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

On Wednesday, 20 August, the school was visited by members of the Catholic Education Commission of NSW. The Catholic Education Commission is responsible for policy, educational direction and funding of all Catholic Dioceses in New South Wales. The visit afforded Magdalene the opportunity to showcase the school and give the representatives some insight into our achievements and future directions. The members of the commission stated how impressive the school itself presented and how inspiring the students of Magdalene were as ambassadors of the school and the local community.

Last Saturday and Sunday 56 students, 11 teachers and a number parents were involved in the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. The school is the collection point in the Camden parish area. The community proved to be quite generous giving their time as practical support of the appeal. I thank Mr Pannell and Mrs Therese Harm from the Camden Parish for their overall organisation of the weekend appeal. I also thank all those involved in the collection for their willingness to support those in need.

The St Vincent de Paul Appeal was followed on Saturday evening by an event, which is meant to highlight the plight of refugees. A group of approximately 20 people began walking from Villawood detention Centre to Parliament House in Canberra, in silence. The walk known as “The Walk of The Silent Many”, hopefully gives a voice to the suffering refugees attempting to seek asylum in our country. Along the way the walkers were in need of food and a place to sleep and shower. Our Magdalene community offered support by allowing them to spend the first night of the walk at our school and providing an evening meal and breakfast. This is one way we can show our support for refugees and also increase awareness to the plight of these people. I thank Mr Elliott for his overall organisation of arrangements and the teachers and students who provided an evening meal and breakfast for the members of the pilgrimage.

This week the school community had the opportunity to celebrate the talent that is evident at Magdalene through “Magdalene Shines.” As in the past the acts were of the highest standard and most entertaining. The students have a great deal of talent and it was certainly gratifying to witness their willingness to share this with the audience. I thank and acknowledge Mr Mae, Mr Lappan, Miss Flick and the teachers involved for their organisation. I also acknowledge and thank the Director of Schools in the Wollongong Mr Peter Turner, Mr Alan McManus (Head of School Services) Mrs Mary Ellen Bland (Campbelltown Catholic Club) and the many members of our community who offered support via their attendance on the evening.

Next Wednesday the students who have been nominated as senior leaders of Magdalene in 2015 will be involved in a leadership discernment day, which will result in the election of the school’s senior leaders in 2015. The journey to the leadership day has involved speeches, reflection and voting by the student body. Students then attend the leadership day and finally decide on their leaders for 2015. I ask all members of the community to keep these young men and women in your thoughts and prayers as they make decisions about future leaders at Magdalene.

This week is Literacy and Numeracy week it is a good time to reflect on the importance of literacy and numeracy skills in the lives of young people. Students who develop these skills are certainly advantaged in their education and indeed life beyond school. A number of activities have taken place at the school including Literacy trivia and a visit by the Youth Services Librarian at Camden Library - Stacey Wales. These events highlight literacy in our community at Magdalene. I cannot emphasise enough, the importance of developing literacy skills among young people. I urge parents to recognise the vital role they play in developing these skills especially in encouraging young people to read and develop their vocabulary.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
This week is also Migrant and Refugee Week, which highlights to us that the plight of refugees is a difficult one. It is also a reminder that we all have a responsibility to reach out to our fellow human beings. In the words of Pope Francis, in many ways “We have lost the sense of fraternal responsibility; we have fallen into the hypocritical attitude of the priest and servant of the altar that Jesus talks about in the parable of the Good Samaritan – we see our half-dead brother on the side of the road – maybe we think poor thing – and then we move on our way, it is not our responsibility, and with this we feel all right.”

I ask everyone to recognise their responsibilities as followers of Christ and to reach out to others who have been displaced from their homeland. We can all offer support in our own country.

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Heavenly Father we recall that your Son Jesus was a refugee in his infancy.
We remember that the Holy Family was forced to flee to Egypt
Loving Father You understand the pain and anguish
of those who are forced to leave their homeland for all sorts of grave reasons.
Help us O Lord to understand the experience more fully
and to respond with Gospel fervour to this enormous social issue of our times.
Grant us wisdom prudence and a real sense of loving kindness
to understand the heartaches of those who find themselves
as real asylum seekers, migrants and refugees in our wonderful land of Australia.
Mary Mother of all migrants and refugees lead us to your son Jesus,
from whom all blessings flow.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord.

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Fathers’ day
We wish all fathers a very happy Father’s Day on September 7 and all God’s blessings in the year ahead.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

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Diocesan Youth Consultation

On Saturday 6 September Bishop Peter will meet with youth of the Diocese to discuss Pastoral directions.
Young people from across the diocese including Magdalene are invited to attend and offer their thoughts.

Details:
Date: 6 September
Time: 8.30am Breakfast
10.00am - 12noon: Consultation Venue Mount Carmel High School, Varroville.

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Summer Uniform Reminder

All students are to revert to Summer Uniform on Monday 8 September (the day after Father’s Day). This date was set earlier in the year as a result of warmer weather in September.

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Police Liaison Officer Talk on Cyber Safety and Safe Parties

The Police Schools’ Liaison Officer Senior Constable Allan Clapham will present an overview on Cyber Safety and Safe Parties to the Parent and Friends Association on Tuesday October 21, 2014.
All parents are encouraged to come along and listen to the presentation which will be most beneficial and provide up to date information on issues affecting the students at Magdalene.
REFLECTION ON
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
15 AUGUST 2015

When we look at the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into heaven, based on the belief that she never sinned, we can often think that her life was not complicated and everything was smooth. I don’t think so.

After all, when Jesus was 12 years old, Mary and Joseph lost him for 3 days!!! Mary knows about human life and how complicated and frustrating and heartbreaking it can be. She watched her son being murdered – a parent’s worst nightmare. And yet, she remained a woman of faith and perseverance, of courage, of love, forgiveness and compassion.

As we reflect on Mary’s Assumption and the fact that one day we will also be in heaven, let us draw strength from the human life of faith and love that she lived, and let us draw close to her son, in good times and in bad.

Mr Steve O’Neill
Religious Education Coordinator

YEAR 10 NEWS

Term 3 has been a busy one for Year 10. The Subject Selection Evening was held in Week 2, with a large turn out of parents and students. At the time of printing, classes and subject lines are still being organised and students will be alerted of their senior subjects as soon as possible.

Year 10 students have also been busy outside the classroom. Tyler Simpson and Emma Busby participated in the Silver Duke of Edinburgh hike along the 6 Foot Track in the Blue Mountains. This trek pushed the girls physically and mentally. Congratulations girls!

Year 10 is also excelling themselves on the sporting field; both at school and in their weekend sporting teams. I would also like to extend my congratulations to the Year 10 students involved in the winning Diocesan Hockey and Volleyball teams who competed in Week 5.

Congratulations are also extended to Mitchell Bell who has kicked 152 AFL goals this season for his team Western Sydney Giants. Mitchell’s achievement makes him the leading goal kicker for his age group and also for all other seniors and juniors in Australia. Congratulations Mitchell!

Week 7 marks the official start of the Student Leadership process with SRC nomination speeches and voting to be held towards the end of the week. Congratulations and good luck to all students who have been nominated for SRC.

Mrs Simone Duke - Year 10 Co-ordinator
DUKE OF EDINBURGH REPORT

Duke of Edinburgh was an unforgettable experience for all of us involved.

We Dukes had an amazing time on the first day we walked roughly 8 kilometres. The first group reached the campsite at lunchtime while the second group had lunch on the beach then got to the campsite at about 2:30pm. We then went on a lovely stroll on the beach before the darkness hit.

On the second day the first group woke up at 5:30am and left the campsite at 6am to walk up a hill and watch the sun rise while the other group had a little trouble adjusting to the time and the cold. We had a lovely breakfast on top of the hill before we walked on the beach, up and down mountains and up cliffs.

For lunch one of the groups stopped at a beautiful waterfall and only Elizabeth Arcadi was brave enough to go for a swim. The other group stopped at Wattamolla for lunch. We continued walking for hours and hours. Mr Whicker would say “One more hill, Only 30 minutes to go”. Two hours and three hills later we finally reached the end of the track and had to find our way to Loftus Street. We reached our parents and threw our heavy bags to the ground. Overall, we all had a great experience and saw stunning views.
YEAR 12 BBQ FOR MISSIONS JAMAICAN APPEAL
The pasta eating competition on Thursday August 21 was a great success. With Mrs Forner's tasty pasta, it wasn't hard for both the staff and students to scoff down. Although the battle was tight, unfortunately the staff came out on top, but not without a good fight from the students. It was great to see everyone get involved in cheering on the students.

Carly Reynolds and Cody Newton (Year 12)
YEAR 7 and Year 12
“Getting to know you”

On Monday 18 August, Year 7 students were paired up or placed in groups and participated in a “Getting to know you” activity with the Year 12 seniors. This proved to be of great value to the Year 7’s, as they were able to obtain an amazing insight into the life of a senior student, including subject choices, workloads, study patterns and the responsibilities pertaining to senior life. The Year 7 students asked important questions and obtained vital information, including how to achieve a healthy balance between schoolwork and family life.

YEAR 7 POLICE TALK ON CYBER SAFETY

Year 7 also had a guest speaker on Monday 18 August, whose talk focused on Cyber Safety and its effects on the individual lives of our students, both in the present time and for the future. Senior Sargent Clapham discussed the importance of privacy settings and thinking before you act, as the Internet fingerprint lasts forever. Students engaged in the presentation, asking many vital questions and learning new and important points – such as resetting your privacy settings after each computer upgrade. Well done Year 7 on being so inquisitive and respectful. Thanks to Cameron Ryan who thanked the Senior Sargent Clapham for his presence.
SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v St Patrick’s College (Round 4) 12.8.14

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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
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<td>It was a hard game girls but you never stopped, finishing with a</td>
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<td>brilliant 4th quarter. Well done.</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>2-0</td>
<td>Kaitlin scored both goals. Bravest player of the day: Charlotte.</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>1-0</td>
<td>An excellent team win girls, winning on the last kick of the game.</td>
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<td>Well played.</td>
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<td>St Patrick’s</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>After a slow first half the girls rallied in the second to come away</td>
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<td>John Therry defeating Magdalene</td>
<td>36-6</td>
<td>Courageous effort! The score line did not reflect the great defensive</td>
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<td>efforts. MVPs: Jake Irvine and Saigoa Kepu.</td>
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<td>Freeman forfeiting to Magdalene.</td>
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MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Mount Carmel (Round 5) 19.8.14

NOTE: All games were washed out except for Basketball.

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<td>Mount Carmel</td>
<td>36-6</td>
<td>Good game boys, against a skilled team. MVPs: Mitchell Sapiatzer and</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>28-16</td>
<td>A very quick start set up this win early. The girls played some</td>
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<td>fantastic team basketball and never looked in trouble.</td>
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MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Broughton (Round 6) 26.8.14

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<td>16-5</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
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Diocesan Girl’s Volleyball Day

A big congratulations goes out to the following girls who performed incredibly well on the day to take out first place against schools across the Diocese. This was the first time that Magdalene has won this competition and the girls were well and truly deserving of the win, suffering only one lost game the entire day. WELL DONE GIRLS!

Sophie Fenech, Caitlyn Kavanagh, Morgan Kitchener, Paige Pirotta, Maddison Rullis, Jordan Russell and Zoe Townsend.

Mrs Jones
SPORTS NEWS

History made at the Diocesan Boys Hockey Championships

On Thursday 14 August our Open Boys Hockey Team contested the annual Diocesan Hockey Championships at Illawarra Hockey Complex, Unanderra. The team consisted of boys from across most school years (7, 8, 10, 11 and 12). Jackson Harrison (Year 12) had the boys well organised, each player knowing their role. With a wide spread of ages the more experienced boys showed the way and the younger boys lifted. What really stood out throughout the day was how well the boys worked as a team.

The boys had a great start to the day defeating Corpus Christi (4-0) and John Therry (1-0). The third game of the round matches was always going to be the “make or break” match. Edmund Rice College (ERC) stood between them and the finals. In an extremely tight game the boys followed up some sustained pressure with a last minute goal from the one and only scoring machine Michael O’Shae (Year 10 – scored a goal in each match). As a result of the sensational win against ERC the team made the Diocesan final for the first time in the schools history. However, the history making efforts did not stop here.

The boys met St John’s, Nowra in the final. Once again the Harrison brothers (Jackson and Sam – Year 11) terrorised the opposition defence with good support from Chris Talese (Year 12), Jake Lombardo (Year 12), Angus Turner (Year 7), Thomas Bonanno (Year 8) and Michael O’Shea (Year 10). Within a short period of time the team had slotted 2 goals. To St John’s credit they fought back hard, Riley Maginn-Dawson (Year 8) having to make some desperate saves. Despite the attacks Jarrod Brookes (Year 8) was rock solid with the assistance of Brandon Smith (Year 7) and Hamish Miller (Year 12). With 5 minutes remaining St John’s launched a come back with a goal. This made for a frantic game to the final siren. Brock McDonnell (Year 12), Alex Vella (Year 7) and Josh Vinoya (Year 11) ran their hearts out to keep St John’s at bay. The boys hung on to win 2-1 and take the Diocesan Championships.

Congratulations Boys on a tremendous victory!
Mr J Hewitt

St Clare’s Students Love Geography

Recently Magdalene had the pleasure of hosting a high school experience day for the Year 5 students from St Clare’s Primary School. The students experienced the reality of the hustle and bustle of a big high school as well as the six lesson sessions.

The HSIE Department believes that the period 6 Geography lesson was a major highlight. Students learnt about the Geographical questions Geographers ask and then went into the field at Magda Lake A.K.A. the dam to inspect water samples and respond to the posed questions.

Students checked for water bugs and cross-referenced them with the “Bug Identification Chart”. Students made conclusions based on their evidence. We continue to look forward to future visits.

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Russo (HSIE Department)
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

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Transport for NSW is launching an online service for families who wish to apply for the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

Families who wish to apply for the PVC subsidy for the 2014 school year should go to the website: http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/pvc and register online.
### CANTEEN ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

The Canteen requires the assistance of more volunteers as they do not have enough helpers at this time.

If you are able to offer your time and come along and assist in the Canteen please contact Annette Moon by Phone on 4631 3300 or Email: annette.moon@dow.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support.

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**Mater Dei Country Fair**

Sunday 12th October 2014 - 9am-3pm

- Jumping Castle Rides
- BBQ Plants
- Plants
- Over 20 Stalls
- Show Bags
- Chocolate Wheel Raffle
- Fossils Star Wars
- Animal Farm

Attractions include the Chocolate Wheel, Plants, Cakes, Face Painting, Ice Cream, Rides, White Elephant Stall, Shetland Pony Rides, Kids-Farmyard Nursery, Second Hand Books, plus so much more!!!

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