education and to continually strive for personal excellence in all that they attempt.

At the end of last year the school received the Higher School Certificate results of Year 12, 2013. Our students achieved some very impressive results with 19 subjects above state average, which was most pleasing. In addition students achieved 36 band 6 results which places them in the top band in their respective subjects. Those performances are certainly a reflection of the commitment and dedication of each of those students to their studies. (The names of the band 6 recipients are included later in this newsletter.) I also take this opportunity to congratulate our top ATAR achievers: Jessica Grech 94.5, Cameron Duncan 92.45, Anna Gracanin 91.45 and Cameron Duncan on receiving ATARS above 90. Aaron Fenech 89.75 and Sarah Prestwidge 89.60 on their outstanding achievements. Sarah also received a scholarship to the Conservatorium of Music. Well done!



Jessica Grech
94.5 ATAR



Cameron Duncan
92.45 ATAR



Ana Gracanin
91.45 ATAR



Aaron Fenech
89.75 ATAR



Sarah Prestwidge
89.60 ATAR

Each year a number of new staff begin at Magdalene and 2014 is no different. I take this opportunity to welcome and introduce our new staff. Welcome to: Ms Lindsay – Curriculum Coordinator, Mr Boom - HSIE teacher, Mr Koch – Maths teacher, Ms Saywell - Maths teacher (Temporary), Ms Delaney – Art RE teacher, Ms Flocco – Science Teacher, Mrs Grey Science Teacher (Temporary), Mr Lappan – Music Teacher (Temporary), Mrs Harris – Science Assistant, Mrs Young Office Support. We also welcome Mrs Hynes and Mr Collins back from their leave in 2013. We look forward to an exciting year with these new members of our Magdalene Community.

Strong minds, gentle hearts



New Staff 2014



Mr Boom
HSIE teacher



Ms Corbett
Senior School
Support Officer



Ms Delaney
ART RE teacher



Ms Flocco
Science teacher



Mrs Grey
Science teacher



Mrs Harris
Science Assistant



Mr Koch
Maths teacher



Mr Lappan
Music teacher



Ms Lindsay
Curriculum Coordinator



Miss Saywell
Maths teacher



Mrs Young
Office support

Next week the school will conduct the Opening School Mass and High Achievers Ceremony. I invite all parents and friends to the Mass and celebration of excellence. The Mass will begin at 9.30 on Wednesday in the main school quadrangle.

I remind all parents that our first Parent Consultation Committee and Parents and Friends Association Meeting will be conducted on Tuesday 18 February. I encourage all parents to come along and be a part of the setting of directions for the school in 2014.

As we begin the year it is important to know members of staff who have significant roles in the school. I remind parents that for communication purposes the first point of contact is the subject or pastoral care teacher. If there is still an issue the appropriate Pastoral Care, Year Coordinator or KLA coordinator should be contacted. This week we introduce the Year coordinators. Their names and photo-graphs are included below.

Year Coordinators 2014



Mrs Forner
Pastoral Care
Coordinator



Miss Foti
Year 7



Mr Dowdell
Year 8



Mr Sinclair-Kydd
Year 9



Mrs Duke
Year 10



Mr Zakris
Year 11



Mr Lipscombe
Year 12



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Over the Christmas holidays a number of parents received notification from the Department of transport that their children are no longer eligible for free bus travel. This is a change from previous years.

When Magdalene Catholic High School was established every student was granted free travel as the area was deemed unsafe by the Department of Transport. Recently an assessment was undertaken of the area and the blanket exemption from subsidy criteria was lifted. The reason given for this decision is that the area is now safe for pedestrian traffic. Letters have been written to the Department of Transport and phone contact with the Schemes Manager. The response remains that the area has been deemed safe and that every students route was assessed for safety.

At this point every parent has the right to appeal the decision individually. Our local member Mr Chris Patterson is also investigating avenues through which to support continuation of the subsidy and will keep us informed of the outcome. Mr Patterson has also been in contact with Busabout and students will be permitted to board buses free of charge until Wednesday 19 February.

I thank the parents for your support in this matter and will keep the community informed as further information comes to hand.

This newsletter includes the fees and charges for students in 2014. Although there have been minor increases every effort has been made to keep increases to a minimum in order to keep the burden on families as low as possible. School Fee accounts will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Mrs Hulme and her husband Anthony on the birth of their daughter Zante early in the holidays. We wish the whole family all the best and little Zante a fulfilling and joyful life.

Congratulations to Miss Kirby who was married to her fiancé Troy over the holidays. We wish them every happiness together.

As we begin the year I include the school prayer as a point of reflection and a guide for our actions throughout the year. This prayer is recited daily, by both staff and students:



Mary Magdalene School Prayer

*Jesus, you chose Mary Magdalene
to be the first witness to your resurrection.
Help us to be filled with the power of your Spirit.
May we become witnesses to your love and healing,
both within and beyond this community.*

*Mary Magdalene
Pray for us.*

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Nikolina Bazdaric	D&T
Louis Bendtsen	Drama
Joshua Bourke	D&T
Sarah Coss	PDHPE
Chantelle Di Federico	IPT
Alana Di-Filippo	IT and Hospitality
Cameron Duncan	IPT
Daniel Elliott	Music
Aaron Fenech	Business Studies, D&T and Maths
Nicole Ferraro	CAFS, PDHPE

Alex Fitzpatrick	CAFS
Ana Gracanin	Ancient History
Jessica Grech	Textiles & CAFS
Thomas Maxfield	General Maths
Madeleine McClure	Music
Robert Menon	Mathematics 2 Unit
Matthew Miskell	D&T
Liam Mleczko	IT, General Maths
Julian Moothoo	General Maths

Tamara Mora	PDHPE
Ethan Nicholson	General Maths
Allison Oliver	CAFS, Music
Thomas Paparo	IT
Eric Pappalardo	Music
Jacob Reardon	Music
Michael Robinson	IT
Natasha Rodgers	PDHPE and Hospitality
Alison Vassallo	Hospitality



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2014 SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

1. Individual Student Administration Fee (per student)

	Tuition Fee	Building Fund	Student Administration	Total
Year 7 & 8	\$1443	\$650	\$55	\$2148
Year 9 & 10	\$1559	\$650	\$55	\$2264
Year 11 & 12	\$1947	\$650	\$55	\$2652

2. Year 7 Notebook Levy.....Self funded
3. Year 8 Notebook Levy.....\$500
4. Year 9 Notebook Levy.....\$450
5. Year 10 Notebook Levy.....Self funded
6. Year 11 Notebook Levy.....\$200/500
7. Year 12 Notebook Levy.....\$200/500
8. Technology Levy\$95
9. Tuesday Sport/TAFE Transport Levy (7 to 11).....\$240
10. Carnivals (Year 12 only)\$25
11. Year Book.....\$16
12. Parents and Friends levy (per family)\$100
13. Core Subject Course Fee:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Bible	\$40					
Art Kit	\$38	\$18				
PDHPE Workbook	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40		
Student Resources/Textbook Hire	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$120	\$120
Italian Workbook		\$25				
TOTALS	\$208	\$173	\$130	\$130	\$120	\$120

14. Elective Course Fee:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Community & Family Studies					\$70	\$70
Construction					\$185	\$180
Design & Technology Multimedia					\$70	\$50
Drama			\$55	\$45	\$60	\$60
Food Technology			\$140	\$140	\$90	\$90
Hospitality Operations					\$215	\$210
Industrial Technology – Timber			\$125	\$125		
Industrial Technology – Furniture					\$120	\$100
Information Processing & Technology					\$60	\$60
Information Software Technology (Computing)			\$50	\$50		
Industrial Technology Engineering/Engineering Studies			\$185	\$60	\$180	\$80
Information Technology – VET					\$110	\$110
Italian			\$25	\$25		
Music			\$55	\$55	\$75	\$55
PDHPE					\$70	\$70
Photography			\$61	\$67	\$120	\$100
Physical Activity & Sport Science			\$36	\$36		
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation					\$70	\$70
Technology – Mandatory	\$55	\$55				
Textiles Technology (Year 9 & 10)			\$110	\$110		
Textiles & Design (Year 11 & 12)					\$110	\$110
Visual Arts			\$100	\$80	\$100	\$100



Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the level and purpose of fees for students attending Magdalene Catholic High School in 2014.

Government funding covers approximately 80% of the recurrent costs associated with running a Catholic High School. The 20% "gap", plus loan commitments associated with building, need to be met by parent contributions. A breakdown of the 2014 school fees is:

Tuition Fee	Teachers salaries and the day to day running costs of the school (water, electricity, paper etc)
Building Fund	This levy is used solely for the repayment of loans on the school buildings (equivalent to a mortgage payment).
Student Administration Fee	Covers the cost of printing, postage and communication expenses.
Notebook Levy	The notebook levy is a charge for the notebook computers provided to students. The levy covers the cost of the notebook, insurance, a bag, the associated set up, an external hard drive and "Office". The cost is divided over three years with one third of the total cost being paid each year.
Technology Levy	This contributes towards the costs of maintaining technology hardware, software and access to the internet.
Core Subject Course Fee	This covers the cost of all other books and equipment which are purchased in bulk and issued to students for their personal use. The alternative would be for parents to purchase these items which would be at a great cost. This also assists in covering the cost of textbooks issued to students, both in hardcopy and electronically.
Elective Course Fees	This goes towards offsetting the cost of consumables used by students in practical courses e.g. foodstuffs used in Food Technology.
Tuesday Sport/TAFE Levy	All students rotate through four sports blocks over the year which includes swimming, indoor recreational sports, elective choices (e.g. martial arts, aerobics, dance etc) and school based sport. In addition students may trial for inter-school competitive sport. The sports levy covers <u>all costs</u> associated with Tuesday sport including bus travel. The levy also covers all costs associated with whole school carnivals. This levy also covers the transportation of students who attend TAFE on Tuesday afternoon.
Parents & Friends Levy	The P&F levy of \$100 per family, per year replaces major fundraising activities for parents. This then allows the P&F to concentrate on special gatherings with an emphasis on community building, rather than fund raising.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The tuition fee, building fund, sport levy, P&F levy and notebook levy are billed in three instalments over the first three terms of the school year.

The student administration fee, core subject course fee and elective course fees, year book fee and technology levy are included in the Term 1 fee account.

Fee accounts are posted early in Term 1, 2 and 3. Payments may be made in a lump sum, or in instalments. Accounts may be paid by BPAY, EFTPOS, cash, cheque, money order or credit card. Direct debit facilities are also available, simply contact the school finance office.

A deduction on the tuition fee only, for the second and subsequent child of a family attending the school applies. Deductions are as follows:

25%	for the second child attending the school.
50%	for the third child attending the school.
100%	for the fourth and subsequent children attending the school.

All families however are required to pay all other fees and levies. Retreats, camps and excursion costs are required to be paid, these costs will be included on individual family school fee account. Excursions held in Term 1 will appear on 1st Instalment, excursions held in Term 2 will appear on 2nd Instalment and excursions held in Terms 3 and 4 will appear on 3rd Instalment of school fees. Any family experiencing difficulties regarding the payment of fees must contact the Principal. Such matters are always treated in the strictest confidence.

Mr John Lo Cascio

29 January 2014



SPORTS NEWS 4/2/2014

Sport for Term 1, 2014

Sport re-commences on the 4th February, 2014 with the Term 1 MISA Trials being held for the following sports: 10-12 Boys Cricket, Open Girls Cricket, 8/9 Boys Basketball, 8/9 Girls Basketball, 7-9 Boys Softball, 7-9 Girls Softball, 10-12 Boys Oztag, 10-12 Girls Oztag, 7-9 Boys Volleyball and 7-9 Girls Volleyball.

The Term 1 MISA competition commences on 11th February.

2014 Elective Sports and Year Group Sports

During Term 1, 2014 the following Year Groups will be participating in the following sport activities:

Year 7 – Indoor Sport rotations

Year 8 – Multi-Sport

Year 9 – School Sport

There is an information note that has been given to students to take home detailing individual sports that Years 7-9 will be participating in. This note also details sports expectations and procedures for non-participation. A copy of the Sports Information note is available on the School Website.

Students in years 10 and 11 have chosen Electives.

Year 10 students are participating in the following sports: Dance Group, Camden Power walking, Beach Soccer Volleyball, Boxing for Fitness, Ten Pin Bowling at Macarthur Square, Mount Annan Walking Group and Squash.

Year 11 students are participating in the following sports: Dance Group, Boxing for Fitness, Female and Male Weights/Squash, Mount Annan Botanic Gardens Walking Group and Ten Pin Bowling at Leumeah (Macarthur Bowl).

Students have been given notes detailing these sports. These information notes are also available on the school's website. This note also details sports expectations and procedures for non-participation.

No Hat = No Sport

Students are required to have a drink bottle for all sports and a hat for all outdoor sports. Students should also bring sunscreen for outdoor sports. Students who do not have a hat for outdoor sports will be required to go to a 'No-Hat Detention'. Students are advised to always keep a hat, sunscreen and a water bottle in their bags. Please Note: School bags are not able to be taken to most sports.

Medical – unable to participate in Sport (Sports Study – Non Sport)

It is expected that students will participate in sport, unless the Sports Coordinator is otherwise advised. Students who cannot participate due to sickness/illness or injury must have a note from their parent/guardian. This note must be sighted by the Sports Coordinator (Mr Kennedy) on Tuesdays no later than recess. Notes should include any details of injuries or medical concerns. Please Note: 'Sports Study – Non Sport' is only for students who cannot participate for sport.

2014 NSWCCC and All-Schools Sporting Information

Information for individual nominations can be accessed via the following website link www.csss.nsw.edu.au. This allows parents/students to apply for individual nominations for sports on-line. The application is subject to both to sports specific criteria and approval by the Sports Coordinator and Principal.

These sports are for students already competing at a high representational level eg. district or regional.

Some important NSWCCC and All-School Sports coming up as early as Term 1 include: NSWCCC Tennis, NSWCCC Girls Cricket, NSWCCC Baseball, NSWCCC 15Yrs Netball, NSWCCC Open Netball and NSWCCC Golf.

These and other sports are detailed on the website. Please go into "Sport Specific Information" after 'clicking' onto the sport you are enquiring about and look for 'pathway' information and very importantly 'closing dates'. Check this information at your earliest convenience to avoid disappointment.

Parents need to register through the website to nominate students for these sports : www.csss.nsw.edu.au



NOTICEBOARD

December		
19	Thurs	ATAR Morning Tea 10.30am - 11.30am
January		
30	Thurs	Year 7 and Year 11 First Day
31	Fri	All School Returns
February		
3	Mon	UOW Discovery Day
5	Wed	Opening Mass and High Achievers ceremony. Year 12 Information Evening
10	Mon	Year 7 IPAD Day
12	Wed	Year 11 Assessment Information Evening -7pm
13	Thurs	School Assembly
14	Frid	Swimming Carnival
18	Tues	Parents and Friends Meeting - 7pm

Second Hand Uniform Pool

The Second Hand Uniform Pool will be open on the following dates:

Monday 3 February 7.50 - 8.20am
 Friday 7 February 7.50am - 8.20am
 Monday 10 February 7.50am - 8.20am
 Friday 14 February 7.50am - 8.20am
 Monday 17 February 7.50am - 8.20am
 Friday 21 February 7.50am - 8.20am

There are a large number of Senior Uniforms currently available.

The Second Hand Uniform Pool requires donations of pre-loved uniforms in good condition. Please hand in at the Administration Office.

Please do not send in the previous style of sport uniform as these are no longer part of the current uniform.

If you require uniforms outside of these hours please call Kelly O'Keeffe on 0410 553 812.

Mt Carmel Parish Varroville's Community Market Day and Car Boot Sale Sunday 9 February 2014

What: Community Markets and Car Boot Sale
 When: Sunday 9 February, 2014 from 9am - 12pm
 Where: 193 St Andrews Rd, Varroville

What: Come along to the community market and car boot sale of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish. Held in the church grounds, stalls include religious items, plants, bric-a-brac, hand-made cards, craft, baked goods, jewellery, hair items and much more. BBQ and morning tea available.

ALL WELCOME!

Parents and Friends Meeting Tuesday 18 February

There will be a Parents and Friends Meeting held at the school on Tuesday 18 February.

The meeting will be held in the school Library at 7pm. All welcome, your support is very much appreciated.

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 2B 3 February - 7 February	3 Feb Tanya Harvey Lisa Burke Julie Smith	4 Feb Kathy Foden Anne-Maree Geering	5 Feb Raquel Cosio Alison Gerada	6 Feb Kelly Maginn-Dawson Belinda Colusso	7 Feb Vesna Pervan Liz Murko
Term 1 Week 3A 10 February - 14 February	10 Feb Donna Duck Najette Elfar Diane Haines	11 Feb Kelly Hyland Anita Hopman Rosa Vella	12 Feb Jo Britt Coralie Kelly Jeannette Power	13 Feb Tracy McConchie Georgina Gunner	14 Feb SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Term 1 Week 4B 17 February - 21 February	17 Feb Rochelle Bonning Leonie Sanchez	18 Feb Karen Ryan Nicole Mortimer	19 Feb Yr 12 Retreat Yr 7 Camp Eve Farkas Liz Jeffs	20 Feb Yr 12 Retreat Yr 7 Camp Leanne Craig Yan Fang Li Michelle Crowe	21 Feb Yr 12 Retreat Yr 7 Camp Rachel Miller Megan Gibson Christine Montafia -Brown