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

Welcome back to the final term of 2014. I once again hope that everyone has returned to school refreshed and ready to begin the term with enthusiasm and a commitment to personal excellence.

At the end of last term the school farewelled the Year 12 students. This was an opportunity to sincerely thank the students for their contribution to the school and to wish them well as they begin their Higher School Certificate and their lives beyond Magdalene. The term concluded for Year 12 with the farewell assembly on Thursday morning and the Year 12 Mass in the evening.

The farewell assembly allowed students of Year 12 to be acknowledged by the student body. The students of Year 12 thanked the remaining students and teachers and presented the Year 12 gift to the school. This year the gift is a beautiful mosaic, collated by Year 12, which has been included in the memorial garden. I thank Year 12 for this thoughtful and significant gift.

The Graduation Mass, celebrated by Fr Michael was a wonderful way to give thanks to God for the journey to the end of Year 12. It was also a time to be thankful for all of those people who have contributed to this journey.

The Mass was followed by the award ceremony at which, all students received a Graduation Certificate and special awards were presented to a number of students. During the evening we were supported by the presence of Mrs Carolyn Hadley (Head of Human Resources CEO Wollongong) and Mrs Jane McDonald (Religious Education and Learning Services CEO Wollongong). Each made presentations during the ceremony.

I take this opportunity to thank Fr Michael, Mrs Hadley, Mrs McDonald, the parents and families of Year 12 and staff for supporting the students on such a memorable evening. The names of award winners are included later in this newsletter.

Although not acknowledged on the evening I would also like to acknowledge three students whose achievements deserve recognition. Firstly, congratulations to Marcus Fitzpatrick who was awarded the Catholic Club Scholarship for students who will be undertaking a teaching qualification at one of the Catholic Universities. Upon successful entry to one of the universities the Catholic Club will financially support Marcus with his studies. Secondly, congratulations to Louie Bendtsen and Jacob Reardon who both received award nominations for their Year 12 practical performances. Louie has been nominated for his drama performance and could participate in ‘On Stage’. Jacob has been nominated for his Music performance and could be invited to perform in Encore both of these events are a showcase of the best performances of students in the Higher School Certificate in their respective subjects. Well done Marcus, Louie and Jacob.

This week the NAPLAN results will be sent home to all students in Year 9 and 7. As stated last term the results will be analysed closely and will be the basis of focus for improvements in literacy and numeracy for students over the coming years.

I remind everyone that the final Parent Consultation Committee Meeting and The Parents and Friends AGM will be conducted on Tuesday 22 October at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre. All parents are invited to attend and I ask everyone to consider supporting the Parents and Friends Association, which directly supports the students of Magdalene.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
This week the school conducted the Leadership Induction Ceremony for the student leaders for 2014. As I stated at the induction ceremony our leaders rely heavily on the support given to them by the student body. By voting for our leaders students have made a commitment to offer them support during 2014. It is my hope that the leaders for 2014 will continue the positive contribution of leaders in previous years and continue to be supported by all students across the school. I once again congratulate all leaders on their election to the role and thank them for accepting such significant responsibility. I also emphasise that the leaders rely heavily on the support of their peers. Following are the speeches of the new school Captains Jacqueline Marshall and Joshua Appleton who gave us some insights into their new roles.

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**Good morning students, teachers, Mr. Lo Cascio, parents and friends. We gather here today to recognize the new leadership team of 2014. The qualities that each individual bring to our community, is what makes this an outstanding place to learn and form new relationships.**

We believe that this leadership team can bring about an even more positive attitude within the school. This attitude is one that will benefit students in developing a motivated and persistent work ethic. This positive outlook will also enhance how each member interacts with one another. Through the role models that this leadership team contains, all members of the school can follow in their footsteps, and strive to transform into a leader themselves.

Our vision is to flourish a sense of school spirit and pride within every person, a spirit that comes forth in academics, sport, social justice and faith. We hope that this spirit can be clearly and openly shown within and outside our community. Through people in the wider community recognizing this spirit, it further improves the image of this already great school. Through creating activities that all people can enjoy, and immerse themselves in, we believe an enthusiastic spirit will grow, and spread throughout all of Magdalene life.

To sum up our vision as leaders for 2014, we aim to shape Magdalene as a place where all members can feel welcome and comfortable to express their own unique personalities, and essentially, to make this school a happy place to be.

Thank you, and God bless.

Josh Appleton and Jacqui Marshall

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I also acknowledge Mr Chris Patterson MP for his support of our leaders and his words of inspiration.

I conclude with the prayer for the leaders used at the induction ceremony.

**Beatitudes of a Leader**

Blessed is the Leader who has not sought the high places, but who has drafted into service because of the 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 seeks the best for those whom they serve.

Blessed is the Leader who knows no discouragement, who makes no excuses.

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 has their head in the clouds but their feet on the ground.

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

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

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Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal
**Senior Music HSC**

We have received news that two members of the Year 12 Music 1 Class have been accepted into the JMC Academy in Surrey Hills. Allison Oliver and Jake Doran were accompanied by other members of the Senior Music class in presenting their audition. Such was the depth of their talent that it only took one song for the audition panel to make up their minds! Our warmest congratulations go to both students. We wish them the very best as they embark upon their future careers.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

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**Youth Forum**

"On the 10 October, Magdalene students from years 7, 8 and 9 attended the Junior Youth Forum at Mount Carmel High School. It was a fantastic opportunity for all students involved to mingle and discuss with leaders from other schools, topics and issues pertaining to our local schools and areas. Our presence was graced with guest speakers of high credibility, including our local members of all 3 tiers of government, leaders of the Catholic Education Office and homegrown singer/songwriter/celebrity FayDee. The highlight of the day was the Q&A session where a panel of politicians was open to answer anything students attending wanted to ask. Several hard-hitting questions ranging from education to disability and the future were raised and expertly handled by the group of leaders. In the end, it was an informative day for all and we hope the people who represent our community will note our contributions."

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**Year 12 Major Awards**

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Pierre de Coubertin Award.
Aaron Dalmazio
Reuben F Scarf Award
Daniel Elliott
Caltex All-Rounder Award
Kathryn Lawler

Subject award winners will be included in the next newsletter.
Catholic Mission Club Launch

On Thursday 19 September 11 students from Years 7 and 8 travelled with Mr Pannell (Mission Coordinator) to Holy Spirit College in Bellambi, for the Catholic Mission Launch. It was an amazing experience because we met the Bishop of Mongolia, the Bishop of Wollongong, and we also received a candle that links every school together. The message on the candle was ‘I will build my Church’ ~ which means that all of us are responsible for making a difference.

One of the important things we learnt was to be Jesus to other people, get to know Jesus personally, put our faith into action and share it with the people of the world. We learnt that everyone should be a part of mission. Here at Magdalene, the MISSION CLUB meets fortnightly and we are supporting CATHOLIC MISSION, an international charity.

Here is some information about Sister Clara and the work we are supporting:

In India, child trafficking and child labour is the reality for 12 million children. Every day countless young children are stolen from, or sold by, their families into domestic work and prostitution against their will. Many are also forced to become street beggars just to survive. Distressingly, these innocent girls are seen simply as commodities.

With the support of Catholic Mission, local Indian missionary, Sister Clara, and her fellow Salesian sisters, work tirelessly throughout Chennai, India, to rescue young girls from this tragic reality and to provide them with a safe haven at their Marialaya Children’s Home. The sisters also offer counselling, medical care, education and spiritual formation to the girls, helping them see their worth as a beloved child of God.

Many girls across India, and throughout the world, still urgently need your help. Please make your donation to our fundraising efforts at Magdalene to support the vital work of Sister Clara and missionaries across the world today. This Term in Weeks 2 and 3 we have various fundraising events run by students in Years 8 and 9. Thank you for your support.

Jessica Richardson (Year 8) MISSION CLUB member.
Year 12 Graduation Mass
Year 12 Graduation Mass

Congratulations !!!!

Year 12, 2013
Konnichiwa,

7.5 have spent much of last term investigating the various fascinating aspects of feudal Japan including the way of the Samurai, Shinto beliefs, the art of Origami and even some basic Japanese language skills. Below is an example of some of the wonderful origami creations they have worked on industriously, making all manner of objects from dragons to flowers.

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**Congratulations to Ava Davidson and Katarina Matijasevic**

Ava Davidson of (Year 8 Dunne) and Katarina Matijasevic (Year 7 Wilson) have been cast in the Children's Chorus (Emerald) for Artes Christi's production of "The Wiz" at the Seymour Centre this October. We wish them all the very best.

All proceeds will go towards the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal for the homeless.
**Congratulations to Vanessa Graham**

Vanessa completed the 2013 Australian Junior Squash Tour and produced a win!

Vanessa has recently won the U15 girls Australian Junior Squash Championships in Canberra on 1 October. Vanessa won all of her matches in style, dropping only two sets over the entire 4 day tournament.

This now brings her Australian Ranking Titles winning streak to 6 this year.

She's won:  
- Australian Junior Open U15 girls  
- ACT Junior State Titles U15 girls  
- ACT Junior State Titles U17 girls  
- VIC Junior State Titles U15 girls  
- NSW Junior State Titles U15 girls  
- Australian Junior Championships U15 girls

This is also Vanessa’s 4th Australian title in two years, winning back-to-back titles in both the open event and championship event. She is now looking to be selected for the Australian Team to represent Australia against New Zealand at the Oceania Junior Squash Open in January 2014, which will be her first World Ranking Tournament.

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**Youth Mental Health Expo**

16 Oct 2013, 10am - 2pm

Opened by: John Feneley NSW Mental Health Commissioner.  
Guest speakers Shane Cross (Headspace) & Anna Michaelopoulos (Youth of the Streets)

Where: Campbelltown Catholic Club  
Registration: 9.30am

For more details. Contact Jeanne Duffy. Sector Connect on 4648 6993 or Email Jeanne.duffy@sectorconnect.org.au

This expo is a sector development opportunity which will provide workers, teachers, parents/carers, University/TAFE students and the community with current information, resources and referral pathways for young people to improve wellbeing. This will be done by focusing on mental health and drug and alcohol issues. The event will be opened by NSW Mental Health Commissioner, John Feneley, and will feature guest speakers, information stalls and a ‘Navigating the System’ panel discussion with industry professionals from across the Macarthur region.