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

Over the past week all Semester reports have been distributed to students and the Parent Student Teacher interviews have been conducted for Year 11, Year 7 and Year 9. Year 10 and Year 8 will have the opportunity to be involved in interviews on Friday 27 June and Wednesday July 16. I remind all parents of the importance of reports and interviews in the improvement of learning. Reviewing progress, ascertaining how improvement can occur and making a commitment to improve based on advice of teachers, will add to the learning journey of students. With that in mind I remind parents that attendance at the interviews is essential and will certainly aid improvement in student learning.

On Wednesday 18 June I was privileged to attend the Quota Club Youth of the Year Competition at Camden Civic Centre. The students involved were subject to an interview, a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. The intensity of the competition was high and placed the students under a great deal of pressure. I must state, however, that every student rose to the occasion. Magdalene Catholic High School was represented in the competition, by Sophie Cornett of Year 10. Sophie was commended on her performance, by the judges, and although not the eventual winner, was very accomplished in all aspects of the competition. Congratulations and well done Sophie.

On Saturday 19 July the Diocesan Parents and Friends Association will be conducting a Parent Forum at the Chifley Hotel Wollongong. Hugh MacKay (Social Analyst) will speak about his book – “The Good Life – What Makes Life Worth Living” and Fr Richard Leonard SJ will speak about “Catholic Education in the Real World – Being on a Mission with Christ”. I have had the opportunity to hear both of these presenters speak in the past and highly recommend them as insightful and relevant for parents, in their understanding of their children’s world. The cost of the forum is $35. Should parents wish to attend, the school is prepared to sponsor a limited number of parents to support attendance. If parents wish to access the sponsorship they should contact the office, otherwise parents can register on line. A flyer is included with this newsletter.

This week three representatives of the Catholic Education Office conducted an appraisal of my performance as principal of Magdalene Catholic High School over the past three and a half years. The Principal Appraisal is conducted to offer principals direction for the future and forms the basis of the contract renewal for all principals. I thank the parents, students and staff who completed surveys and took part in interview process. I look forward to receiving the results of the appraisal in the coming weeks.

This week the annual Magdalene Athletics Carnival was conducted at Campbelltown Athletics Track. Students both competed and supported each other with passion, which is reflective of the strong sense of community that exists at Magdalene. I thank the students for their enthusiasm and acknowledge Miss Miller and the PDHPE staff for their organisation of a very successful day. The overall winner of the carnival will be announced early next term.

Last Sunday evening our Stage 6 Mass was celebrated at St Paul’s Camden at 5.30 at the usual Sunday evening Mass. This Mass allowed the stage 6 students at Magdalene show their support for the parish by being involved in the different ministries and taking part in the ceremony. It is quite evident from our school’s involvement in the Mass that the links between school and parish are very much alive. I thank everyone involved in the Mass and I especially thank Mr O’Neill Ms Partridge and Mr Wright, for their organisation of the Magdalene student’s involvement.
On Friday June 6 the Catholic Education Office recognised teachers in the Diocese who have committed 25 or more years to Catholic Education. At the ceremony Mr Danny Avalos was recognised for his 26 years service to Catholic Education. I congratulate Mr Avalos on receipt of the award and his dedication to students over that time.

I remind all parents and friends that Magdalene Feast Day is to be celebrated on Tuesday July 22. All parents and carers are invited to and are most welcome to join in the celebrations.

Over the holidays our nation will recognise Naidoc Week. Naidoc Week is an opportunity to recognise and be thankful for Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders in shaping our nation. This year the theme of NAIDOC Week is “Serving Country Centenary and Beyond” which reflects on the impact of these peoples in the wars since 1914. As a nation we all should be proud of our heritage and the significant contribution of these wonderful people. We should also recognise the injustices of our past and move towards healing with a true sense of compassion.

Prayer for the Journey of Healing

Almighty and loving God, you who created ALL people in your image, lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.
You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so that sins will be forgiven.
We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land, language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.
We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones, through the separation of children from their families.
We are sorry and ask God’s forgiveness.
Toughen the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits.
In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing to create a future that is just and equitable.
Lord, you are our hope.
Amen

National Council of Churches in Australia (NATSIEC)

I wish all students a safe and relaxing student vacation and look forward to all returning with renewed passion and enthusiasm for their learning.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Semester One Reports - Grade Distributions

By now parents will have received the Semester One Reports for Years 7 - 11. They contain a lot of valuable information about your child’s learning and point the way to the next steps in your child's journey towards learning excellence.

It is also important for you to understand that, from this year in our Year 8 - 10 reports, the Overall Achievement Grade (A - E) is not only based on the formal assessment program. The total out of 100 represents the formal assessment program (tests, exams, assignments), and the grade is awarded based on all evidence of your child's learning including homework, in-class activities and book work.

If you have any questions about your child's report, please contact his/ her teacher, subject coordinator or Mrs Kaperonis, Curriculum Coordinator.

Please follow this link to find Grade Distribution tables for every year group for these reports:- http://goo.gl/c6GBqc
Literacy Matters

The Literacy Intervention Pilot Program

Over recent weeks the school has had a focus on the promotion of literacy skills across the school. The improvement in literacy will develop as a result of the recently initiated Literacy Intervention Pilot Program. The program focuses on a number of teachers and their classes in Year 7 and 8. The targeted teachers teach the same group of students. Advisors from the Catholic Education Office, Lyn Cronin and Vanessa Hanns, have provided professional development to targeted Year 7 and 8 teachers across Key Learning Areas.

The teachers will be exposed to professional learning in “Quality Literacy Teaching” in the critical aspects of Reading Texts and Comprehension. These targeted teachers will analyse data from their Year 7 and 8 classes and, using this data, implement sustained literacy instruction within that class. They will monitor and track these students learning using the “Literacy Continuum”, creating focused learning goals. The aim is to increase the capacity and confidence of these teachers to deliver quality literacy teaching within these classes. This will improve literacy skills and outcomes for students, in particular, students who have been identified as working at below Stage outcomes.

Linda Maher, Literacy Support Teacher

CatholicCare Courses/Seminars - Term 3

CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 3, 2014

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

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
Call us: 42 586 319 for details and further details.

Workshop Fee: No Fee

SEASONS FOR GROWTH (Adults)
This program provides the opportunity for participants to understand and cope with personal and life changes that occur throughout life. It educates people about the pre-teen periods 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 Concord St, Campbelltown
4 Wednesday Mornings: 10am - 12.30pm
30 July, 6, 13 & 20 August 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parenting workshops will provide parents with strategies to support and encourage their children’s learning. Sessions will address topics such as behaviour, discipline, communication, development, family relationships and learning.

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
6 Monday afternoons: 12.30pm - 2.30pm
14, 21, 28 July & 4, 11, 18 August 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

133 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
A 12-month program for parents of children aged 3-12 years who feel that their child is displaying significant emotional, behaviour or social issues. The program includes 3 two-hour sessions held over 12 months.

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
7 Thursday/Morning: 10am - 12pm
1 June, July, 22 August, 16 September, 29 October 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

MY KIDS AND ME
A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assist parents to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources to develop relationships with their children.

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
6 Monday afternoons: 12.30pm - 2.30pm
14, 28 July, 25 August, 15 & 28 September, 26 October 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

KEEPS KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more successfully with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explore new roles and enrich parenting skills.

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
6 Tuesday Mornings: 10am - 12pm
5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3, 10 & 17 July 2014

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program is for parents of children 0-8 years. It covers child development, behaviour and management of safety, play and nurturing the whole family. Each session is self-contained. Pick which sessions you wish to attend.

Rabuka 8 - 10 week - 22 July
Child development, crying, setting limits, routine, safety and play

Or

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
4 Tuesday Mornings: 10am - 12.30pm
2, 9, 16 & 23 September 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown
5 Tuesday Mornings: 10am - 12.30pm
2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 August 2014

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
CatholicCare, 35a Concord St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $20 per session
The Diocese of Wollongong Annual Parent Conference will be held on

Saturday 19 July 2014.

All Parents are welcome to attend, please register online.

Tickets are $35 per person.
The school will offer a limited number of sponsorships to those interested in attending.
Please contact the school office if you would like to access sponsorship.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life.

During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship.
Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend dates:

12 – 14 September and 7 – 9 November
at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW

Bookings: Ardell & Bill Sharpe
tel. 02 4283 3435
or email wsharpe@bigpond.net.au
www.wwme.org.au
www.facebook.com/WWMEasternUnit
THE TRAVELLING ROADSHOW VISITS MAGDALENE

Students from the Years 9 and 10 classes enjoyed a day of hands on Engineering experience. Following are some comments on the students’ experiences of the day:

"On Wednesday the 12th of June, I attended an Engineering day filled with activities run by the University of Wollongong. The day was quite enjoyable and I learnt new things such as, how to extract the DNA from a Banana, Information about Beams, Information on the Car that they race in a slalom course and information about what they do to run the car and what is involved in getting the car ready for race day. This was probably the thing that I enjoyed learning about the most, as I found it interesting and I was intrigued by all of the work that went into the car such as chassis fabrication, engine management and racing the actual car."

Luke Fenech

"I enjoyed the incursion very much. I enjoyed all of the activities and learnt a lot. I learnt about water and water pressure, gear ratios, DNA, beams and bridges and all the different aspects about the racecar and how engines and cars work."

Matthew Geering

“The Engineering Workshop was a unique experience that facilitated my learning abilities in Engineering. The Banana DNA task was intriguing along with the water pressure project and the milkshake bike. These tasks provided a practical knowledge that aided all of the theory previously learnt. The day was a good day, being fun and Fulfilling."

Julian Krpez
Assembly
11 June 2014
Year 9 Reflection Day

Last Thursday we had our Year 9 Reflection Day. Chris Doyle came in to our school and celebrated this day with us. We had some talks, played some games and sang some songs.

He even invited a few lucky students (such as myself) to come and perform something to the grade.

The whole day was a great experience and helped us to understand our self worth and what we actually mean to others.

I think I speak for the entire year group when I say it was an awesome day and we can’t wait to see how next year’s Reflection Day will top it!

Lexi Willis

The Year 9 group participated in our annual Reflection Day. This year I believe, and I’m sure many others would agree, was by far the most engaging, interesting and meaningful Reflection Day we have had so far.

Our guest Chris Doyle was very enthusiastic. He managed to create a day that was entertaining and at the same time affected most of us on an emotional level. He did this using his humour, entertainment and musical skills.

Many people were given the opportunity to showcase their specific talents and everyone had a magnificent day.

Aiden Berenger

The day was a great success. Everyone who went had such a great time. It was a new way to celebrate and embrace our religion and our faith while having a good laugh with our friends.

Chris was such a talented guy who brought up a completely different and informal way of celebrating our religion. The day was so fun I laughed all day, but at the same time the undeniable message that Chris expressed was such an important one. The message was that you are just as important as everyone else and that no matter what people say you’re great.

Harry Bendtsen
Friday the 20th of June was Year 10 Reflection Day, where we worked with the Youth Mission Team. The day consisted of prayer, reflection and games enjoyed by all. The Youth Mission team acted out different scenarios, allowing us students to interact with them. During the day we also worked in small groups with a select team member from the Youth Mission team, to discuss different issues that came about from the role-play scenarios.

One of the games, which I enjoyed, was holding onto a rope with six other people, where the aim of the game was to make a pipe fall over without letting go of the rope. Another team-building exercise we played was the Chain Game, where one person got up as the leader and ran around the room in a circle, trying to grab everyone’s hands to form a human link.

Finally the day ended with a reflection and prayer, which provided the opportunity to think about the day’s activities and how this can be incorporated into our own lives.

Luke Grech

Reflection Day is a day when Yr 10 had the opportunity to relax and cool down from any assignments or tests they have done and reflect on what they have experienced over the last couple of years as a group. The Youth Mission team came in to entertain us and to teach us ways of being good, loyal friends and believe in our faith, in each other and ourselves. All they wanted us to do was to have fun and enjoy the day, so we played a couple of games with them, we watched and got to get involved in the various activities that were organised for Year 10 on the day.

Then at the end of the day, we took time to relax and reflect on what we had done. We had special time to pray for someone who we love who is having a difficult time, and we thought about what we had learnt. The aim of the reflection day was to reflect and have fun, get involved and have a good time. I enjoyed this important day for Year 10, and the Youth Mission Team were excellent. Special thanks must go to Mr O’Neill, Mrs Duke and our Pastoral/Homeroom teachers for their organisation and involvement in our Reflection Day.

Reece Foden
Welcome all to Gamma Racing’s first official newsletter! It’s been an absolutely amazing few months since the Australian National Finals and Gamma hasn’t slowed down once. We are very proud to formally announce the inclusion of Eysa Beauchamp (formerly of Falcon Racing) as Gamma Racing’s Resource Manager as well as Brittany Lokely (Swift Racing) and Brayden McMonigal (Falcon Racing) as Gamma’s Support Analyst Engineer and Support Design Engineer. These three members will be joining the original Gamma Racing — Hannah Clancy (Team Manager), Luke Papandrea (Design Engineer), Jordan Duncan (Testing Engineer), Troy Minor (Manufacturing Engineer) and Matthew Smed (Graphic Design/Design Engineer).

Gamma Racing has also been given the opportunity to collaborate with many new companies and tertiary education institutes for their World Finals project. Luke, Brayden, Jordan, Matt and Brittany are all very excited to be able to work with the University of Wollongong to improve Gamma’s car designs and accuracy in our testing. There has also been the incredible opportunity to work alongside L.K. Consulting in order to refine and develop my project management skills and be able to present them in the best possible way. We would also like to thank TAFE SW51 for their work to help the team attend networking events and to create our new team website.

Gamma’s biggest event in the coming months will be Oktoberfest at the Menangle Park Raceway on the 2nd of August. We are currently selling tickets to local and national businesses and industry partners to help raise funds for the team to get to Abu Dhabi. More information is contained later in the newsletter.

With an amazing team, incredible ideas and five months to go, Gamma Racing aren’t just reaching for the sky, we’re reaching for the stars!
Hannah Clancy - Team Manager

SW61: On the 22nd of May the team was invited down to the graduation night at the Campbelltown SW61 Tafe in order to connect with potential sponsors, local members for parliament and the wider local community. It was a fulfilling night as we had the opportunity to speak to large global companies and also show some of what we do to those in the technology division at the Tafe and their supporters.

Drags: The team was invited down to Sydney Dragway by the JBS Newby Engineering Drag team to learn about how their cars work and how they design their cars for speed. We had the opportunity to explore the pits and were given the once in a lifetime chance to stand at the starting gate between the two drag cars as they raced down the drag strip, including the top fuel drag cars which were quite an awe. We have collaborated with Newby Engineering since the state finals and are very grateful for their loyalty to the team.

BRAS Breakfast: The girls from Gamma got the opportunity to network with ladies in local industries on the 10th of June. The morning was enjoyed by all the girls and it was very useful in sounding raffle prizes for TABCorp and raising awareness for the team.

Brett Szeland: Brett Szeland visited our school to help with answering the technical questions regarding our CNC machine and car concepts. This was helpful especially for the engineers of Gamma Racing.
NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014
9AM - 9PM

HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE
2 CAWLEY ST BELLAMBI NSW

FOR 14-18 year olds
WHERE Holy Spirit College
2 Cawley St, Bellambi NSW.
COST $70 (includes food & activities)
WHEN SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014
9am - 9pm
BRING A change of clothes for afternoon sport
TRANSPORT Train available to Bellambi station
and short walk to School

Limited free accommodation available for interstate
attendees at The Venue Conference Centre, Bellambi.
Additional food cost of $10 applies.

REGISTRATION Please register at: www.ymt.com.au
(look for Stand Conference registration button on the home page)

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[YMCA Logo]
Congratulations to all students involved in the MISA Dance Festival

The girls presented dances in modern, lyrical and hip hop styles to a large audience. After the nerves calmed, a great day was had by all mixing with dancers from schools involved in the MISA Competition.

This has become a wonderful annual event that the girls are looking forward to revisiting in 2015.

Mrs Carol Dobbie

The following girls took part:-

SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS - Magdalene v St Patrick’s College (Round 7)

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NOTICEBOARD

June

27 Fri LAST DAY TERM 2
Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews

July

14 Mon FIRST DAY TERM 3
16 Wed Yr 8 & 10 Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews 3.00pm - 8.00pm
18 Fri Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Hike
19 Sat Diocesan Parents’ Conference, Wollongong
25 Fri Staff Development Day
28 Mon Trial HSC Begins

Second Hand Uniform Shop
If you require uniforms from the shop please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812 to organise an appointment time.

This is an IMPORTANT notice from St. Anthony’s Parish, Picton Tahmoor

There will be NO YOUTH MASS on the 4th Saturday in June as it is the start of the school holidays. The next YOUTH MASS is on SATURDAY 26 JULY at 5pm Vigil Mass @ St Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor. GREAT MUSIC (6 guitarists, a clarinetist/flautist and the BEST drummer), DANCE and a large choir of beautiful voices. There will be nibbles after Mass. Come along to share this JOY.
Margaret Cronin (On Behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council)

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