



MAGDALENE NEWS

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

Last Monday the Cyclic Review of Magdalene Catholic High school was conducted by a team from the Catholic Education Office and diocesan schools. The team had the opportunity to view the school, visit classes, speak to parents, students, teachers and the school leadership team. This was an opportunity to evaluate Magdalene's improvement journey since the last review in 2011. Judging from the comments made in the summary, in the eyes of the review team, the school is making very good progress and the directions for the future are considered to be positive and in the students' best interests. The report on the school will be written in coming weeks and given back to the school for consideration and implementation. As I reflect after the review, I feel compelled to state that I am proud of what we have achieved and the efforts of everyone involved along the way. We are certainly fortunate to have the opportunities, people and resources that exist at Magdalene. I look forward to continual improvement in the future and I thank everyone who was involved in a very productive review process on Monday.

Last week a number of teachers met with members of the Catholic Education Office to devise strategies to support the literacy development of students in Year 7 and Year 8 at Magdalene. The strategies will address the needs of students, which are evident as a result of student performance in NAPLAN and the recent PAT test. Literacy development is essential for good learning and the staff are committed to improving standards in this area. One of the areas of most concern at present is reading as it appears many students do not take opportunities to read and improve their understanding of the written word. I stress the importance of parents and teachers encouraging students to read as much as possible. Regular reading will improve literacy and allow students to achieve to high standards due to increased ability to both understand and communicate ideas. I ask for parental support in this area.

Last Wednesday the students from Year 12 were acknowledged for their performances in the first half of their Year 12 Higher School Certificate Courses. It was wonderful to see so many students who are aspiring to set the highest possible standards and achieving their personal best. I congratulate all students who received an award at the assembly. Their names are included later in this newsletter.

Following the distribution of Year 12 reports a Parent/Teacher/Student Evening was conducted last Monday. These evenings are essential as they allow clarification of concerns as well as set directions for students to improve. Any parents who were unable to attend the evening should make arrangements to contact their child's teachers in order to gain as much direction as possible as the students enter their final semester of school.

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for the remaining year groups will also be conducted after they receive their reports. Year 11 will be conducted on Monday 23 June, Year 7 and 9 will be conducted on Wednesday 25 June and Year 8 and 10 will be conducted in Week 1 Term 3, Wednesday 16 July. To alleviate some of the pressure where there are two year groups on one night, it has been decided to conduct Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on the last day of Term 2. As a result parents of students in all year groups may choose to attend Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on 27 June between 8.30am and 2.30pm rather than attend the designated evening. Friday 27 June will be a pupil free day to allow Parent/Teacher/Student interviews to be conducted.

A reminder to all parents and students that Friday 6 June is a Pupil Free Day which will be a staff professional development day. The day will be used for the development of staff spirituality and will be led by Benedictine nun Sr. Hilda Scott.

Strong minds, gentle hearts



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Last Thursday the school was contacted by an officer from Camden Council explaining the sad news that an elderly man had been tragically killed crossing the Narellan bypass that morning. The council officer expressed concern, that students from Magdalene were being dropped off along Narellan Road and the Camden bypass and making their way to Smeaton Grange Road, this is a very dangerous area for students. I ask parents to cease this practice and to ensure that students are taken into Smeaton Grange Road, they can then make their way to school in a safe manner.

As stated in a previous newsletter on 25 June I will undertake a Principal Appraisal and contract renewal process. Part of this process involves surveying staff, students and parents. If parents wish to contribute to the process they can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JohnLoCascioPrincipalAppraisalParentSurvey>.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension when Christ left the disciples on Earth. The Ascension is followed by Pentecost, the Feast in which we acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide and inspire us. Included below is a reflection on the feast of Pentecost.

Prayer

Pentecost Sunday is said to be the birthday of the Christian community, in other words, the birthday of the church. No other creature comes into the world as helpless and needy at birth as a human being. No other creature is as dependent on its parents for as long. The church is like that too. The early Christians were helpless and confused; they found they were dependent on the help of the Holy Spirit. But nurtured and fed by the Spirit, they could do remarkable things. To their own surprise, they were able to make themselves understood when they spoke about what they had been through as friends of Jesus. We are all children of God but sometimes it doesn't hurt to think of ourselves as babies of God. We never lose our dependence on the Holy Spirit to love us, nurture us, inspire our imaginations and, at the same time, provide the boundaries, the sense of right and wrong, within which we can grow.

Grant us, O Lord, the Royalty of inward happiness and the serenity that comes from living close to Thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy, and let Thy eternal spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and gladness...

- Robert Louis Stevenson

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Bus Changes

As of 1 June Busabout will operate school bus routes in the Macarthur and Campbelltown district.

Students and parents should be aware that Busways will no longer operate these routes.

A brochure explaining the changes is included later in this newsletter.

Monthly Youth Mass Parish of St Anthony Picton/Tahmoor

The Parish of St. Anthony's Picton/Tahmoor is recommencing the Monthly Youth Mass. We invite all YOUNG people to come and share in the fun and joy of GREAT music (we have a drummer, a clarinettist, 5 guitarists and a strong youth choir) and a wonderful atmosphere at the vigil Mass- The next YOUTH MASS is at 5.00pm on Saturday May 31st at St Anthony's Church, Tahmoor so come and join us and enjoy hot chocolate and nibbles after Mass. SEE you all there.

Parish Pastoral Council



Year 8 News

During our Pastoral Care lessons this year, Year 8 has been maintaining a focus on goal setting as part of our ongoing theme of "New Horizons". All students have set goals for themselves in the areas of academic performance as well as involvement in extracurricular activities. Some students have already re-evaluated these goals and I am looking forward to seeing students achieving great things both in class and through their involvement in the wider school community.

Students have also been examining skills in effective communication and study skills. This has seen some positive results already in many student study habits during Pastoral Care lesson times, with strategies such as 'Time to Tutor Tuesday' taking off in 8 Wilson.

Next year, Year 8 will move into their first elective classes of their secondary schooling. This involves important decision regarding their pattern of study as many of these choices will act to guide their education for the remainder of their secondary schooling. We have been and will continue working towards these subject selections and I encourage all parents to speak to their child regarding their intentions for next years study.

Mr Matthew Dowdell
Year 8 Co-ordinator

Diocese of Wollongong Parent Conference Saturday 19 July 2014

The Annual Parent Conference will be held on Saturday 19 July 2014. All Parents are welcome to attend, Please register online.

Tickets \$35 per person.



**DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG
PARENT FORUM PRESENTS**

PARENT CONFERENCE
Saturday 19 July 2014
Chifley Hotel, Wollongong

**HOW DO OUR CHILDREN FIND
MEANING IN THEIR LIFE?**

Parents and carers can register at
www.dow.catholic.edu.au/parentforum.htm



Magdalene Classics

The school's annual orchestral, choral and instrumental concert will be held on:

Saturday 14 June
at
2.00pm

In Mater Dei Chapel, Wivenhoe,
Macquarie Grove Road, Kirkham

Tickets are available at the door: Adults \$15, Children and Pensioners \$10.





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MEDIA STATEMENT

13 May 2014

Catholic Education Response to 2014-15 Federal Budget

The National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) has expressed strong concerns with the Government's decision to use the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as the basis for school funding indexation after 2017.

Catholic education welcomes the funding certainty for Catholic schools confirmed in the 2014-15 Federal Budget through to the end of the 2017 school year. This funding certainty will help systems and schools to plan for the next three years and assist school and system leaders to focus on the learning needs of students.

In the context of the Government's priority to reduce spending in many policy areas and reduce the budget deficit, the commitment to fully fund the Australian Education Act arrangements from 2014 to 2017 for all schools in all states and territories is welcome.

However, based on recent experience, the school funding assumptions contained in the Federal Budget for 2018 and beyond will not meet the needs of schools and students.

In the last decade the CPI has averaged less than 3%. This contrasts with school funding increases reflecting real costs in schools of almost 5.5%.

NCEC Executive Director, Ross Fox, said that limiting the rate of school funding increases to the CPI will likely mean funding would not keep up with school costs.

"School funding must keep up with real school costs. For the last ten years CPI has been around half the rate of school cost increases including teacher salaries and access to technologies that support learning.

"Using CPI after 2017 is likely to increase school fees, and strain the needs-based funding approach of Catholic education," said Mr Fox. "If funding fails to keep pace with true costs, the fee increases needed to cover the shortfall could put a Catholic education out of reach for some families."

Catholic education welcomes the capital funding in the Budget for non-government schools. This is important funding that will help build new schools and expand school facilities in growing areas.



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The number of students in schools is projected to increase by more than 25 per cent in the next ten years. This growth in student numbers will present a huge challenge for all school sectors.

“Hundreds of new schools will be required for new students in the next decade and without additional capital funding it is difficult to see how school places will be found for all students.”

School funding arrangements for Catholic schools for 2018 and beyond will need careful consideration. The review of funding indexation scheduled to begin this year will be an important starting point. Funding arrangements for 2018 and beyond must provide certainty and sufficient funding to meet the true costs of delivering education across Australia.

“The NCEC will continue to work with the Government to achieve fair funding beyond 2017 that reflects the long-standing commitment to a needs-based funding approach and ensures funding keeps pace with real school costs.”

ASSEMBLY 21 MAY 2014





YEAR 12 HIGH ACHIEVERS

Subject	First in Examination	Second in Examination
Biology	Aleesha Bertoldi	Jackson Harrison
Business Studies	Taylah Davidson and Emma Potocki	Cody Newton
Catholic Studies	Jade Hall	Laura Petrie
Chemistry	Jackson Harrison	Christian Dankers
Community & Family Studies	Laura Petrie	Tiarnne Brown and Leah Carlsen
Construction	Christopher Talese	Michael Knight
Design and Technology	Elizabeth Coluccio	Kate Moran and Nicholas Pervan
Engineering Studies	Madeleine Rosevear	Nicholas Pervan
Advanced English	Jack Taseski	Emma Dunlop Jackson Harrison, Cody Newton, Madeleine Rosevear and Caitlin Tomasella.
Standard English	Aisha Cotton, Yasmin Haley and Laura Petrie	Abbie Brennan, Taylah Earnshaw, Danica Irving, Jake Lombardo and Nicholas Pervan.
Society and Culture	Tiarnne Brown	Aisha Cotton
Ancient History	Lucy Sharp	Hannah Perigo
Modern History	Taylor-Anne Barbaro	Taylah Davidson
History Extension	Lachlan Burke	Jordan Parker
Food Technology	Aisha Cotton	Taylor-Anne Barbaro
General Mathematics	Lucy Sharp	Megan Casey and Emma Heward
Hospitality	Sarah Costantino	Jaqueline Marshall
Information Processes and Technology	Jake Bethune	Kate Moran
Industrial Technology - Timber Products and Furniture	Maddison Rullis	Hamish Miller
Legal Studies	Taylah Davidson	Cody Newton
Mathematics	Aleesha Bertoldi and Cody Newton	
Mathematics Extension 1	Jackson Harrison	Daniel Zanatta
Mathematics Extension 2	Jackson Harrison	Daniel Zanatta
Music Course 1	Chiara Assetta	Joshua Sanchez
Personal Development, Health & Physical Education	Clare Dowswell	Jake Lombardo
Physics	Daniel Zanatta	Christian Dankers
Senior Science	Elizabeth Coluccio	Eloise O'Meara
Studies of Religion II	Taylah Davidson	
Visual Art	Alanah Lamont	Elizabeth Coluccio and Caitlin Tomasella

YEAR 12 HIGH ACHIEVERS

First Place Award



Wilson Cross Country Winners House Captains



CONGRATULATIONS

BUSABOUT NEWS

Edition 1

*Bus services operating in Sydney Region 15
incorporating Campbelltown & Macarthur*



**From 1 June 2014 your bus
operator in Campbelltown and
Macarthur will be Busabout**

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Busabout is proud to announce that from 1 June 2014, we will commence operating bus services in Metropolitan Service Contract Region 15 which includes services previously operated by Busways in Campbelltown and Macarthur.

We are planning for a smooth transfer of operation and would like to advise schools, parents and carers that **NO** changes to school bus services will occur on the transfer of operator. We will continue to operate all existing school bus services exactly as they run now until further notice.

We will be looking to work closely with all schools to deliver the very best school bus

services possible that meet the needs of students requiring school bus travel.

Safety is an important part of our service delivery standards and all our drivers are trained to specially cater for their student passengers.

We encourage schools to help us inform parents of the change in bus operator in the region and have prepared a series of banners that can be used in your newsletters and websites in the coming weeks.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us or call Transport Info on 131 500 or visit www.transportnsw.info

Look out for Busabout buses!

You will no longer see buses with the Busways logo. To ensure you don't miss the bus, please always look for the destination sign and route number or school bus run number of all buses approaching your stop. Your service may be operating using a bus that is painted in Busabout's company livery, the Transport for NSW blue and white livery or a bus with all over advertising.





SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Mount Carmel (Round 4)

SPORT	WINNING SCHOOL	SCORE	COMMENT
9 Girls Netball	Magdalene	19-12	Great effort girls – well played.
10-12 Girls Netball	Mount Carmel	32-11	An interesting game girls – especially in the last quarter. MVP: Paige Pirota
7 Boys Soccer	Draw	0-0	Another draw and a strong display by our team.
8-9 Boys Soccer	Mount Carmel	4-2	We played well against a strong opposition. Aiden scored our 2 goals. MVP: Michael Zbiljic.
10-12 Boys Soccer	Mount Carmel	7-0	A good effort considering we only had 9 players. MVP: Luke Stojic.
10-12 Boys Softball	Magdalene	15-4	Another dominant display by the boys with only 7 players. We are in the number 1 position now.
10-12 Girls Softball	Magdalene	9-3	Great game girls. Lots of good hits and good fielding. Well done.
7-9 Boys Hockey	Magdalene	0-0	Good game boys. MVP: Angus Turner
7-9 Girls Hockey	Mount Carmel	0-0	All of our new Hockey players have improved immensely. Our seasoned players continue to play well.

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Mount Carmel (Round 5)

SPORT	WINNING SCHOOL	SCORE	COMMENT
9 Girls Netball	Magdalene	19-10	Another great effort girls – well done.
10-12 Girls Netball	Magdalene	41-3	It was great to have the whole team playing today. Good effort girls.
7 Boys Soccer	Magdalene	4-0	A great team effort for a good win.
8-9 Boys Soccer	Magdalene	2-0	Our scorers were Aiden and Thomas. MVP: Thomas.
10-12 Boys Soccer	Draw	0-0	
7-9 Girls Hockey	Training Day		Thanks to all our Hockey players for coaching our new players. Miss J.Miller.

Well Done Jaqui Marshall and Matthew Stewart - Soccer

Jaqui and Matthew were selected into the Senior Boys and Girls Soccer teams which recently played at the NSWCCC championships held at Coffs Harbour. Congratulations to Matthew Stewart who was selected into the NSWCCC Senior Boys Team.

Well Done our Cross Country representatives

The following Cross Country runners have been selected into the Diocesan Cross Country Team after finishing in the top 6 at the Diocesan Cross Country event held at Nowra. Well done to Aleesha Austin (Year 7), Teagan McConchie (Year 8), Anthony Simonetta (Year 11) and Morgan Kitchener (Year 12).



NOTICEBOARD

June		
2	Mon	Year 12 Pathways Evening
5	Thur	Year 11 MACE Career's Expo
6	Fri	Staff Spirituality Day - Pupil Free Day
13	Fri	4th Annual Winter Sleep Out from 4pm Fri - Sat 9am.
14	Sat	Magdalene Classics 2.00pm - Mater Dei Chapel
20	Fri	Year 10 Reflection Day
23	Mon	Year 11 Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews
24	Tues	12 English - Hamlet Experience
25	Wed	Years 7 and 9 Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews. School Photographs - Make up Day
26	Thu	Athletics Carnival
27	Fri	LAST DAY TERM 2 Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews 8.30am—2.30pm (Pupil Free Day)



UWS Parent Information Evenings

Why attend one of the UWS Parent Information Evenings?
At the Parent information Evenings, you will have the opportunity to learn about:

The HSC basics: Subject selection, the ATAR, UAC, cut-offs and applications.

Getting into uni: The UWS Advantage, UWSCollege and pathways into university.

Fees, HECS-HELP and scholarships: Course bands, HECS-HELP loans and grants to help with your child's study costs.

The UWS experience: UWS student life through courses, social opportunities and The Academy.

What UWS has to offer: Speak with current students and staff at the course information stands to have your questions answered and find out about UWS courses, campuses, admissions, scholarships, pathways and student opportunities at the University.

Who is invited to the UWS Parent Information Evenings?
Parents and guardians of high school students are invited to attend. Students are invited to attend with their parents and guardians.

When and where are the UWS Parent Information Evenings?

The UWS Parent information Evenings will be held on the following dates and at the following locations:
 Tuesday, July 29 at Bankstown Sports Club
 Tuesday, August 5 at Campbelltown Catholic Club
 Wednesday, August 6 at Penrith Panthers Leagues Club
 Tuesday, August 12 at Rooty Hill Novotel
 Wednesday, August 13 at Parramatta Leagues Club

To register - visit the link below
http://future.uws.edu.au/future_students_home/events_at_uws/parent_information_evening/parent_information_evenings_registration.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

If you require uniforms from the shop please call Kelly O'Keeffe on 0410 553812 to organise an appointment time.

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

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 2 Week 6A 2 June - 6 June	2 June Julie Smith Tanya Harvey Lisa Burke	3 June Rachelle McVittie Marg Ryan	4 June Eva Farkas Sandra Chamberlain	5 June Michele Abbey Kirsty Kenni	6 June PUPIL FREE DAY
Term 2 Week 7B 9 June - 13 June	9 June QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	10 June Kathy Foden Kylie Greffenius	11 June Jo Britt Jerry Berenger	12 June Clare King Michelle Crowe Michelle Ustariz	13 June Allison Miller Renea Wales
Term 2 Week 7B 16 June - 19 June	16 June Cathy McDonald Sue McCann Carmela Brancato	17 June Najette Elfar Racquel Olegario	18 June Rosalie Lopez Caterina Romeo	19 June Angela Rao Petina McDonnell	20 June Christine Montafia-Brown Bernadette Staunton Rebecca Rafletti

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"Because I have seen the Lord"

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