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

Last Friday night two teams from Magdalene competed in the CSDA debating competition. The Teams from Year 7 and Year 9 showed a great deal of talent and determination in their performances. I congratulate the students for their willingness to move out of their comfort zones and use their talents in an area which in many ways is unfamiliar to them. Congratulations to I also thank Mrs Jones and Miss Fantini for the support of the students last week and into next term.

This week Year 7 and 11 students will receive interim reports outlining their progress as they begin a new stage of their education. It is important for all parents to gain an understanding of how their sons or daughters are progressing at school by having continual conversations with them in relation to their subjects and their schooling. It is essential that parents have an understanding of their child’s progress and emphasise continual improvement at all levels. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if there are concerns in relation to student progress.

Today the Year 11 students celebrated Mass in memory of Bastien Madrill whose anniversary is on …. This was a very touching tribute to a wonderful young man who is still very much in the hearts of our community. I thank Mr Lipscombe and Mr Wright for the organisation of the Mass and Fr Richard and Fr Witty for celebrating the Eucharist with us.

I remind all parents and students that as we begin term 2 we return to winter uniform. The majority of students wear the uniform in a very pleasing manner and this certainly reflects well on them and the school. Uniform standards are important at Magdalene and the proper wearing of the uniform can certainly have a very positive impact for the following reasons:

Promotes a positive sense of community and belonging, each student must recognise that they have a role in promoting the positive name of the school which in return has positive benefits for them.
Promotes a self discipline in promoting the standards each student needs to reach a standard of expectation and recognise that standards need to be kept which is an expectation in the wider community.
The proper wearing of the uniform displays a respect for the school and the individual themselves. This has a positive impact on self esteem.
The uniform promotes the sense of equality across the school, which does not detract from student’s self esteem based around choice of clothing.

I thank parents for their support of the schools uniform policy and once again emphasise the importance of working in partnership to support the schools uniform code.

This year Anzac Day will be celebrated during the school holidays. Traditionally students have marched in the Anzac Day march at Camden. This will again be the case in 2013. A number of students have volunteered to be involved and I acknowledge and thank them for their willingness to publicly display Magdalene’s support for our very brave Australian service men and women. I also acknowledge and thank Mr Elliott for organising Magdalene’s involvement in the march.

As we come to the end of another term I wish all students a safe and restful holiday and look forward to next term with enthusiasm.

This week I would like to remember Bastien Madrill and his family in your prayers. I also ask that each person prays for all those in members of our community who may be ill or suffering significant illness.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Prayer

Father of goodness and love,  
hear our prayers for the sick members of our community  
and for all who are in need.  
Amid mental and physical suffering  
may they find consolation in your healing presence.  
Show your mercy as you close wounds,  
cure illness, make broken bodies whole  
and free downcast spirits.  
May these special people find lasting health and deliverance,  
and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.  
We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.  
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.
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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).

Winning Girls' Open Cricket

Left to right: Isabel Staunton, Lauren Wright, Mr K Wright, Shannan Wright, Olivia Drew, Bianca Collimore, Melissa Ciappara, Jaqueline Marshall and Taylor Fenech.

Kneeling are: Jessica Whittall, Celene Watson, Abbie Brennan, Taylah Earnshaw and Emily McFarlane.

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.
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 week’s results:

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<td>Basketball – Boys 8/9</td>
<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’Keefe, 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 Mauryootoo, 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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### Term 1

**Week 11A**

8 April - 12 April

**Monday**

- 8
  - Monica Cabrera
  - Cathy McDonald
  - Jennifer Quinn

**Tuesday**

- 9
  - Karen Ryan
  - Nicole Mortimer

**Wednesday**

- 10
  - Janelle Moser
  - Anita Jerak

**Thursday**

- 11
  - Gabriela Varela
  - Sandy Vella

**Friday**

- 12
  - LAST DAY TERM 1
  - Renea Wales
  - Leanne Wolfe
  - Kathryn Veness

### Term 2

**Week 1A**

29 April - 3 May

**Monday**

- 29
  - Tanya Harvey
  - Diane Haines

**Tuesday**

- 30
  - Carol Miskell
  - Fran Lapa

**Wednesday**

- 1
  - Jo Britt
  - Coralie Kelly
  - Francois Moutia

**Thursday**

- 2
  - Michelle Crowe
  - Kathy Foden

**Friday**

- 3
  - Rachael Miller
  - Megan Gibson