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

Welcome back to Term 3. It was most pleasing to see students return with a positive approach and a commitment to doing well over the coming semester. I thank parents for their support in relation to ensuring students have returned well presented and in the right frame of mind. The importance of students doing the little things well is reflected not only in their presentation but also transfers to their overall attitude. A good beginning will help to aid overall success for the remainder of the year.

Over the recent student vacation maintenance work continued across the school with concrete areas and carpets being cleaned, block B painted and a number of trees removed from the site. The maintenance work allows us to maintain a safe, clean and welcoming environment, which is conducive to learning. I thank Mr Trimarchi for his organisation of the ongoing maintenance of the school.

At the end of last term offers of enrolment were posted to parents of prospective Year 7, 2015 students. I ask all parents who have a child who has been offered a position in 2015 to return their acceptance as soon as possible. This will allow the school to finalise numbers and make offers to those on the waiting list, where appropriate.

Over the recent holiday 29 HSC classes were conducted to support our Year 12 students as they approach the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations. It was very pleasing to see the number of students who took advantage of the classes. The classes varied between three and six hours and reflected the dedication of the teachers and students. I acknowledge the students for their commitment and express my gratitude to the teachers for their ongoing support of the students.

On Wednesday evening this week the final Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews were conducted for semester 1. I thank all those involved for their support of individual student learning. I also remind parents of the importance of ongoing communication and encourage communication throughout the remainder of the year. Any parents who were not able to attend Parent / Teacher / Student interviews are encouraged to contact their child’s teachers to ensure they are aware of progress and possible areas for improvement in the future.

Next Friday all teachers will be involved in a staff development day with a focus on improving student literacy across the school. Literacy has a direct impact on student improvement and performance. Ability to read, comprehend and communicate understanding, lead to improved learning outcomes. In an effort to facilitate improved learning outcomes, the school will continue its focus on improved literacy especially in the area of reading.

I remind all parents that next Tuesday is the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, a day we as a community celebrate. I invite parents to join the community for the Mass, which will be followed by festivities and fundraising for the Care Fund. The Care Fund provides support for families in our community, who are placed under significant stress due to illness.

In the Gospel reading on Magdalene Feast Day, we learn that when Mary Magdalene recognised Jesus he said to her “I am going to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God”. She knew he would not remain with them on earth for a long period. She became the first witness to his resurrection. Mary then went and announced to the disciples “I have seen the Lord.” As Jesus went to the Father he was no longer recognised by physical sight as is the case today when He is among us. Jesus, however, chose to be revealed by those who believe and proclaim his word, Mary Magdalene was the first person to do just that. As members of the Magdalene community following the example of our patron we too are challenged to be witnesses to Christ’s message of love. We certainly have opportunities to do that every day.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Each time we pray our school prayer we make a commitment to Christ and our fellow human beings. By committing ourselves to our prayer we commit ourselves to each other and Christ’s message.

Jesus You chose Mary Magdalene
to be the first witness
to your resurrection.
Help us to be filled by the power of your spirit
May we become witnesses
to your love and healing
Both within and beyond this community.
Mary Magdalene Pray for us.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

REMINDER
Parents & Friends Meeting
Tuesday 29 July 7.00pm
ALL WELCOME

SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT TO CAMDEN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

On the 8 July, Josh and I were invited to attend an afternoon tea at Camden Council Chambers. We spent the afternoon with members of the Camden Council office, including our Mayor Mrs Lara Symkowiak, our member for State Parliament Mr Chris Patterson, our State Treasurer Mr Andrew Constance, and other distinguished member’s of the Macarthur region.

After some mingling we headed inside and chatted for some time to the Commander of Narellan Police Stations, Superintendent Ward Hanson and Mrs Patterson, (Chris Patterson’s wife). We then took our seats to begin the conference, which was lead by Mr Chris Patterson and Treasurer Mr Constance. Mr Constance discussed future projects and other current topics circling within NSW parliament, such as the recent budget that was announced. After this, the floor was opened to questions from the audience, which were directed at Mr Patterson and the Treasurer, regarding matters of concern in the Camden area.

We are thankfull for the special mention given to us by Mr Patterson as part of the discussion. After this, the conference ended we moved outside for some more chatting and photo taking. Josh and I thought it was a great experience to gain insight into the political world, and we were only in Camden! We were thrilled to meet some interesting and highly regarded people and we sincerely thank Mr Patterson and Mrs Symkowiak for providing us with the opportunity.
CARITAS

WE DID IT!
WE REACHED OUR GOAL OF RASING $7,000 FOR CARITAS!
WELL DONE EVERYONE!

In Project Compassion 2014, our Australian supporters raised almost $11 million to help vulnerable communities around the world build better lives for themselves. This year we met Maristely, as a part of Project Compassion 2014. Here's an update on where she is now, and a message of heartfelt thanks for the generous support of the Australian Catholic community. The solidarity in prayer, action, learning and giving during Project Compassion shows our community's genuine commitment to building a more just and fair world.

Maristely, who lives in a favela in São Paulo, Brazil, takes part in a youth community program run by our partner Movement for the Defence of Favela Residents (MDF). Since we met Maristely in Project Compassion 2014, she has continued to participate in the youth empowerment program run by MDF. She’s also working as a volunteer at the Arsenal of Esperança (Hope), a shelter for homeless men. She has a very close knit family and worries about the future for her younger brothers and sisters with increased violence in her community. At her local church, she is responsible for a group of children who are preparing for their confirmation, and sees this role as an opportunity to help her siblings with their spiritual formation. Another of her concerns is her future employment, but she is taking a six-month course in tourism and hotel management, and sees this as good preparation for enrolling for a university course. As part of the school she is learning English and is happy that next time someone from Caritas visits, she will be able to chat to us! Maristely appreciates the support she and her community have received from Australians through Project Compassion. “I would like to thank all (Australian supporters) most sincerely for their kindness and generosity. Their contribution is very important not only in money terms but also in their belief in all the young people of the favelas,” she said. Special thanks to our entire Magdalene Community for helping us to reach our goal of $7,000.

The Caritas Club.

YOUTH MASS
PICTON/TAHMOOR
Tahmoor Saturday 26 July

The next Youth Mass at St Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor will be held on Saturday, 26 July at 5.00pm.

Come along and join in the fun with a large band (5 guitars, Clarinet, Flute and a wonderful set of new drums.)

Sing along with the stunning choir from St Anthony’s school and enjoy refreshments afterwards in the foyer. SEE YOU THERE.
Farm to Fork

We are the mighty Magdalene market gardeners, our job is to grow and protect plants. Last term our group grew a variety of plants and vegetables such as Broccoli, Silverbeet, Baby Cos, Butter Lettuce red and green, Oak green and red, Pak Choi and Sage. Through this unit in term one and two we all learned how to maintain and care for the plants. We all had a fun time completing this task. We completed a range of activities, and each week varied between different jobs. At the end of this unit we had to individually create an electronic plant journal, which was a really enjoyable process. Then from farm to fork we picked out Silverbeet and butter lettuce made two dishes. They were Spinach Triangles, and the Honey Soy Chicken Rice Noodle Lettuce Cup, which were delicious. Although this unit took a lot of time and effort we all worked cooperatively together as a team to care for our garden.

By Dominique Messina and Tash Cabrera 8D
NSW Gymnastics Championship

On 14 June, I competed at the NSW Gymnastics Championship at Rooty Hill RSL Club, where the best gymnasts in NSW versed each other in one big competition.

The competition went for a total of 4 and half hours and involved 4 apparatus events. To get to this competition, it involved hours of training and preparing the body to become capable of doing the skills required for this level of competition. After 14 years of competing in competitions, state trials and championships, this is my final year of competing.

Within the duration of the competition, I competed on four events, Bars, Beam, Floor and Vault, in each I placed on all four events. On beam, I came First, Second on Vault and Third on both Bars and Floor. This provided me with enough points to be named the overall winner and NSW Level 10 State Champion. Normally this would lead to the Australian National Championship, and having represented NSW on various occasions (2011 & 2012 as well as Australian Aerobics Champion from 2010 - 2013), I decided that it would be too difficult to commit to both training at that level and completing my HSC.

Diane Culhane

Australian National Championships - Trampolining

Kate McDermott competed in the Australian National Championships for Trampolining in Melbourne last term. Kate won a Gold medal in the Double Mini Event and is now the Under 15's Australian National Champion.

It's a great achievement for Kate who recently won Gold at the NSW State Championships. Kate also won a Bronze medal in the Under 15’s Syncro Event.
Congratulations to Melissa Zanatta and Isabelle Stone on receiving their Duke of Edinburgh’s Bronze Award.

Information & Software Technology students visit Google J

Have you ever ridden a scooter inside your office? Had a choice between three cafeterias for your free work lunch or access to a sleeping pod and tyre swing to help you relax during a busy workday? Google is synonymous with Disneyland in its creative approach to business life. On Tuesday 15th July selected students from Year 9 & 10 Information Software Technology (IST) classes had the once in a lifetime opportunity to experience it first hand. The day at Sydney’s Google office started with a Q&A session with software engineers called “Googlers” where we learnt about what it’s like to work at Google and to be a software engineer coding solutions to life’s problems. The life lessons about teamwork and having powerful ‘wingmen’ or ‘wingwomen’ will stay with us forever. We were also able to ask lots of questions and to engage in conversation that enabled us to better understand what it takes to have a computer science career and what sort of job opportunities and pathways will be available in the future for students with creative brains and computing skill. After this we got taken on a jaw-dropping tour of the office. We visited games rooms and funky meeting spaces; cafes and cafeterias and relaxation and workspaces that were truly mind blowing. Some of us even hitched a ride on a Google peddled powered scooter with the help of a super cool ‘Googler’.

It was a day that opened our eyes to the possible future careers for our fellow IST students and us. Finally this day would not have been possible without the amazing work of our IST Teachers – Mr Collins and Mr Cornett – so a massive thankyou goes to them - as the day ran like clockwork and an awesome time had by all!

Bianca, Elyse, Kirsten and Olivia (Yr10) & Antoinette, Tom, Harley and Ethan (Yr 9).
CREATIVE MINDS AT WORK
YEAR 8 ART

ASSEMBLY 16 JULY 2014

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with the “Student Academic Acknowledgement Awards” at the recent assembly:

Year 7 – Emily Crane – Commitment to learning.
Year 8 – Kayleigh Reader – Commitment to learning
Year 9 – Bailey Whitley Smith – Commitment to learning and assisting his peers.
Year 10 – Patrick Lopez for commitment to learning and assisting his peers with their learning
Year 11 – Joshua Paroz for commitment and improvement in learning.
Year 12 – Lyndel Elliott-Buckley – Commitment to learning and assisting her peers with their learning.
YEAR 8 ITALIAN EXCURSION

On the 11 June, Year 8 had the opportunity to visit Club Italia and experience the different customs and traditions of the Italian culture. We gathered together first to learn the many ways of making pasta using a few ingredients and a pasta maker and, we also got to enjoy a delicious doughnut known as Frittelle. After this, we separated into groups and rotated around different activities including Bingo, Bocce and Cards. To conclude our fantastic adventure, we came back together and enjoyed a tasty pasta meal and gelato. We thank Club Italia, Mrs Forner, Mrs Cuomo and Mrs Foti for making this excursion a wonderful experience for all of year 8.

Teagan McConchie
Dear Parents, Friends and Families of the Magdalene Community and the Macarthur Area.

Looking for a great Saturday Night out on Saturday 2nd August?

Macarthur Function Centre in Menangle is hosting a fundraising night where the proceeds will be going to Daystar Foundation and to Magdalene Catholic High School’s F1 in Schools National Champions Gamma Raycing Australia as they, “Race to Abu Dhabi”.

With only a few weeks to go before the Macarthur F1 in School fundraiser, have you considered buying a ticket or even a table for their fund raising event? For $130 a ticket or $1300 for tables of 10, guest will be served a $90 Seafood Buffet dinner and will also have the opportunity to meet and rub shoulders with Gamma Raycing and other supporters of the team and partake in activities and fun through the night.

Ladies this is a great opportunity to get dressed up and have a night out ‘with the girls’. Gentlemen this is a top night to get the boys out for a fun-filled night and perhaps even catch a few Harness Races throughout the evening.

On the night, guest will be introduced to what F1 in Schools is, meet the team members of Gamma Raycing Australia (5 students from Magdalene Catholic High School) as well as seeing first hand how this fantastic international competition engages students from Kindergarten through to Year 12 in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) by designing and making a miniature sized F1 race car. Maybe your own child might be the next Gamma Raycing and perhaps they too may have this amazing opportunity to represent their country and the Macarthur area at the F1 GP World Final stage in the near future.

Events on the night include;

- F1 in Schools - Reaction Racing against Gamma Raycing (Event Competition)
  (Along the 20m dual lane racetrack)
- Live Auction (Some of the major prizes include a $4000 Marketing Package on C91.3, a weekend away to the value of $2000, a fully signed 2014 Parramatta Eels NRL Jersey, and much, much more).
- Silent Auctions (Sporting and Motor Racing Memorabilia)
- Lucky Door Prizes and loads of prizes throughout the night.
- Table and individual photo opportunity with Louis Hamilton’s 2009 Vodafone F1 GP car.
- An opportunity to see, meet and have a photograph with Batman and the Bat Mobile.
- Not to mention a night at the Harness Races, Menangle Park.

For more information or make a booking please see the flyer in this weeks newsletter or contact:

Janelle Henson (MWLP) on 0448852762  Ian Gorrie (Hub Coordinator) on 46313300.

Narellan Macdonald’s
Counter Sales 5 – 7pm on:
Tuesday 22nd July
Tuesday 19th August
Tuesday 16th September

- Make a donation directly to the Macarthur Hub – Gamma Raycing
- Purchase a raffle ticket at $2 each, with $4200 in prizes.
Contact
media@gammaracing.com
Or call 0448852752
The Macarthur F1 In Schools Hub & Tabcorp Park Menangle present...

THE FORMULA 1® TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE
IN SCHOOLS - MACARTHUR REGIONAL HUB
Race to Abu Dhabi

The Macarthur F1 In Schools Hub and Gamma Raycings are proud to present...

THE RACE TO ABU DHABI
Fundraising Night

In support of the Gamma Raycings Team, Australian National Champions to send them to the World Finals in Abu Dhabi.

Saturday 2nd August 2014,
4:30pm for 5pm - 10pm
@ Menangle Park Function Centre

Daystar Foundation

Live Harness Races -
Seafood Buffet -
Prize Raffle Draw -
Silent Auction -
Lucky Door Prizes -

All proceeds will support the Macarthur F1 Hub and assist Gamma Raycings’ campaign, for the World Championships in Abu Dhabi

Tax Deductible Event

Dress: Cocktail

Individual Tickets: $130 or Table of 10 for $1,300

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

To book for this event please contact: janelle.henson@mwlp.com.au or phone 0448852762

Proudly Supporting the Daystar Foundation
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Well Done our Netball Umpires for the Primary Gala Netball Day
Well done to our volunteer Netball Umpires who recently umpired for the Primary School Netball Tournament. The girls were a credit to the school, demonstrating both maturity and initiative. Considering the tournament involved over 850 primary students our umpires performed outstandingly.

Primary Netball Umpires: Maddison Baragry, Lauren Dady, Olivia Grabowski, Brooke Hoskin, Bridie Kelly, Laura Leone, Madeline Pussell, Jordan Russell, Tahnee Russell, Chloe Ryman, Georgia Tyler, Chelsea Tonkin, Lily Tyquin, Isabelle Stone and Olivia Wales.

Outstanding Effort Matthew Stewart - Soccer
Congratulations to Matthew Stewart who recently attended the All-Schools Open Boys Soccer Trials at Sutherland. Matthew was selected into the NSW team and will be playing at the National Championships against the other states in August. We wish him all the best as he progresses in soccer.

Well Done Paige Pirotta – Indoor Netball
Congratulations to Paige Pirotta who was selected into the U18s National Indoor Netball Team which will be playing an international tournament at a later date (TBA).

TERM 3 SPORTS:
MISA teams have been selected in the following sports:
7-8 Rugby League, 9-10 Rugby League, 7 Girls Netball, 8 Girls Netball, 7-9 Girls Soccer, 10-12 Girls Soccer, 10-12 Boys Basketball, 10-12 Girls Basketball, 7-9 Girls AFL, 7-9 Boys AFL
Year 7-9 are participating in the following sports:

Year 8 – School Sport:
Venues: School based sport inclusive of a variety of games such as Oztag, Touch, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball and T-Ball.
Students participate in a variety of sports, contributing towards a point competition each week (house sport competition). Sporting activities are held on school grounds and supervised by Magdalene Teachers.

Year 9 – Indoor Sport:
Venues: All Sports Indoor Sport Complex, Hillbrick Indoor Stationary Cycling, Bujutsu Martial Arts, Maximum Skating, Smeaton Grange:
Students catch a bus to All-Sports, Bujutsu and Maximum Skating. Students will walk to Hillbrick Cycling (next to the rear of the school). All students are supervised by Magdalene Teachers. Please see below for information on Maximum Skating.

Year 7 – Multi-Sport:
Venues: Jack Nash Reserve/ Fairfax Reserve/ Magdalene
Students participate in Group Fitness, Martial Arts and Dance Fitness, Giants AFL (at Jack Nash Reserve or Fairfax Reserve) under the direction of qualified instructors and supervision of Magdalene teachers. Year 10 and 11 Electives will change early in the term.

Maximum Skating – Indoor Sport
Maximum Skating is a roller skating rink located in Smeaton Grange. Students in Years 7-9 will attend this sport on a rotational basis. Students will be required to wear a helmet, knee-pads and wrist guards – these are provided. There are also frames available for students who have never skated, if needed. Year 9 students need to ensure their permission notes for roller-skating are returned to their sports teacher before they can skate.

Maximum Skating, Max Arena
75 Anderson Road,
Smeaton Grange 2567
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### A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

**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

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

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