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

This week there have been two events which have highlighted the commitment to outreach so evident at Magdalene. On Wednesday Mr Pannell spoke at our staff meeting raising awareness of staff to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Each year for the past three years the school has been involved as a hub in the organisation of the collection. This year the staff and students will once again be involved in the collection of funds for the St Vincent de Paul Society in our local area. The involvement of Magdalene is certainly a reflection of the generosity of many in our community.

The second event was the visit to the school of the Wollongong Vinnies Van. This van is used in the Wollongong Diocese to feed the homeless on various nights during the week. It was a timely visit as it raised the awareness of students to the plight of the homeless both in the Wollongong region but also in the Macarthur Region. On 21 June Magdalene staff and students will be involved in the winter sleepout to raise awareness of this and other St Vincent de Paul Society activities. It is not only an awareness raising venture, it is also an opportunity to contribute to the welfare of others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

This week the teachers met to discuss the progress of Professional Learning Communities (PLC’s) at Magdalene. One of the annual priorities at the school has been to develop PLC’s, which have a continual focus on student learning as a priority. Teachers have met every week and spent a minimum of 45 minutes seeking ways to improve learning in various year groups across the school. As the program is in its infancy Wednesday’s meeting provided staff with an opportunity to evaluate progress to date. The response to PLC’s has been very positive and the staff will now seek ways to make the implementation more effective and efficient. This may also involve different approaches and structures at Magdalene. If any changes are to occur they will be thoroughly explored before being made. I thank Mr Elliot and the Coordinators for the leadership of the process and also acknowledge the teaching staff for their commitment to continual improvement of student learning.

On Sunday 16 June students and staff from Magdalene will be assisting at the Sunday evening 5.30pm Mass at St Paul’s Camden. The Magdalene Community will be involved in the various ministries at Mass on the evening. This celebration provides an opportunity to establish links between the parish and the school in a practical way. Students from Years 8, 10 and 12 will be involved in this Mass and in Term 4 students in Years 7, 9 and 11 will be asked to be involved in the Sunday Evening Mass. I extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to be involved in the ministries or join us at the Mass to come and join in the celebration at 5.30pm this Sunday evening 16 June. I thank Fr Michael, Mr O’Neill, Mr Wright and the students for their organisation and involvement in the celebration.

This week the staff at Magdalene took the opportunity to farewell Mrs Rita Maher from Magdalene. Mrs Maher has filled the role of Senior School Support Officer in the front office at Magdalene for the last 5 years. Due to family reasons Mrs Maher will not continue in that role. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Maher for her hard work and commitment to the staff, parents and students at Magdalene and assure her that we all wish her well in her life beyond Magdalene.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Last week the school received the news that Corey Lake of Year 7 is quite ill in hospital. Corey had a heart transplant some years ago and it appears that there are complications for Corey and his body appears to be rejecting the heart. Added to this are complications associated with the medication used to stop the rejection. At present Corey is gravely ill in hospital and is preparing to be flown to Melbourne for more care and assessment. As a community this is a time when we come together to offer support to Corey and his family. The school has offered support whereever we can, however this is also a time we can offer support through prayer. Students and staff have been praying for Corey and his family since the news came through last week. I now ask that all members of our community remember Corey and his family in their prayers asking God to give them strength and hope during the very difficult journey ahead.

The following is a prayer for our community to pray in support of Corey and his family.

**St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**

**Prayer**

*Ever generous God,  
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop  
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement  
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.  
With confidence in your generous providence  
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop,  
we ask that you grant our request to give Corey  
strength and hope in the journey ahead.  
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit  
So that we too, like Mary MacKillop,  
may live with courage, trust and openness.  
Ever generous God hear our prayer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ.  

Amen*
MISA Debating Success

This week, Magdalene’s Year 8 MISA debating team debated against John Therry Catholic High School. Our team displayed their developing debating skills when they successfully argued the negative case: “That peer pressure is more beneficial than harmful”.

Congratulations to Sarah Neasy, Sophie Said, Bailey Wray and Lachlan Abernethy who argued skillfully, rebutted effectively and had a strong team line that “Peer pressure, it’s called pressure for a reason.” A strong performance from all team members. A special thank you to Emily Trajkovski who performed superbly as our chairperson for the last two debates.

MISA Debating Day

On Thursday 6 June, four Year 7 students went to St Patrick’s College for a MISA debating workshop. The four students; Siobhan Suters, Jayden McAllister, Emily Trajkovski and Maddison Saysanavongpheth, attended the workshop with Mrs Antal. This day was a great way for these students to learn all about debating. We all had a great time, meeting up with some old friends, making new ones.

The day started with a small “getting to know you” time, wandering around the room talking to people about the topic that had been given to us. We then got together in little groups of people with the same topic notes as us and played a game called experts, where one person got up and improvised a speech about a random topic. All the debaters in the future Year 8 MISA teams got up and had a go, which was a great way to build self-confidence. All of the students and teachers were then shown a quick PowerPoint presentation on debating skills and structure.

After we had learnt all we needed to know about how to debate, we took part in two of our own debates, winning one and losing the other.

All in all, the day was a great success and we came back to Magdalene with a lot more information on how to debate.

Written by Maddison Saysanavongpheth and Siobhan Suters.

Reflection Day Year 8

Reflection Day for Year 8 was a great success, we learnt a lot about life and love from RealTalk Australia. We learnt some valuable information and experiences from others that will help in our future relationships. We ladies learnt about having pride in ourselves and to have self-confidence. We also learnt about the perception of beauty through the ages.

The Reflection Day taught us the important necessities on life & love. It was a great learning experience.

By Chloe Berenger (8H)

The Year 8 Reflection Day was overall a very valuable day. Being hosted by members of RealTalk Australia who created a great atmosphere and there was much laughter throughout the grade. The day was filled with physical and factual activities, providing a variety of learning opportunities. The experience taught us the importance of life and love and the importance of us as individuals. In particular relationships were talked about and the influence they have on our lives. The day provided great information and was an amazing experience for all.

By Bailey Wray (8W)
Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

Please consider saving a few hours to help with the Macarthur Vinnies Doorknock Appeal, your time would be most appreciated. Our School is hosting the Vinnies Door Knock Appeal again for the Macarthur region for the third time.

When: Saturday 24th August and Sunday 25th August, from 8.30am - 4.00pm on both days.
To parents of Year 10, 11 & 12 students: Please promote this opportunity amongst your children to help in the local community. Certificates are given to all volunteers and it is a very rewarding experience.

For further information and to register your interest, please email: martin.pannell@dow.catholic.edu.au

There are more than 100,000 Australians who find themselves homeless each night of the year. Just under half of these people are women; a quarter are under the age of 18.

Again this year we will be holding Spark Vinnies Winter Sleep Out to raise awareness about homelessness in Australia, raise funds to help support essential homeless services across the country, all while having fun and spending time with friends!

The sleep out will be on Friday 21 June, which is in Week 8, for all students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12. So keep the date free, gather up your friends and get involved! The cost is $20 ($10 to cover food and $10 to charity - Vinnies).

Permission notes are available to print from the school website, or can be collected from the front of the staffroom.

Miss McCallum

Our school has been invited to submit nominations for the ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators. This is an opportunity for our school to publicly recognise and encourage our great teachers, and give them a well-deserved pat on the back. NEiTA is the only independent national awards program where school parents/grandparents, parent associations, school boards/councils, secondary student councils, and community organisations can nominate teachers and principals who contribute excellence.

Nominated teachers receive a congratulatory NEiTA State and National Awards. It’s easy to nominate. Nominations can be made online, or forms can be downloaded, at www.neita.com.au or call the NEiTA Secretariat for a form by phoning free call 1800 624 487.

Please go online and nominate the teaching staff at Magdalene who inspire you and support the great work that they do in assisting in the formation of your children.
SPORT

Magdalene has had a good term of MISA Sport with teams playing well in Netball, Soccer, Hockey and Softball. The results table is up to, but not including, our final round against St Benedict’s. With Finals still to be played, pending wet weather, many of our teams are in a winning position. Well done all players and coaches.

South Results - Term 2, 2013

At this point Magdalene sits in the following positions in each competition.

Netball 9 1st Place  
Netball 10-12 1st Place  
Senior League 10-12 7th Place  
Soccer Boys 7 7th Place  
Soccer Boys 8-9 2nd Place  
Soccer Boys 10-12 2nd Place  
Softball Girls 10-12 2nd Place  
Softball Boys 10-12 5th Place  
Hockey Boys 7-9 3rd Place  
Hockey Girls 7-9 1st Place

M.I.S.A. Sports Results - South, Term 2 2013
Magdalene Catholic High School v St Benedict’s Catholic College

Round: 7 Date: 11/6/13

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No Game, Netball Girls 10-12; Senior Rugby League 10-12; Soccer Boys 10-12; Softball Boys 10-12; Softball Girls 10-12; Hockey Boys 7-9; Hockey Girls 7-9.

“Weekly results along with other sporting information is available on the Sports section of the school website.”

MAGDALENE FEAST DAY FAIR

Magdalene Feast day will be happening early next term. This is a huge day for the school and a very enjoyable one for all. Any donations which you are able to contribute towards Magdalene Feast Day Fair would be most appreciated. Donations such as coloured hair spray; face paint; tin foil; glad wrap; sauces; lollies; etc please forward through to the school. All monies raised will go to the Community Care Fund.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Forner
M agdalene Classics

A concert of Baroque, Classical, Romantic & Popular music
presented by the students of
M agdalene Catholic High School
Featuring Instrumental and Vocal Soloists
from Years 8 to 12
The M agdalene Choir
The M agdalene Chamber Orchestra
Sunday June 23rd 2013
2.00 pm
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Tickets at the door: $5.00 C hildren, $15.00 A dults
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CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Bookings for CatholicCare courses call Campbelltown 4628 0044.

Second Hand Uniform

If Parents have any enquiries or wish to make an appointment to purchase uniform items please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553 812.

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