



MAGDALENE NEWS

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

Last Wednesday the leaders of Magdalene Catholic High School 2015 were commissioned into their positions at the Leadership Induction Ceremony held at the school. Present at the Ceremony was Fr Michael Williams as well as the parents and family members of the leaders.

As I stated on Wednesday at the ceremony, these young people have the confidence of their peers and their teachers. They take on a role, which requires leadership courage and service. We are very proud of each of them and are fortunate to have them as leaders in our community. Below is the first speech of our new school captains Caitlin Fitzgerald and Luke Papandrea. It is a reflection of their commitment, dedication and sense of responsibility as they begin their new roles.

Good morning Mr Lo Cascio, parents and friends, teachers and our fellow students. Today, Caitlin and I speak with great pride as a part of your leadership group for 2015. Everyone has an idea of what they think leadership is. One may say it is being able to listen, to uphold values, to help the community, or a combination of numerous qualities. However... the magic of leadership doesn't come in its definition, but in what it can allow to happen...

On behalf of each and every member of the new leadership team, we are ready to make things happen and can't wait. We understand that with this position comes a great responsibility to ACT. We want to act in a way that brings to life a sense of community and service, so hopefully you can all find something within us that helps make you more comfortable in being an active member of Magdalene.

Luke and I commit to working hard to build a community driven by participation and example. By continuing and respecting the traditions of Magdalene in a way that enhances the good name of Magdalene, a way that builds school spirit and profiles students who might not otherwise have been recognised.

We can only hope that we successfully bring an infectious energy that means you have reason to enjoy being at school. We hope to bring a strong commitment to the good in Magdalene and to what makes our community unique.

Like anyone, we are nervous because we feel the importance of the responsibility that we have inherited and we don't want to disappoint. Lucky for us, we are building off the some brilliant outgoing leadership. Jacqui and Josh, Carly and Cody you have left a special imprint on Magdalene that will definitely not be forgotten, and we can safely assume, we will be successful if we can fill your shoes as an entire leadership team.

Above all else, we simply hope to be present, to each one of you and to all of you, only as Luke and Caitlin, and we hope that this will be enough to do justice to you as our peers, to our teachers, to the good name of our school and to the position of school captain for 2015.

Next Monday our Year 12 students embark on their Higher School Certificate examinations I ask everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers. This can be a very stressful and challenging time for all Year 12 students. I know that Year 12 would appreciate the support of our whole community.

Strong minds, gentle hearts



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Next week Mr Hatton will begin long service leave for the remainder of this term. This is a significant event as Mr Hatton will not be returning to Magdalene after his leave. Mr Hatton has accepted a position at John Therry Catholic High School and will begin teaching there at the beginning of 2015. On behalf of the entire Magdalene community I thank Mr Hatton for his contribution to Magdalene and wish him all the best in the future.

The final Parents and Friends meeting for 2014 will be conducted on Tuesday evening 21st October beginning at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre. The meeting will include the AGM and election of Office Bearers for 2015. I encourage as many parents as possible to come along and be part of the Parents and Friends Association in 2015. The Parents and Friends Association meeting will be followed by an information session conducted by Senior Constable Alan Clapham. Senior Constable Clapham will be speaking about keeping young people safe on the internet and safe partying. I once again encourage all parents to attend this very worthwhile information session as it relates directly to the wellbeing of your sons and daughters.

Over the coming term most students will undertake final examinations and assessment tasks in their subjects. It is essential that students are adequately organised and prepared for these tasks. Students should begin their planning now so that when the dates arrive they will be able to approach the task in an orderly and confident fashion. Students have been shown how to develop a study guide and plan for tasks but their learning should be ongoing so that nothing is left to the last minute. I encourage all parents to speak to their children about preparation and study. Should further support be required please do not hesitate to contact your child's subject teachers.

This week we welcome back the students and teachers from the Italy excursion. From all accounts this was a successful and educationally enriching trip. Once again I thank Mrs Foti, Mrs Said, Mr Kennedy and Miss Simonetta for their willingness to plan, organise and undertake such a venture. I also thank and congratulate the students involved for their cooperation and positive involvement throughout the trip.

The following reflection is taken from our leadership induction ceremony on Wednesday. It certainly offers all in leadership direction, and to a degree, challenges them to reach new heights.

Beatitudes of a Leader

Blessed is the Leader who has not sought high places, but has been drafted into service because of ability and willingness to serve.

Blessed is the Leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial; true leaders are humble.

Blessed is the Leader who knows where they are going, and how to get there.

Blessed is the Leader who seeks the best for those whom they serve.

Blessed is the Leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

Blessed is the Leader who develops leaders whilst leading.

Blessed is the Leader who marches with the group and interprets correctly the signs on the pathway that leads to success.

Blessed is the Leader who dares to be different. Life is always something of an exciting challenge for them.

Blessed is the Leader who leads for the good of the group, and not for the gratification of their own ideas.

Blessed is the Leader who works for peace and brings unity amongst the community.

Blessed is the Leader who values respect and dignity; true leaders guide by example.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

**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 Parents and Friends Association on Tuesday, 21 October 2014 at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre.

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.



2015 Student Leadership Team

School Captains	Caitlin Fitzgerald	Luke Papandrea
Vice Captains	Emily Sutherland	Ricardo Rahme
Faith and Liturgy Councillors	Celene Watson	Benjamin Brown
School Spirit Councillors	Anna Kelly	Simone Brown
Social Justice Councillors	Bianca Messina	Brittnie McFarlane
Environmental Councillors	Jessica Cunningham	John Poyntz
Sports Captains	Samantha Coupe	Anthony Simonetta

House Captains

Bruchhauser	Georgia Jackson	Mitchell Sapiatzer
Dunne	Jenaye Collins	Daniel Lagudi
Hogan	Isabella Paparo	Connor Perkins
Moore	Brooke Fallshaw	Travis Hunt
Sedgwick	Alexandra Thomson	Frank Gerada
Wilson	Paige Pirotta	Nicholas Stojic

SRC Representatives

Year 8	Isabelle Borg, Peter Cornett, Jake Fitzgibbon
Year 9	Natasha Teeling, Matthew Casey, Maddison Saysanavongpheth
Year 10	Thomas Gallagher, Kaitlyn Paroz, Nicholas Appleton
Year 11	Tyler Bosco, Isabel Staunton, Elyse Beauchamp

Congratulations!





Year 12 Major Awards 2014

Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment

Leah Carlsen

Caltex All Rounder Award

Jackson Harrison

Year 12 Academic Awards 2014

Chiara	Assetta	First Place in	Drama
		First Place in	Music
Taylor-Anne	Barbaro	First Place in	Food Technology
Aleesha	Bertoldi	Highly Commended	Biology
		Highly Commended	Chemistry
		Highly Commended	Mathematics
Jake	Bethune	First Place in	Information Processes and Technology
Monique	Borg	Highly Commended	English - Standard
Tiarnne	Brown	First Place in	Community and Family Studies
		First Place in	Society and Culture
Abbey	Bull	Highly Commended	Ancient History
Joel	Burke	Highly Commended	Construction
Lachlan	Burke	First Place in	History Extension
		Highly Commended	Drama
Megan	Casey	Highly Commended	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
		Highly Commended	Studies of Religion 1
Elizabeth	Coluccio	First Place in	Senior Science
		First Place in	Visual Arts
		Highly Commended	Design and Technology
Sarah	Costantino	First Place in	Hospitality
Aisha	Cotton	Highly Commended	Society and Culture
Christian	Dankers	Highly Commended	Physics
Taylah	Davidson	First Place in	Business Studies
		First Place in	Legal Studies
		First Place in	Modern History
		First Place in	Studies of Religion 2 Unit
		Highly Commended	English - Advanced
Clare	Dowswell	First Place in	Extension English 1
		First Place in	Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Alexandra	Francis-Reynolds	Highly Commended	Visual Arts
Kirsty	Golding	First Place in	Studies of English
Campbell	Green	Highly Commended	Studies of Religion 2
Jade	Hall	Highly Commended	Catholic Studies
Jackson	Harrison	First Place in	Biology
		First Place in	Chemistry
		First Place in	Maths Extension 1
		First Place in	Maths Extension 2



Year 12 Academic Awards 2014

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Tiana	Holz	Highly Commended	Studies of English
Danica	Irving	First Place in	English - Standard
		Highly Commended	General Mathematics
		Highly Commended	Information Processes and Technology
		Highly Commended	Senior Science
Sarah	Kennedy	Highly Commended	Food Technology
Alanah	Lamont	Highly Commended	Extension English 2
Jaqueline	Marshall	Highly Commended	Hospitality
Brock	McDonnell	Highly Commended	Industrial Technology - Furniture
Kate	Moran	First Place in	Design and Technology
Cody	Newton	First Place in	English - Advanced
		First Place in	Mathematics
		Highly Commended	Business Studies
		Highly Commended	Legal Studies
Jordan	Parker	Highly Commended	History Extension
Nicholas	Pervan	Highly Commended	Design and Technology
		Highly Commended	Engineering Studies
Laura	Petrie	First Place in	Catholic Studies
		Highly Commended	Community and Family Studies
Emma	Potocki	Highly Commended	Business Studies
Madeleine	Rosevear	First Place in	Engineering Studies
		First Place in	Physics
Maddison	Rullis	First Place in	Industrial Technology - Furniture
Joshua	Sanchez	Highly Commended	Music
Lucy	Sharp	First Place in	Ancient History
		First Place in	Extension English 2
		First Place in	General Mathematics
		First Place in	Studies of Religion 1 Unit
		Highly Commended	Modern History
Christopher	Talese	First Place in	Construction
Jack	Taseski	Highly Commended	Extension English 1
Madeleine	Vella	Highly Commended	Hospitality
Daniel	Zanatta	Highly Commended	Mathematics Extension 1
		Highly Commended	Mathematics Extension 2

Male Sports Champion of the Year

Matthew Stewart

Female Sports Champion of the Year

Morgan Kitchener



CATHOLIC MISSION LAUNCH

11 September 2014

Catholic Mission officially launched its campaign for this year's World Mission Month in October, which focuses on Jamaica—a country troubled by violence and crime—with the theme “When I grow up I want to be alive”. The launch was held here at Magdalene Catholic High School, Narellan on 11 September 2014.

Bishop Peter led those gathered in a moving and dynamic liturgy organised by Mr Elliott, inviting student representatives from all Catholic schools to come forward and receive a framed copy of our shared Diocesan commitment to the appeal. Director of Schools Mr Peter Turner and many CEO personnel joined with principals and students to make a strong statement of solidarity with Catholic Mission. The music was provided by Mr Lappan's Year 9 music students and fitted in perfectly with the Jamaican theme of the day! Many visitors commented on how fantastic the music was and really added a great vibe to the day, so well done to Mr Lappan and all your fabulous students! Thanks also to Mr Hewitt and many generous staff and students, including the Mission Club members who helped to host a BBQ lunch for our visitors.

Throughout World Mission Month, celebrated by Catholics worldwide, the campaign will highlight the work of brave missionaries, like Marist Missionary Sister Teresia Tinanisolo, who are helping Jamaica's youth living in the dangerous ghettos to break the cycle of violence in the country, through the power of education and the spirit of Jesus Christ. With the second highest rate of gun killings in the world, great support is needed to help create a brighter future for the people of Jamaica, particularly the youth living in the most dangerous areas, many of whom will not make it past their thirtieth birthday.

During World Mission Month this year, Catholic Mission will be sharing with Catholics across Australia the moving story of Sr Tinanisolo, who, despite attempts on her own life, remains dedicated to improving the lives of people in her community of Mt Salem in Montego Bay. Supported by Catholic Mission, Sr Teresia runs the Holy Family Self Help Centre, which conducts vocational skills training programs in cooking, hospitality, sewing, literacy and computer skills for people seeking a better future for themselves and their families.

Catholic Mission National Director Martin Teulan says such work represents hope for Jamaica: “I feel great comfort knowing that the Catholic Church and dedicated missionaries like Sr Teresia are reaching out and offering life-saving spiritual and practical support to those in desperate need,” he says. “This World Mission Month, I invite all Australians to reach out and help the people of Jamaica who are struggling to break this vicious cycle of violence and crime. Through initiatives such as the Holy Family Self Help Centre and non-violence classes for children, we can help guide the youth of Jamaica towards a safer and more hope-filled future.”

The powerful DVD ‘When I grow up, I want to be alive’ can be viewed at www.catholicmission.org.au/JamaicaDVD.

For more information, to make a donation or to view and download resources, please visit www.catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica.

Mr Martin Pannell
Mission Coordinator



MISSION LAUNCH

11 September 2014



YEAR 12 FAREWELL ASSEMBLY



YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS



Leadership Induction Ceremony



2015 School Captains
Caitlin Fitzgerald and Luke Papandrea



2015 School Captains & Vice Captains



2015 House Captains



2015 Senior Councillors



Student Representative Council



Fr Michael blesses our new leaders





“HOPE” By Mr O’Neill

In the weeks preceding the school holidays I spoke with Year 7 and Year 8 about hope. It is one of Magdalene’s seven core values, so it’s worthwhile to look at what it may mean for our lives at school and in a broader context.

Certainly, we did not make up the virtue of hope here at Magdalene, and it is mentioned about 70 times in the Bible. So, what’s it all about? Saint Paul writes about hope many times in his letter to the Romans:

*“Now **hope** that is seen is not **hope**. For who hopes for what is seen?”* (Romans 8:24). So, we don’t hope for the things we already have, we hope for things we don’t have or things that are in the future.

Sometimes we can easily be led into a feeling of despair in this world. There are many tragic news stories every day and we may be going through our own difficult times in our personal lives. This is where our relationship with God can help us to have hope. *“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have **hope**”* (Romans 15:4). Why not pick up the Bible and have a read of God’s love letters to us? Why not download a daily Bible App for our phone and read a verse of the Bible every day?

Also, God is with everyone in the world in some way or another. In a special way, God dwells in those who have received the Holy Spirit at Baptism. The Holy Spirit guides us, loves us and renews our hope as Saint Paul tells us in Romans 5:5, *“.....and **hope** does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us”*. Our hope is real because it is backed by the Holy Spirit. That’s pretty good.

When I was booking travel insurance for my trip to Europe I felt a bit safer knowing that my insurance company was backed by the insurance giant Lloyd’s of London. The Holy Spirit is infinitely more powerful and more reliable than Lloyd’s of London.

Lastly, God has a plan for us to live in peace and joy. Again, the Holy Spirit is the champion. We need to work on our relationship with God, but to always remember the God of mercy, kindness, forgiveness and hope lives in our hearts: *“May the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit”*. (Romans 15:13).

Mr O’Neill

IMAGINE PROGRAM 2014

On Thursday 18 September 2014, Jesse Marchand, Kaitlyn Paroz, Bailey Whitley and Alexandra Willis were invited to take part in a student workshop designed and hosted by the Australian Catholic University in partnership with the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong called ‘Imagine’.

These four Year 9 Students were chosen because they have demonstrated leadership potential within their peer group and under the watchful eye of Mr Aaron Boom, did a great job of representing Magdalene.

The aim of Imagine is to bring together influential teens from participating schools to develop their emotional intelligence and leadership skills and to support students in developing pastoral initiatives within their school communities.

These students are now working towards implementation of a pastoral initiative within their school community and will return to Wollongong to present this to the ‘Celebration Day’ in Term 4, on 27 November.

Mr Ewen Sinclair-Kydd
Year 9 Coordinator



ESSA (Essential Secondary Assessment)

Advanced notice about Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA)

This task for Year 8 students will be held in Term 4 Week 6. The assessment takes approximately 80 minutes and will be conducted, for most students during their double Science lesson. ESSA is an online diagnostic test that will provide information about what students know and can do in Stage 4 Science.

It is prepared, marked and reported on, externally, by the NSW Department of Education and Training and parents will receive a comprehensive report early next year.

As this requires students to use their Notebooks, there will be a “Readiness Test” conducted in Week 2 next term. This is only to establish that the computer requirements for each child are correct and that they can access their online account.

All students will be required to bring a charged Notebook and their own headphones for the Readiness Test as well as for the actual ESSA task.

CONVERSATIONS WITH BISHOP PETER INGHAM

On Friday 12 September 2014, a group of four students from Year 10 (Riley Maguire, Scott Miller, Josephine Rudisi and Sophie Cornett) attended a special day called 'Conversations with the Bishop' with our very own Bishop Peter Ingham.

The day was held at the Xavier Centre in Wollongong and was made up of approximately 65 student representatives from schools all across the Wollongong Diocese. It was a fantastic opportunity to be able to ask the Bishop his opinion in an open forum regarding topics surrounding the church and the world from recent events.

All in all it was a great day for all involved.

We would like to thank Miss Partridge for driving us to the meeting, as well as supporting our inquiries with her own opinions and answers.

Riley Maguire



BOOK LIST FOR TEENAGE BOYS

Compiled by: Tara Cordina

Children's & Youth Technical Specialist - Bankstown Library & Knowledge

In order to encourage your Teenage sons to read Tara has put together a very comprehensive listing of books which should engage your sons in reading.

More interesting books.

Family & Home Stories



David Metzenthen - Tigerfish

Ryan Lanyon lives in the shadows of a shopping centre on the far side of the city. His brother is a bouncer. His best mate owns weapons. Ariel works in a surf-shop and has never seen the sea. The tragedies of the past will poison the future - unless someone has the courage to cross the line.



David Metzenthen - Jarvis 24

So far, Marc E. Jarvis has lost a white football boot, a school tie and a best friend. However, there's more in store for him when he complete Work Experience at a local car yard - where his world is truly rocked, shocked and shaken. Then Marc meets Electra and nothing will ever be the same again... A story of true friends, crazed coaches, shooting stars and loves lost and found.

Spies



Anthony Horowitz - Alex Rider Series

Alex Rider is a series of spy novels by British author Anthony Horowitz about a 14 - 15 year old spy.



Robert Muchamore - Cherub Series

A series of young adult spy novels, focusing around a division of the British Security Service names CHER-UB, which employs minors, predominantly orphans, as intelligence officers.

Adventure Stories



Chris Ryan

- Agent 21
- Code Red
- Alpha Force

Chris Ryan is an ex-SAS officer who served with the British Army before he was injured during an operation.

Graphic Novels

Novel adaptations



Eoin Colfer - Artemis Fowl Series

Artemis Fowl, the main character and anti-hero, and his bodyguard, Butler, kidnap Lower Elements Police Captain Holly Short, a fairy elf, and demand a ransom from the people.



Simon Furman - Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen

from the people.



Herge - Tin Tin

Another classic comic strip that has never grown old!



Neil Gaiman

- The books of Magic
- Creatures of the Night
- Coraline
- The Doll's House



PRELIMINARY BIOLOGY EXCURSION

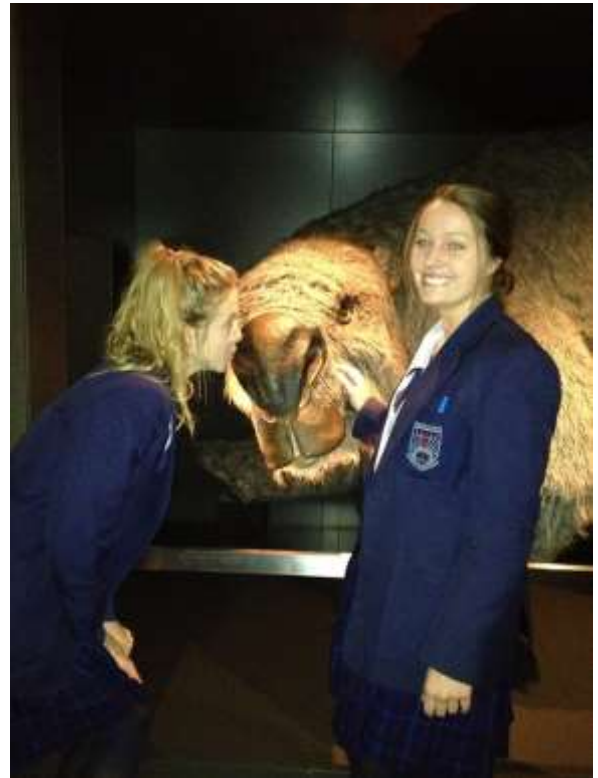
As part of the study of "Evolution of Australian Biota", an excursion to the Australia Museum and Zoomobile/Botanic Gardens was held on the 4th September 2014.

The workshops were designed to allow students to have a hands-on experience of fossils, live animals and the beautiful flora unique to Australia.

Each presenter was expert in their field of study and the students were engaged with the content which consolidated that taught at school.

The highlight for many students was the very cute baby echidna, which while she was shy still allowed everyone to pat her.

The photo shows students up close and personal with the model of a *diprotodon* – one of the large, now extinct animals which used to wander our land.



GUEST SPEAKER

Diocesan of Wollongong Parent Forum
Edmund Rice College

The Diocesan Parent Forum have organised for a guest speaker to speak to parents and carers about "growing gorgeous boys into good men."

Celia Lashlie is an Author, researcher and 'social commentator'.

Save the date, come along and meet with other parents/carers, listen and share viewpoints for engaging discussion.

"GROWING GORGEOUS BOYS INTO GOOD MEN"

New Letter

You are invited to come and hear
CELIA LASHLIE LIVE
7PM Thursday
30 October 2014
Edmund Rice College
112 Mt Keira Road
West Wollongong
\$20 per person
\$35 per couple

It's really presented by

Registration and payment <http://www.trybooking.com/101530>
Contact Rebecca Hill for more information parentforum@dow.catholic.edu.au




NOTICEBOARD

October		
13	Mon	Year 12 Visual Arts Excursion
13	Mon	2014 HSC Begins (until 7 November)
17	Fri	Year 9 Excursion - Cronulla Field Study
20	Mon	HSC Assessment Information Evening 7pm (for Year 11 Students/Parents)
21	Tue	Parents & Friends Meeting, 7pm
22	Wed	Year 11 & 12 Meet the Music

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
 If you require second hand uniforms please call
 Kelly O'Keeffe on 0410 553812

**ROAD SAFETY
EMERGENCY SERVICES**



A reminder to all drivers to keep the roundabout area at the front of the school cleared for emergency services.

Ambulances at times have to be called to the school for sick or injured students and this area needs to be kept clear.

This is to ensure that the fastest response time is adhered to in the best interests of the sick/injured person.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter.

Sport News

Results from Diocesan Athletics Carnival

Overall – took out Magdalene 6th place

Ollie Smith 3rd place 12 years High Jump
Kaitlin Leonard 1st place 13 years Shot Put
Bethany Perkins 2nd place 15 years Long Jump
Paige Pirotta 1st place 16 years Girls Long Jump
Madeleine Taylor *Runner up 17+ years Age Champion*
 1st place 17+ years Girls Long Jump
 1st place 17+ years Girls 100m
 1st place 17+ years Girls 200m
 1st place 17+ years Girls 400m
Connor Perkins 2nd place 17+ years High Jump
12/13 Girls 3rd place 4 x 100m Relay
16/17 Girls 2nd place 4 x 100m Relay

WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4 Week 2B 13 Oct - 17 Oct	13 Oct Betty Roberts Donna Duck	14 Oct Janeen Brady Kylie Greffenius	15 Oct Rosalie Lopez	16 Oct Kelly-Dawson Maginn Lyndal Musico	17 Oct Linda McGuire Leanne Irons
Term 4 Week 3A 20 Oct - 24 Oct	20 Oct Tanya Harvey	21 Oct Maree Duff	22 Oct Jo Britt Coralie Kelly	23 Oct Sandra Chamberlain	24 Oct Michelle Heward Lisa Boaro Cathy Stewart
Term 4 Week 2B 27 Oct - 31 Oct	27 Oct Megan Tyler Kathy Shephard	28 Oct Nicole Mortimer Karen Ryan	29 Oct Anita Jerak Rachel McVittie	30 Oct Michelle Abbey Angela Rao	31 Oct Rachel Miller Megan Gibson

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