



# MAGDALENE NEWS

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

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope that everyone had a holy Easter and a restful holiday. During the holidays, although the school was on a vacation, students and staff from the Magdalene were still active in the wider community, through their involvement in the Good Friday Stations of the Cross Ceremony and the Anzac Day Ceremony at Camden. The involvement of members of our community in these ceremonies is certainly a reflection of commitment to faith and the acknowledgement of the sacrifices of those who gave so much for this nation. I sincerely thank all students and teachers involved in the ceremonies for their participation in and organisation of the events. I also thank the parents of the students for supporting their involvement.

This term (26 May) the school will undertake a "Cyclic Review". The purpose of the review is to evaluate the school's Strategic Management Plan and directions over the previous two years, and to assess future directions with a view to focus on continual improvement in student learning. The review involves input from staff, students, parents and members of the wider community. Representatives of the Catholic Education Office will conduct the whole process and will present a report and recommendations once the process is complete.

This year Mr Elliot and I will undertake a contract renewal as we come to the end of our first contracts at Magdalene. As in the cyclic review process the opinions of the Magdalene community will be sought to assess our performance as leaders. My contract renewal will be conducted towards the end of this term and Mr Elliott will undertake the process in Term 3. All feedback from members of the community will be appreciated.

Over the next two weeks the leadership team and the enrolment team at Magdalene, will begin the interview process for Year 7, 2015. Each student who has applied for Year 7, 2015 will be interviewed so that greater insight may be gained into the student and the support they may need in their education. This year there are in excess of 210 applications for 186 positions. I thank the members of the enrolment team for their involvement in the process and look forward to meeting the parents and students of Year 7, 2015.

I remind all parents and carers that the Parents and Friend's Association and the Parent Consultation Committee will meet on Tuesday 13 May at 7pm. I am grateful for the wonderful support given to the school by the people involved in these two groups and I encourage all parents and carers to be involved where ever possible.

This week the 2013 School Magazine was distributed to students in Years 8 to 12. This is a wonderful moment of 2013 and a great reflection of another year in the Magdalene story. I thank Mrs Dobbie for the production of the magazine and congratulate her on a most professional publication. I also thank those people who contributed articles for inclusion.

*Strong minds, gentle hearts*



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As students begin a new term and have had time to focus on the achievements of Term 1 they should also focus on improving their learning.

The questions that follow should be asked by students at the end of each lesson. This will allow each individual to have a clear understanding of the direction of their learning.

What were they supposed to learn?

How do they know if they have learnt it?

What do they do if they have not learnt it?

What will they do if they do not find it challenging and thus have the capacity to do so much better.

These focus questions also form the basis of teacher focus on student learning. If teachers, students and parents are asking the same questions and then reacting to the answers this will certainly lead to improved learning. Once again I encourage all parents to stay in contact with your child's teachers in order to assess student progress. This can be done through the diary and phone contact with teachers.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Andruschko on the birth of their daughter Emmie Hazel who was born during the holidays. All is going well and Oscar is a very proud big brother.

Congratulations to Mr Sinclair-Kydd and his wife Alison on the birth of their son Morgan Edward who was born during the holidays. All is going well and Fergus is also a very proud big brother.

Last week we celebrated Anzac Day, a day to give thanks for the sacrifices made by service men and women to ensure peace and freedom in our community. I reflect not only on the sacrifices of the men and women involved but also on their ages, which in many cases match the ages of older students at Magdalene. These young people paid the ultimate price, in many cases, to ensure a better life for each of us. On a day like Anzac day it is important for us to not only be thankful for what occurred in the past but to reflect on the difference it has made to our lives today.

### ***PRAYER***

God of love and liberty,  
we thank you for the peace and security we enjoy.  
It was won for us through the courage and devotion of those  
who gave their lives in time of war.  
We pray that their labour and sacrifice may not be in vain,  
but that their spirit may live on in us and in generations to come.  
We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus  
and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio  
**Principal**

## Anzac Day

Magdalene Catholic High School was well represented in the ANZAC Day parade and commemoration service at the Equestrian Centre. Our school Captains, Joshua and Jaqui laid a wreath at the memorial. Here are some thoughts of the students who marched with the school.

"On 25 April I and many other Magdalene students participated in the ANZAC Day Parade through Camden. My great grandfather was a war veteran and had won four medals for fighting for our country in the Second World War. I was lucky enough to wear my great grandfather's medals as I marched through Camden. By wearing these medals I was showing respect to my great grandfather by honouring his bravery and courage during the war as I marched. By marching with my great grandfather's medal I was not only just paying respect to him but I was also paying respect to all those who have fought for Australia."

*Jeramyah Beauchamp – Year 8*

"It was a privilege to march for Magdalene wearing my great grandfather's medal on ANZAC day. Remembering those who fought for the Australia we are so blessed to live in today was remarkable. This experience truly gave me a sense of gratitude for my life and rights."

*- Elyse Beauchamp – Year 10*

"My great grandfather, Leslie John Reeves was born 17/6/1896 and went to fight World War 1 in Fromelle - Villers Bretneux, France when he was 19 years old. In the battle he was gassed twice with mustard gas. He was ill overseas as a result of this and this exposure would eventually give him terminal lung cancer later on in life. Upon his return from the war he joined the police force where he served 38 years which is signified by the blue police medal. My other great grandfather William Reuben John Bright was born 25/10/1915 and went to fight the battle of Rabaul in World War 2 in New Guinea when he was 27 years old. He went to try and defeat the flow of Japanese forces as they approached Port Moresby and Australia.

Every year when I march in the Anzac Day march I take pride in my great grandfather's medals and remember them and the pride they had in defending their country.

What does it mean to me to represent my school?

When I marched for my school I felt great pride and showed it too. I marched with my head up high and the people on the street clapped us on. It means a lot to me to represent our school and show our school spirit."

*Mitchell Poole – Year 8*



## Anzac Day

"Wearing my Dad's medals on ANZAC Day filled me with immense pride. I couldn't be more proud than wearing the medals he won in protecting our country from forces that threatened us all. It's a sign of his great commitment to our nation and I felt honoured to be able to represent him in that way."

*Riley Maguire – Year 10*

"To represent the school is to show how proud I am to attend Magdalene Catholic High School and how I will wear the uniform with the upmost respect alongside the other students. The school was represented by the students wearing the uniforms and held the banner while walking down the street and we wore it excellently as we were clapped on by the crowd."

I wore my Great Grandfather's medals and that to me is amazing, because this one day a year I get to pay my respects to my Great Grandfather for fighting for our country and the peace that we now enjoy. This is the importance of ANZAC day to me. Without the sacrifices that those men and women made we would not have been able to have the freedom that we enjoy today, those men and women gave their lives so that we could have freedoms as simple as being able to ride a bike through a park.

I hope that we are never again forced to go to war as a nation and put the lives of our youth at risk."

*Harley Poole – Year 9*



## Way of the Cross

Magdalene students had the honour of leading the Way of the Cross liturgy at the beautiful Maryfields Franciscan Friary. Good Friday is such a significant day for all people who believe in Jesus, and over 1500 people came to walk the symbolic recreation of Jesus' journey to his execution. At each station our students led a prayer and reflection, helping all those present to find the significance of Jesus' suffering and death for our own lives.

These thirty students demonstrated to a huge crowd what it means to be a young Catholic person with faith, as they told the darkest part of the Easter story. Of course, Good Friday is meaningless without the extraordinary hope of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. We were reminded of that at the twelfth station, as Brother Carl gave a beautiful sermon about why this Friday is called 'Good' Friday.

Our students were beautifully presented in their uniforms and gave the community a wonderful gift through their prayerful leadership. We are also grateful to the many members of the Magdalene staff who came to manage the crowd and direct parking.



## St Anthony's Youth Mass

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St Anthony's Youth Mass will be held this Saturday and all are welcome to attend.



## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

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NAPLAN assesses the Literacy and Numeracy skills of students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 annually in May. It tests the types of skills that all students develop over time across all subjects within the school curriculum. These skills are essential for every child to progress through school and life and assessment of them allows teachers and parents to better assist with and extend students' learning.

Testing will take place in the following categories:

#### **Literacy**

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions – including Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

#### **Numeracy**

- Number
- Algebra, Function and Pattern
- Space Measurement, Chance and Data

A report of student performance is issued later in the year.

All students at Magdalene in Years 7 and 9 will sit these tests on Tuesday 13 May until Thursday 15 May, with Friday 16 May being a day of catch up tests for any absent students. Testing will take place in the morning during Periods 1 and 2. Normal classes will be held in periods 3-5 and students will need to bring their books and their diary.

Excellent information and tips about helping your child in literacy and numeracy and examples of NAPLAN test formats are available on the NAPLAN website at <http://www.nap.edu.au/>. The 'helping your child at school' information can be accessed in multiple languages and is supported by video clips. Example NAPLAN tests are available in all test areas for each year level. If you have further questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, please contact Mrs Marion Vannan.

**Please Note** – For the Numeracy assessments students will be required to have a calculator. On all testing days students will need to bring a HB pencil, an eraser and a sharpener.

## Year 7 Term 1 Activities

### Year 7 Pastoral Activities

"*Together we shine*" is our Year 7 motto and during Term 1, the students have been working toward setting both short and long term goals. Below are some of the activities we have been working toward including our Year 7 banner that reflects our motto.

Our final activity for Term 1 reflected the spiritual nature of Easter whilst linking with the Magdalene community spirit. On the last day of term, Year 7 students shared an Easter gift amongst classes through the creation of an Easter cross. Each student's cross was personalized with a unique message. The students have become more familiar within their year group, allowing everyone to be part of the Magdalene school community.

### Homework Club

It has been great to see so many Year 7 students committed to their learning and working toward their personal best. Thank you to the teachers who have given up time to support and guide the students during the Tuesday and Thursday Homework club, assisting them in working toward their personal best. What a brilliant effort Year 7.... Keep it up!

### Mater Dei Peace Eggs

Paris Maguire, Grace Fleming, Cooper Siitonen and Zachariah Gunner were chosen to demonstrate their exceptional selling talents along side three of Mater Dei's finest students. Together the 7 students sold up a storm, almost completely selling out. All money raised went to support the Mater Dei School. It was great to see them work together for the greater good of the community. Fantastic effort!



# Year 7 Term 1 Activities





# CAREERS NEWS

This term is certainly the busiest when it comes to information and opportunities regarding Career Paths for students transitioning from secondary schools.

All students in years 10 through to 12 receive a weekly newsletter with a lot of information in it. As well as this students should be making visits to websites, making phone calls and emailing for as much information as they can possibly get.

Some upcoming dates for your diary:

Date	Event
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	MWLP will be training 18 parents for us to be "Parents As Career Transition Support" people. This will take place at the school from 6-8pm. If interested please email <a href="mailto:carol.dobbie@dow.catholic.edu.au">carol.dobbie@dow.catholic.edu.au</a> to discuss further. This would be particularly suited to parents of year 10 (11 or 12) students who are comfortable talking to other parents.
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Jobs and Training Expo at Campbelltown Catholic Club from 10am – 2pm. See flyer below. This is put on by MTC Australia. Contact is Maria Harrison 334-336 Illawarra Rd Marrickville NSW 2204 Tel: 02 9558 3444   Mob: 0409 967 392   Web: <a href="http://www.mtcaustralia.com.au">www.mtcaustralia.com.au</a>
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>YEAR 10 PARENTS ONLY.</b> Career pathways information evening from 6-7pm with question time following. Guest speakers. Invitations will be sent out soon.
Thurs 29- 31 May	HSC Careers expo at Moore Park
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>YEAR 12 PARENTS ONLY.</b> After the HSC Career pathways information evening from 6-7pm with question time following. Guest speakers. Invitations will be sent out soon.
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Apprenticeship and Traineeship Information night held at MWLP. More information to come
Thurs 19- 22 June	Western Sydney Careers at Homebush

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

All students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> March to 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

## CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 2, 2014

### ROLLERCOASTERS 8 -12 years

An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce or parents who have re-partnered. Rollercoaster helps children to understand change and loss; develop strategies for anger management and problem solving; and understand a whole range of feelings and emotions.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown  
8 Tuesday Afternoons 4pm - 5pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 May, 3, 10, 17 & 24 June

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session/family

### SEASONS FOR GROWTH (Adults)

This program provides the opportunity for participants to understand and cope with grief and loss and changes that occur throughout life. It educates people about the grief process and assists them to develop skills for coping, problem solving and decision making. The program also builds a peer support network and helps restore self confidence.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

4 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm  
3, 10, 17 & 24 June 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

### BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents will learn "mindfulness" techniques to increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings, be more aware of their children's needs & how to better respond to their child's behaviour to improve children's self identity, decrease parental stress & enhance the parent / child relationship.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

6 Friday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm  
9, 16, 23, 30 May, 6 & 13 June 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances

### 123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown  
3 Tuesday Mornings 10am—12:30pm  
6, 13 & 20 May 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

### KIDS & BULLYING

This course aims to help parents better understand a range of issues associated with bullying and cyberbullying and to equip them with strategies on how to best deal with them.

Northcott Campbelltown, 3 Chamberlain St, Campbelltown  
2 Wednesday Mornings 9:30am - 12noon  
28 May & 4 June 2014

Workshop Fee: \$10 per session

### MY KIDS AND ME

A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources to develop relationships with their children.

Claymore Community Centre, Claymore  
Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds  
7 Thursday Mornings 10am -12:30pm  
8, 15, 22, 29 May, 5, 12 & 19 June 2014

No Fee

### MORE HARMONY, NO HARM (for Men)

Topics covered include understanding and managing strong emotions, effective communication, assertiveness skills and positive behaviours for healthy relationships.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown  
7 Thursday evenings 6:30pm - 9:00pm  
8, 15, 22, 29 May, 5, 12 & 19 June 2014

### KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss and grief in parents and children, power grabs and impact on children.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux Street, Campbelltown  
5 Monday Mornings 10am -12:30pm  
5, 12, 19, 26 May & 2 June 2014

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

### NOURISH

A support group for women and men with eating and/or body image concerns. It is recovery focused and is open to any person experiencing eating or body image related issues. Support group members may or may not have a diagnosis of an eating disorder.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown  
Every 2nd Wednesday evening of the month 7pm - 8:30pm  
14 May & 11 June 2014

Workshop Fee: No Fee

### WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044  
Wollongong 4227 1122  
Nowra 4421 8248



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hope begins with us

Other workshops may be available on request. Limited childcare may be available for some workshops

## SPORTS NEWS

### Reflections on New Zealand Kenpo5.0 Oceania Championship

Recently I was in New Zealand where I participated in a Kenpo Karate 5.0 Fighter tournament with a team of competitors from Achieve Martial Arts.

The tournament was very good to watch and participate in, there were a lot of competitors from both Australia and New Zealand and they were all very capable and talented Kenpoists, with those competitors in my division all experienced and quality fighters.

There were three different competitions: techniques and forms, self defence routine and 5.0 fighter. I competed in all three. When participating in a fight you have one lot of two minute rounds, and in the finals it's two rounds, the first round is two minutes and the second round is one minute, the fighter is awarded points for strikes, take downs and submissions. If you tie there is another one minute round.

In the 5.0 fighter competition I qualified for the final and in that fight defeated the champion for our division from the 2013 World tournament held in Las Vegas. He put up a great fight and I knew I had some competition so I kept on fighting. We tied and had to go to an additional round. After the extra one minute round the time was up so then they looked at the points and I won, I could not believe I beat a world champion !!!

So in June I'm going to Las Vegas for the world championship with Julienne Chevalier and the team so I hope to become a world champion.

From our school we had 11 competitors, we won 23 trophies and of those nine are Oceania Champions in one of the three categories in their divisions. Participating in New Zealand was an incredible experience, so now I say bring it on World championships.

*Conor Reynolds*  
7 Dunne



### Matthew Burke

Congratulations to Matthew (9B) who represented Magdalene and the Wollongong Diocese at the CCC Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 29 April.

He competed in 6 events and won 4 medals: (1 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze.)

This is a great result for all the hard work, dedication and training that Matthew has put in an wish him every success when he competes at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships next Monday 5 May.

Well done!!!



### Ben Carroll

Congratulations Ben has been selected to represent NSW in Trampolining at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne.

This competition will be held on Monday 26 May and Sunday 31 May.

Well done!!!



# NOTICEBOARD

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 <b>Students wear Full Winter Uniform</b>
13	Tue	Year 7, 2015 Interviews
13-15	Tues-Thurs	Years 7 & 9 Naplan
19	Mon	Year 12 Parent/Teacher/student Interviews
21	Wed	Year 10 Pathways Evening 7pm - 9pm
21-23	Wed-Fri	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams
23	Fri	School Photo Day
26	Mon	Cyclic Review at Magdalene

### Winter Uniform

From this year the dates for the wearing of winter uniform have changed at Magdalene. The reason for this change is the warmer weather that has been present at the beginning of Term 2 and the end of Term 3.

As a result all students will be required to wear full winter uniform (including blazers) from Monday after Mothers Day - 12 May 2014 to Father's Day Monday 8 September 2014.

Students should wear summer uniform until Monday 12 May 2014.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates and time:

Monday 5 May 8.00am - 8.20am  
 Friday 9 May 8.00am - 8.20am  
 Monday 12 May 8:00am - 8.20am

If you require uniforms outside of these times please call Kelly O'Keeffe on 0410 553812.

Vaccinations		
12 Jun	Thurs	Year 7 HPV, Varicella Visit 2 Year 9 Boys Visit 2 HPV
9 Oct	Thu	Year 9 Boys Visit 3 HPV
7 Nov	Fri	Year 7 Visit 3 HPV

**LOOKING FOR WORK?**

**WANT TO UNDERTAKE TRAINING & LEARN NEW SKILLS?**

MACARTHUR  
JOBS & TRAINING  
EXPO MAY 2014

**GET INFORMATION ON**

- Job Opportunities
- Training Services
- Employment Services
- Government Services
- Volunteering
- Job Applications/Resume Writing
- Local & National Employers
- Health Careers
- How to start a small business
- Apprenticeships/Traineeships

**VENUE & TIME**

The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club  
 20-22, Camden Rd  
 Campbelltown

10 - 2PM  
 Wednesday 14th May 2014

**FREE** tea & coffee will be served throughout the day

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 2 Week 2A 5 May - 9 May	28 Apr Julie Smith Kim Phillips	29 Apr Karen Ryan Nicole Mortimer	30 Apr Brid Fuller Louise Fallshaw	1 May Tracey McConchie Kelly Maginn-Dawson	2 May Vesna Pervan Liz Murko
Term 2 Week 3B 12 May - 16 May	12 May Anthony Starkey Krysteen Baker	13 May Kathy Foden Anne-Maree Geering	14 May Anita Jerak Ralene Joyce	15 May Anita Hopman Berry Leanne Craig	16 May Racheal Miller Megan Gibson
Term 2 Week 4A 19 May - 23May	19 May Kathy Shephard Megan Tyler	20 May Kelly Hyland Rosa Vella	21 May Renea Magro Liz Jeffs	22 May Mandy Newton Thai Tyquin	23 May Michelle Howard Cathy Stewart Lisa Boaro