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

This week we welcome Year 12 back from their Half Yearly Examinations. Students will be receiving their marked examination papers over the coming weeks. I remind everyone that the examinations are an opportunity to reflect on what students understand and to learn from the experience. The mark received is a minor aspect of the process. The examination process should be seen as an opportunity to improve knowledge and understanding. The lessons gained from a detailed analysis of the examination paper and associated feedback provide valuable learning experiences which can enhance student learning in the future.

I remind all parents of prospective Year 7, 2014 students that enrolments are due to be returned to the school by Friday 12 April. It is essential that applications are handed in at the appropriate time so that each can be processed in an efficient and timely manner. Any late applications will be placed on the waiting list.

Over the period of Lent, students were involved in various fund raising activities to raise funds in support of project compassion. Our community was able to raise $5268 in support of those less fortunate than ourselves. I thank Miss Simonetta and Mrs Violi for their continual support of the Caritas fundraising and also thank and acknowledge the many students who helped with the fundraising.

Last week our community was able to celebrate the Stations of the Cross with a moving ceremony created by Miss Flick and a number of students. The following day, Good Friday, students Peta Alvaro, Harry Bendtsen, Louie Bendtsen, Lachlan Burke, Bianca Collimore, Sophie Cornett, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Alex Fitzpatrick, Alison Kidd, Dean Lindsay, Jaqueline Marshall, Emily McFarlane, Connor McFarlane, Eloise O’Meara, Sarah Prestwidge, Carly Reynolds, Louise Smith, Emily Spiljar, along with Mr Elliott led the Stations of the Cross at “Maryfields”. The students’ involvement in the ceremony allowed the participants to reflect on Christ’s death in a very meaningful way. The Good Friday service set the tone as people prepared for Easter celebrations and the resurrection of Christ. During our final assembly the Easter message that was given to our students was ‘Christ’s resurrection provides us with hope’. We are called to be people of hope and as Jesus delivered a message of hope to us so we are called to deliver the same message to others both in our words and actions.

Throughout this last week the Gospel readings have focused on the aftermath of Christ’s Resurrection and continued the message of hope. On Tuesday the involvement of Mary Magdalene was vividly recounted in John’s Gospel.

‘Mary Magdalene went to the disciples and announced “I have seen the Lord.”

This statement is very relevant for us at Magdalene. As a member of the Magdalene Community each one of us is continually challenged to be witnesses to Christ as Mary Magdalene was, the question for each of us is: How will we spread the Easter message?

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Prayer

Loving and Glorious God
We praise you with Easter joy
Because Christ is our redeemer
Through the Eucharist we live the risen life
And share the mission of your Son.
Keep us faithful to Jesus who is always with us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord
Amen.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Fortnightly Newsletter

As of next term the school newsletter will be produced fortnightly. This will allow for greater time for the production of the document and the inclusion of more articles related to learning matters.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Regional Consultations
Have Your Say!

Our Diocesan Pastoral Plan 2011-2015, Bearers of Christ's Love, is the fruit of over 2,000 participants reflecting on how we can best serve God's mission into the future. A key goal of our plan is "to make sure that our community models and structures will address the current and emerging needs in our Diocese." As such, Bishop Peter Ingham has invited us to participate in the Parishes Working Together consultation process.

So far in this process each parish has been consulted and now Bishop Peter Ingham is inviting parish communities in each region to gather with other parishes in their region for a regional consultation process. You are invited to have your say about what you believe is the best way for your region to be configured so that we can be bearers of Christ’s love into the future.

Come along to consider Mass times, the number of priests, parish boundaries and support for sacramental preparation and the many ministries and services in your region. It's a great opportunity to gather with other Catholics in your region to celebrate the strength of our unity, and the many gifts we can offer to share God’s love and build up the church.

Make sure your community is represented as we plan for the future. If you were unable to take part in your own parish consultation session, you are still invited to attend your regional session.

- **SHOALHAVEN:** 2 April, St Michael’s Hall, Nowra, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **SOUTHERN ILAWARRA:** 4 April, All Saints Parish Hall, 19 College Ave, Shellharbour City (Parking in Church grounds with access to hall through the Church car park), 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- **CENTRAL ILLAWARRA:** 9 April, Xavier Centre, Wollongong, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- **NORTHERN ILLAWARRA:** 11 April, St Joseph's Church, Bulli, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS:** 16 April, St Thomas Aquinas Hall, Bowral, 7.00pm – 9.30pm
- **EASTERN MACARTHUR:** 18 April, St John’s Hall, Campbelltown, 7.30pm – 9.30pm
- **WESTERN MACARTHUR:** 23 April, St Paul’s Hall, Camden, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
- **CAN'T MAKE A REGIONAL TIME?** 24 April, Xavier Centre, Wollongong, 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Please RSVP to Jane Edwards at jane.edwards@dow.org.au or 4222 2404 and indicate which venue you will attending.
Year 7’s IMPRESSIONS OF MAGDALENE

Congratulations to Year 7 students, Charlotte Bendtsen; Danielle Flood and Elizabeth Gatt who created the following as part of their first Religious Education Assessment Task.

Our school community is loving and caring, we accept each other for who we are and don't judge.

by Charlotte Bendtsen

We believe that all of our students can achieve anything they strive for.

by Charlotte Bendtsen

MY MAGDALENE POEM

Many kids enter the gates every single year
And even from then the teachers intentions are very clear
Guiding us to do our best and try to succeed
During our time here we’ll try our best to achieve
All the qualities Jesus wants in all of us for life
Learning about love, peace, joy and sacrifice
Everybody in this community is learning and growing together
Never forget the friends we’ll make
Everlasting memories we will always treasure

by Danielle Flood

ABOUT MAGDALENE AND OUR CORE VALUES

Magdalene Catholic High School is one of the most caring high schools I have known. They provide excellent academic opportunities for all years. The staff are always understanding of your particular needs and always making sure you understand the work so you can have a successful career.

by Elizabeth Gatt
Year 7 HISTORY EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 27 March, Year 7 students attended a History excursion to Camden. The purpose of this excursion was to learn more about our local heritage. We had the opportunity to visit places such as the St John’s Anglican Cemetery, the Camden Library and the Camden Museum - these are all sites that contribute to our local heritage.

At the Camden Museum, Rene and Doug were our museum guides and we learnt that the lifestyle which older generations endured was somewhat different to ours. The Museum contains over 5000 artifacts and 3000 photographs. The artifacts displayed the effort and hard work of people in order to live a happy life. Artifacts including handmade clothing were exhibited showing the changing fashion in Camden. In the past, people created meals from basic ingredients, many of which were grown by them. Communication technology was not as advanced as today and was very expensive, phones could cost the equivalent of two months wages. Fortunately for us technology has increased over the years and is now more affordable.

We give an immense thank you to all the staff and assistants on the day, for arranging the excursion to Camden. They helped us investigate the facts of Camden’s heritage and we look forward to learning more in our studies of history!

Written by: Teagan McConchie, Brittney McCrorey and Mikayla Haines

SPORTS NEWS 2/4/13

Congratulations to Vanessa Graham

Vanessa has succeeded in achieving the title of U15 girls Australian Champion for Squash Australia.

She started the tournament as 4th seed and succeeded in knocking out all her opponents 3-0.

She has now won the Australian Junior Open two years in a row, across two different age groups (U13 in 2012, and U15 in 2013).

Jordan Parker and Jackson Harrison

Congratulations to Jordan Parker and Jackson Harrison for making it into the NSWCCC Open Girls and Boys Hockey teams respectively. Jordan and Jackson will be competing in the Tri-series to be held at Homebush in June. Outside of school Jackson has also qualified into the NSW Hockey U18 squad. Well done to both of these exceptional Hockey players.
SPORTS NEWS 2/4/13

MISA SPORT

This week Magdalene Softball teams played a wet weather catch-up round against St Benedict’s. Our Basketball and Volleyball teams played finals with both Girls’ basketball and Boys’ Volleyball taking first place. The Girls’ Cricket Team took out first place with an undefeated season. With three winning teams in Term 1 our chances of claiming the MISA trophy have dramatically increased.

This weeks results:

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<td>24-9 Loss v Mount Carmel 4th place</td>
<td>Well done boys. Congratulations on 4th place! Thank you to Jake Bethune for coaching the boys this season. Miss McCallum</td>
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<td>Basketball – Girls 8/9</td>
<td>19-13 Win v Macarthur Anglican 1st place</td>
<td>A perfect season! Undefeated and finished the season brilliantly. Congratulations to all the girls for their performance and conduct both on and off the court. Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>Volleyball – Boys 7-9</td>
<td>3-0 Win v John Therry 1st place</td>
<td>Dominant performance by the boys to win in straight sets. Their consistent and disciplined play was too good for John Therry. An undefeated season. Well done Thomas Gallagher, Zachary Gomes, Cooper O’Keeffe, Aiden Berenger, Mitchell Coleman, Steven Dengate, Gianni Pessotto. Mr Hewitt</td>
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<td>Volleyball – Girls 7-9</td>
<td>3-0 Win v Macarthur Anglican 5th place</td>
<td>The girls have come together as a whole team and have improved a lot during the term. Congratulations on a good win. MVP: Lauren Allen. Miss J Miller</td>
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<td>Softball – Boys 7-9</td>
<td>10-2 Win</td>
<td>What a CATCH! Joss Taylor. What a HOME RUN! Joss Taylor. Great way to end the term boys. Mr Donaldson</td>
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<td>Softball – Girls 7-9</td>
<td>10-3 Win</td>
<td>A great way to end the season. Excellent batting and fielding, everyone contributed. Thanks for a really good season girls. You improved every match. Mr Zakris.</td>
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No games: Cricket – Boys Senior; Cricket – Girls Open; Oztag – Boys Senior; Oztag – Girls Senior

MISA – Term 2 Trials

Trials will be held for Term 2 sports during the last Tuesday of Term 1. Students have already signed up for these trials and need to go the trials they signed up for. If not trialling students are to go to their regular homeroom sport. Students in years 10 and 11 who were playing MISA, and who are not trialling for a Term 2 MISA sport, need to see Mr Kennedy for an Elective Sport.

YEAR 9 SCHOOL SPORT (2 Rounds)

This week Year 9 School Sport continued with students playing opposing Homerooms in Soccer, Touch Football, Netball, Volleyball and Basketball. Homeroom teams score 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 1 point for a loss.

Players of the match: Sophie Maurymoothoo, Teneisha Pocock, Hannah Geremia, James Bustamante, Tyler Bosco, Brittany Rasmussen, Aneesah Hakim, Elyse Walker, Keira Davidson, Joseph Timpano, Isabelle Stone, Briana Varela, Antony Lazareski and Jack McCann.

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NOTICEBOARD

**April**

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**Magdalene Catholic High School**

**Year 7, 2014 Enrolment Applications**

The Enrolment period for Year 7, 2014 is now open. Enrolment packages are available from the school Administration office from 7.30am - 3.30pm.

For further information please contact the school office 4647 7055.

Enrolments for 2014 close on Friday 12 April 2013

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**SICK BAY ASTHMA**

If your child has been diagnosed with Asthma they need to carry their own Ventolin inhalers. The office **DOES NOT** carry spare Ventolin puffers for students who forget to bring their own supply.

Students are also advising office staff that they are asthmatic and puffers are needed when the student has not been diagnosed as asthmatic. If a child has been diagnosed as Asthmatic then an Action Plan should be provided to the school as a matter of urgency.

- First Aid Administrator

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**Vinnies Centre Narellan**

**Now open!**

We are excited to announce that our new centre has opened at Narellan

- **What do we sell?** We are selling clothing for ladies, men and children, shoes, household goods, books, toys, manchester, bags and jewelry

- **Where?** We are located at Shop 2/28 Somerset Ave Narellan (corner of Elyard st and Somerset Ave) just near Aussie Home loans

- **Phone** 02 4647 9068

- **Donations** We welcome donations of clean saleable goods (pick up of donations available)

- **Volunteers** We are looking for Volunteers to assist in our centre. If you have a few hours a week to spare please contact us for more details

There’s something for everyone, come on in and see for yourself!

We look forward to meeting you soon!

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**Canteen**

**Term 1**

**Week 11A**

- 8 April - 12 April

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**Term 2**

**Week 1A**

- 29 April - 3 May

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