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

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that all students had an opportunity to reenergise and have come back full of enthusiasm, ready to tackle the journey ahead with determination and commitment. As we begin the new term, I congratulate many students on fine performances in Semester One and challenge all students to build on the successes. Each person should also continue to focus on areas for development, which were made evident in reports and teacher interviews at the end of last term. This will ensure that each individual is able to continue along the road to personal excellence in all that they attempt.

Over the holidays a number of senior classes were conducted for Year 12 students, as they approach the Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations, beginning in week three. These classes enabled students to clarify and revise subject matter studied in the HSC courses, while continuing to consolidate their understanding of all relevant concepts. I thank the teachers for conducting the holiday classes and acknowledge the students for their commitment to achieving their best.

Next Wednesday the community will celebrate the feast day of Mary Magdalene, our patron. The day will begin with Mass at 9.30am which will be followed by activities to promote a sense of community. As has been the case in recent times in the afternoon funds will be collected for the Magdalene/St Clare’s Care Fund.

This fund was set up three years ago to support families in the school community who are encountering financial difficulties due to significant illness, suffered by a family member. Over time the fund has supported a number of families who have appreciated the practical support as well as the kind thoughts of the community.

Last Monday all members of the teaching staff were involved in a professional development day with a focus on standards across the school. The establishment of consistent standards is of great importance to student learning growth at Magdalene. This understanding is essential to improve knowledge of requirements and the strategies that can be used to achieve each of the standards. With the reliance on report grades, it is essential that there is common understanding of what each grade (standard) entails and how this can be achieved. The consistency of grade allocation and standards will be enhanced as a result of the staff involvement in the professional development day.

This week our community will bid farewell to Miss Saywell, who will take up a permanent appointment at Mamre Christian College. I take this opportunity to thank Miss Saywell for her contribution to the school and wish her all the best in her new position. As a result of this change, some Mathematics classes will be changing their teacher with Mr Arzapitian teaching a range of junior Mathematics classes for the remainder of the year.

Last Monday we received the wonderful news that Mrs Violi gave birth to a beautiful new baby daughter, Sofia. I congratulate Mrs Violi and her husband David on the birth of Sofia. I wish Sofia every blessing all the days of her life.

During the holidays NAIDOC Week was observed across the nation. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is an opportunity for each of us to gain a greater understanding of indigenous people’s past while looking forward to a bright future in our community. The theme of Naidoc Week in 2015 is:

“We stand on Sacred Ground. Learn Respect Celebrate.”

This is a recognition of the present and a challenge for the future. I include the following prayer as a reflection of times past and hope in the future.

**Strong minds, gentle hearts**
Prayer for the Journey of Healing

Almighty and loving God,
you who created ALL people in your image,
lead us to seek your compassion as we listen to the stories of our past.
You gave your only Son, Jesus, who died and rose again
so that sins will be forgiven.

We place before you the pain and anguish of dispossession of land,
language, lore, culture and family kinship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have experienced.
We live in faith that all people will rise from the depths of despair and hopelessness.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families have endured the pain and loss of loved ones,
through the separation of children from their families.
We are sorry and ask God’s forgiveness.

Toughen the hearts of the broken, homeless and afflicted and heal their spirits.
In your mercy and compassion walk with us as we continue our journey of healing
to create a future that is just and equitable.
Lord, you are our hope. Amen.

National Council of Churches in Australia (NATSIEC)

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

A number of students received Student Acknowledgement Awards at the assembly held at the end of Term 2. These students were nominated by their peers and acknowledged by their teachers. Congratulations on this achievement.

Year 7 - Brooke Smith - Assisting other students in their learning.
Year 8 - Tara Dunlop - Contributing positively to discussions.
Year 9 - Morgan Dunnicliff - Assisting other students in their learning.
Year 10 - Bailey Wray - Consistently contributing to a positive learning environment.
Year 11 - James Bustamante - Good team work.
Year 12 - Kayla Grech - Dedicated approach to study and extra curricular activities.

OFFICE HOURS
Magdalene Catholic High School
Magdalene Finance Office: 7.30am - 2.45pm
Magdalene Administration Office: 7.30am - 3.30pm

Please be advised that the Finance office has changed office hours and will be available Monday - Friday from 7.30am - 2.45pm.

SCHOOL FEES
The 3rd instalment of school fees will be sent out next week.

Parents & Friends Meeting Reminder
Tuesday 28 July - 7pm
A reminder that the Parents and Friends Association and the Parent Consultation Committee meet on Tuesday July 28.
The Meeting will begin at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre.
All welcome.

Magdalene Feast Day BBQ Wednesday 22 July
Parent Helpers Required
Any Parent who can assist with the BBQ for Magdalene Feast day, please contact the school office on 4631 3300.
Eucharistic Ministers Invested

Each year, a number of our students are installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. In this role, they share responsibility for distributing the Blessed Sacrament at Mass. It is a very special honour and a sacred service they perform.

At St Paul's Camden, on 21 June five students, who have been training for this role, were installed by our Parish Priest, Father Michael Williams.

The students are Warwick Suters, Sophie Cornett, Caitlin Fitzgerald, Emily Sutherland and Celine Watson (left to right) were installed as Eucharistic Ministers.

Winter Sleep Out

Winter Sleep Out is an event that Magdalene has hosted in the unfriendly, cold weather for 5 years now. It is a prime opportunity for students to not only raise money for St Vincent de Paul in their appeal to support the homeless people in the Macarthur community but gives students from Years 8-12 the chance to physically experience what it is like to be homeless for a night. No beds, no heaters – only cardboard, a sleeping bag and a pillow.

Friday 19 June was an opportunity for Magdalene students to come together and share a fun night with activities like Trivia, Karaoke and Games such as Giant Twister. As well Mr Elliott and Mr Wright led slower-paced activities that allowed us the opportunity to reflect and appreciate all the blessings that we have which are emphasised when partially taken away from us for a night. Thank you to all the students that who were involved, and the teachers that gave their time to allow it all to happen. We had 120 students and 20 staff involved on Friday night and Saturday morning and we raised $1,000 towards supporting the Vinnies CEO Sleep-out.

Celene Watson, Liturgy Counsellor (Year 12)

“The Hurting Game” Year 8

A few weeks ago, Year 8 went to see a performance in the CAPA called “The Hurting Game”; is an anti-bullying program made by Brainstorm Productions. This performance is about two students (Samantha and Jimmy) reflecting on their school life and reflecting on the negative choices they made. Topics were addressed (such as poor online decisions, spreading rumours, giving in to peer pressure, harassing and bullying other students) which all ended in lowering their self-esteem.

I found “The Hurting Game” to be a very informative, yet funny performance. The way it was performed kept it interesting the whole way through and there was never really a dull moment. As I looked around at the other Year 8’s during the performance, they looked like they were really thinking about all the issues that the performers brought up.

Performers, Sam and Jimmy, really managed to get their messages through to my Year 8 peers and me. It was such an enjoyable performance; which highlighted real problems that can happen to anyone and it addressed how to avoid being in these situations.

Mitchell Hood 8B
During Refugee Week, my eyes were really opened to the true meaning of ‘Refugee’.

Before the week I didn't pay much attention to what refugees go through and what they seek. After researching the topic and hearing about true stories, I am truly aware of what refugees go through to get to happiness and to start a better life.

I now understand the struggle which refugees experience for a better life. On their journey, they can undergo catastrophic weather, starvation, dehydration, confrontations with people who are considered ‘pirates’ and much more. But in all of this sadness and struggle, all that the refugees need is some sort of support so they can start a new and enjoyable life with little to worry about and something to look forward to.

Adrianna Zoric, 8W

Council of Catholic School Parents
Media Release
on Additional Funding for Catholic Schools.

Great news for Catholic schools and great news for education

The peak body representing Catholic parents in NSW has welcomed the Baird Government’s plan to provide additional funding for classrooms and facilities in non-government schools.

Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli today announced an additional $50 million capital works funding over the next four years for non-government schools. The additional funding will be allocated in the upcoming NSW Budget under the Building Grants Assistance Scheme.

The Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) NSW/ACT said the decision reverses a capital works funding cut from non-government schools three years ago.

CCSP Acting Executive Director, Linda McNeil, says the new capital works funding will ease the financial burden on Catholic school parents, particularly those in the low to medium income bracket.

“Catholic school parents in NSW contribute to capital works through school building levies and other capital funding. For decades, parents have funded two-thirds of the building works in Catholic schools and this places a burden on many families.

“With one in five children in NSW currently enrolled in a Catholic school and demand for places increasing, there is significant need for new classrooms and schools.

“There are more than 254,000 children now being educated in Catholic schools and the days of the lamington drive are well behind us.”

Ms McNeil said she was particularly pleased that the NSW Government today voiced its support for the right of all parents to choose the type of education that suits their child.
SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Wednesday the 3 June, the 10.1 Science class, accompanied by Ms Flocco and Ms Maher, participated in the ‘Science and Engineering Challenge’ at the Camden Civic Center against six other schools. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle. For years now the Government has funded the program but this year it was unable to happen. Due to the dedication and values of a member of the Camden Rotary Club was able to raise over $8,000 to make the competition possible. The money was raised by actively interacting with the public and by gaining sponsorship from local businesses, this enabled around 16 schools to compete in the Macarthur region.

Before the competition we organised small groups of 3 to 4 that would work with on the day and prepare our strategies. The day consisted of challenges that each group completed. Some were full day activities while others were half days. Some of these activities included ‘Mission to Mars’ and ‘Grasping at straws’. Mission to Mars was a full day activity in which groups had to construct a vehicle that quickly transversed an undulating surface carrying loads. Points were awarded for the speed and stability of the vehicle. Grasping at straws was a half day activity where groups were challenged to design, build and use a 'bionic hand' made out of straws, tape, string and a provided wrist mount. Each group was then assessed on how effective the hand was at various movements and activities.

In the end Magdalene finished off a close second out of the seven teams. Our thanks and appreciation go out to the Rotary Club of Camden for giving us the opportunity to compete in this competition. We had a lot of fun together and learnt many new things and we hope that the Science and Engineering Challenge will continue in the future, in particular in the Macarthur region.

by Jessica Gunner and Monika Bazdaric
YEAR 9, 10, 11 PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION
SPORTS NEWS

TERM 3 SPORTS:

MISA teams have been selected in the following sports:
7-8 Rugby League, 9-10 Rugby League, 7 Girls Netball, 8 Girls Netball, 7-9 Girls Soccer, 10-12 Girls Soccer, 10-12 Boys Basketball, 10-12 Girls Basketball, 7-9 Girls AFL, 7-9 Boys AFL

Year 7-9 are participating in the following sports:

Year 8 – School Sport:
**Venues:** School based sport inclusive of a variety of games such as Oztag, Touch, Soccer, Softball, Basketball, Netball, Volleyball and T-Ball.
Students participate in a variety of sports, contributing towards a point competition each week (house sport competition). Sporting activities are held on school grounds and supervised by Magdalene Teachers.

Year 9 – Indoor Sport:
**Venues:** All Sports Indoor Sport Complex, Hillbrick Indoor Stationary Cycling, Bujutsu Martial Arts, Maximum Skating, Smeaton Grange:
Students catch a bus to All-Sports, Bujutsu and Maximum Skating. Students will walk to Hillbrick Cycling (next to the rear of the school). All students are supervised by Magdalene Teachers. Please see below for information on Maximum Skating.

Year 7 – Multi-Sport:
**Venues:** Jack Nash Reserve/ Fairfax Reserve/ Magdalene
Students participate in Group Fitness, Martial Arts and Dance Fitness, Giants AFL (at Jack Nash Reserve or Fairfax Reserve) under the direction of qualified instructors and supervision of Magdalene teachers.
Year 10 and 11 Electives will change early in the term.

Maximum Skating – Indoor Sport
Maximum Skating is a roller skating rink located in Smeaton Grange. Students in Years 7-9 will attend this sport on a rotational basis. Students will be required to wear a helmet, knee-pads and wrist guards – these are provided. There are also frames available for students who have never skated, if needed.

Maximum Skating | Max Arena 75 Anderson Road, Smeaton Grange 2567 |

BIANCA CARUSO

Bianca Caruso has been selected in the 2015 Australian 17/Under Ladies Indoor Netball Team. Bianca will be competing at the 2015 Junior International Tri-Series in Perth, WA in July.

Congratulations and Well done!
CatholicCare Workshops

Partners in Parenting

Providing education and support for mothers and fathers with an intellectual disability, mental illness or additional needs.

What we do:

- Provide Education: e.g. parenting skills, building family resilience, managing emotions, keeping healthy and looking after your mental health.
- Teach Life Skills: e.g. healthy eating, cooking and the importance of self care.
- Teach New Skills: e.g. computer skills, handiwork etc.
- Participate in Social Activities: e.g. coffee club, social outings etc.

Where: PIP is held at CatholicCare Wollongong AND CatholicCare Campbelltown

When: Once a week during school term -

**Wollongong:** Tuesday morning  
**Campbelltown:** Fridays morning  
Some childcare available

For more information call:  
4227 1122 Wollongong or 4628 0044 Campbelltown  
www.catholiccare.dow.org.au

CatholicCARE  
Hope begins with us
MAGDALENE TRIVIA NIGHT

For an enjoyable evening come along and join us at the Magdalene Trivia Night.

Book your tables now!

ALL WELCOME

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.

- Monday Mornings - 10am - 12:30am
  18 & 25 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.

- Tuesday Mornings - 10am - 12:30pm
  19 & 26 August 2015
  CatholicCare
  35A Cordeaux St
  Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

WE ARE MARRIED, NOW WHAT?
A workshop for married couples interested in enhancing their relationship. Couples will explore key concepts for keeping marriage strong, effective ways to communicate and learn strategies for dealing with challenges in married life.

- Tuesday Evenings - 6:30 - 8:30pm
  1, 8 & 15 August 2015
  CatholicCare
  35A Cordeaux St
  Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTIONS COACHING
This time limited workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

- 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.

- Thursday Mornings - 10am - 12:30pm
  23, 30 July, 6, 13, 20 & 27 August & 3 September 2015
  Claremore Community Centre
  20a Gothic & Dobell Rd
  Gladesville

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

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, 'grab &/or impact on children.

- Tuesday Mornings - 10am - 12:30pm
  14, 21 & 28 July, 4 & 11 August 2015
  CatholicCare
  35A Cordeaux St
  Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program, for parents aged 3 - 8yrs, covers child development, behaviour and management of, safety, play and nurturing the whole family. Each of the 6 sessions is self-contained. Pick which sessions you wish to attend.

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

- Toddlers 1 - 2 yrs - 21st August
  Child development: meeting children's needs, tantrums, safety and play

Pre-Schooiors 3 - 5yrs - 28th August
Child development: behaviour and management of routines, rules and boundaries, safety and play

School Aged Children 6 - 8yrs - 4th September
Child development, discipline, consequence, communication, negotiating, safety and play

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

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

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
CatholicCare
4289 3044

Consent form may apply to dependent on financial circumstances
**NOTICEBOARD**

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**MATHS PUZZLE**

**Maths Puzzle #4**

A square is inscribed inside a circle with diameter 2. Four smaller circles are then constructed with their diameters on each of the sides of the squares, as per diagram. Find the shaded area.

**Answer Maths Puzzle #4**

The diagonal of the square is the diameter of the circle, hence the area of the circle is $\pi$

By Pythagoras the length of the sides of the square is $\sqrt{2}$. The area of the square is therefore 2.

The sides of the square are the diameter of the smaller circles. The area of the four small half circles are therefore $\pi$

Hence, the area of the shaded region is $\pi - (2 - \pi) = 2$

**Maths Puzzle #5**

Arrange the numbers 1 to 15 in a row so that each adjacent pair of numbers add to a square number.

**YOUTH MASS**

**St Anthony’s Church - Tahmoor 25 July**

The next YOUTH MASS at St. Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor, is on 25 JULY at 5-00pm. So come along on this COLD winter night and WARM your heart with JESUS, with our Big Band, Huge choir and group of dancers.

Bring your family and increase the warmth in the Church. There will be refreshments after Mass.

ALL WELCOME

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP**

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open by appointment only during Term 3.

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

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