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

Welcome back to Term 4. I am glad to return from my leave and thank Mr Elliott, Mrs Forner, Mr Zakris and Mrs Eggleton for assuming roles of responsibility in my absence.

Upon my return I was able to be involved in the Year 12 farewells both during the day and in the evening. The events were filled with excitement and a tinge of sadness as students prepare for life beyond Magdalene. At each of the events the students behaved impeccably and were a credit to their parents their year groups and themselves as individuals. During each of the events the students took the time to recognise the wonderful efforts of their parents and families, their peers and their teachers. This fact reminded me that the road to the HSC is a combined effort and I thank all involved for their willingness to work in partnership with each other.

During the Year 12 Graduation Mass the School Captains Caitlin Fitzgerald and Luke Papandrea spoke beautifully of their time at Magdalene. They also emphasised the nature of education at Magdalene being about education for life. They finished their speech with the following, which is a pertinent message for each of us.

"Throughout tonight’s Mass you will be witnesses to our faith in action. The involvement of the graduating class is a clear display of our commitment to discipleship and our willingness to take up these Gospel values as we step out into the wider community. Year 12 as we graduate we pray that you keep in mind the values and lessons that you have learnt through your time here at Magdalene and always hold them in a special place where they will not be lost or forgotten.”

As we farewell our Year 12 leaders we welcome our new school leaders for the 2015/16 school year. This week the new leader induction was conducted at the school and the leaders across the school were presented with their badges. I take this opportunity to publicly congratulate the leaders as they commit to leading the Magdalene community for the coming 12 months. The special guests at the Leadership Induction were Fr Joseph, Mrs Lara Symkowiak (Mayor of Camden) and Camden Citizen of the Year 2015 Mr Ted Gilroy. Mr Gilroy spoke to the students about leadership being a possibility for everyone. Leadership can also be demonstrated in little ways and individuals always have the capacity to make a difference to others through their actions on any scale. Our special guests certainly added to the occasion. The names of the leaders for 2016 are included later in this newsletter.

I remind parents that the Parents and Friends Association and the Parent Consultation Committee will meet on Tuesday 20 October. This meeting is also the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association and as such office bearers will be elected. I ask every parent to consider being part of the Parents and Friends Association as a means of supporting your child’s education.

As we begin the final term of 2015, I remind parents of the importance of having high expectations of young people (your children) and making these expectations clear to them. Clear boundaries help young people to understand their limits and your expectations. I reinforced to the staff this week, the importance of having high expectations as well as doing the little things well. As a school we will continue to have high expectations in all areas; respect, academic performance, homework, punctuality, manners, presentation and so on. It is important that we have ongoing parental support in these areas so that students then set high standards for themselves and develop self discipline and grow as positive individuals. I look forward to ongoing parental support in setting high expectations for all students at Magdalene.
Next week the Year 12 students begin their Higher School Certificate Examinations. I ask everyone to keep the students in their thoughts and prayers as they approach such a stressful time in their lives. I include the following prayer from my local parish bulletin. We can all pray this prayer for and with our Year 12 students.

**Staff News**

Congratulations to Mr Tim Manns who married his fiancé Jenna over the holidays, we wish the new Mr & Mrs Manns all the best for their future lives together. This week we farewell Mrs Duke and Mrs Tree as they begin their maternity leave. We wish both “mums to be” and their husbands all the best for the birth of their babies. During the period of her leave Mrs Duke will be replaced by Mrs Monger for the remainder of 2015. Mrs Tree will be replaced by Miss Lauren Cusack until she returns in Term 3 2016.

**A Student’s HSC Prayer**

*Lord, you have loved me into life and I thank you. In this exam period, give me a calm heart and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold me in the palm of your hand. Bless me with keen understanding and a retentive memory. Give me the ability to grasp things correctly, and express myself clearly. Help me to look beyond this time of exams and see clearly whatever you call me to be in life. Show me my gifts and talents and help me to have the courage to use them to love others, to give you glory and to leave this world a better place.*

_Amen_
Leadership Team

During the recent vacation our new School Captains represented Magdalene at the Narellan Chamber of Commerce breakfast with the premier. Congratulations to Tyler and Elyse on their first official public duty as captains of the school.

Congratulations to the leaders.

Captains
Elyse Beauchamp, Tyler Bosco

Vice Captains
Keira Davidson, Julian Krpez

Faith and Liturgy Councillors
Sophie Cornett Dina Luo

School Spirit Councillors
Isabel Staunton, Mel Johnston

Social Justice Councillors
Eliza Rourke, Michael O’Shea

Environmental Councillors
Alexandra Turner, Georgia-May Galea

Sports Captains
Brittany Rasmussen, Matthew Edwards

House Captains
Bruchhauser
Lauren Allen, Kaine Whitelaw

Dunne
Alexandra Nagle, Jarrad Choi

Hogan
Bianca Spiljar, Joshua Phillips

Moore
Emily Avero, Joss Taylor

Sedgwick
Giorgia Stikovic, Jordan Vella

Wilson
Courtney Schweitzer, Ryan Ball

SRC Representatives

Year 8  Alex Honan, Natalya Kapczuk-May, Nathan Vassallo

Year 9  Rhys Miller, Adrianna Zoric, James Vassallo

Year 10 Nicholas Ciappara, Danielle Flood, Riley Maginn- Dawson

Year 11  Roisin Bolwell, Bailey Whitley, Alexandra Willis
## Year 12 Major Awards 2015

- **Reuben F Scarf Award for Commitment**  Hannah Clancy
- **Caltex All Rounder Award** Ricardo Rahme
- **Campbelltown Catholic Club Teacher Education Scholarship 2016**  Bianca Messina
- **School Long Tan Award Open High School** Celene Watson

**Sports Champions of the Year:** Connor Perkins, Paige Pirotta and Jenaye Collins

## Year 12 Academic Awards 2015

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**Patrician Awards 2015**

YEAR 12 BREAKFAST
HOSTED BY YEAR 11 STUDENTS
BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
Parents will learn “mindfulness” techniques to increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings. They will learn to be more aware of their children’s needs & how to better respond to their child’s behavior to improve their child’s self-identity, decrease parental stress & enhance the parent-child relationship.
4 non-consecutive Wednesday Mornings
10am - 12:30pm
7, 14, 28 October & 4 November 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
24 November & 1 December 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown
Workshop Fee: $15 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 grabs & impact on children.
5 Monday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
12, 19, 26, October, 2 & 9 November 2015
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux Street
Campbelltown
Workshop Fee: $20 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 Monday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm
16, 23 & 30 November 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
15, 22, 29 October, 12, 19, 26, November & 3 December 2015
Claymore Community Centre
Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds
Claymore
Workshop Fee: No Fee

MORE HARMONY NO HARM (MEN)
Topics covered include understanding and managing strong emotions, effective communication, assertiveness skills & positive behaviours for healthy relationships.
7 Thursday Evenings 6:30pm-8:00pm
15, 22, 29 October, 12, 19, 25 November & 3 December
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown
Workshop Fee: $15 per session

ROLLERCOASTER AGES 8-12
An eight week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered. Rollercoaster helps children to understand change & loss, develop strategies for anger management & problem solving and understanding a whole range of feelings & emotions.
8 Tuesday Afternoons 4pm-5pm
13, 20, 27 October 3, 10, 17, 24 November & 1 December
CatholicCare
35A Cordeaux St
Campbelltown
Workshop Fee: $15 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS
Campbelltown 4628 0044

CatholicCare | hope begins with us
Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances
Pope Francis has described family as “the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another; it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children.” (EG, 66). In his recent encyclical *Laudato Si*, the Pope describes family as “the place in which life – the gift of God – can be properly welcomed and protected against the many attacks to which it is exposed” (LS, 213). However, we may well ask “What is family?” “How do we understand and relate to the many and varied ways family exists in today’s society?”

This conference will explore these questions and offer some practical skills and resources for engaging, nurturing and reaching out to families within and beyond our parish and school communities. Bringing together speakers from across the country we will develop strategies for more effectively engaging with families, enabling them to feel more at home and welcome within our faith community.

**CONFERENCE DETAILS**

Friday 30 October 2015 (9am–4pm) – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, (247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW)
Saturday 31 October 2015 (9am–4pm) – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, (247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville, NSW)

**Conference Program – Both Days**

8:45am - 9:15am Gather
9:15am - 9:30am Welcome & Opening Liturgy
9:30am - 10:40am Keynote 1 (Friday) & 3 (Saturday)
10:40am - 11:10am Morning Tea
11:10am - 12:20pm Keynote 2 (Friday) & 4 (Saturday)
12:20pm - 13:10pm Lunch
13:15pm - 14:15pm Workshops Round 1 (Friday) & 3 (Saturday)
14:25pm - 15:25pm Workshops Round 2 (Friday) & 4 (Saturday)
15:30pm - 16:00pm Summary, Close & Afternoon Tea

**REGISTRATION**

You can register for a Single Day Pass for $20 ($18.18 for Catholic GST Religious Groups eg, parishes, schools and agencies) or register for the Full Conference for $30 ($27.27 for Catholic GST Religious Groups). Registration includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

The conference is using the TryBooking online registration system. Payment is by Visa or Mastercard. In addition to the registration fee there is a TryBooking fee of 30 cents per ticket. You will also be asked to select your Workshop preferences during the registration process. If you would prefer to download a paper registration form to complete and mail/fax/email to us, please click here to download the brochure and paper registration form.
DISCOVER INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Do you want to nurture opportunities:
- for those who have not had the advantage of an Australian education?
- to improve the operations of organisations in vital sectors of local communities?
- to assist self-reliant and sustainable communities?

Communities in **East Timor, PNG, Kenya, Kiribati, Samoa and elsewhere** are asking for qualified and experienced Australians to assist in education, health, administration, agriculture, trades and other sectors.

For 55 years Palms Australia has assisted communities to recruit and prepare Australians who volunteer to share their lives and skills.

**Join Palms Australia for a weekend of Discovery to:**
- hear the experiences of present and past volunteers
- witness the testimony of Palms partners
- develop a cross-cultural toolkit with strategies for self-care, cultural adaptation and relationship management.

**Where and when?** A Discovery Weekend ([www.palms.org.au/volunteer/discovery](http://www.palms.org.au/volunteer/discovery)) will be held on **24-25 October**, at **Peter Canisius House** (102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble). RSVP to **leanne@palms.org.au** by Sunday 18 October 2015 or call 02 9518 9551 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

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**Solidarity Volunteering:**

![Solidarity Volunteering: Strong Relationships, Mutual Development](image)

Communities across Asia, Africa and the Pacific are seeking volunteers willing to participate in an authentic cross-cultural experience. Teachers are in high demand. Please also inform friends with health & community development, administration, agriculture/training, trades and other skills.

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**Triple P Positive Parenting Program**

A free, 7-part series workshop designed for parents of teenagers

The course includes information on:
- Positive parenting
- Encouraging appropriate behaviour
- Managing problem behaviour
- Dealing with risky behaviour
- Implementing parenting routines

**Dates:** 19th & 26th October, 2nd, 9th and 23rd November

Workshops are once a week with telephone support sessions included.

**Time:** 5:00pm – 8.45pm

**Where:** Oran Park Town Sales & Information Centre
Corr Oran Park Dr & Peter Brock Dr, Oran Park NSW 2570

For information and bookings, please contact the Reconnect Program on (02) 4629 5170 or (02) 4629 5137.
SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

MAGDALENE COLLEGE

SPECIAL SALES

DAYS X 2

AT LOWES STORE – NARELLAN STORE
Friday 30th – Saturday 31st October 2015

RECEIVE 15% DISCOUNT
Off the regular price on all uniform items for
Magdalene College

PLUS

BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT
additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS
Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
to the value of 5% of their purchase

PLUS

Lowes will pay your school annual 5% rebate on every
uniform purchased in-store.
October

12 Mon HSC Examinations Commence
12—16 Mon—Fri Brewarrina Immersion Program
19 Mon HSC Assessment Information Evening BOSLO
20 Tues P & F Annual General Meeting 7pm
21 Wed Year 7 Zoo Excursion
22 Thurs Year 8 Pastoral Day
28 Wed Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening 7pm
30—31 Fri — Sat Duke of Edinburgh Test

November

2—6 Mon—Fri Year 8—10 Exams
4 Wed HSC Examination Concludes
6 Fri Year 7 2016 Orientation Day Year 12 Formal—The Cube
11 Wed Remembrance Day
13 Fri CDF Sports Awards Wollongong

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following date:
Friday  6 November  7.50am - 8.20am

If you require second hand uniforms and are unable to please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #9
A 6-digit number is increased 6 times when its last 3 digits are carried to the beginning of the number without their order being changed. Find this number.

Answer Maths Puzzle #9
142857
Because 857142 = 142857 x 6

Maths Puzzle #10

A draw contains an unsorted collection of black, white, pink, and blue coloured socks. If socks are taken at random, one at a time, what is the minimum number which must be taken to be certain of finding five matching pairs?