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

This week saw the return of Year 12 students to school after completing their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations. The students were focused and approached examinations with diligence and determination. The students will now focus on completing their courses and undertaking intense revision and study programs in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate. I ask everyone in our community to keep Year 12 students in your thoughts and prayers as they complete their final weeks at Magdalene.

This week Year 8 students were involved in subject selection for their Year 9 electives in 2015. This process involves students reflecting on themselves as learners and making a commitment to achieve personal excellence. It is important to continually remind students that throughout schooling and throughout life the challenge is to strive to always undertake all activities to the best of an individual’s ability. This message applies to students in all year groups and the approach not only ensures things are done well but also ensures a high degree of student success.

Last Sunday I had the pleasure of attending the Campbelltown Catholic Club Annual Communion Mass and Luncheon. This event was of particular significance as it was a celebration of 50 years of Catholic Club support in the region as well as an acknowledgement of the 100th Anniversary of St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School. I am sure I speak for all of the Magdalene community when I congratulate both St John’s and the Catholic Club for their outstanding contribution to the local area.

As stated the Catholic Club has been a very generous supporter of Catholic Education in the local area and Magdalene has certainly benefitted from that generosity. As in recent years the Club once again made a contribution to the Magdalene Hall Fund for use in the construction of a hall in the future. The Club is also a supporter of our students through a scholarship provided to a student studying teaching at a Catholic institution. Marcus Fitzpatrick from Year 12, 2013 was the worthy recipient of the award at the luncheon last Sunday. Congratulations to Marcus! Once again I acknowledge and thank the Catholic Club for their ongoing support of the Magdalene Community.

On Saturday August 2 the MacArthur Hub of F1 in schools conducted a fundraiser for students from Magdalene who will be travelling to Dubai later in the year. The night certainly proved to be most successful with a great deal of support offered through the generosity of attendees. I acknowledge and thank all members and friends of the community who were able to attend. I also acknowledge all members of the “F1 in Schools Team,” the “F1 in Schools Hub” organisers and Mr Gorrie for an entertaining evening and a very successful event.

At each assembly we take the opportunity to acknowledge personal excellence from the student’s perspective. This week the following students were acknowledged by their peers for their outstanding efforts in their learning:

Year 7 - Blake Muchmore - Commitment to learning
Year 8 - Erika Apap - Assisting her peers with their learning
Year 9 - Sarah White - Assisting her peers with their learning
Year 10 - Bianca Suraci - Commitment to learning and assisting her peers
Year 11 - Keely Tuerlings - Thorough improvement in assessment
Year 12 - Hannah Perigo - Commitment to learning

Over the last eighteen months the year coordinators and staff have been reviewing the school’s Merit System. As a result of the review, changes have been made to ensure the effectiveness of the award system as it exists at Magdalene. An outline of the new merit system can be found in this newsletter and on the website. I thank Mrs Forner and the Pastoral Care Coordinators in each year group for their work in creating the new system of awards.

Well done!

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Today is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a significant feast and a holy day of obligation. The feast commemorates the fact that Mary Mother of Jesus was taken to heaven body and soul. In many ways this is a foretaste of our own resurrection at the end of time. The mother of Jesus, Mary is an example of Faith and love of God for all of us.

Mary, our Mother, your total giving of yourself
reminds us that we hold in trust
from God our Father all our accomplishments
and talents and gifts trusted as we are
to offer them in his service,
and bring happiness and well-being
to our brothers and sisters.

Your yes to God's invitation to be the mother of his son
reminds us that prayer is not just words
but is from the heart.

We ask you to pray to Jesus for us
that the Holy Spirit may live fully in us, too,
so that we may pray in the way that each of us finds best.

So may we be prepared to join you
in saying yes to God our Father,
that Jesus may be born anew in our hearts.

Amen.

[Praying Each Day of the Year, Vol 2, May to August
**VINNIES DOOR KNOCK APPEAL**

Over the past four years our school has hosted the Macarthur region Vinnie’s Door Knock Appeal! Can you imagine what life would be like without a washing machine? Unfortunately for some people this is the situation they live with everyday.

Imagine if you and a few friends chose to do the Door Knock Appeal this year and the money raised would go towards purchasing washing machines for those who really need it! Well that is exactly what happens, we’re buying washing machines! How Exciting!!!

Gather a few friends and say, “Hey, lets do the Vinnie’s Door Knock Appeal this year!”

**Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of August, anytime between 9am and 3pm**

Vinnie’s gives you a certificate for participating which also looks great on your resume.

Permission slips are outside the staff room or see Mr Pannell.

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**SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL**

Don’t miss our Spirit Alive Festival being held on Friday 12 September at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville featuring Sr Therese Mills MGL.

Sr Therese Mills MGL is a Missionaries of God’s Love sister who originally hails from far north Queensland, but now lives in Canberra. She is the Vocations Director for the MGL Sisters and is very experienced in and passionate about youth ministry. She regularly takes young people on mission trips to the most remote parts of Australia and Asia-Pacific, as well as speaking at conferences like ACYF and Ignite.

**In addition to Sr Therese, the evening includes dinner ($5 by donation) and music led by youth musicians and singers, and time to connect with other young people from across our Diocese.**

**SPEAKER** Sr Therese Mills MGL  
**DATE:** Friday 12 September 2014, 6.30pm-9.30pm  
**AGES:** 15 - 25 years  
**VENUE:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall, Varroville (193 St Andrews Road)

For more information contact our Youth Office or Richard McMahon at youth@dow.org.au

Proudly presented by CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY WOLLONGONG
CONGRATULATIONS
Year 10 Leadership in Peer Support

| Jasmine Apap | Georgia Klim | Tyler Simpson |
| Emily Avero | Caitlin Liddle | Victoria Stuart-Smith |
| Yvette-Marie Awad | Riley Maguire | Bianca Spiljar |
| Luisa Barillaro | Sophie Mauryrostoo | Giorgia Stikovic |
| Laura Barillaro | Cheska McCall | Bianca Suraci |
| Elyse Beauchamp | Matthew Messina | Warwick Suters |
| Jonathan Borg | Madison Moser | Brittany Tekely |
| Kayla Caruana | Amy Mullin | Zoe Townsend |
| Bethany Chesney | Sarah Musico | Crystal Turner |
| Renee Ciappara | Kirsten O'Brien | Alexandra Turner |
| Sophie Cornett | Michael O'Shea | Georgia Tyler |
| Keira Davidson | Teneisha Pocock | Sophie Vannan |
| Bridgette Day | Brittany Rasmussen | Lauren Wagstaff |
| Maighan Duck | Eliza Rourke | Teegan White |
| Reece Foden | Jordan Russell | Melissa Zanatta |
| Sidney Harrison | Tegan Sereno |

MATER DEI FEAST DAY

On Friday 1st August, students from Year 11 and 10 went to Mater Dei to celebrate the Feast day of St Benedict. The mass was in the morning, which had beautiful readings and music organised by the students, followed by morning tea provided by Mater Dei Teachers. At the festival after the mass, we organised activities that the students at Mater Dei enjoyed. After lunch the students from different schools performed in a concert for the Mater Dei Students. Our Year 10 Drama students performed a short play called “Creature Teacher”.

![Image of students posing together]

![Image of a performance at Mater Dei]

![Image of students participating in activities at Mater Dei]

![Image of a performance at Mater Dei]
**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Current Assessments**

Year 7 students have been issued with a Research Task in booklet form. The booklet will form the basis of information required by the students to complete a task in class. Students should work regularly on completing this booklet over the next three weeks.

Year 8 students have been working to complete their Research task on Separations. Students should be well prepared to submit this on Tuesday 12 August. This should be accompanied by a Stage 4 Cover sheet (in LRC) and handed in **before** 8:15am on the day.

Year 9 students will be issued with their Stage 5 Student Research Project next week. This is an extended research task to allow students to demonstrate skills in Working Scientifically.

Year 10 students will be completing an in-class Writing task based on an article “Nature or Nurture” which they will receive shortly. Students are to focus on this article annotating and/or researching unfamiliar terms they encounter as part of their home studies.

**Learning experiences**

**Year 8 Science with Mr Hatton**

Hair Raising Fun

The students in Year 8 had a whole heap of fun studying static electricity earlier this year. Girls with long hair were always going to be stars with the Van de Graaff generator making the hair stand up due to a build up of electrostatic charges. The charges could be passed on from one student to another. Let's hope they didn't find it too shocking!!

**SCIENCE - 7.4 Classification Topic**

Science learning plant types through photography

'Our class found the different plants very interesting, we thoroughly enjoyed photographing nature.

We would like to say 'Thank you Mrs Passlow for taking us on this a very educational walk'.

Thanks - Paris Maguire

**COMMERCE VISIT TO CAMPBELLTOWN COURT**

Visiting the Campbelltown Court was a very rewarding experience for our Year 10 Commerce Class. Many students in our course plan to pursue a career in law, and the fight for justice to be done in Australia. The potential career as a Litigator was exemplified to us through many different aspects of the Court; we learnt the pressures and roles of supporting the law through actions of lawyers, police officers and Magistrates.

Throughout the day we were given many opportunities to ask questions and discuss our thoughts and opinions of the cases we saw. Seeing our future-selves in action was a very encouraging and inspiring experience.

This visit has been beneficial to us by setting the bar high to strive for our goals as Commerce students going into senior school and to make the most of every learning opportunity we have. Overall, I speak on behalf of our Commerce class to say that we have enjoyed the opportunity to be exposed to the judicial system in the hope one day we too bring justice to our country.

By Melissa Johnston
MAGDALENE FEAST DAY REFLECTIONS

On Tuesday 22 July we celebrated the annual Magdalene Feast Day and it was a great success. The money that Magdalene raises on Feast Day all goes into our Care Fund, which helps people in our community in need.

Magdalene Feast day, in the students eyes, is a day where we get to relax, eat lots of food (mostly ice-cream and cakes), go on rides, but still retain our faith with morning Mass this year with Father Richard from St Paul's Parish Camden.

Magdalene Feast Day, in the teacher eyes, is about what Magdalene stands for, and then coming together in a relaxed way, students and teachers come together as one and celebrate this for a good cause. 'Magdalene Feast Day is about celebrating what our school stands for (Mary Magdalene) in the morning with Mass and then coming together, being relaxed and connect as a community”, Mrs Benny said.

Mrs Byrnes and Ms Walker both said "Magdalene Feast day is about celebrating being part of the Magdalene community and for fundraising for the people in our community that need help."

Magdalene also invites the students from St. Clare's Primary School along to enjoy their celebration. They get to have their face painted, hair sprayed and if they are lucky able to get some of Mrs Forner's family pasta. Talking to some of the St Clare's Students, they were really excited to be at the feast day with their friends.

"Everyone's getting their face painted and hair sprayed and it's all so cool and fun'. said Sienna and her friend Tenica, in year 5 at St. Clare's.

"It's awesome, love it!' said Andrew and Kai.

" The rides were good. They're my favourite part of the day. We went on the giant slide, the adrenaline'. Andrew and Kai said.

Brody said 'The games is my favourite part'.

Mrs Power, a teacher from St Clare's, stated that 'The feast day is fantastic. I love the way that Magdalene open their doors to us. I have loved the face painting because they make our students look absolutely beautiful.' 'I love how Magdalene are having fun but at the same time doing something to help others in need.'

Magdalene added a new area to their celebrations this year with a disco. With Mr Sinclair-Kydd running it no person was going in without a token.

Many of the Magdalene teachers were praising the students for acting with respect and thanking them for getting involved in the event.

'I like the friendly atmosphere and the kindness shown by the students to St Clare's and from the younger years'. Ms Walker and Mrs Byrnes both said.

'Yeah we don't have classes, which is good, but I like coming together with my friends for the day and help out students that need it. I also like helping out on the stalls.” Daniela in Year 8 said.

11 Moore, had the photography booth. We had these two girls come in and they were so happy and cheerful. they looked like they ‘really were enjoying the day’. Yasmin said.

Overall after spending the day at Magdalene Feast Day, the school’s teachers and students really know how to help others while having a good time.

Alicia Camilleri Year 11
NEW MERIT AWARD SYSTEM

Over the last 18 months the Pastoral Care Team has been working on re-structuring the Merit Award System. After discussion with staff, students and parents we have decided to move to a tiered system of awards and move away from the Merit Stamps.

The students will no longer be issued with Merit Stamps, instead teachers will be issuing students with merit notes in their diary for good class work and Achievement Awards for significant improvements in their learning and commitment to the community. Students can receive an Achievement Awards from their teacher for any of the following reasons:

- Improvement in learning,
- Demonstrating learning growth.
- Improved quality of work.
- Results in formal and informal assessment.
- Sustained work ethic.
- Engagement in class work.
- Engagement in group work.
- Commitment to the school community
- Participation in extra curricula activities
- Acts of kindness
- Leadership
- Good sportsmanship at house sport
- Uniform
- Organisation

Students can accumulate their Achievement awards to receive a Coordinator’s Award and then work towards earning a Bronze, Silver or Gold Principal’s Awards. Three Achievement Awards will earn the students a Coordinator’s Award, three Coordinator’s Award accumulate to a Bronze Principal’s Award and the students work their way towards achieving the Gold Principal’s Award. (See the flowchart attached)

Students can transfer their current Merit Tally to the new system. They can use the link below to complete a form and request that their Merit Tally be carried over to the new system. The students have also been emailed information about this.

https://docs.google.com/a/dow.catholic.edu.au/forms/d/1-yKw1VMvzYU6smFL-2vJEef8TNGP1YvP6TmGp2lnw/viewform

The New Merit System in an integral component of the Celebration of Excellence Policy and reflects one of our core Values of Commitment to Excellence. Our main objective is to give the students the opportunity to celebrate their learning and work towards achieving their personal best.
“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,”
SAYS THE LORD, “PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND
NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.”
( JEREMIAH 29:11 )

OUR STORY.
GOD’S STORY.

MUSIC | GAMES | FOOD | FAITH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
4PM - 9PM

Ignite
a single spark can start a movement
CONGRATULATIONS - JULIENNE CHEVALIER
5.0 Kenpo Karate World Championships 2014

Julienne Chevalier (8M) competed in the 5.0 Kenpo Karate World Championships 2014 in Las Vegas in June. Seventeen countries competed in the tournament over a four day period. Julienne represented Australia in three events and placed in all of them.

Julienne came 1st in the 5.0 Fighting category which is sparing.

Julienne also came 3rd in Forms and 3rd in self defence. What an amazing experience.

Congratulations and well done!

MCDONALDS FUND RAISER F1 TEAM
TUESDAY 19 AUGUST

Come along to McDonalds Narellan on Tuesday 19 August for a McDonald Feast.

Organise a social with your Year group and come and support the F1 GAMMA RACING team.

Organise a family night out and come and join us.

ALL WELCOME
NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK - Magdalene CHS - Library
GUEST SPEAKER - STACEY WALES

Magdalene Catholic High School invites parents to celebrate National Literacy & Numeracy Week

“Books that Encourage Teenagers to Read”

Date: Friday 29th August
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Venue: School Library

Presenter: Stacey Wales
Youth Services Librarian
Narellan Library

RSVP by Thursday 28th August 2014 to: linda.maher@dow.catholic.edu.au

READING MATTERS

A FILM COMPETITION TO PROMOTE A LOVE OF READING

ENTRIES CLOSE 22 AUGUST
FANTASTIC PRIZES
DETAILS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE
MAGDALENE HOSTS JAPANESE STUDENTS

This week Magdalene said farewell to our Japanese student visitors from Jishukan Secondary School. It has been a great experience for the students and the group were thankful to Magdalene students for their hospitality.
MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v St Benedict’s (Round 3)

On Thursday 26 June the annual Magdalene Athletics Carnival was held at Campbelltown Sports Ground. The mild weather proved perfect for the carnival. It was great to see large participation rates and many closely contested events.

Once again Year 12 set the standard high with support for their houses and also led the way with participation. The final house points will be announced on the next assembly.

There were a number of excellent performances. Congratulations to our age champions and students who have earned a place on the school athletics team for the Diocesan Carnival on Friday 29 August.

Many thanks to the parents who came along to support the event!

Age Champions

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NO PARKING AREA

NO PARKING

Please note that a new No Parking Area is now in operation between 2.00pm and 3.00pm on Smeaton Grange Rd adjacent to the entry to the bus bay.

This has been put in place to allow buses to safely park while waiting to enter the bus bay. Please observe the signs which mark out an area of 75m of kerb towards Anzac Avenue.
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### NARELLAN LIBRARY WORKSHOPS AND TOURS

Narellan will be holding a ‘Magical Mystery Tour’ as well as the FREE Parent and teen workshops that will be held at

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### St Vincent de Paul Society Fundraiser

**MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH**

**Tuesday 4th November**

**EVENT:** Vinnies Melbourne Cup Lunch

**DATE:** Tuesday 4th November

**TIME:** 12 Noon

**VENUE:** Tabcorp Park, Menangle

**COST:** $70 (Includes Food, Fashion & Fun - hot & cold buffet, TAB & Bar facilities)

**RSVP:** Tues 28th October

Lee Hughes 0458 297 667

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### St Margaret’s Catholic High School

“Because I have seen the Lord”

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