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

Last week students in Years 7 and 9 undertook the NAPLAN tests over three days. All students approached the tests with diligence and commitment and should be praised for the mature manner in which they completed each test.

With the accumulation of NAPLAN data over recent years, teachers have continued to focus on improving literacy and numeracy as a means to improve learning at Magdalene. Ms Maher has been introducing literacy strategies across the school to ensure the areas of deficit are addressed and the students are extended in their learning. We look forward to the NAPLAN results later in the year as a means of adding to the data we already possess and as a means of setting directions for the future.

This week students in Years 9 and 10 have been undertaking their Half Yearly Examinations. These examinations provide an opportunity for students to display what they know and to also assess what they need to further develop. The skills gained by being involved in examinations will also prepare students for external examinations in the future. I encourage all parents and students to see the examinations as a learning opportunity, which can be built upon in the coming semester.

Next Wednesday the school will conduct the Year 11, 2016 Information Evening. This evening provides insights into senior school. I remind all members of the community of the challenging nature of senior school and the need to be fully prepared for the demands of senior study. I also stress that the journey to the Higher School Certificate does not begin with Year 11. In fact it begins in Year 7 with the habits and skills learned and developed along the journey to Year 12. I encourage all students to recognise the need for that commitment in all stages in the lead up to the HSC. This will ensure that students have the skills necessary to meet the demands of their ongoing education. The impact of commitment and self belief is always positive where learning is concerned.

Since our last newsletter students have reverted from summer uniform to winter uniforms. The majority of students have certainly presented in a commendable manner and I thank parents for their support in this area. I believe that the uniform reflects not only a student's respect for their school but also respect for themselves and in a way, their education. It is essential that students set the highest possible uniform standards. I continue to seek and rely on parental support in this area.

The following students were presented with the awards below at the recent assembly. Congratulations and well done for your effort.

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Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday this is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit. Christ promised his apostles that he would send the Holy Spirit to be with them. Ten days after he left them the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and they were granted the gifts of the spirit. These gifts given to the apostles are gifts that are also available to each of us and give us the strength to live truly Christian and faithful lives.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

God grant me
The spirit of Wisdom
that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal
The spirit of Understanding
to enlighten my mind with the Light of Your divine truth
The spirit of Counsel
that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven
The spirit of Fortitude
that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation
The spirit of Knowledge
that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints
The spirit of Piety
that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable and the spirit of Fear
that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease him.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

Next week is National Reconciliation Week.

Reconciliation is based on Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians coming to an honest understanding of our shared history, a commitment to building cooperative partnerships based on trust and respect and a recognition of the distinctive rights of Indigenous peoples. Reconciliation requires commitments and action from governments and the community. It is a week where we can all make a commitment to make a difference.

A prayer for reconciliation
God our Father
In the midst of conflict and division
We know it is you
Who turns our minds to thoughts of peace.
Your Spirit changes our hearts:
Enemies begin to speak to one another,
Those who were estranged join hands in friendship
And nations seek the way of peace together.
Let Your Spirit be at work in us.
Give us understanding and put an end to strife,
Fill us with mercy and overcome our denial
Grant us wisdom and teach us to learn
From the people of the land
(Call us to justice. Adapted from the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses of Reconciliation II)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM II

The next staff development day related to staff spirituality will be conducted on Friday 29 May.
Students ARE NOT required to attend school on the above date.
IGNITE WINTER SLEEPOUT
Dates changed to Friday 19 June - Saturday 20 June

Homelessness in Australia is a growing issue, on any given night 1 in 200 people are homeless, 60% of which are aged under 35. Every day, more than half the people who request immediate accommodation from homelessness services are turned away.

To raise money for the less fortunate, from Friday 19 June to Saturday 20 June, the Ignite Winter Sleepout will be held for students in years 8 to 12. It will run from 3pm on Friday after school overnight until 9am Saturday morning and there will be many entertaining activities throughout the night, such as handball, games, music, food, trivia and movies. It will be a great opportunity to spread awareness with others in our school community and will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about issues that effect our wider community.

We encourage everyone who will be attending to go out to their local St Vincent De Paul shop and purchase some ‘Thrift shop’ themed clothes that everyone will be wearing on the night. In the spirit of the night we will be sleeping outside, like so many people in our community are forced to do every night.

From the Ignite Winter Sleep Out Committee

St Vincent de Paul Society
15th Winter Appeal Charity Dinner 2015

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Each year the St. Vincent De Paul Society here in the Macarthur region hosts their ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER. Please see the details below.

Saturday 30th May 2015
“CAMDEN LAKESIDE COUNTRY CLUB”
50 RABY RD, CATHERINE FIELDS

Book your seat to enjoy a relaxed and fun night in a friendly atmosphere.
Lucky door prizes, raffles, silent & live auctions and balloon sales will also take place.

Dress: Black tie.
Time: 7pm Arrival for 7.30pm seating
RSVP: Lee Hughes 0458 297 667 or 4620 8226 lee.hughes@vinnies.org.au
by Friday 22nd May 2015
Cost: $100 per person
Ticket price includes: 3 course dinner, champagne on arrival, beer, limited wine, soft drink, entertainment & loads of fun.

ALL WELCOME

Magdalene Catholic High School has been working alongside the St Vincent de Paul Society for a number of years now in the following ways;
• We support the work of Vinnies through our daily COLLECTION OF CANS, non-perishable food items and clothing for our school Vinnies Winter Appeal.
• We have a Vinnies CLOTHING BIN here at school. Please continue to send in donations right throughout this term.
• We’re hosting our own WINTER SLEEP OUT on Friday 12th through to Saturday 13th June. Open to all students in Years 8 – 12.
• Staff and students volunteer on a weekly basis at the NAGLE CENTRE in Campbelltown. Please email reply for more information about this outreach.

We support the Vinnies BUDDY DAYS with students from Magdalene helping to host activity days and excursions for families in need.

Please email martin.pannell@dow.catholic.edu.au for any enquiries or for more information regarding any of the above items.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Mr Pannell
The Year 7 students have been busy with their Artworks, and these are very proudly displayed in the school foyer in the Administration office.

Please come in and have a look at the amazing artworks which the students have produced.
YEAR 7 STUDENTS WITH THEIR POP ART
The Year 9 students have been busy with their photography class, and some of these are very proudly displayed in the school foyer in the Administration office.

Please come in and have a look at the amazing photographs which the students have produced.

Ms Tree
YEAR 9 STUDENTS PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY
SCHOOL FOYER
This week in Year 7 sport the Bruchhauser and Sedgwick girls battled it out on the netball court. There was a wonderful effort from both homerooms, with a lot of enthusiasm with many willing players. The girls got involved as much as they could but Sedgwick took out the title of being the winners with the score of 2-0. Congratulations to Hannah Isaacs for her extraordinary efforts this week. Both teams got involved in playing the sport and we are looking forward to next week’s game. **Brianna Higgins & Amelia Rao**

This week in Year 7 sport Bruchhauser boys and Sedgwick boys played an intense game of netball. The game was played well and the boys displayed a lot of enthusiasm and energy to get involved. The majority of the boys got involved some were a bit shy but by the end got up and had a go. Overall we were very proud of both homerooms for getting involved and trying there best with the final scores being Bruchhauser 3 to Sedgwick: 2. **Toneya Garard & Luke Abbey**

In hockey, Moore played Dunne, some girls were very active participants and demonstrated great skills. Dunne scored an early goal and Moore scored another soon after, however, Dunne eventually scored the winning goal, with the finishing score being 2-1. **Adam Skvorc.**

Great work from the boys from Hogan and Wilson who participated in a competitive game of softball with the Hogan boys running out victors 7-5, a tight game but both teams should be praised about their achievements this week. **Troy Minor**

This week’s game played by the girls of Hogan and Wilson was T-Ball. The game was played well with a lot of enthusiasm and energy. After a passive start, it was pleasing to see everyone participating by the final innings with Hogan running away winners 22 to Wilson 6. There were two players that stood out as they were giving it their all and would go really well if they joined the school team. Jessica Kelly and Hanna Lawson were playing to the best of their ability and named players of the week. **Ellen Tilden**

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**YEAR 8 MISA DEBATING**

A big congratulations goes out to the Magdalene Debating Team who won their first round debate against St Benedict’s Catholic College. The team comprised of Paris Maguire, Elisabeth Lopez, Emily Saysananongpheth and Peter Cornett, worked well to make their way to a convincing win.

We wish them all the best on their upcoming debates in June. **Mrs Jones**
CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 3, 2015

BRINGING UP GREAT TEENS
A workshop for parents of teenagers. This program covers connecting with teens, managing conflict, big issues and psychological challenges.
4 Monday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
20, 27 July, 3 & 10 August 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St,
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

SEASONS FOR GROWTH PARENTING
This workshop gives an understanding of divorce/separation from a child’s perspective and helps parents to support their children through family change.
2 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
18 & 25 August 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING
This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 3-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.
3 Wednesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
22, 29 July & 5 August 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

MY KIDS AND ME
A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths and resources to develop relationships with their children.
7 Thursday Mornings 10am - 12:00pm
23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20, 27 August & 3 September 2015
Claymore Community Centre
Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds
Claymore

Workshop Fee: No Fee

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional & practical issues of parenting after separation. Explores loss & grief in parents and children, power grabs & impact on children.
5 Tuesday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
14, 21, 28, July, 4 & 11 August 2015
5 Tuesday Evenings 6:30—9pm
30 July, 6, 13, 20, 27 August 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux Street
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program, for parents of children aged 0 - 8, covers child development, behaviour and management of safety, play and nurturing the whole family. Each of the 5 sessions is self contained. Pick which sessions you wish to attend.

Babies 0 - 12 mths - 14 August
Child development, crying, settling ideas, routine, safety, play and interaction

Toddlers 1 - 2 yrs - 21 August
Child development, meeting toddlers needs, tantrums, safety and play

Pre-Schoolers 3 - 5 yrs - 28 August
Child development, behaviour and management of routine, rules and boundaries, safety and play

School Aged Children 5 - 8 yrs - 4 September
Child development, discipline, consequences, communication, negotiating, safety and play

Nurturing the Whole Family - 11 September
Self esteem, family resilience, assertiveness and nutrition

5 Friday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
Campbelltown 4626 0044

Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances
NOTICEBOARD

MOUNT CARMEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE VARROVILLE

Mount Carmel is celebrating their 30 Year Anniversary with a celebration dinner which will be held on Saturday 20 June.

ALL WELCOME.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
- 15 July 2015

Diocese of Wollongong Parent Forum presents
GIFTED EDUCATION CONFERENCE
PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT
Wednesday 15th July 2015 @ 7pm

A parent information night is being presented as part of the Gifted Education Conference being held in Campbelltown in July. More information about this free event for parents is available by visiting the Conference website at www.raisingtheceiling2015.com. Conference registrations are also welcome from parents/carers. Full registration details also on the website.

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NOTICEBOARD

Spirituality in the Pub Wollongong

The next meeting for Spirituality in the Pub Wollongong will be on Tuesday 26 May 2015.

A guest speaker: will be present see the flyer.

All welcome to attend.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS
11th CONFERENCE
16 - 17 MAY 2015
Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

This conference will be run over two days: Saturday 16th May 8.45am—4.30pm and Sunday 17 May 9am—1.30pm. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday evening and will be followed by the conference dinner.

Parents, school staff and school executives are encouraged to attend this conference. The 2015 Catholic Schools Parent Conference is an opportunity to acknowledge, support and celebrate parent involvement in education. It provides a wonderful opportunity to talk with other parents and educators, to share stories, gain new skills and understand what is happening in our Catholic schools and education today.

Come and meet other parents, parent educators and other specialist shaping 21st Century thinking about parenting, education and faith formation.

Full details of the conference and registration details are available on the school website.

Registration

Registration for the Conference is through the secure ticket booking site Trybooking. Follow the link on the CCSP website http://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/about-the-conference.

Guest speakers

Michael Grose

Australia’s No.1 Parenting Educator

A popular media commentator, Michael is the author of 8 parenting books, a columnist and parenting educator to over 1,500 Australian schools. He is also the first person to conduct a parenting seminar in Parliament House Canberra.

What really matters as a parent?

“I’ll help clear away the clutter that surrounds parenting so you can focus on what’s really important on the home front again. You’ll leave the seminar energised, inspired and on a natural high.”

Bruce Sullivan

Relationship-specialist

Former Australian Speaker of the Year, Bruce Sullivan will draw on over 28 years of experience to guide you on an educational and entertaining journey. He will provide you with practical insights that can help you to build resilience and rediscover how to keep yourself focused and energised to do what really counts!

How to be the BEST YOU as a Parent

“I will help by inspiring you! I will talk about maintaining your energy and motivation, so you can be the best parent you can be. My challenge is to make you look at yourself and your parenting differently…..but in a nice way! This is a one-off opportunity to give your parenting a lasting boost of inspiration and wisdom.”
NOTICEBOARD

May

27 Wed Yr11, 2016 Information Evening 6pm—7.30pm
28 Thurs School Photograph Day
29 Fri Staff Spirituality Day No pupil attendance

June

4 Thurs Photograph make-up day
5 Fri Yr 9 Reflection Day
10 Wed Mace Careers Expo Magdalenine Shines Set up 11am—3.00pm
11 Thur Magdalenine Shines Rehearsal 9.00am—2.00pm Magdalenine Shines 6.00pm—9.00pm
12 Fri Yr 10 History Excursion
19-20 Fri - Sat Ignite Winter Sleepout Dates Changed

MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #1
A sports club has a total of 163 members. The club offers the choice of basketball, cricket and soccer. Each member selects one or more activity to do: 73 play cricket, 100 play basketball, 60 play at least two different sports and 10 play all three.
(a) How many members play soccer?
(b) There are 25 members that play both basketball and cricket, how many members plays soccer only?

Ms Haines

Answer

Of the 163 people, there are 10 people who will be counted as playing Basketball, Cricket and Soccer which means they have been counted in three places. 50 people play two sports only and they have been counted twice. So, the number of people playing soccer are:

163 + 50 (extra count of people playing two sports) + 10 + 10 (extra count of people playing all three sports) - 73 (playing cricket) - 100 (playing basketball) / 60

(b) From the 25 people playing Basketball and Soccer, 15 play only Basketball and Soccer since 10 play all three. From the 50 people playing two sports, 35 play Soccer and something. Therefore, of the 60 people playing soccer only, 35 play soccer and something and 10 play all three. So only 15 play soccer only.

Maths Puzzle #2
A four digit number and its square ends in the same four digits. Find the number. Answer next fortnight.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open by appointment only for the remainder of this term.

The uniform shop is also in need of small sized blazers, if you have any at home which you no longer require please forward through to the front office.

If you require second hand uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

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