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

Over the past weekend there have been two very significant events in the life of Magdalene. On Friday evening the Spark Retreat incorporating the St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleep Out was conducted at the school. This event provided an opportunity for students to reflect on their faith and to try to understand the plight of homeless (and needy children) through information given by Jeannine Ashton from St Vincent de Paul, and Magdalene ex-students Ciara and Ellen. Students and staff were also able to experience what it is like not to have a place to sleep and making do with what is available as they tried to sleep in cold conditions throughout the night.

In all it was certainly a very worthwhile and thought provoking experience in support of student’s faith development and the St Vincent de Paul Society. I thank the students for their involvement and enthusiasm. I also acknowledge and thank Mr Pannell Miss McCallum for the organisation of the winter sleep out. I also thank Ms J. Miller, Mr O’Neill, Mr Wright, Mr McMartin, Mr Luff, Mr San Pedro Loyola, Mr Sligar, Mrs Russo, Mrs Abernethy, Miss Partridge, Mr Hatton, Mr Elliott and Mrs Fantini for their support of this wonderful event.

The school will continue its support of the St Vincent de Paul Society by being involved in the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal in August and the Vinnies Buddies Day in July.

Last Sunday I sat in awe as I attended the annual Magdalene Classics afternoon. I was able to listen during the event and watch students as they performed 22 different pieces supported by an orchestra. I am amazed at the talent that exists among our students. I am also very grateful that they have the opportunity to have this experience, as there are very few schools where this type of experience is available to the students. I sincerely thank the students for their outstanding performances and also the parents and families for their ongoing support of the performers. Finally I thank the teachers involved for their willingness to support the students not only on the day but also through rehearsals and ongoing encouragement. Thank you to organisers Mr Mae and Mrs McClure and those teachers who offered musical support— Mr O’Neill and Mr Sinclair-Kidd.

As our community is very much aware Corey Lake of Year 7 is quite ill. Over the past two weeks Corey has been moved to hospital in Melbourne where his condition could be more closely monitored. Corey had been improving, however there have been complications which have made recovery difficult. This is devastating news for both Corey and his family. I ask that every member of the community continues to keep Corey and the Lake family in your prayers as he continues this very difficult journey.

Over the past two weeks the community has been collecting funds to support Corey Lake and his family through these very difficult circumstances. We will continue to raise funds for Corey at a school level, however, if anyone would like to support the family directly a trust fund has been established at the Bendigo Bank in Picton.

The details of the account are:-

JM Lake ITF CM Lake
BSB: 633-000
Account: 145666251

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Last week the MATE (Macarthur Alternate TAFE Experience) concluded at Magdalene. The program involved 14 students from Year 10 who wished to explore alternatives from a TAFE perspective while still school. Students were given the opportunity to develop understanding of requirements and skills needed for life at and beyond school. This experience gives students a greater understanding of requirements from a TAFE viewpoint. I thank Linda Smyth (Program Presenter) and Karen Laverty from South Western Area TAFE for facilitating the course. I also thank Mrs Dobbie for her coordinating and overseeing the program each week.

Over the past week students from Year 7 to 11 have received their Half Yearly Reports. The report is an overview of student progress to date. Every student in Year 7 to 10 received the reports on Thursday 27th June and students in Year 11 received their reports on Friday 21st June. The reports are followed up with a Parent/ Teacher / Student Interviews, the dates of which are included in this newsletter. The report is one form of receiving information, however, it is essential that this is followed up with the associated interviews to reinforce success and clarify directions for further student development. If a parent is unable to attend the interviews I ask that alternate arrangements are made to contact your child’s teachers so maximum benefit can be gained from the reporting process.

At the conclusion of the term the staff at Magdalene will be involved in a staff retreat with a focus on the vision and mission of Magdalene Catholic High School. The school is more than a school that follows the guidelines of the Board of Studies it is also a Catholic school. With this in mind is important that we constantly review the direction that is taken in order to provide the best possible education for the young people in our care. At this term’s Parent Consultation Committee parents were given the opportunity to respond to the school’s vision and mission statement and feedback was given in relation to what is done well and areas parents feel we could improve. It is essential that we continually evaluate our commitment to our vision and mission so that we remain an authentically Catholic school. As a school, we welcome and parent feedback in relation to these two areas.

Finally I thank staff, parents and students for their support and wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

As we reflect on the past term and achievements, often attained through students using their talents, I include the following prayer for reflection. We can use our unique talents to make a difference to others, however we all have one talent that can certainly change lives.

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Talents

Lord to some people you gave ten talents,
   To others five and to others just one,
      Each of us has different talents
May we use them for the benefit of all
Each of us has the one talent that is most important –
   The power to love.
   With this one talent we can do so much.
   Make sure we do not hide it from anyone.
If we love we will care about others – all of them
We will be sympathetic to them, understand them,
   Feel for them
Can we do anything greater in life?
   Lord just for today, help us fill our lives,
   With love.

Amen
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God Bless

[Signature]

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal
On 6 June 2013, there was a Roman banquet held in the CAPA in period 5. It was a real blast; our special guest was Julius Caesar. When he raised his hand, we had to follow him by raising one arm and saying, “Hail Caesar”. We also asked Caesar a few questions like, “Why do you think your death was arranged?” and about his history as a Roman politician. There were particular rules we had to follow, such as: to stay at the Roman banquet or we would get sent straight to the slave room, never get up to go to the bathroom- wait for the pot to come to you, don’t leave the table for any reason, BURP to say you’ve enjoyed your meal, never refuse your food and when you get full, tickle the back of your throat with a feather until you throw up and then you can eat more. The dress code we had to follow was basically a sheet thrown over both shoulders leaving one arm free for the men and the women (although the women seemed to wear gold and silver jewellery and other accessories). For our entertainment there was trivia about Roman banquets and a gladiator show. The food provided was: bread dipped in oil, red grapes, wine (also known as Ribena), dried apricots, prunes and olives.

Although our time was short, we all had a great time and wish to have another opportunity like this again.

By Charlotte Bendtsen and Brooke Walden on behalf of the Historians in 7.4 and 7.6.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Aaron Wotten (Yr 12, Class of 2012) will be awarded the University of Technology, Sydney Science School’s Recommendation Scholarship at UTS Sydney on 5 July 2013.

WELL DONE AARON !!
MAGDALENE ALTERNATE TAFE EDUCATION

Last Thursday Karen Laverty (TAFE Outreach Coordinator) and Linda Smyth (TAFE teacher) presented the Certificates of Participation to the students who attended the MATE outreach program one day a week during this semester.

For the students who showed competency in all their units, they will receive the TAFE Access to Work and Training (Certificate I) in the coming weeks.

Most outstanding student for the semester was Andrea Majurdic and the student leader/organizer was Joanna Younan. A huge thank you to Josh Holz and his family who organized the beautiful graduation cupcakes which made the celebration complete.

EXPLORING THE OPTIONS

Students from year 10 who were interested in University as a pathway after their Senior studies took a wander around the paths of Magdalene to look at examples of entry requirements for various universities and courses that made up the “careers clothesline”.

The idea of the activity was to open students’ minds to the possibilities available and to start them thinking about subject choices.

VISIT THE LEARNING CENTRE…..

Students are encouraged to visit on a regular basis the CAREERS information section of the Learning Resource Centre. Here students are welcome to read and take information about Job choices, information sessions, courses, expos etc.

As well as this students should make sure they read the weekly CAREERS CORNER that is emailed out to them.
School Funding and the upcoming federal election

One of the issues very much on the federal election agenda is that of funding for schools. It is essential that every person associated with schools has a thorough understanding of how the new funding model is to operate. It is also important to challenge our politicians to commit to a plan. If parents would like a sample letter to assist in the process of contacting local members please contact the school office and a sample will be sent or emailed.

THE GETTING OF WISDOM

When it comes to future CAREER PATH planning, of the many sources of information that students have at their disposal, a very valuable one is to hear from someone who is recently or currently on a journey. Three Year 11 students: Jackson, Madeleine and Caitlyn who are interested in the Medical pathway spent time listening to and questioning our former school captain, Michael Fitzgerald, about his experiences. Michael was able to tell them about the things he had done in the past couple of years, how he believes he could have done things better and also gave them a few “insider” tips from his current studies. After the meeting the students expressed how grateful they were for Michael’s help and the ongoing contact he will have with them.

Mrs Dobbie, Careers

MISSION AT MAGDALENE

Last week, sixty Year 11 Studies of Religion students had the privilege of listening to a visitor from Chennai in South-East India. Sr. Clara receives financial assistance from CATHOLIC MISSION and works in India helping to save young children and youth from exploitation. When Lakshmi was just 6 years old, she was sold as a domestic slave to a wealthy businessman in Chennai, south-east India. Not allowed to go to school or see her family, Lakshmi was forced to work long hours every day – without a break. That was her life for 2 years.

At last the police were called, after a neighbour heard many cries of the child being beaten. Police rescued Lakshmi into the care of Sister Clara at the Marialaya Special Care Home, and the businessman was arrested and sentenced to jail.

The police often call the Sisters at Marialaya to help rescue children from slavery and prostitution. They know one of the Sisters will always answer the call – day or night – when others don’t. With the help of Children’s Mission Partners and Catholic Mission, Sister Clara runs Marialaya, a Special Care home that protects, shelters, feeds and educates over 125 of Chennai’s most underprivileged girls. Most importantly, Sister Clara provides an environment where girls experience God’s love. As a leading voice against the trafficking of girls for slavery and prostitution in Chennai, Sister Clara and Marialaya also diligently work to prevent and stop these abuses. Since starting Marialaya in 1990, the Sisters have helped transform the lives of more than 2000 girls, including Lakshmi. By being a Children’s Mission Partner you are continuing the inspirational work hands-on heroes like Sister Clara.

The students were all very impressed with her heroic work and next term we will focus as a whole school community on supporting Sr. Clara and her shelter homes in India.
Vinnies Doorknock Appeal

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

In Commerce, Yr 9 studied the different aspects of promoting and selling and running a small business. Pizza Frenzy Friday was our chance to put what we have learnt into practice. On Friday A of week 8 the Yr 9 Commerce class sold and handed out ordered boxes of pizzas and slices. All profits went to St Vincent De Paul Winter Appeal and we made a profit of $525 for this cause! Students and staff were able to pre-order pizzas through an online Google booking form and pick them up on the day in allocated grade lines.

The slices were sold on the green and the pizzas were collected between the art blocks.

Miss Simonetta’s Commerce class learnt how to organize, stock and collect finance for a business. The day was extremely educational and fun for all involved, it was a great success!

History Teachers’ Association Senior Study Day

Year 12 Ancient and Modern History students attended the History Teacher’s Association Senior Study Day on Saturday the 15th of June.

The series of lectures were held at Sydney University and covered Ancient History topics from the core topic Pompeii and Herculaneum to the controversial Egyptian pharaoh Akhenaten.

Modern History topics included the European Conflict and personality study Albert Speer, whilst topics including historiography and postmodernism supported Extension History students.

Attendance at these lectures provided students with a range of relevant sources and consolidated their previous knowledge of course content.
**SPORT**

**M.I.S.A. SOUTH FINALS – TERM 2 2013**

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**Hockey Success – Well done Jackson and Samuel Harrison**

Well done to Samuel Harrison who has made the NSW All Schools U/16s School Boys Hockey Team. Samuel achieved the Goal-Keeping position and will be representing NSW at the national competition to be held in Tasmania in August.

Jackson Harrison has also made it into the U/21s State Squad at quite a young age. Both of the boys are heading towards the possibility of national representation and we wish them every success.

**NSW State of Origin—OzTag**

Earlier this term Jemma Crane represented New South Wales as part of the Girls U/16s NSW State of Origin Team. This team participated in the State of Origin competition against Queensland and ACT.

From this tournament Jemma was selected as a member of the Girls U/16s Australian Oztag Team. This team will represent Australia in the World Cup in New Zealand. Jemma will participate in a number of games against other countries over the course of the tournament.

This is a fantastic reward for all of Gemma’s hard work and effort and the whole school will be cheering for her and the Australian team as they work towards World Cup glory.

**10-12 Girls Softball (MISA)**

A big ‘congratulations’ for a great effort this season to the 10-12 Girls Softball team. They were a newly formed team who worked well together and quickly developed a number of new skills. A couple of softball veterans, Jacqui and Ellie were indispensible as support to both the team and myself! Although we did not win the competition, the girls’ desire for improvement and drive to succeed along with their polite sportsmanship, were qualities this entire team displayed. I would like to say thank you to the beautiful ladies of the team for all of their efforts and for making Tuesday sport both enjoyable and entertaining. Good luck with your next sporting venture and I hope to see you all next softball season!

Mrs O’Flynn

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

**Help Required !!!**

The school is seeking volunteers to help supervise Year 12 Trial Examinations coming up from Monday July 29th to Monday August 12th.

If you are available, please call the school office, leave your details and we will place you on a roster.

Volunteers should not have relatives sitting the HSC this year.

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**Year 11 2014 Information Night.**

The information night for current Year 10 students and their parents for enrolment and subject selection for Yr 11, 2014 will be held on Tuesday the 23rd of July at 6.00pm.

Further details will be sent home by letter at the start of next term to all year 10 students.

**For the Diary**

"Magdalene Shines" Performance Evening
Thursday 29th August 2013 at 7pm

Mt Carmel Catholic High School,
Cnr St Andrews Road & Spitfire Drive

**CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown**

Workshop Bookings for Catholic Care courses call Campbelltown 4628 0044.

**Second Hand Uniform Pool**

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

**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 people 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.

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WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

Kids & Bullying

26 August & 4 September
9.30am - 10.30am
Cambridge, 253 Cambridge St, Cambridge

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

Keeping Kids in Mind

20, 27 August & 3, 10 & 17 September
9.30am - 12.30pm
Cambridge, 253 Cambridge St, Cambridge

Workshop Fee: $10 per session

More Harmony No Harm

27 June & 1, 8 & 15 August & 5 September
9.30am - 12.30pm
Cambridge, 253 Cambridge St, Cambridge

For bookings or information call
330 399 2828

Cambridge Term 3, 2013