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

This week the students of Year 12 completed their Higher School Certificate Examinations. This will be followed by the Year 12 Farewell dinner for parents, teachers and students of Year 12 this Saturday at the Campbelltown Catholic Club. Sadly this is the final time Year 12 come together as a group and they now move off to life beyond Magdalene. The Year 12 Farewell Dinner is always a wonderful celebration of 13 years of school as well as friendship and community. I am sure that each of you will join with me in wishing Year 12 all the best for their future lives beyond Magdalene.

At the regular assembly last week Westmead Children’s Hospital representative Shelly Bardin was presented with over $13,000 raised through the trivia night, which was organised and run by Mrs Hrvatin and the Year 11 IPT Class. Ms Bardin spoke about their gratitude to the school for the support given to the Westmead Children’s Hospital. She emphasised that over the past 5 years the school has raised over $50,000 for the Children’s Hospital. This is a truly remarkable feat and a reflection of the generosity of our community.

Last Monday and Tuesday the coordinators both KLA and Pastoral Care were involved in a leadership development program. The aim of this development program is to improve student learning by improving leadership across the school. The topics covered were quite varied and involved subjects as: “Building a common purpose using professional dialogue” “Managing teacher development and review using national standards”, “Team Building”, “Delegation and Project Management” to name a few. It is hoped that the learnings from the day will be put into practice to add to the positive learning environment for students at Magdalene.

This week Year 11 students received their final reports for the Preliminary Higher School Certificate Course. As with all reports these reports give an overview of performance as well as future directions for students. It is hoped that students use the information in the reports to set goals for themselves and set goals for the Higher School Certificate Courses, which started at the beginning of this term. We wish the students all the best as they undertake their final year at Magdalene.

This week Year 9 and 10 students also began their Yearly Examinations. These examinations however are only one aspect of student assessment at Magdalene. I emphasise that all experiences at school are aimed at improving student learning. I remind all students and parents, as we approach the end of the year, student learning does not cease with the completion of examinations. I ask parents to emphasise this fact to students and help to ensure that students are committed to every task and experience until the end of the year.

This coming week we take the opportunity to welcome both students and parents of Year 7 2014. On Monday evening the school will conduct the Year 7 Orientation Evening and on Friday the students will come to school for their Orientation Day. I take this opportunity to welcome our new students and their parents and look forward to a fruitful and productive association over coming years.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Next year both Year 7 and Year 10 will be undertaking a new approach to the purchase of computers. Both groups will be supplying their own devices under our new approach “Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)”. Year 7 will be required to supply ipads (visit ipad website for more information http://goo.gl/16bZlh) while Year 10 will be required to supply a laptop (visit the schools Year 10 website for more information: http://goo.gl/9qqNn7. There are a number of options for access to computers. These range from using computers students already own to purchase or lease. The major requirement is that the device matches the specifications necessary to access the programs and the school’s internet. The school has set up an information section on the website for both Ipads and Year 10 computers. Should parents have any questions that are not answered on the portal they should contact Mr Avalos at the school. Parents can also access information related to leasing and purchases from Mac1 using the following address: http://portal.mac1.com.au/mchs.

Next Monday is November 11 Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the armistice, which ended the First World War (1914–18). It is a time for all of us to be thankful for the sacrifices made by brave men and women in times of war. These sacrifices provide us with the freedom and peace we all have today.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Parishes Working Together

In October, many copies of the Parishes Working Together booklet were circulated to our parishes and our schools. This booklet provides a wealth of information to assist our parishes and our schools in our planning for the future. We all want strong vibrant communities to support us in times of joy and sorrow. For years our faith communities have stood alongside us through births, weddings, funerals, assisting when times are tough and sustaining our faith through Mass and the Sacraments. Because Bishop Peter recognises we are all vital members of our Diocese, he wants us to be aware of what is being planned and how it may impact on us. Many people in our parishes and schools have already been consulted and their feedback had shaped this report. We are asked to read the Summary Report and then keep it in a safe place. It will be a valuable resource during the next year as our parishes and schools begin working together to plan for the future. The Summary report is available by clicking on the following link: http://www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_summary/

Please keep the Parishes Working Together process in your prayers, so that together we may do our best in serving Jesus’s mission to serve the world in justice and love. The full report, which has much additional information, can be accessed on: http://www.imags.com.au/flipbooks/pwt_full/

Extraordinary Synod of Bishops—Pope seeks, feedback on “family life”

Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary Assembly of the synod of Bishops in October. All Catholics have the opportunity to put their views forward on the major issues being discussed!! This can be done through a survey being conducted by the Bishops. An outline and access to the survey are included later in this newsletter.
CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit awards recently. They are to be congratulated for their outstanding achievements.

50 Merit Awards

Michael Bonning, Joshua Clerke, Jason Colley, John Fenech, Joshua Geering, Jake Howell, Sean McGeough, Serena Medina, Jaynaha Morton

100 Merit Awards

Zachary Bond, Michael Bonning, Matthew Burke, Patrick Burgess, Jason Clark, Joshua Collins, Chelsea Carroll, Emma Debernardi, Michaela Dimassi, Alysha Dunlop, Bethamy Dwyer, Benjamin Fallshaw, Liam Jones, Rheannan Lewis, Emmalie Mosley, Nelson Pellizzeri, Isaac Percy, Harley Poole, Kaiden Roberts, Antonia Romeo, Renee Ryan, Juanita Sammut, Damon Scocco, Matthew Talese, Ashleigh Wilson.

150 Merit Awards

Lachlan Abernethy, Lachlan Abramson, Nicholas Appleton, Abbey Ballard, Maddison Baragry, Alessandra Barbana, Chloe Berenger, Victoria Black, Madeline Boaro, Roisin Bolwell, Julia Boustani, Ethan Brady, Shandelle Brown, Leilani Bussone, Mikaela Buttigieg, Sofia Calleja, Rebecca Camilleri, Je Philip Carating, Annicka Ciol, Camryn Clark, Ashleigh Clarke, GeorgiaDavey, Anastasia de Pourbaix, Juliet DiLosadunbar, Melissa Ebejer, Mitchell Fabri, Matea Farkas, Samyra King, Cassandra Knight, Courtney Fraser, Tiana Furina, James Gibson, Jasmine Green, Jessica Gunner, Megan Hall, Dayne Heward, Shairalie Hogan, Alyesha Holgate, Jessica Kane, Simon Lauc, Chloe Laxade, Laura Leone, Jordan Lombardo, Rhiannon Mackey, Meagan Major, Sam Manno, Jesse Marchand, Caitlin McGookin, Benjamin McVittie, Chloe Mortimer, Thomas Murko, Holly Neale, Sarah Neasy, Teresa Nicaj, Cooper O Keeffe, Taylah Parker, Kaitlyn Paroz, Brittany PenneyCooper, Gianni Pessotto, Elizabeth Potts, Daniella Purgar, Antoinette Rendeiro, Jessica Richardson, Clarissa Riservato, Kellen Robinson, Tyler Rullis, Caitlyn Rushby, Sophie Said, Matea Saric, Laura Sawyer, Sian Sherwood, Melinda Simon, Connor Smith, Kurt Sookee, Chelsea Tonkin, Louise Vella, Nathan Violen, Kayla Watkins, Matthew Williams, Chloe Veness.

200 Merit Awards

Madelyn Ace, Elizabeth Arcadi, Jasmie Bajada, Georgia Barone, Monika Bazdaric, Aiden Berenger, Victoria Black, Mitchell Coleman, Mikayla CumminsWotton, Rebekah Dakin, GeorgiaDavey, Steven Dengate, Sheree Farrell, Carla Fuller, Jasmine Green, Zachary Gomes, Sarah Johnstone, Cameron Mills, Chloe Mortimer, Alex Nies, Charlotte O Flynn, Lachlan Opalniuk, Bethany Perkins, Sian Sherwood, Lauren Stendardo, Tiarnie Tippett, Chelsea Tonkin, Sarah White, Alexandra Willis, Bailey Wray, Lauren Wright, Sabrina Zavaglia.

250 Merit Awards

Madelyn Ace, Peta Alvaro, Thomas Carroll, Ava Davidson, Olivia Drew, Carla Fuller, Thomas Gallagher, Sarah White, Bailey Whitley, Shannan Wright.

300 Merit Awards

Thomas Carroll, Shannan Wright.
Assembly 30 October 2013
**Year 8 Mission Week**

During Week 3 of Term 4, the students of Year 8 were selling Watermelons, Mangoes and Ice creams to help raise money and awareness for Catholic Mission “Chennai”, which is located in southeast India.

Each Pastoral Care class had a roster for selling these delicious goods. The students were amazing, organising themselves on time and having all of the required equipment set up and ready to go during the recess and lunch breaks. Their entrepreneurial skills shone as they sold ice creams during Tuesday afternoon sport.

Many students participated by creating posters to promote the cause, whilst others walked around the school, ensuring everyone was aware of what was on offer, enticing all, students and teachers alike, to support Catholic Mission Chennai, by buying from our stalls, which were set up either on the Green or near the Canteen.

Mr Simonetta of Food Lovers Markets donated the Watermelons and Mangoes, whilst Mrs Davis and Streets Ice Cream donated the Ice Creams. A very special THANK YOU to you both for supporting the Catholic Mission Chennai, it is truly appreciated.

In a combined effort, Year 8 was able to raise over $1000-00. This money will help Sr Clara toward her goal of opening a new orphanage in Chennai.
Fishers Ghost Parade

On Saturday 2 November Magdalene students participated in the Fishers Ghost Parade walking with the 24 hour Fight Against Cancer Float. Members were given the honour of walking with the float, in dedication to Corey. The team also helped to decorate the float.

Thanks must go to Mrs Benny and Mr Gorrie for their help, Mrs Rusten for coming on Saturday and walking in the heat with the students, Mrs Borg for her organisation and to all the students who joined in on the day.

Once again the students were great and Magdalene should be proud of them.
Eucharistic Ministers

Congratulations to the Eucharistic Ministers who have completed their Eucharistic training and received their Certificates.
Celebrating the ‘Year of Faith’

Exploring Pope Francis’ Encyclical ‘The Light of Faith’

“The light of faith is unique since it is capable of illuminating every aspect of human existence’ ‘In God’s gift of faith, we realise that a great love has been offered us.” (Pope Francis, Lumen Fidei, 4 & 7)

You are invited to join with a panel of speakers uncovering the richness of Pope Francis’ new encyclical and celebrate the end of the ‘Year of Faith’.

**ALBION PARK**  
Wednesday 6 November  
7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Parish Hall  
St Paul’s Parish  
Tongarra Rd, Albion Park

**Panelists Include:**  
Deacon Peter Preiddee (Prison Chaplain)  
Mr David Harrison (Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission)  
Mrs Jane McDonald (Education Officer - Secondary Education Catholic Education Office)  
Sr Kerry Barrass rsc (Pastoral Associate - All Saints Shellharbour)

**FAIRY MEADOW**  
Tuesday 12 November  
7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Fr. McCormack (SJ Parish) Hall  
1 Cabbage Tree Lane  
Fairy Meadow

**Panelists Include:**  
Fr David Catterall (Parish Priest - Albion Park)  
Sr Moya Hanlen (Diocesan Chancellor)  
Dr John Honner (Theologian)  
Mrs Amanda Wilson (Principal - Holy Spirit College)

**CAMPBELTTOWN**  
Thursday 14 November  
7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Parish Hall  
St John the Evangelist Parish  
35 Cordeaux St  
Campbelltown

**Panelists Include:**  
Fr Richard Healey (Assistant Priest - Camden Parish)  
Mrs Carmen Karauda (Diocesan Aged Care Advocate)  
Sr Ruth Davis sm (Diocesan Disability Advocate)  
Mr Greg Elliott (Assistant Principal - Magdalen Catholic High School)

**BOWRAL**  
Tuesday 19 November  
7:00pm - 9:00pm  
Parish Hall  
St Thomas Aquinas Parish  
2 Bendooley St Bowral

**Panelists Include:**  
Fr Sean Cullen (Parish Priest - Bowral Parish)  
Mrs Teresa Harrm (Manager - Vinniesian Social Action Centre, St Vincent de Paul Society)  
Mr Ken Bryant (Head of Religious Education & Learning Services, Catholic Education Office)

**For further information and registration contact:**  
Darren McDowell  
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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Pope Francis has called an Extraordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for October 2014. The theme of the Synod will be: Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the context of Evangelisation.

As happens prior to any Synod of Bishops, Pope Francis is consulting Catholics from every diocese in the world about the Synod’s theme. This is our opportunity to actively take part in the preparation for this Synod whose purpose is to proclaim the Gospel in the context of pastoral challenges facing the family today. These issues are relevant to our Diocesan Pastoral Plan which has a particular focus on young families. I encourage you to respond to this consultation, sharing your wisdom and insights.

We are asked to read a Preparatory document. It includes an overview of themes such as Family and Evangelisation, the Plan of God our Creator and Redeemer and the Church’s teaching on the Family. This is followed by 36 questions grouped under nine sub-headings designed to stimulate thought on a variety of topics including faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same-sex unions, natural family planning and the participation in sacraments as part of family life.

You are not required to answer every question. Rather, you may offer general comments on the themes raised or may focus on one or more questions, depending on your interest, experience or expertise.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the rich support present in our parishes for families. CatholicCare, our social welfare agency, provides services to families and couples including counselling, foster care, family support workshops, pre-marriage education and school counselling, offering opportunities for growth, healing, resilience and hope. Our Catholic Schools also provide nurturing environments, not only for our young people, but also for their families.

The Holy Family offers us a unique model of family life. What is particular to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, is not that they were immune to life’s concerns. On the contrary, persecution and hardship dogged them. Yet Jesus Christ lived in the heart of their home, and we see in both Mary and Joseph, people who remained attentive to God’s Word. May the work of this Synod help inform our church how better to respond to the pastoral issues facing family life.

**DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES**

**Responses need to be supplied by Friday 6 December.**

In the Diocese of Wollongong, the responses will be collated by the Office of the Bishop. The local response will then be forwarded to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The Australian Bishops will prepare a national response to forward to Rome.

To read the Preparatory document (which includes the questions) visit tinyurl.com/k9td4m3

A quick way to then offer your response is via our online survey at tinyurl.com/1lf74oa. If you prefer to send your response via email or in the post, please download the Microsoft Word version of the survey questions at tinyurl.com/m2nfhvz. Send your response to richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au or:

Richard McMahon
Office of the Bishop
P0 Box 1239
Wollongong NSW 2500.

**For further information contact Richard McMahon at the Office of the Bishop on richard.mcmahon@dow.org.au or (02) 4222 2464.**

Yours in the Lord

Most Rev Peter W Ingham DD
Bishop of Wollongong
6 November 2013
Results:
Magdalene v John Therry

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<td>Great team effort. Zac and Jonathon both got 20 not out. MVP: Brendan with 2 for 5.</td>
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<td>A good team effort by all players. The boys continue to gain experience in the game.</td>
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<td>A brilliant result. The girls jumped out to an early lead and fought well to maintain it despite losing a player.</td>
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<td>A nail-biting game but strong determination and team spirit resulted in a win.</td>
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DIOCESAN BOYS CRICKET COMPETITION

Year 9 boys represented the school at the Diocesan Super 8's cricket carnival held at Fairy Meadow on Monday 21/10. We had a very good day winning 2 out of our 3 pool games and only just losing the third to the eventual finalists. Some very fine efforts from all of the boys involved, led to some great camaraderie and were ably steered by captain Tristen Ross. Well done to all of the players and a special mention to Mr Ron Heward who not only supplied a shade shelter but also scored for the day which helped tremendously.

Mr Hatton

Congratulations Paige Pirotta

Congratulations to Paige Pirotta who has been selected into the NSW U16 Ladies Indoor Netball Team.

She will be competing at the 2013 Indoor Junior Netball National Championships from 8-14 December.

We wish her all the best for the competition.

Well done Paige.
Mathematics Competition

Earlier in the year 26 students from Magdalene competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Students complete maths questions and are ranked against candidates from not only Australia but also other countries in the region. Special congratulations to students who excelled in the competition.

Students who received a credit:
Brandon Shaw – Year 7  
Cassandra Knight – Year 8  
Shannan Wright – Year 8  
Jordan Duncan – Year 10  
Luke Papandrea – Year 10  
Aaron Fenech - Year 12

Students who received a distinction:
Alexandra Willis – Year 8  
Katie Paroz – Year 8  
James Gibson – Year 8  
Daniel Vannan was placed in the top 5% of candidates - Year 12

NOTICEBOARD

November

9  Sat  Year 12 Formal Dinner
11 - 15  Fri–Tue  ESSA Tests Online
14  Thu  Magdalene Impressions
15  Fri  Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day
27 - 28  Wed - Thu  10PASS Bronze Medallion

Magdalene Impressions

Magdalene Impressions is coming!

Magdalene Catholic High School’s annual school exhibition celebrating the Visual Arts will be held on Thursday 14 November. During the exhibition selected class work and independent artworks of students will be on display.

The exhibition has been established to display the talent of Magdalene Catholic High School to the wider community.

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE FROM MONDAY 21 OCTOBER. Tickets will be sold each Monday and Wednesday at lunchtime outside the library in Weeks 3, 4 and 5 of Term 4. Ticket order forms will be in the newsletter from the end of Term 3.

Second Hand Uniform Pool

If you require uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553 812.

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