



# MAGDALENE NEWS

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

Last week the Key Learning Area Coordinators were involved in a staff development day with a focus on Assessment. Over 2014 the school has been reviewing the approach we take towards assessment to ensure that it is effective in improving learning. Often assessment can be seen as an end point or as a summary of performance rather than an opportunity to continue learning. The school is looking for better ways to promote “assessment for learning” through standards based assessment. This means that grades achieved by students will clearly reflect the level of achievement of students and how each can improve. This will then lead to greater understanding of learning and overall improvement.

With the above in mind it is essential that students seek feedback after tasks are completed whether formal or informal tasks so that learning can be improved as a result. I encourage parents to encourage their sons and daughters to clarify results so that students can improve as a result of undertaking any assessment tasks or activities.

Last Tuesday the final meeting of the Parents and Friends Association and the Parent Consultation Committee was conducted for the year. The AGM of the Parents and Friends was also conducted to establish office bearers for 2015. I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee of Mrs Isabella Potts (President), Mrs Lee Lowry (Secretary), Mr Noel Lowry (Treasurer) and Mrs Kelly O’Keeffe (Uniform Shop) I appreciate the wonderful support this leadership team has given and appreciate the initiatives they have supported at the school. I welcome the new 2015 Parents and Friends executive Mrs Isabella Potts (President), Mrs Cathy McDonald (Secretary), Mr Steve Grabowski (Treasurer) and Mrs Kelly O’Keeffe (Uniform Shop), I sincerely thank them for undertaking the role in 2015. I remind parents also that the Parent Consultation Committee provides valuable feedback to the school. If any parents wish to nominate to be part of the committee in 2015 they should contact the school office leaving their name and contact details.

The Parents and Friends Association Meeting was followed by a presentation by Senior Constable Alan Clapham on Cybersafety. I am sure I speak for everyone when I say how informative and useful the information was. I am also very much aware that any information which will help keep the children in our care safe, is always very useful. I thank Senior Constable Clapham for his input and the parents in attendance for supporting such an informative evening.

Last Thursday the Diocesan Liturgical Ministries Training Day was conducted at Magdalene. This event provided training for students who wish to be involved in liturgical ministries such as Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Readers and so on. It was wonderful to note that 13 students from Magdalene have committed to be involved in the Ministries. It was also gratifying to see the 80 students from across the diocese who were involved. I thank Mr Wright, Mr O’Neill and Mr Elliott for their involvement and encouragement of Magdalene students in such a worthwhile undertaking.

This week is week 3 of the Higher School Certificate. Students appear to be coping well with the pressures of the examinations and are satisfied with the examinations they have sat. I ask everyone to keep Year 12 in your thoughts and prayers as they move towards the completion of their examinations.

Next week our church celebrates the feasts of All Saints and All Souls Day. Everyone has faced the trauma of a loved one dying, whether expected or sudden we can be comforted in the fact that beyond this life they are in the care of our God. I include the following reflection as we approach All Souls Day.

*Strong minds, gentle hearts*



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**Prayer**  
**All Soul's Day November 2**

Jesus, dear Saviour,  
On this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope  
And may they be at peace,  
Knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank you for our memories of them and for the good times we shared.  
We ask You, please, through their intercession,  
To deepen our faith, strengthen our hope  
And increase our love that we too, may someday  
Stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.  
Amen

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio  
**Principal**

**Diocesan Liturgical Ministries Training Day**



## Year 7 RE Class - Stewards of Creation

Our Year 7 RE class has been working through a unit called 'God and Creation'. We have been learning about what it means to be caretakers of this amazing and beautiful planet. We've been learning about Stewardship and that as Christians, we are invited to be good stewards (carers) of Creation!

In Mr Pannell's Year 7 RE class we had an opportunity to put this into practice with a special project that allowed us to have an outside lesson. We were each given a small plant and some soil, fertiliser and cardboard pot to plant out our little plants. We were given all the instructions on how to care for our plants, to give them some shade and some sun as well as a little bit of water every few days. Hopefully everyone has a bigger plant by now with more flowers and we've all learnt more about the fragile nature of our planet. It is a gift to be able to be caretakers of creation.

Thanks to Mr Webb our prac teacher and Mrs Maher our Literacy support teacher for helping us make this lesson happen so well. Special thanks to Mr Webb who arranged the whole lesson and purchased everything to make it happen for us. It was a very meaningful and worthwhile lesson. Thank you. Year 7 Students.

*Mr Pannell*



## Year 9 Italian class... Buon Appetito

The Year 9 Italian students have just completed a study on Cibi deliziosi (delicious foods) and to end the topic, created our own unique restaurant, serving some flavoursome foods from Italy, hmmm, delizioso...



## Year 9 Geography Excursion - Cronulla



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## Pixel Prize Winner - Kimberley Geary

The Pixel Prize is an annual photography exhibition for high school students run by the Australian Catholic University. In 2014, the theme 'communities', aimed at encouraging students to express what community means to them.



Kimberley Geary, of Year 8, entered 3 photographs into the competition and won the prize for 'Best Representation of Communities'. Her winning photograph depicts her netball team in a group as they prepare for a game.

*"The reason I took this photo was because netball is a big part of my life. I believe that being in a sporting team builds community and gives a person a sense of belonging."*

The judges agree, stating that Kimberley's image represents the 'solidarity of the team' with a clear message that 'in the group we are strong'.

For first prize Kimberley was awarded a \$300 voucher from Ted's Cameras which she plans to put toward buying a good quality camera.

Kimberley is to be congratulated for her insightful photographic series. Her work reminds us that inspiration is all around us, it's just a matter of recognising it.



Ms Catherine Delaney  
Visual Arts teacher

## Wool4Skool Prize Winner - Chelsea Tonkin

Congratulations to Chelsea Tonkin (9B) who recently tested her fashion designing skills in the Woolmark Wool4Skool competition and was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award. Students from all over Australia in Years 7 to 11 were challenged to design an original outfit made from Australian Merino wool – and one that is inspired by the past 50 years of fashion.

To mark the Woolmark brand's 50th anniversary, Chelsea had to take to the history books and design an outfit from either the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s or today.



Congratulations and Well done!

# 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.

## Detective/Mystery



### Patrick Carman - Skeleton Creek

Although housebound following an eerie accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing email video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah. The reader may view Sarah's videos on a website by using links and passwords found in the text.



### Franklin W. Dixon - Hardy Boys

A series from 1927 that has withstood the test of time. The Hardy Boys are fictional teenage brothers and amateur detectives. They live in the city of Bayport on Barmet Bay with their father, detective Fenton Hardy, their mother, Laura Hardy and their Aunt Gertrude.

## Suspense



### Phillip Gwynne - The Debt Series

One boy, six tasks and an ancient family debt.

## Non- Fiction



### Singh, Asavari - How to draw: The craziest, creepiest characters



### Terry Deary - Horrible Histories Series

Horrible Histories first began as a book series. The series began in 1993 with *The Terrible Tudors* and *The Awful Egyptians*, and the following titles continued the trend to describe British history through the context of the ruling dynasties, as well as explore significant worldwide cultures (often within the context of British history such as the Viking and Roman conquests on the British Isles).

## Rugby League



### Neil Cadigan - Greats of Origin

- History of the State of Origin

## Football/Soccer

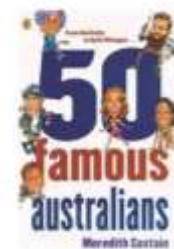


### Joseph A. Luxbacher - Attacking Soccer

## Biography

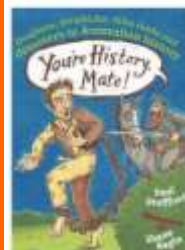


### Cola Bilkuei - Cola's Journey: From Sudanese child soldier to Australian Refugee



### Meredith Costain - 50 famous Australians - From Ned Kelly to Kylie Minogue...

Artemis Fowl, the main character and anti-hero, and his bodyguard, Butler, kidnap Lower Elements Police Captain



### Paul Stafford - You're History Mate!

- dingbats, dropkicks, dills, duds and disasters in Australian history



## SPORTS NEWS 14.10.14

### MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Mt Carmel (Round 1)

| SPORT                  | WINNING SCHOOL | SCORE | MOST VALUED PLAYER   |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|--|
| 7 Boys Cricket         | Magdalene      | 72-46 | Hayden, Shaun and Matt got our runs and our bowlers were better than their. MVP Shaun Rafferty. COACH: Mr Wright   |
| 8/9 Boys Cricket       | Mount Carmel   | 78-51 | Nervous start to the season. Need to work on hitting the ball along the ground. MVP Jarrod Brooks. COACH: Mr Beh   |
| 7 Boys Basketball      | Mount Carmel   | 23-2  | Great 1 <sup>st</sup> game, showing potential. MVP George Awad. COACH: Mr Gorrie   |
| 7 Girls Basketball     | Magdalene      | 16-4  | A fantastic start to the season. The girls started strong and never went down. Well done!<br>COACH: Mr Dowdell   |
| Girls Oz-tag           | Magdalene      | 7-0   | Great first game girls, well done!<br>COACH: Mrs McAllister  |
| Boys Oz-tag            | Magdalene      | 7-3   | Great first game boys, getting the win to start the season. COACH: Mr Sinclair-Kydd  |
| 10-12 Girls Volleyball | Mount Carmel   | 2-1   | Good game played by all players but unfortunately a loss this week. MVP Jordan Russell. Most improved Jenaye Collins<br>COACH: Mrs Miller                                |
| 10-12 Boys Volleyball  | Mount Carmel   | 2-1   | A great effort boy for your first game. A few things we need to work on for next week. MVP Jonathan Borg. COACH: Mr Zakris   |
| 10-12 Boys AFL         | Magdalene      | 62-11 | Great team effort, with skill and strong tackling proving the difference against the bigger Mount Carmel opposition. MVP Daniel Lagudi with 5 goals. COACH: Mr Lipscombe |
| Tennis                 | Mount Carmel   | 1-0   | Boys 1&2 Mag 4 MtC 4 Draw<br>Girls 1&2 Mag 3 MtC 5 Loss<br>Boys 3&4 Mag 4 MtC 4 Draw<br>Girls 3&4 Mag 4 MtC 4 Draw<br>COACH: Mr Cornett                                  |

### Congratulations Taylah Parker

Taylah Parker of Year 9 recently represented Macarthur at the NSW Under 15 Indoor Hockey State Championships.

The Macarthur team defeated Sydney in the final to become the State Champions.

At the conclusion of the championship Taylah was named in the NSW Under 15 girls indoor hockey team and will travel to Melbourne in January to play in the National Championships.



## 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.

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.

More information will be given to students early next term about the procedures and specific dates for their class.

SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

MAGDALENE COLLEGE

**SPECIAL SALES**

**DAYS X 3**

AT LOWES STORE - NARELLAN

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
2014

RECEIVE **15%** DISCOUNT

Off the regular price on all uniform items for  
Magdalene College

**PLUS**

**BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT**

additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

**OR 5% REWARDS**

Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers  
to the value of 5% of their purchase

**PLUS**

Lowes will pay your school annual **5% rebate** on every  
uniform purchased in-store.

**Mental Health Awareness**

Monday 27 October 2014, 6pm - 8pm  
Redgum Room at Narellan Library | Supper provided.

A FREE interactive workshop for all ages about mental health and  
looking after yourself.

For more information phone: 4645 5020 or email [syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au](mailto:syd.lee@camden.nsw.gov.au).



# NOTICEBOARD

## November

|       |           |  |
|-------|-----------|--|
| 3     | Mon       | Year 12 Sign Out   |
| 3 – 5 | Mon–Wed   | Year 8 Exams   |
| 3–7   | Mon–Thur  | Year 10 Exams  |
| 4     | Tues      | Magdalene Cup  |
| 5–7   | Wed–Fri   | Year 9 Exams   |
| 7     | Fri       | Year 7 Vaccinations 3rd dose<br>Year 12 Formal   |
| 11    | Tue       | Remembrance Day Ceremony<br>Year 10 Debating Day   |
| 12    | Wed       | Year 7, 2015 Orientation Evening<br>- Parents only 7.00pm  |
| 12–14 | Wed - Fri | Year 11 Retreat<br>Year 8 ESSA Science Test  |
| 14    | Fri       | Year 7, 2015 Orientation Day<br>Year 7 Anniversary Mass<br>Fr Michael,<br><b>St Paul's Camden</b><br>6.30pm Diocesan Sports Awards |
| 19    | Wed       | Magdalene Impressions  |
| 21    | Fri       | Year 8 Reflection Day<br>IGNITE 4pm–9pm  |
| 26    | Wed       | Year 10 Bronze Medallion   |
| 29    | Sat       | Illawarra F1 Hub Launch  |

## M.I.S.A. Sport Results - South

### MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Broughton Anglican College (Round 2)

| SPORT                  | WINNING SCHOOL                 | SCORE     |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 7 Boys Cricket         | Magdalene Catholic High School | 3/65-5/63 |
| 8/9 Boys Cricket       | Broughton Anglican College     | 6/58-4/59 |
| Mixed Tennis           | Magdalene Catholic High School | 21/7      |
| 7 Boys Basketball      | Broughton Anglican College     | 26-6      |
| 7 Girls Basketball     | Magdalene Catholic High School | 20-0      |
| Boys Oz-tag 7-9        | Magdalene Catholic High School | 8-4       |
| Girls Oz-tag 7-9       | Magdalene Catholic High School | 6-5       |
| 10-11 Boys Volleyball  | Magdalene Catholic School      | 3-0       |
| 10-11 Girls Volleyball | Magdalene Catholic School      | 2-1       |
| 9-11 Boys AFL          | Magdalene Catholic High School | 93-3      |

## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you require second hand uniforms please call  
Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

| CANTEEN                              | Monday                                       | Tuesday                                 | Wednesday                                  | Thursday                                 | Friday  |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|
| Term 4<br>Week 4B<br>27 Oct - 31 Oct | 27 Oct<br>Megan Tyler<br>Kathy Shephard      | 28 Oct<br>Nicole Mortimer<br>Karen Ryan | 29 Oct<br>Anita Jerak<br>Rachelle McVittie | 30 Oct<br>Michele Abbey<br>Angela Rao    | 31 Oct<br>Racheal Miller<br>Megan Gibson                  |
| Term 4<br>Week 5A<br>3 Nov - 7 Nov   | 3 Nov<br>Kim Phillips<br>Yan Fang Li         | 4 Nov<br>Carol Miskell<br>Fran Lapa     | 5 Nov<br>Marites Vinoya<br>Jerry Berenger  | 6 Nov<br>Gabriela Varela<br>Leanne Craig | 7 Nov<br>Donna Sapiatzer<br>Christine Montafia<br>- Brown |
| Term 4<br>Week 6B<br>10 Nov - 14 Nov | 10 Nov<br>Rochelle Bonning<br>Leonie Sanchez | 11 Nov<br>Rachelle McVittie             | 12 Nov<br>Ralene Joyce<br>Renee Magro      | 13 Nov<br>Sharon Jones<br>Kathy Stone    | 14 Nov<br>Allison Miller<br>Sue Ellen<br>Fitzpatrick      |

## MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

*“Because I have seen the Lord”*

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