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

Welcome back to term 2. I trust that everyone had a safe and relaxing holiday and has returned to school refreshed and ready to commit to their studies.

At the end of last term a critical incident occurred at the school, in which a student was injured and emergency services were called. The incident itself was upsetting to a number of people however the student is now safe and on the road to recovery, which is pleasing. After the incident the school took steps to ensure the welfare of the student and the community in relation to this incident. Staff and students were offered support and counselling during the holidays and upon their return to school this week. The school recognises that individuals react in different ways to critical incidents. If parents are concerned about the welfare of their sons or daughters in relation to this incident they should make contact with their child’s Pastoral Care Coordinator and we will ensure they receive appropriate support. I thank all parents and students for their kind words of support both to the family and the school during what was quite a difficult situation.

Over the holidays the Learning Resource Centre has been refurbished with walls and ceilings painted and new furniture added. These changes will make the whole area more conducive to learning and allow students to access information in an aesthetically pleasing environment. I thank the Mr Avalos for organising the refurbishment and the Catholic Club for their support of the school in providing funding which covered the cost of the renovations.

Last Week the nation stopped to observe ANZAC Day. As in the past 35 students represented Magdalene in the ANZAC Day March at Camden. I thank the students for their support and acknowledgement of our brave service people. I also thank Mr Elliott for his organisation of our representatives.

On Wednesday of this week the first assembly for the term was conducted at Magdalene. This was also an opportunity for our school community to pay our respects to the ANZACs. The highlight of the ceremony was an address given by Mr Iain Richard-Evans who served in Vietnam. His speech highlighted the lessons we can learn from the Anzacs. These lessons involve the acceptance of responsibility, dedication to task and respect for the dignity of others. These were relevant messages for the students at Magdalene. I thank Officer Iain Richard-Evans (President of Camden RSL) for his attendance and thank and acknowledge Mr Kennedy and his Year 11 Modern History class for organising and leading the ceremony.

Next week interviews begin for students who wish to join the Magdalene community in 2014. These interviews are an opportunity to meet prospective families and to renew acquaintances with existing families. The interviews also provide an opportunity to emphasise the fact that each student enters our community as an individual and their education is as much their responsibility as that of their families and teachers. I, along with the enrolment committee members look forward to meeting with new students to the school.

I remind all parents and friends that the Parents and Friends Association Meeting will take place on Tuesday 14 May in the Learning Resource Centre. The meeting begins at 7pm and will be followed by the Parent Consultation Committee Meeting. All are welcome.

On Friday May 17 the Catholic Education Office will be conducting a professional development day for the four Catholic Secondary Schools in the Macarthur region. The purpose of the day is to develop understanding of the new Australian Curriculum and to begin planning for its initial implementation in 2014. Students will not be required to attend school on that day. Any parents who have difficulty providing supervision for their sons or daughters on the day should contact the school so that supervision can be organised at the school.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Last Saturday I had the pleasure of attending my daughter Kathryn’s wedding. It was a beautiful occasion and a wonderful day. I am a very proud father of the bride and equally proud father in law of Alex her new husband. As I reflected on this great occasion I also reflected on the challenges of parenting. As a parent we try to teach our children to make wise decisions and choices. As they become adults we recognise we no longer have a great impact on their decisions. At these times we need to trust that the earlier lessons we gave them, in terms of making the right decision and being resilient, come to fruition. This is why it is essential that in our children’s adolescent years we give them an opportunity to make their decisions and establish their independence. This may also mean that they need to accept the consequences of decisions they make. At these times we can certainly offer our children our support and trust. These occasions can be truly trying for a parent but also rewarding as we witness our children take control of their lives. These times also develop confidence in them to make wise decisions later in their lives, which I am certain Kathryn and Alex have done as they begin their lives together.

Finally Congratulations to Mr Brett Metcalfe and his wife Karen, who became proud parents of Phoebe Elise and Paisley Eden on 19 April.

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**A Parent’s Prayer**

Loving God,

You are the giver of all we possess,
the source of all of our blessings.

We thank and praise you.

Thank you for the gift of our children.
Help us to set boundaries for them,
and yet encourage them to explore.

Give us the strength and courage to treat
each day as a fresh start.

May our children come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May your Holy Spirit help them to grow
in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
Your Son and our Lord.

Amen.

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God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

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**A Reminder that newsletters will be produced fortnightly this term.**

Please find included with this newsletter a note sent home today in relation to
SMS messages for student absences.
Learning Resource

Year 11 will sit for their Half Yearly Examinations commencing Monday 13 May through to Tuesday 21 May. Students received a letter and email last week explaining the following examination period expectations.

Students need only attend school when they have an examination.

- Between the morning and afternoon examinations the students will move to the top quad area or the library to have lunch and prepare for the afternoon examination and therefore no student is permitted to leave the school grounds between examinations.
- If a student has an afternoon examination only, they must arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the afternoon examination.
- If a student does not have an examination in the afternoon and are walking home, a signed note must be presented to the YLC prior to leaving.
- If a student is unable to arrange transport home following a morning examination then they may use the library for silent independent study.
- If a student is sick or unable to attend an examination please phone the office. The student must then see me as soon as they return (with a Doctors’ Certificate or other documentation) so that a ‘catch up’ examination can be organised as soon as possible on their return to school. This is normally their first free space in their examination timetable after they return.
- Students are expected to wear full winter uniform for the duration of the examinations. Student competing in MISA sports on Tuesday are able to wear sports uniform on this day only.

It is important that students have a clear understanding of the expectations and if they require any clarification, they should ask questions. With exams anxiety and stress is often elevated and it is therefore important that students reflect on their study patterns in the lead up to this period to assist in the pursuit of perfection.

SPIRIT ALIVE YOUTH FESTIVAL
- featuring Sr Hilda Scott on Saturday 11 May from 5-9pm
Following on from last years successful Spirit Alive Youth Festival, 2013 will feature four Spirit Alive Youth Festivals throughout the Diocese. Don’t miss the first Festival featuring Sr Hilda Scott. Whenever Sr Hilda speaks to young people they walk away affirmed, challenged and inspired. In addition to Sr Hilda Scott, the evening will include a Youth Mass, dinner (bring some money for dinner) and an evening of praise and worship.
AGES: 16-35 years. VENUE: Holy Spirit College Bellambi (entry via Kent Street, Bellambi)
For more information contact Loretta at Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong on 4222 2460 or email: youth@dow.org.au. Proudly presented by Catholic Youth Ministry, Wollongong www.facebook.com/cymdow

Learning Resource Centre Refurbishment
ASSEMBLY 1/5/2013
School Photo Day is on:

FRIDAY 24 May
The 14\textsuperscript{th} Annual Magdalene Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday 12 April on the school grounds. Students’ participation and behaviour were excellent and there were many great performances over the afternoon. The Age Champions and Runners up are listed below.

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Congratulations must go to these students who performed exceptionally well and to all runners who dealt with a late course modification.

Congratulations especially go to our fastest male and female runners for the day.
Jnr Boy – Zac Gomes (13)  
Snr Boy – Jackson Harrison (17)  
Jnr Girl – Teagan McConchie (12)  
Snr Girl – Morgan Kitchener (17)

The final house points were announced during assembly in week 1. They are listed below. Congratulations to Dunne who won the carnival.

1\textsuperscript{st} – Dunne (116)  
2\textsuperscript{nd} – Wilson (90)  
3\textsuperscript{rd} – Bruchhauser (76)  
4\textsuperscript{th} – Sedgwick (68)  
5\textsuperscript{th} – Hogan (65)  
6\textsuperscript{th} – Moore (58)

Miss Lauren Miller  
PDHPE coordinator
This week Magdalene students played Macarthur Anglican College in Round 1 of the MISA competition. Next week our teams play Broughton Anglican College.

This weeks results:

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<td>Year 9 Girls Netball</td>
<td>32-1 Win</td>
<td>A great game to the start of the season off. Well done girls. Miss Tree</td>
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<td>Senior Girls Netball</td>
<td>29-28 Win</td>
<td>What a close and intense first game girls. Well done on a great win. You all played really well together. Looking forward to a great season. Miss L Miller</td>
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<td>Year 7 Boys Soccer</td>
<td>2-0 Loss</td>
<td>A good team start to the season. With only 10 players all the boys played well. Next week we need to be more careful in front of goals. Mr Vannan</td>
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<td>Year 8/9 Boys Soccer</td>
<td>6-0 Win</td>
<td>After a sluggish start we put 6 goals in the net. Scorers were Daniel Lapa (3), Jordan Maurici (2) and one own goal. The second half showed the greater urgency needed to win matches. MVP: Nick for keeping goal. Mr Wright</td>
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<td>Senior Boys Soccer</td>
<td>5-1 Loss</td>
<td>Came up against a very strong opposition. We had patches of some very good work. We need to be more confident on the ball. Goal scorer: Campbell. Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>Senior Boys Softball</td>
<td>11-2 Loss</td>
<td>A solid first up effort by the boys in Senior softball. Up against a very strong team from Macarthur Anglican School, we went down 11-2. After an early injury to star pitcher Travis Hunt we were never really in the game. Travis took a nasty blow to the forearm which had us all wondering why exactly do they call it Softball (we were able to read the ball brand name off his freshly imprinted injury). James Treanor stepped up to pitching duties admirably and was our player of the match. According to the MAS coach, their pitcher was also coming back from injury and was far from his best. Cold comfort as our batters dodged one 100km/h fast ball after another. One mis-directed pitch actually tore a hole in the safety fence. A big improvement is expected from our guys next week. Mr Cornett</td>
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<td>Senior Girls Softball</td>
<td>10-2 Loss</td>
<td>A fantastic effort for a newly formed team. The girls gave it everything they had against some tough opposition. Excellent communication in the field. Mrs O’Flynn</td>
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<td>Years 7-9 Boys Hockey</td>
<td>3-1 Loss</td>
<td>We were unlucky not to win but played a good game. Fantastic effort by everyone. Goal scorer: Tyler Rullis. MVP: Hayden Whitmee-Smith. Miss J Miller</td>
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<td>Years 7-9 Girls Hockey</td>
<td>5-3 Win</td>
<td>A good first up effort for the girls! Well done to the girls that played for the first time, a tremendous effort. Goals: Brittany Rasmussen (4) and Alexandra Turner. Mr Hewitt</td>
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YEAR 7 SCHOOL SPORT

This week Year 7 School Sport commenced with students playing opposing Homerooms in sports such as 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.

Competitor of the Day: Katarina Matijasevic (Wilson)

Reports on Diocesan Sports Results now on School Website

Reports for upcoming Diocesan Sporting events will now be made available on the school’s website. ‘Sport’ can be found under ‘Community’ on the main page.

Changes to MISA trials

From this term MISA trials will be held at lunch-time for forthcoming MISA sports in future terms. Students need to pay attention to both their year group emails and the Sports Notice Board to find out when trials will be held. This information will become available throughout this term for Term 3 MISA sports. There will be no need to sign-up for trials. However, students will be expected to be wearing sports uniform and have sports specific equipment where required for lunch-time trials.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jessy Ciappara (10D) on winning the Sub Junior Australia/New Zealand Trap Championship during the holidays.

This is a fantastic result and is a great reward for his years of hard work and persistence. We are sure that this is just the first of many titles to come.

Mt Annan Central Shopping Centre

“Dollar$ 4 Scholar$”

Mt Annan Central Shopping is launching the “Dollar$ 4 Scholar$” program commencing on Wednesday 1 May 2013.

For every $5 spent in specialty stores you will receive a token. Deposit your token/s into your school’s bank located in Mt Annan Central Shopping Centre.

Your Coles and Liquorland receipts can also be deposited into your school’s bank and the totals will be added to the weekly tally.

At the conclusion of the promotion, the school with the highest token tally will receive the top prize of $10,000!

Please support your school by depositing your tokens at Mt Annan.
NOTICEBOARD

May

7  Tues  Year 7, 2014 Interviews begin
8  Wed  Year 7, 2014 Interviews continue
10-11  Fri - Sat  Duke of Edinburgh Expedition
13 - 21  Mon - Tues  Year 11 Examinations
14  Tu  Parents and Friend’s Meeting 7.00pm
14 - 16  Tue - Thu  Naplan Tests
17  Fri  Staff Development Day
20  Mon  Year 8, 10, Half Yearly Examinations continue
24  Fri  School Photographs

School Photographs Friday 24 May

School Photographs will take place on Friday 24 May (Week 4). Envelopes will be distributed next week.

Please follow the instructions provided in the envelope and return to the photographers on the day.

Family photograph envelopes will be available from the front office.

Full winter uniform must be worn, if students have PE Prac on this day they will be required to change into their winter uniform.

If any additional information is required please visit the Advanced life website: www.advancelife.com.au

Second Hand Uniform

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open next Monday 6 May from 7.50am - 8.20am and from 2.15pm - 2.45pm.

Any enquiries or appointments outside of these times can be arranged by calling Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553 812.

SCHOOL FEES

Finance Office 4647 7055

The second instalment of school fees will be mailed out this week. Please contact the school finance office if you have not received the second instalment. The due date for payment is on Thursday 30 May.

If there are parents having any difficulties in making payment please contact the school finance office on 4647 7055.

At the present time school fee statements are unable to be emailed and these problems are currently being addressed.

Date:  Tuesday 14 May 2013
Time:  6.00pm - 8.30pm
Venue:  Learning Links Mt Pritchard,
        Lvl 1, 46B Reservoir Rd, Mt Pritchard 2170
Cost:  FREE*
Suitable for:  Parents and Carers ONLY
For enquiries and bookings please phone Dana on 8568 8200.

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