



MAGDALENE NEWS

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

This week has been Catholic Schools Week. This has been an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the nature of our Catholic School. This week we also conducted the Open Night for Year 7, 2015. The evening was well supported with over 300 people visiting the school. The various Key Learning Area faculties organised displays and many students were involved in the displays and tours. Although it is a great opportunity for us to show Magdalene off to the wider community it is also an opportunity to celebrate this wonderful Catholic school and what it has to offer. The students who were involved in the afternoon conducted tours and by all reports were wonderful ambassadors for the school. The sentiments were expressed beautifully by our Vice Captains Carly Reynolds, Cody Newton and Elyce Beauchamp of Year 10. The students were asked to report on the following questions.

1. How do you know you're cared for at Magdalene?
2. What helps you learn at Magdalene?
3. What makes this place special?

Below is a brief extract concluding Carly's speech.

"Magdalene is FUN! Magdalene is my safe place, it's my happy place. From the relationships I have made here with my friends and the teachers, the great education I've received and the experiences I've had: they have all been through fun.

I thank my Mum and Dad for sending me to Magdalene because my school has given me an exceptional starting point for the rest of my life."

I thank the teachers, students and parents who came to support a very worthwhile evening. I especially thank Mrs Potts, Mr Lowry, Mrs Lowry and Mrs Ciol for work on the Parents and Friends Association complimentary barbecue.

Throughout the past two weeks there have been a number of activities that highlight our Catholic School – Shrove Tuesday Pancake competition to raise funds for Caritas, Ash Wednesday Services, Mathematics Carnival and Mock Trial competition, Diocesan Swimming and Tennis Competitions these events certainly highlight our Catholic School and give us much to celebrate as a Catholic community.

Two weeks ago Hannah Clancy and Benjamin Brown represented Magdalene in the Lions Youth of The Year competition at the local level. Ben performed very well and was commended for his performance. Hannah also performed extremely well and went on to win the local competition and progress to the Regional Final last Saturday. I congratulate both Ben and Hannah on their outstanding performances.

Strong minds, gentle hearts



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This weekend Mr Gorrie and ten students from Magdalene will compete in the National finals of the F1 in Schools Competition. Magdalene has two teams entered in the competition and each has been preparing for the finals over the past few months. We wish them well in the competition and look forward to hearing about their performance.

This week we welcome Mr Leydon to Magdalene. Mr Leydon will replace Mr McMartin for the remainder of 2014. Mrs Hynes has accepted the role of Acting Science Co-ordinator during that time.

Included in this newsletter is the Lenten message of Bishop Peter Ingham. The message “This is Christian Hope: That the future is in God’s hands” encourages each of us to have faith in our God and to examine the way each of us live our lives. The message is both relevant and practical. I encourage everyone to take time to reach (or listen to) and reflect on the insights given by Bishop Peter. The Message has been posted on the CEO Website and is also available online at <https://vimeo.com/87441931>.

Today the school focused on Caritas Red Day in an effort to raise funds for Caritas. The support given by students was certainly very positive and provides an opportunity for students to offer support in a very practical way. We look forward to hearing the results of today's fundraising.

The following is the Caritas Prayer for the third Sunday of Lent, it certainly helps us to focus on the importance of our wider community.

Prayer

For our Church, we pray.

*That we respond to the call of Jesus to give up any sense of elite entitlement,
to learn from others and to share the richness we have.*

For those who look to us, we pray.

*That we let go of prejudices and embrace cultural differences, as a way of
being fully human and growing in faith.*

For our community, we pray.

*That we live our lives aware that we are a part of a universal family.
We pray to the Lord.*

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2014 - Years 7 - 9

All students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to participate in the Challenge for 2014. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Challenge runs from **3rd March to 22nd August 2014**. Ongoing reading is encouraged as students aim for the target of 20 books. Books read from September 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge. It is a condition of entry that students entering the Challenge maintain an online reading log and that those who successfully complete the Challenge will receive a certificate and appear on the online Honour Roll.

Permission slips need to be completed and returned to the Library



CARITAS

Caritas/ Project Compassion Newsletter Article by Dana Decipeda and Jasmyn Estay.

Caritas Australia's yearly spread of awareness and fundraising began on Ash Wednesday and is running for the six weeks of Lent. Project Compassion puts emphasis on the continual demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the charity supporters towards those less fortunate than us. Project Compassion 2014 focuses on six countries this year, Brazil, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, Australia, Sri Lanka and most importantly South Sudan.

The Project Compassion Launch was on Tuesday the 4 March at John Therry Catholic High School in Rosemeadow. Mrs Violi, accompanied Emily as well as Ben and us to the event to witness the pledge of commitment towards the Project Compassion target for the year. Bishop Peter ran the mass and we were introduced to Mary who is a Caritas representative from South Sudan focusing on the struggling countries in Africa.

Magdalene Catholic High School's target for 2014 is \$7000, that is just \$1000 more than what we achieved last year. With the assistance and support of our parents, teachers and students we are very determined to strive towards that goal of \$7000.

The two recent events certainly helped to boost our fundraising on Monday, 10 March we held a bake sale with all the proceeds going towards Project Compassion. On Friday 14 March, there will be an all-school mufti day, if everyone will bring a minimum \$2 we will easily have raised \$2000 heading a further step closer into the direction of our \$7000 goal. The SRC in each year group went around during homeroom in the morning with buckets to collect any donations students were prepared to give.

In conclusion, we leave you with this; a quote that is our focal notion for the 2014 Project Compassion fundraiser -
"Have Life and Have It To The Full" –John 10:10



Guest speaker from Caritas Mary, with Ben Brown, Jasmyn Estay, Dana Decipeda, Emily Saysanavongpheth and Bishop Peter Ingham.

RED DAY



Hannah Clancy wins Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Hannah Clancy from Year 11 who competed in the Lion's Club Youth of the Year Competition, representing Magdalene and Narellan Lions.

On Saturday 8 March, Hannah was among four superb students from local schools who had already won the competition at club level and progressed through to the regional finals. She had to answer two impromptu questions (speaking topics with zero preparation). Do you think you could speak to an audience for two minutes in response to this question?

What are our views on legislation about alcohol and violence?

Hannah also delivered a prepared speech which looked at inequality, poverty and marginalisation in society. It was a moving and powerful speech. Our whole community were lucky enough to hear this speech at our assembly last week.

Although Hannah didn't win the overall competition, she was named Public Speaking Champion. Hannah is a credit to her school and her family.



Year 12 Business Studies Excursion

On Thursday 6 March, the Year 12 Business Studies classes went on an excursion to Perfection Fresh in Homebush, followed by the Food Lovers Market in Moorebank. Our visit to Perfection Fresh, one of Australia's leading fresh produce businesses, gave us insights into the marketing, financial, human resources and operations side of the business, which will be invaluable information to use as a case study for our HSC exam.

We were able to take a tour through the operations facilities, as well as hear presentations from the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Manager, Sales Manager and the Operations Manager. After leaving Perfection Fresh, we went to the Food Lovers Market in Moorebank, where we were able to connect how the products we just saw in the operations process were being distributed in the retail sector, as well as doing a bit of our own shopping.

The entire year 12 Business Studies classes would like to thank both Perfection Fresh, and more specifically Miss Simonetta, for giving us the opportunity to gain valuable information which will be vital for success in the Business Studies HSC exam. - *By Cody Newton (Yr 12 Business Studies)*



Year 10 Music Excursion

Last Friday 28 February, the Year 10 elective music class caught a train into the city to watch a The Australian Brandenburg Orchestra and Choir perform at the City Recital Hall.

It was amazing to not only hear but also see and experience all the different components that make up a Baroque orchestra come together. Listening to how current Australian composers like Elen Kats-Chernin use the techniques and devices of Baroque music and instruments while also incorporating modern instruments was very interesting. It was a fantastic experience and very beneficial to our understanding of Baroque music.

- *Brittany Tekely and Sophie Vannan*



Photography Competition

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Think you have a good eye for photography? Then enter **Screen Shot**, Magdalene's **Photo Challenge** competition. Enter your best shots related to the topic given and you could win. Simply consider the theme provided each term, be creative and capture an original image.

Term One Photo challenge theme is **Unusual Angles**, competition open on Monday Week 7 and entries are to be submitted by no later than lunchtime **Friday of Week 10** at the Learning Resource Centre. Entries (printed images **8x10**) need to be submitted with **name and homeroom on the back and a \$1 entry fee per entry** submitted maximum of three entries per student. Winners will be announced during Week 11 and your image will appear on the school website. Please check your email for further details.

Hints and Tips; Stick to the theme selected. Images that are creative, unusual and thought provoking make the best entries for photographic competitions. Consider the composition of your photograph carefully. The quality of your print will be considered in the judging of images so take care to submit a good quality print. You can either print at home, school or you may choose to print your photographs at Big W, Harvey Norman, Office works.

Be creative and have fun shooting.

St John's - Campbelltown Presents Jesus Christ Superstar proceeds to Project Compassion

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THIS IS CHRISTIAN HOPE: THAT THE FUTURE IS IN GOD'S HANDS

Lenten Pastoral Message 2014

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD

2 March 2014



My Brothers and Sisters

*This is Christian hope: that the future is in God's Hands.*¹ This is one of Pope Francis' tweets from December last year, and I believe it sums-up Jesus' message in today's Gospel about how futile it can be to worry. You know, worrying is a bit like a rocking chair – it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.

Jesus starts off by saying, "You cannot be the slave both of God and of money." (Matt 6:24) He is talking about our being so preoccupied with making money and placing our happiness in material things and in our ability to take care of ourselves that we fail to give God credit for his blessings.

And so, from this fixation on ourselves we then begin to worry about everything and we lose sight of our Christian hope: that the future is in God's hands, not ours. Our worrying becomes destructive. Firstly, it creates an enormous gulf in our relationship with God because it presumes that God cannot be trusted. I've heard worry described as "practical atheism."² When we worry we act as though God does not know or care about us. We live as if God does not exist. Thus we become practical atheists. Can you imagine if your children worried about whether you were going to feed and clothe them? How bad would that make you feel as a parent? Yet, this is how we treat God when we worry.

Secondly, worrying does not improve our situation. As Jesus says, "Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? (Matt 6:27). In fact, worrying can even harm us physically through loss of sleep and other maladies such as ulcers and heart attacks. It can also make us difficult to live with.

So, after telling us not to worry, Jesus prescribes two practical ways in which we can control our worrying. He firstly says that we should set our "hearts on his kingdom first." (Matt 6:33) That is, we should be concerned about God's agenda and the agenda of others before our own. If God's agenda and the agenda of our brothers and sisters is our top concern, then our worries tend to slide into the background. We are distracted in a positive way.

Secondly, Jesus says "So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow, will take care of itself." (Matt 6:34) This is a call to live in the present by focusing only on each 24-hour day. More importantly, it is a call to live in the presence of the Lord in prayer throughout our day.

Now, here is where I want to address two very important points.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORRY AND RESPONSIBLE CONCERN

Our parents tried to raise us to be responsible and prepared for "a rainy day," that is, for when life goes off the track. Taking care of ourselves and not being a burden to others is seen as a virtue. This is not the kind of worrying that Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. I believe there's a difference between responsible concern and worry. Responsible concern is practical charity, when you and I can do something to help a situation; so we do what we can to help. Worry is when you can't do something, but you don't want to leave it up to God.³ Jesus makes this clear when he uses the birds as an example, as they are certainly busy workers.

Our *Parishes Working Together* initiative, in which we are planning for the future of our Diocese, is an example of a responsible concern: it is something you and I can do to help our situation. It would indeed be fundamentally irresponsible not to do this. Jesus says in today's Gospel, "Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well." (Matt 6:33). So, we are not viewing our planning as an administrative process of managing decline. Rather, in our planning we are setting our hearts on God's kingdom first and living in Christian hope that the future is in God's hands.

RECONCILING POVERTY IN THE WORLD WITH GOD'S PROMISE TO PROVIDE FOR US

Despite Jesus' sentiments of God always providing for us, how do we reconcile that with so much abject poverty in the world?

¹ Pope Francis, Twitter post, @Pontifex, 14 December 2013.

² Robert H Mounce, *Matthew*, Peabody MA: Hendrickson, 1991, p 80.

³ Tony Evans, "Overcoming the Stronghold of Worry", *The Alternative View*, 7/2001.

In response, I want to focus on Pope Francis' Lenten Message this year.⁴ He maintains that we cannot blame God for world poverty without also taking our own fair share of the blame. It is often our lack of responsible concern for the poverty of our brothers and sisters that is the problem.

Pope Francis makes the point that "In every time and place God continues to save humanity and the world through the poverty of Christ, who makes himself poor for us in the Sacraments, in his Word and in his Church, which is a people of the poor."

Pope Francis then makes a beautiful distinction between *poverty* and *destitution*.

He says, "Destitution is not the same as poverty: destitution is poverty without faith, without support, without hope."

He talks about *material destitution*: what we normally call poverty which affects people living in conditions opposed to human dignity. Just like Jesus' warning in the Gospel today of not having two masters, the Pope says that material destitution happens when "Discrimination, power, luxury and money become idols." He says that "Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing." So, what almsgiving can you and I do this Lent to ease the material destitution of our brothers and sisters? Our annual Lenten Project Compassion appeal enables us to give alms for programs to help people in developing countries rise out of the depths of material destitution. God provides for his people through our responsible concern.

What form of fasting can you and I do this Lent as part of our responsible concern for others? As Pope Francis says, "Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty." In other words, don't think of self-denial during Lent only in terms of how we will benefit but also in terms of how others will benefit.

The second type of destitution that Pope Francis refers to is *moral destitution* which he says "consists in slavery to vice and sin. How much pain is caused in families because one of their members – often a young person – is in thrall to alcohol, drugs, gambling or pornography? How many people no longer see meaning in life or prospects for the future, how many have lost hope!"

We need to ask ourselves this Lent what is the moral destitution in our own lives? What form of repentance will help heal this moral destitution? Do not be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent.

⁴ Pope Francis, *LENTEN MESSAGE OF OUR HOLY FATHER FRANCIS 2014: He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)*, Vatican, 26 December 2013.

Pope Francis reminds us that "Confessing our sins is not like going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it's saying to the Lord, 'Lord, I am a sinner,' but saying it through the brother [priest confessor], because this says it concretely. 'I am a sinner because of this, that and the other thing [I have done].'"⁵ I know that confessing our sins can be difficult, but we are all sinners and we all need God's forgiveness. As Pope Francis reminds us, "God never grows tired of granting us his forgiveness,"⁶ and Jesus promises us his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Finally, Pope Francis identifies the third type of destitution as *spiritual destitution*, which he says "we experience when we turn away from God and reject his love. If we think we don't need God who reaches out to us through Christ, because we believe we can make do on our own, we are headed for a fall." The Pope says that the antidote to spiritual destitution is the proclamation of the Gospel.

So, as part of our responsible concern for the spiritual destitution in our lives and in the lives of our brothers and sisters, what can we do this Lent to proclaim the Gospel? Why not invite a friend along to one of the groups in your parish undertaking the Diocese's Lenten program, Encounter. Listening to the inspiring words of Fr Greg Homeming OCD and Sr Hilda Scott OSB can be a great balm for our spiritual destitution.

So too is prayer. How can we heal our spiritual destitution and have an authentic relationship with our Creator and Saviour, without daily prayer? As Pope Francis said in a series of tweets last year:

*The mystery of the Cross, a mystery of love, can only be understood in prayer.*⁷

*Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.*⁸

*Are you angry with someone? Pray for that person. That is what Christian love is.*⁹

My sisters and brothers, you only have one shot at Lent this year. I beg you to make it count for eternity. May the Holy Spirit increase our responsible concern for human destitution, so that we can become merciful and act with mercy. And may the Lord grant you and I the grace to live with joy and in the Christian hope that the future is in God's hands!

Have a blessed Lent and Easter, and may our Diocese continue to rest in the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

⁵ Pope Francis, *Homily at Daily Mass, Casa Santa Marta*, 25 October 2013.

⁶ Pope Francis, *Homily at Sunday Mass, Parish of St Anna in the Vatican*, 17 March 2013.

⁷ Pope Francis, Twitter post, @Pontifex, 10 October 2013.

⁸ Pope Francis, Twitter post, @Pontifex, 17 October 2013.

⁹ Pope Francis, Twitter post, @Pontifex, 17 June 2013.

Junior Maths Day

On Thursday 27 and Friday 28 February, Year 7 and 8 students spent the days immersed in mathematical and logical thinking as they learnt and utilized foundational and advanced problem solving strategies.

The Inquisitive Minds Activity group who visited the school offered students the opportunity for students to do a variety of hands on activities, one of the most popular being the Chocolate Challenge.

“The challenges with rewards get you to work harder.”

“I did not know that using a diagram could make my maths a little easier! And I did not mind being bribed by lollies to get some of the challenges! And last but not least, I liked the variety of challenges we did.”

- Paris Maguire

“I found the inquisitive minds the best part of the day because it was enjoyable and I learnt how to solve word problems in quick and easy ways.” - Chloe Ryman

“I enjoyed every part of the day the inquisitive minds was probably my favourite I found all different puzzles and games really interesting.” - Zach Gunner



Shrove Tuesday



CAREERS EXPO 2014

THE HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2014

Thursday 29 May and Friday 30 May
Saturday 31 May and Sunday 1 June
10am - 3pm
Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney
hscandcareers.com.au

The biggest careers and education event in New South Wales



To the Principal

The HSC and Careers Expo is an important event for Years 10, 11 and 12 students, their parents and teachers, featuring over 140 exhibitors with HSC resources, tertiary courses and career information. The seminar program features 115 presentations on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. In 2013, The Expo attracted over 16,500 visitors.

Discounted admission of \$5.00 per student for groups of 5 or more is available on Thursday 29 May and Friday 30 May. This ticket is valid for all 4 days of The Expo.

A number of complimentary tickets, the seminar program, exhibitor list and the school group booking form have been sent to your school's HSC Coordinator and Careers Adviser. Pre booking for school groups is essential.

Below is a paragraph about The Expo you might like to include in your school newsletter to inform parents about the event.

The HSC and Careers Expo 2014
Thursday 29 May and Friday 30 May
Saturday 31 June and Sunday 1 June
10am-3pm
Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park, Sydney

The HSC and Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing HSC, tertiary course, career, study skills and gap year information and resources. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 115 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all 4 days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in The Daily Telegraph on Tuesday 27 May or visit hscandcareers.com.au

Thursday 19 and Friday 20 June, 9am-3pm
Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June, 10am-3pm
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

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The Western Sydney Careers Expo is an important event for Years 10, 11 and 12 students, their parents and teachers, with over 140 exhibitors with HSC resources, tertiary course, career and employment information. The seminar program features 115 presentations on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice. In 2013, the Western Sydney Careers Expo attracted over 23,500 visitors.

Discounted admission of \$5.00 per student for groups of 5 or more is available on Thursday 19 June and Friday 20 June. This ticket is valid for all 4 days of The Expo.

A number of complimentary tickets, the seminar program, exhibitor list and the school group booking form have been sent to your school's HSC Coordinator and Careers Adviser. Pre booking for school groups is essential.

Below is a paragraph about The Expo you might like to include in your school newsletter to inform parents about the event.

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2014
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 June, 9am-3pm
Saturday 21 June and Sunday 22 June, 10am-3pm
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

The Western Sydney Careers Expo brings together over 140 exhibitors providing information on tertiary and training courses, career and employment opportunities, HSC subjects, study skills and gap year programs. Exhibitors include Australia's major universities. The Expo also features 115 seminars on HSC subjects including English and Maths, tertiary courses, career, employment and study advice. Admission is \$10 or \$25 for families of 3 or more (children 14 and under free) and is valid for all four days of The Expo. Admission includes all seminars.

For more details see The Expo Visitor Guide in your local Fairfax Community Newspaper in early June 2014 or westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au



SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Macarthur Anglican

SPORT	WINNING SCHOOL	SCORE	MOST VALUED PLAYER
10-12 Boys Cricket	Magdalene	86-74	Another well-played match, great batting from Mitchell Sapiatzer (21no) and John Poyntz bowled a treat (2/5). Top stuff.
Open Girls Cricket	Magdalene	66-54	MVP: Jessica Whittall took 3 wickets in the last over.
7-9 Boys Softball	Macarthur	15-1	They were just too good. The boys played as well as they were allowed. The games were played with great spirit.
7-9 Girls Softball	Draw	Incomplete	Another great game girls. Our skills and teamwork continue to improve. Well done.
8/9 Boys Basketball	Draw	10-10	A very pleasing start to the game, with a physical close. MVP: Elijah Osman
8/9 Girls Basketball	Magdalene	22-9	The girls played a brilliant game and led from the start. Great defence resulted in them stretching the lead. A fantastic game.
10-12 Boys Oztag	Magdalene	12-4	A great team effort.
10-12 Girls Oztag	Magdalene	3-2	Lucky to get away with a win this game. The second half was a big improvement.
7-9 Boys Volleyball	Magdalene	3-1	MVP: Aiden Berenger
7-9 Girls Volleyball	Draw	2-2	The girls are improving and this is shown in the results. A good comeback at the end of the match to get the draw. MIP: Lilly Tyquin MVP: Sofia Bazdaric

YEAR 9 SCHOOL SPORT

There have been 5 rounds of Year 9 inter-Homeroom School Sport with students participating in a range of sports such as Basketball, Netball, Volleyball, Soccer and Oztag. Homerooms receive 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 point for a loss.

The following players have been noted for their competitiveness and good sportsmanship. Players: Tyler Rullis, Ben Fallshaw, Megan Hall, Caitlyn Rushby, Jessica Gunner, Jessica Kane, Jasmine Bajada, Chloe Laxade, Meagan Major, Elizabeth Arcadi, Damon Scocco, Jason Clark, Liam Irons, Connor Smith, Thomas Carroll, Teresa Nicaj, Lelah Vranic.

BOYS

GIRLS

House	Win	Draw	Loss	Points	House	Win	Draw	Loss	Points
Bruchhauser	3	0	4	7	Bruchhauser	9	2	1	12
Dunne	6	0	3	9	Dunne	9	0	2	11
Hogan	9	0	2	11	Hogan	9	0	2	11
Moore	9	2	1	12	Moore	6	0	3	9
Sedgwick	12	2	0	14	Sedgwick	9	2	1	12
Wilson	0	4	3	7	Wilson	0	0	5	5

Diocesan U15s Girls Soccer Team

What a team! For a bunch of girls that had never played together before they really acted like a cohesive unit from the opening whistle. A rock solid defence, fluid midfield and fast attack led to some tremendous results. We downed St. Benedicts and Corpus Christi 3-0 and St. Marys 2-0. The only disappointment for the day was a 1-0 loss to the eventual finalists from Holy Spirit who boasted at least 5 Illawarra representatives. The Holy Spirit coach praised our teams' defence and said how difficult it was for his team to score.

All in all it was a fantastic day with a great bunch of girls putting in a tremendous effort on the field.

Diocesan U15s Girls Soccer Team: Peta Alvaro, Jasmine Bajada, Annicka Ciol, Matea Farkas, Zoe Jones, Rheannan Lewis, Charlotte O'Flynn, Bethany Perkins, Elizabeth Potts, Clarissa Riservato, Tiarne Tippett, Chloe Veness, Lauren Wright, Shannan Wright and Nikki Miskell.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2014

The Magdalene swimming carnival was a great success this year. It was a beautiful day, all students participated with great enthusiasm and many students (especially year 12) dressed up for the occasion. Congratulation's goes to the age champions and runners up listed below and also to WILSON who won the carnival. This is the first time Wilson has ever won the swimming carnival!

NEW RECORDS

Congratulations to the following student who broke a Magdalene Swimming record.

Zachary Byles – 50m Backstroke (13 years) – 36.30 - record last set in 2002 (37.07)

Well done to Zach on a fantastic effort.

AGE	CHAMPION	RUNNER UP
12 girls	Aleesha Austin	Emily Predl
12 boys	Zane King	Nathan Fenech
13 girls	Jemma Simpson	Madyson Kenny
13 boys	Zachary Byles	Jack Beeby
14 girls	Kayla Green	Kate McDermott
14 boys	Matthew Burke	Riley Maggin-Dawson
15 girls	Sheree Farrell	Jasmin Green
15 boys	Brandon Lopez	Benjamin McVittie
16 girls	Anna Kelly	Brooke Hoskin
16 boys	Joshua Philips	Kaine Whitelaw
17 girls	Leah Carlsen	Hannah Clancy
17 boys	Anthony Simonetta	Travis Hunt
18+ girls	Sophie Fenech	Morgan Kitchener
18+ boys	Joshua Appleton	Lachlan Burke



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **WILSON (767 points)**
- 2nd – Dunne (722 points)
- 3rd – Bruchhauser (698 points)
- 4th – Hogan (652 points)
- 5th – Sedgwick (578 points)
- 6th – Moore (456 points)

Lauren Miller
PDHPE coordinator

Congratulations Maddison Smith

Maddison Smith competed in the All-Schools Softball Tournament this week.
Maddison continues to excel in Softball.



NOTICEBOARD

March		
17	Wed	F1 Engineering National Finals 2014 Year 12 Hospitality Excursion Year 12 Physics Excursion
18	Tues	Year 11 Studies Skills Workshop
19	Wed	Year 12 Hospitality Excursion Meet the Music Year 11 and Year 12— 4pm—10.30pm
21	Fri	Year 11—Vis Art to Art Express
25	Tue	Year 8 Music Incursion—Eddie Quansah, Brother's House Extraordinary P&F meeting to review bus issue
26	Wed	Year 12 Senior Science Excursion
28	Fri	Year 7 and Year 9 Vaccinations 1st Dose
April		
4	Fri	Year 10 Physics Excursion—Luna Park
11	Fri	Last day Term 1 Stations of the Cross
17	Thu	Holy Thursday
18	Fri	Good Friday
28	Mon	Term 2 Commences
May		
5	Mon	Year 7, 2015 Interviews
6	Tues	Year 7, 2015 Interviews
9	Fri	Year 12 Biology Excursion
12	Mon	Year 7, 2015 Interviews
13	Tue	Year 7, 2015 Interviews
13—15	Tues— Thurs	Years 7 & 9 Naplan

School Fees

The school fees have been mailed or emailed out to parents this week.

Please contact Mrs Spencer in the finance office via Email if there are any queries with your account.

Email: finance@mchsdown.catholic.edu.au

Second Hand Uniform Pool

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.

Parent if you require uniforms
please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553 812.

Sick Students

If your child is genuinely sick please do not send them to school.

Keeping a student home will allow them to get well and will reduce the risk of infection amongst other students and staff.

Thank you for you cooperation in this matter.

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 8B 17 March - 21 March	17 Mar Kim Phillips Monique Peters	18 Mar Marg Ryan Rachelle McVittie Rosa Vella	19 Mar Sandra Chamberlain Juliet Nelson Carmel Tedesco	20 Mar Lyndall Musico Kim Ellen O’Shea	21 Mar Leanne Wolf Renea Wales
Term 1 Week 9A 24 March - 28 March	24 Mar Betty Roberts Anthony Starkey	25 Mar Carol Miskell Fran Lapa	26 Mar Trenna McGreal Renea Magro	27 Mar Angela Rao Michelle Ustariz Nicole Ferraro	28 Mar Petina McDonnell Bernadette Staunton
Term 1 Week 10B 31 March - 4 April	31 Mar Kathy Shephard Megan Tyler Krysteen Baker	1 Apr Jaime Olegario	2 Apr Janette O’Reilly Isabel Riservato	3 Apr Lupe Pavihi Karen Tekely	4 Apr Marites Vinoya Jutta Hanishere