



MAGDALENE NEWS

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



Congratulations to the “F1 in Schools Team” who have come second outright in the largest STEM competition in the world maintaining Australia’s dominance of podium positions in this international competition. This year was the 10th anniversary of the running of the F1 in Schools World Finals. Australia has come first 4 times and has been either First or Second on nine of the ten occasions the world final has been held. This is an amazing result and I congratulate Hannah Clancy, Elyse Beauchamp, Jordan Duncan, Brayden McMonigal, Troy Minor, Luke Papandrea, Matthew Said, Brittany Tekely and Mr Gorrie on their success.

Last Friday students from Magdalene, St Paul’s, St Justins, St Benedict’s St Clares and Mater Dei joined together to celebrate Mass in honour of Fr Michael’s Silver Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. Last Sunday I with a number of staff from Magdalene had the pleasure of attending the parish Mass and luncheon for Fr. Michael, this was an opportunity for the whole community to join together to acknowledge this important occasion. Fr Michael with selfless dedication and commitment was ordained to the priesthood in 1989. Since that time he has devoted himself to his God and the community he serves. I take this opportunity to congratulate Fr Michael on such a wonderful achievement. I also acknowledge his contribution to the St Paul’s Parish Community and especially his support of the students at Magdalene. Each student at Magdalene has been provided with a prayer card as a memento of the occasion.



Strong minds, gentle hearts



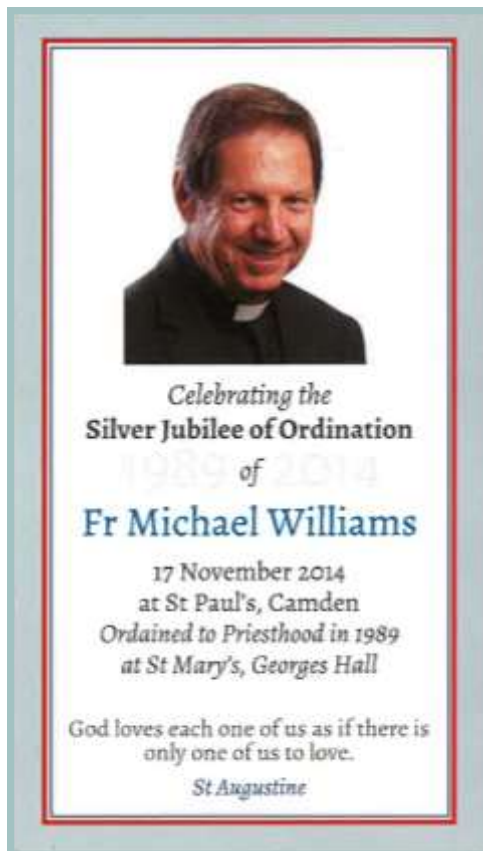
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Over the past two weeks a number of Magdalene students have been acknowledged for their outstanding achievements in a number of different fields. Last Friday evening the sports awards for the Diocese of Wollongong were presented to students who proved to be outstanding in a number of sports and stood out across the diocese for their achievements. I acknowledge Samantha Coupe, Matthew Burke, Madison Smith, Paige Pirotta and Tom Gallagher on receipt of the secondary Sports Council Medallion and Secondary Sports Council Blues Awards Winners Matthew Edwards and Matthew Stewart on their awards and their outstanding performances. Tonight the Madeline Rosevear, Thomas Arias and Jarrad Harvey will be acknowledged for their achievements in Design and Technology. The New South Wales Design and Technology Competition Awards will be presented at the University of Wollongong. The awards are an acknowledgement of outstanding work in the nominated area. Well done Jarrad Madeline and Thomas and congratulations to their teacher Mrs Violi who travelled the journey with them.

Last week the Year 11 students were involved in the Senior Retreat. By all accounts the retreat provided a very meaningful experience. Students were able to reflect on their journey their relationships with their families, friends and their God. This is an important aspect of the faith journey and certainly provides students with an opportunity they would not normally have. I thank the teachers for giving their time to support the students and I also thank the visiting priests Fr Michael, Fr Richard and Fr Karl for providing opportunities for both Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are certainly fortunate to have such wonderful support.

At the end of each year the school reviews its progress in a number of areas. In order to do that well all stake holders are given an opportunity to give their responses to the schools achievements and possible areas for improvement. I ask parents to take the opportunity to have a say through the survey located at the following web address: <http://goo.gl/forms/Rnox497aL> Opinions of all members of our community are valued and will help to shape future directions.

As we celebrate Fr Michaels 25 Anniversary I include the verses on his prayer card. Each student in the school was issued with a prayer card this week. Please keep Fr. Michael and priests in general in your prayers.



Train yourselves spiritually. Physical exercises are useful enough, but the usefulness of spirituality is unlimited, since it holds out the reward of life here and now and of the future life as well; that is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt it.

1 Timothy 4:8-9

1989 - 2014

Shall I tell you how to go from strength to strength?... I will tell you. The tiniest fire of divine love has been lit in you, has it? Then do not rush to make a parade of it. Do not take it out into the icy blast. Keep the furnace door shut on it so that it does not die out. In other words, fly from avoidable distractions, keep away from idle gossip.

Extract from a sermon of St Charles Borromeo at his final synod.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

50 Years of CARITAS AUSTRALIA



Yesterday Mr Elliott and I took four Magdalene Students to Wollongong to celebrate [50 years of CARITAS AUSTRALIA](#).

The CARITAS website (link above) is a terrific resource to be used in Pastoral, RE and other classes.

The four students who joined us were Brittney McFarlane, Celene Watson, Bianca Messina and Benjamin Brown. They represented us beautifully and networked with students and staff from other schools in a most professional manner.

Attached is the Certificate of Appreciation that was presented to us for our part in supporting CARITAS. This Certificate will be displayed in the front foyer.

I congratulate Miss Simonetta, Ms Walker and Mrs Violi who provide terrific support and leadership of the CARITAS CLUB this year.

Mr Marty Pannell - Mission Coordinator



Congratulations to Sam Gironda

Congratulations to Sam Gironda whose Logo design won the competition run by the MISA Association.

The design will become the logo of the MISA teams in their representative competitions and will be used on all MISA documentation.

Well done Sam.



Congratulations to Siobhan Suters

Congratulation to Siobhan Suters 8D, who has been selected by Opera Australia to be part of the Children's Chorus for the summer season of La Boheme.

School Assembly 20 November 2014

Year 8 Pastoral Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Pastoral Award at the recent School Assembly.

These students are to be congratulated on their achievements.

Zac Byles

Victoria Carrett

Elizabeth Gatt

Bethany Jenkins

Emily Trajkovski

Sarah Vella

Year 9 Coordinator's Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Coordinator Award at the recent School Assembly.

These students are to be congratulated on their commitment to their learning and the continued effort displayed in class.

Aiden Berenger

Cassandra Knight

Meagan Major

Sarah Neasy

Sophie Said

Connor Smith

Student Nominates Achievement Awards

Year 10 Teneisha Pocock - commitment to learning and helpful, in particular maths

Year 8 - Sarah vella - across most subjects. Committed to learning.

Year 9 - Roisin Bolwell - commitment to learning and assisting others. Across all subjects.

Year 7 - Patrcik Sapiatzer improved assessment, in particular maths

Year 12 James Burland - improved assessment in particular RE.



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Magdalene Cup 2014

On Tuesday 4 November the annual Magdalene Cup was held on a glorious day with a firm and fast track. Large fields contested both the A. P. McManus Plate (Year 7/8) and Magdalene Cup (9/10/11). Handicapping proved crucial once again with the best dressed gaining the advantage. Well done to all participants!

A. P. McManus Plate (Year 7 and 8)

Places	Runners	House
1	“Bikini” Patrick Sapiatzer	7 Bruchhauser
2	“Shazza” Matthew Casey	8 Moore
3	“Brucchie” Abby Britt	8 Bruchhauser

Magdalene Cup (Year 9, 10 and 11)

Places	Runners	House
1	“Blue Caviar” Daniel Lagudi	11 Dunne
2	“Tonto” Anthony Simonetta	11 Wilson
3	“Orange is the New Black” Frank Gerada	11 Sedgwick

Mr Hewitt

Fun in Year 10 Maths

Last week 10MAT3 had some fun with paper folding during our Maths lessons. We constructed a Sierpinski Tetrahedron from 256 smaller tetrahedrons. As you can see, the void between the paper tetrahedrons is in fact another tetrahedron. The model is made from 4 units, the first requiring 4 tetrahedrons, the second requiring 4^2 (16) units, the 3rd requiring 4^3 (64) units and so on. Building the model required quite a lot of teamwork and co-operation and I would like to thank Year 10 for their enthusiasm during these lessons.





SPORTS NEWS 11/11/14

MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Macarthur Anglican (Round 5)

SPORT	WINNING SCHOOL	SCORE	MOST VALUED PLAYER
7 Boys Cricket	Magdalene	5/80-4/61	Tight bowling won the match. Rhys and Shaun taking two wickets each MVP: Rhys COACH: Mr Wright
8/9 Boys Cricket	Magdalene	3/73-7/69	A much improved bowling effort. Well done. MVP: Nicholas Bull COACH: Mr Beh
7 Girls Basketball	Magdalene	16-6	A solid start to the game resulted in a well earned victory. COACH: Mr Dowdell
7 Boys Basketball	Macarthur	18-6	A good effort despite the loss. COACH: Mr Gorrie
Girls Oz-tag	Magdalene	3-2	Great game girls. Well done. It was a tough game but you held out for the win. COACH: Mrs McAllister
Boys Oz-tag	Magdalene	9-3	A genuine team victory against a skilful opposition. MVP: Anthony Boskoski. COACH: Mr Sinclair-Kydd
10-12 Girls Volleyball	Magdalene	3-2	Great team spirit and sportsmanship. MVPs: Paige Pirotta and Jordan Russell. COACH: Mrs Miller
10-12 Boys Volleyball	Magdalene	2-1	A good team performance but we need to concentrate for the whole game and work our serves. MVPs: James and Brendan COACH: Mr Zakris
10-12 Boys AFL	Magdalene	112-30	Consistent effort with stand out goals to Michael O'Shae, Anthony Simonetta and Frank the tank but Sam Gallagher at fullback was clearly best on the ground. COACH: Mr Lipscombe
Tennis	Magdalene	19-13	A great team performance with all doubles teams winning their respective matches. COACH: Mr Avero/Mr Cornett

Diocesan Sports Awards Winners

Congratulation to the following students who recently received Diocesan Sports Awards for the outstanding efforts in the following sports:

- Paige Pirotta – Netball
- Maddison Smith – Softball
- Matthew Burke – Swimming
- Matthew Edwards – AFL
- Samantha Coupe – Hockey
- Tom Gallagher - Tennis



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

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v St Benedicts

(Round 6) Date: 18/11/14

SPORT	WINNING SCHOOL	SCORE
7 Boys Cricket	No Game	
8/9 Boys Cricket	No Game	
Mixed Tennis	No Game	
7 Boys Basketball	St Benedict's Catholic College	
7 Girls Basketball	Magdalene Catholic High School	28-6
Boys Oz-tag 7-9	Magdalene Catholic High School	10-3
Girls Oz-tag 7-9	Magdalene Catholic High School	11-1
10-11 Boys Volleyball	No Game	
10-11 Girls Volleyball	No Game	
AFL Boys 9-11	Magdalene Catholic High School	111pt win



NOTICEBOARD

November		
26	Wed	Year 10 Bronze Medallion
29	Sat	Illawarra F1 Hub Launch
December		
4-5	Thurs-Fri	A Midsummers Night Dream School Drama Production
12	Fri	End of Year Mass 9:30am - 10:30am
15	Mon	Presentation Night - Mount Carmel Catholic High School 6:30pm-9:30pm
16	Tues	Activity Day
17	Wed	Parent, Teacher and Student interviews.
18	Thurs	ATAR Morning Tea 10:00am - 11:00am
January 2015		
28	Wed	Years 7 and 11 return
29	Thurs	All School Returns

YEAR 7 - Student Packs

Available from school office.

PRICE LIST

School Bag	\$75.00
Calculator.....	\$21.00
Cap.....	\$12.00
Apron.....	\$ 7.00
Total	<u>\$115.00</u>

Sport socks are compulsory. \$6.00 per pair.
Sizes 2-7, 8-11, 12-12

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open each Monday from 8.00am - 8.20am for the remainder of this term.

OPEN Tuesday 27 January 1pm - 3pm.

If you require second hand uniforms outside of these hours please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING TO MAGDALENE IN 2015

If your child is not returning to Magdalene in 2015 please put this in writing in a letter to the Principal informing him of this decision as soon as possible.

Details should include where your child will be going next year and the date they intend to leave Magdalene.

St Anthony’s Church - Tahmoor

The Next YOUTH MASS at St Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor, is on Saturday evening, 22 November 6.00 pm.

This is the last YOUTH MASS of 2014 and we promise you a very JOYOUS celebration with a FULL CHOIR, HUGE BAND, and Hopefully a PACKED CHURCH.

There will be a slide show during Mass and refreshments after Mass. So you are all invited to come and share in this HAPPY Time. - *Margaret Cronin on behalf of the Parish Council*

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 4 Week 8B 24 Nov - 28 Nov	24 Nov Thai Tyquin Mandy Newton	25 Nov Kathy Foden Anne Maree Geering	26 Nov Eve Farkas	27 Nov Karen Tekely Pettina McDonald	28 Nov Rachel Miller Megan Gibson
Term 4 Week 9A 1 Dec - 5 Dec	1 Dec Julie Smith	2 Dec Carol Miskell Fran Lapa	3 Dec Bridget Fuller Louise Fallshaw	4 Dec Michelle Crowe Belinda Colusso	5 Dec Nicole Auckland Bernadette Staunton Fiona Hood
Term 4 Week 10B 8 Dec - 12 Dec	8 Dec Sue McCann	9 Dec Najette Elfar Racquel Olegario	10 Dec Racheal McVitte	11 Dec Clare King Kelly Maginn-Dawson	12 Dec Rebecca Raferty Jennifer Poole