



MAGDALENE NEWS

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

Welcome back to 2016. I especially welcome new staff and students who join us for the first time in 2016. It was wonderful to welcome the entire student body back today and it was certainly gratifying to witness their enthusiasm and eagerness to begin a new school year.

Last year finished on a positive note with the Higher School Certificate results being released in the last week of school. Of particular note was the performance of the school dux who achieved an ATAR of 98.95. 5 other students received an ATAR above 90. Other performances of particular note were Samantha Coupe who came second in the state in Food Technology and Caitlin Fitzgerald who was placed thirteenth in the state in PDHPE. The review of the Higher School Certificate will take place over the coming few weeks. This will allow us to learn from successes while developing strategies for areas of improvement.

The high achievers will be acknowledged at the Opening School Mass and High Achievers Ceremony on 4 February beginning at 9.30am. I take this opportunity to invite any parents who are able to attend and be part of both celebrations. Congratulations to the following students who achieved an ATAR over 90.



Luke Papandrea
98.9 ATAR
DUX



Caitlin Fitzgerald
98.1 ATAR



Anna Kelly
96.65 ATAR



Samantha Coupe
95.75 ATAR



Frank Gerada
93.6 ATAR



Alexander Hamilton
91.2 ATAR

This week we welcome eleven new members of staff who join us at Magdalene in 2016. The following teachers have become members of the teaching staff: Ms Jennifer Foldes (Assistant Principal) Mr Abourizk (Religious Education), Mr Matthew Bubb (PDHPE), Ms Madelaine Joyce (English HSIE), Mr Marco Cimino (HSIE, Religious Education), Mrs Elaine Fernandez (Mathematics), Ms Aimee Boughton (Science), Ms Sara Gray (English, Learning Support), Mrs Stacey Treloar (English), Mrs Durrant (PDHPE) and Mrs Chantelle Angileri (English). We also welcome back Ms Amy Miller (returning from maternity leave) and Ms Michelle Walker who will join us in a part time capacity for 2016.

Strong minds, gentle hearts



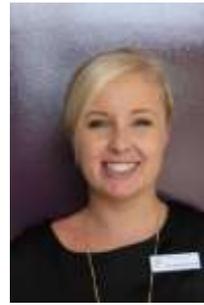
Ms Jennifer Foldes
Assistant Principal



Mr Abourizk
Religious Education Teacher



Mr Bubb
PDHPE Teacher



Mrs Durrant
PDHPE Teacher



Mr Cimino
HSIE,
Religious Education Teacher



Ms Joyce
English/HSIE Teacher



Ms Fernandes
Mathematics Teacher



Ms Boughton
Science Teacher



Ms Gray
English,
Learning Support Teacher



Mrs Angileri
English Teacher

As we begin the year it is essential that students begin with the right mind set. Last year they were spoken to about the importance of a growth mindset. Students should firstly believe in their ability to achieve and secondly to aim for excellence in everything that they undertake. It is my hope that every student strives for personal excellence in all that they attempt. It is also essential that every student adopts a “can do” attitude. Too often students will say that they cannot do something and will accept that they not move beyond their present performance level.

I ask everyone in our community to recognise the importance of a “can do attitude”. I also ask students to continue to strive for personal excellence in the spiritual, academic, social, physical and emotional aspects of their lives in order to make a difference both to their lives and to the lives of others.

I remind all parents that the first meeting of the Parent Consultation Committee and The Parents and Friends Association will be conducted on Tuesday 9 February beginning at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre. I encourage parents to become involved in the Parent Consultation Committee and the Parents and Friends Association in order to support their children’s education. Any parent who would like to join the Parent Consultation committee should

Last Tuesday as a nation we celebrated Australia Day. Australia is a nation of which we can all be very proud. As we begin a new year as a school I ask everyone to be aware that we can make a difference to this wonderful Australian community and indeed our own community. I encourage everyone to pray the following prayer and to recognise our role in spreading the word of God. It is appropriate as we begin a new year to make this our commitment.

Over the recent holidays a significant amount of maintenance work was carried out across the school in order to ensure the school was in pristine condition for the return of the students. The maintenance work involved: the repainting of the chapel, the painting of all classroom doors and hand rails, the steam cleaning of carpet in all classrooms and corridors and the rectification of plumbing issues. I thank Mr Trimarchi for overseeing these significant works.



PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Father, you reached out by the power of the Holy Spirit
through Jesus your Son
to show your love for all creation.

You invite everyone to share in your life
made available to us in Jesus.

You established the Church
to bring your good news to all people.

Let your Holy Spirit help us
to be the presence of your saving love to all.
May that same Spirit help us
to proclaim your good news
in a way that is meaningful to people
and touches their hearts.

May we, like Mary, Help of Christians,
have the courage of the cross,
to fulfil the mission you gave us,
no matter what the cost.

Sharing in his confidence and trust in you,
we ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are produced week 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 of each term. These are a means of the whole community being aware of what is happening at Magdalene throughout the year.

P & F President News

Hello everyone,

Welcome back to Magdalene Catholic High School for another year. A special welcome to all our new students, parents and teachers. Our first meeting of the Parents & Friends Association is Tuesday 16 February in the Learning Resource Centre. All parents and teachers are invited, so if you would like to find out more about the role of the P&F and some of our key priorities for the next 12 months, please come along.

If you have thought about joining the P&F, but don't know what it's all about, this first meeting is a great introduction, and will help you decide if it is something you wish to support. For more information on the P&F, visit our page on the school website, or email the P&F on MCHS.PandF@gmail.com

David Cornett

President, Parents and Friends Association

MATER DEI TRANSITION PROGRAM

This week the new Year 7 students were joined by students from Mater Dei on their first day at Magdalene. The students from Mater Dei will be involved in a transition program which will help to promote their skills beyond their Mater Dei setting. The school acknowledges all students involved and looks forward to developing the program further for all participants.



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Last week students were welcomed back through an email from Mrs Forner and the pastoral Care teams. Students were reminded of the school's expectations of them as members of this community. I ask parents and carers to sit with your child and ensure that both yourselves and your child/children are aware of these expectations. It is essential that we continue to work together to set the highest possible standards across the school.

Good morning Magdalene Students,

We hope that you have enjoyed your break and are prepared for the great learning opportunities in 2016. We would like to remind you of some of the school's expectations so that everyone has a clear understanding of what is expected of them.

Learning expectations:

- Please come to school each day prepared with your equipment and motivated to learn.
- Challenge yourself to do your best and constantly ask your teachers for feedback so to improve your understanding.

Behavioural expectations:

- be mindful of our core values, especially those of Dignity of the Human Person, sense of community and discipleship.
- treat others as you expected to be treated and always be respectful.
- greet people with kind words and a smile goes a long way.

Uniform Expectations:

Please ensure that you wear your uniform in line with the school uniform policy. This includes:

- Dress and skirt length needs to be on the knee.
- Senior boys need to wear a tie.
- All boys need to have a belt, wear their shirt tucked in and wear grey socks.
- Hair cuts need to be in accordance to the school uniform policy, this means there should be no extreme cuts such as under cuts, lines or crew cuts shorter than a 2 blade. Girls's hair needs to be tied back at all times. All students hair should be a natural colour.
- Girls should not be wearing make up.
- Jewellery - only that mentioned in the uniform policy should be worn. There should be no visible piercings apart from girls having 1 pair of earrings in their lower ear lobes.
- School shoes and sports shoes should be in line with the school uniform policy and complimentary to the uniform.

The school uniform policy can be found online, in the school diary and was included in the There is an expectation that all students wear their uniform well and with pride.

We look forward to the new school year and our hope for you all is that you all achieve your personal bests in everything you do.

Regards

Mrs Forner and Pastoral Care Team.

YEAR 7, 2016 DAY 1





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SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents,

This is an outline of the level and purpose of fees for students attending Magdalene Catholic High School in 2016.

Government funding covers approximately 80% of the recurrent costs associated with running a Catholic High School. The 20% "gap", plus loan commitments associated with building; need to be met by parent contributions. A breakdown of the 2014 school fees is:

Tuition Fee	Teachers' salaries and the day to day running costs of the school (water, electricity, paper etc.)
Building Fund	This levy is used solely for the repayment of loans on the school buildings (equivalent to a mortgage payment).50% discount applies to 2 nd child, 100% discount for 3 rd child attending the school
Student Administration Fee	Covers the cost of printing, postage and communication expenses.
Technology Levy	This contributes towards the costs of maintaining technology hardware, software and access to the internet.
Core Subject Course Fee	This covers the cost of all other books and equipment which are purchased in bulk and issued to students for their personal use. The alternative would be for parents to purchase these items which would be at a great cost. This also assists in covering the cost of textbooks issued to students, both in hardcopy and electronically.
Elective Course Fees	This goes towards offsetting the cost of consumables used by students in practical courses e.g. foodstuffs used in Food Technology.
Tuesday Sport/TAFE Levy	All students rotate through four sports blocks over the year which includes swimming, indoor recreational sports, elective choices (e.g. martial arts, aerobics, dance etc) and school based sport. In addition students may trial for inter-school competitive sport. The sports levy covers <u>all costs</u> associated with Tuesday sport including bus travel. The levy also covers all costs associated with whole school carnivals. This levy also covers the transportation of students who attend TAFE on Tuesday afternoon.
Parents & Friends Levy	The P&F levy of \$100 per family, per year replaces major fundraising activities for parents. This then allows the P&F to concentrate on special gatherings with an emphasis on community building, rather than fund raising.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

The tuition fee, building fund, sport levy, P&F levy and notebook levy are billed in three instalments over the first three terms of the school year.

The student administration fee, core subject course fee and elective course fees, year book fee and technology levy are included in the Term 1 fee account.

Fee accounts are posted early in Term 1, 2 and 3. Payments may be made in a lump sum, or in instalments. Accounts may be paid by BPAY, EFTPOS, cash, cheque, money order or credit card. Direct debit facilities are also available, simply contact the school finance office.

A deduction on the tuition fee only, for the second and subsequent child of a family attending the school applies. Deductions are as follows:

25%	for the second child attending the school.
50%	for the third child attending the school.
100%	for the fourth and subsequent children attending the school.

All families however are required to pay all other fees and levies. Retreats, camps and excursion costs are required to be paid, these costs will be included on individual family school fee account. Excursions held in Term 1 will appear on 1st Instalment, excursions held in Term 2 will appear on 2nd Instalment and excursions held in Terms 3 and 4 will appear on 3rd Instalment of school fees. Any family experiencing difficulties regarding the payment of fees must contact the Principal. Such matters are always treated in the strictest confidence.



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2016 SCHOOL FEE INFORMATION

1. Individual Student Administration Fee (per student)

	Tuition Fee	Building Fund	Student Administration	Total
Year 7 & 8	\$1591.00	\$795.00	\$60.00	\$2446.00
Year 9 & 10	\$1719.00	\$795.00	\$60.00	\$2574.00
Year 11 & 12	\$2146.00	\$795.00	\$60.00	\$3001.00

2. Technology Levy \$97
3. Tuesday Sport/TAFE Transport Levy (7 to 10)..... \$252
4. Tuesday Sport/TAFE Transport Levy (Year 11).....\$189
5. Carnivals (Year 12 only)..... \$25
6. Year Book \$20
7. Parents and Friends levy (per family)..... \$100
8. Core Subject Course Fee:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Bible	\$40					
Art Kit	\$38					
PDHPE Workbook	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40		
Student Resources/Textbook Hire	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$90	\$120	\$120
TOTALS	\$208	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$120	\$120

9. Elective Course Fee:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Biology/Chemistry/Physics						\$54
Construction					\$185	\$180
Design & Technology Multimedia					\$70	\$50
Drama			\$55	\$45	\$60	\$60
Food Technology			\$140	\$140	\$90	\$90
Hospitality Operations					\$215	\$210
Industrial Technology – Timber			\$125	\$125		
Industrial Technology – Furniture					\$120	\$100
Information Processing & Technology					\$60	\$60
Information Software Technology (Computing)			\$50	\$50		
Industrial Technology Engineering/Engineering Studies			\$185	\$60	\$180	\$80
Information Technology – VET					\$110	\$110
Italian			\$25	\$25		
Music			\$55	\$55	\$75	\$55
PDHPE					\$70	\$70
Photography			\$61	\$67	\$120	\$100
Physical Activity & Sport Science			\$36	\$36		
Software, Design & Development					\$80	\$80
Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation					\$70	\$70
Technology – Mandatory	\$55	\$55				
Textiles Technology (Year 9 & 10)			\$110	\$110		
Textiles & Design (Year 11 & 12)					\$110	\$110
Visual Arts			\$100	\$80	\$100	\$100

CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 1, 2016

SEEING RED

Explores way for parents to deal with feelings of anger within themselves and their children. Participants will learn to recognise their own feelings and needs and those of others, communicate and listen to these feelings and needs, be assertive & express anger in a more constructive way.

3 Friday Mornings

10am - 12:30pm

5, 12 and 19 February

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

1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 February

or

5 Thursday Nights

6:30pm - 9pm

18, 25 February, 3, 10 and 17 March

CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

LIFT

A group for men and women who may be feeling overwhelmed or experiencing high levels of stress and anxiety. Participants are able to explore feelings in a safe and friendly environment, challenging negative thinking patterns and discover how to build and improve relationships.

CatholicCare, 35a Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

5 Monday Mornings 10am - 12:30pm

22 & 29 Feb, 7, 14 & 21 March

Workshop Fee: \$20 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

3 Tuesday Mornings

10am - 12:30pm

2, 9 and 16 February

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 non-consecutive Thursday Mornings

10am - 12pm

4, 11 and 18 Feb, 3, 10, 17 and 24 March

Claymore Community Centre,

Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds, Claymore

Workshop Fee: No Fee

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 Wednesday Mornings

10am - 12:30pm

9 and 16 March 2016

CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: \$15 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044

CatholicCare Workshops Term 1, 2016

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 - 1 March

Child development, crying, settling ideas, routine, safety, play and interaction

Toddlers 1 - 2 yrs - 8 March

Child development, meeting toddlers needs, tantrums, safety and play

Pre-Schoolers 3 - 5 yrs - 15 March

Child development, behaviour and management of routine, rules and boundaries, safety and play

School Aged Children 5 - 8 yrs - 22 March

Child development, discipline, consequences, communication, negotiating, safety and play

Nurturing the Whole Family - 29 March

Self esteem, family resilience, assertiveness and nutrition

5 Tuesday Mornings

10am - 12:30pm

CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: \$15 per session



Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances



NOTICEBOARD

February

4	Thursday	Opening Mass and High Achievers Ceremony 9.30am - 11am.
8	Monday	Yr 11 Assessment Information Evening 7pm - 8pm.
9	Tuesday	Pancake Tuesday P & F Meeting 7pm - 8.30pm.
10	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday
12	Friday	Swimming Carnival
15	Monday	Yr 7 Ipad Training
16	Tuesday	Yr 7 Ipad Training
24	Wednesday	Yr 7 Parent Welcome 6pm - 8pm.

MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #1

"What day do you go back to school, John?" asked his grandmother one day.

"Well," John replied, "Nine days ago, the day before yesterday was three weeks before the second day of term."

If John had this conversation on a Sunday, what day of the week did he start school?

Uniform Items

Now available from the school office

7.30am to 2:45pm Mon-Fri

(Eftpos available)

School Bag	\$75.00
Cap	\$12.00
Calculator	\$21.00
Apron	\$7.00
Total	\$115.00

*Sport socks are compulsory, \$6.00 per pair.
Sizes 2-7, 8-11, 12-14*

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform shop will be open on the following dates from 7.50am - 8.20am.

Monday 1 February

Friday 5 February

Monday 8 February

Friday 12 February

SPORTS JACKETS SALE

A number of sports jackets will be put on sale normally \$20 selling for \$10. Ideal to have as a spare. These are the older style, but still part of the current uniform.

If you require second hand uniforms and are unable to attend on these dates please call Kelly O'Keeffe on 0410 553812

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 1 Week 2B 1 Feb - 5 Feb	1 Feb Tanya Debono Veronique Smith Kathy Shepherd	2 Feb Anna Geering Fran Lapa	3 Feb Julie Smith Eve Farkas	4 Feb Sandra Polkinghorn Kelly Cottle Cheryl Bosmann	5 Feb Cathy Stewart Michelle Heward Ewa Wojcik
Term 1 Week 3A 8 Feb - 12 Feb	8 Feb Kim Phillips Jen Quinn	9 Feb Rosa Vella Helen Dillon	10 Feb Rebecca Celan Monique Shields	11 Feb Ralene Joyce Jody Dale	12 Feb Swimming Carnival
Term 1 Week 4B 15 Feb - 19 Feb	15 Feb Peta Teuma Michelle Abbey	16 Feb Sharon Draper Tracey Perrin Antoinette Elfalak	17 Feb Alison Jenkins Nicole Garner Anita Young	18 Feb Leanne Craig Hilary Nguyen	19 Feb Vesna Pervan Liz Murko

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