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

Welcome back to Term 3 which will certainly require a high level of engagement from all members of the Magdalene Community. Thank you for the welcome that I have received from staff, students and parents in my role as Acting Principal.

In the final week of last term Parent/Teacher/Student interviews were conducted and I encourage all students to now focus on this feedback and set goals for ongoing improvement. Thank you to all staff who participated in this important process. Year 12 students are preparing for the Trial HSC exams, which begin in Week 3, and I ask everyone to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Throughout this term the school will continue to work on differentiation and assessment which should lead to further improvement in student learning.

On a sad note on Sunday 3 July, Mrs Tracey Dakin, mother of Rebekah (11W), passed away after a long battle with illness. A number of staff, students and parents were able to attend her funeral in the first week of the holidays. I ask that all members of the Magdalene community keep Mrs Dakin, Rebekah and her family in your prayers during this very sad time.

This week has been filled with many activities that have involved all members of the Magdalene community. Monday’s athletics carnival started the week and it was pleasing to see the level of participation by all students. Congratulations to all athletes who achieved their personal best and to Mr Hewitt, staff and House Captains for their organization of the day.

On Tuesday we welcomed 17 Year 4, 5 and 6 students along with 5 staff from St Patrick’s Primary School Brewarrina. Over the next three days they participated in a range of activities organized by Mrs Franciscus, staff and Magdalene students. These activities included a welcome BBQ, student workshops, visits to Austinmer Beach and Taronga Park Zoo and a farewell assembly hosted by our student leaders. This immersion opportunity was greatly appreciated by the Brewarrina students and staff. I commend Mrs Franciscus, staff and participating students for their wonderful work and generosity of time and spirit. This is another example of the Magdalene community reaching out to support other Catholic communities.

Magdalene Feast Day was celebrated today which saw our community come together to celebrate a special Mass for the feast day of Mary Magdalene followed by a school fair which raised money for the Care Fund that supports families within the school community who have members suffering from illness. Special thanks to Fr Michael Williams, invited guests, Mr Steven O’Neill, Mrs Ivana Forner, members of the P & F and the staff, students and parents who supported the day. It was also an opportunity for the Magdalene community to farewell and thank Mr Alan McManus (Foundation Principal of Magdalene Catholic High School and Head of School Improvement Secondary CEO) as he retires from many years of service to Catholic Education Wollongong.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
The Magdalene Feast Day was a significant celebration and I believe the school prayer captures our mission as a Catholic community.

*Jesus, you chose Mary Magdalene to be the first witness to your resurrection.*
*Help us to be filled with the power of your spirit.*

*May we become witnesses to your love and healing,*
*both within and beyond this community.*

*Mary Magdalene*

*Pray for us.*

Enrolments for 2017 continue to be processed and I ask that all acceptances are finalized by Friday 29 July.

A special welcome to Ms Mareena Drezina as she replaces Mrs Lena Foti who is on long service leave. Mrs Simone Dowdell will be Acting Year 12 Coordinator.

A reminder that the next P & F meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 August beginning at 7pm. Apart from the normal business there will be a presentation on Numeracy by Curriculum Coordinator Mrs Peiti Haines. All parents are most welcome.

I look forward to working with all members of this special community over the next two terms.

God Bless

Mr Michael Mullaly
Acting Principal
Q. What are you reading?
A. ‘The Maxwell Sisters’ by Loretta Hill & Local and Sunday Newspapers

Q. Why are you reading it?
A. I was looking for something to read and the ladies from the school library thought I might like this book. They have requested a review as it is a new addition to our book collection in the Library.

Q. Is reading important to you?
A. Absolutely, there is nothing better than reading a great book/story.

I love reading the Sunday papers with my coffee and catching up on the latest news, travel and sport. I am not sure how I would relax on a Sunday if I couldn’t read and have my coffee.
The annual school athletics carnival was held on the first day back in Term 3 on Monday 18th July. The day proved to be a great school event, with beautiful warm weather and enthusiastic participation. It was pleasing to see the sheer number of students entering events and making the most of the opportunities provided. Year 12 led the way with superb house spirit. There were many high level performances on the day.

The javelin will be completed at lunchtimes in Week 2 (see below). Final house points and age champions will be announced after the completion of these events.

12, 13 and 14 Boys and Girls Javelin       Wednesday 27th July
15, 16 and 17 Boys and Girls Javelin       Thursday 28th July
Last Athletics Carnival for Year 12
St. Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout

On Friday 24 June 2016, Magdalene held our annual Vinnie’s Winter Sleepout. With 120 students from years 9 through to 12 attending what was a fun filled and educational evening. The night started with talks by Mr. Collins and Mr. Koch about the importance of homelessness within Australia and on a global scale that allowed for the students attending the night to get a sense of just how important the night would be.

A presentation from a special guest from St. Vincent de Paul, Mrs Sherie Avalos, gave an outstanding insight into how Vinnie’s helps homeless individuals in the Macarthur area and how the students that attended that night were doing their part in aiding Vinnie’s work. Dinner and dessert provided by the year 11 hospitality students allowed everyone to warm up and get ready for activities such as karaoke and trivia to bring everyone together. Reflection activities from Mr. O’Neil and Mr. Wright provided everyone with a time to consider the information they had been given and reflect upon how they were going to actively get involved to stop homelessness around the world.

As the night came to an end we all gathered to watch a movie and get warm before the relieved, or not so relieved news that we would be sleeping inside due to the extremely cold weather conditions came from Mr. Collins. As we all went to sleep in our sleeping bags on the ground it soon struck us that this was the harsh reality for many people living in our own neighborhoods every single day. Unlike us, they don’t get to choose to sleep inside, or to get a hot meal and that realisation made us extremely thankful for what we have and the work that Vinnie’s does around Australia.

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Collins and Mr. Koch for organising the event, to all the teachers that stayed over on the night and stayed during the night, to the year 11 hospitality students who supplied dinner, to Mr Lo Cascio, Mrs Jones and Jackson Jones for organising breakfast in the morning and to all the students who organised activities and helped run the night, as well as all the students who came to the evening, without you, it wouldn’t have been a success. As a school community we raised over $1200 to give to the St. Vincent de Paul society to go towards various St Vincent De Paul that help to stop homelessness.

Eliza Rourke & Michael O’Shea
Social Justice Councillors
Winter Sleepout
Our friends from Brewarrina enjoying activities
Year 10 Industrial Technology Engineering - Solar Powered Cars

The Solar Challenge is a project based Engineering assessment task designed to educate and motivate students in Engineering and Alternative Energy. Students are taught how to plan, design, engineer, build, race, and evaluate a scale model 3D printed solar powered car.

This task was based on control systems and used some of the skills and knowledge from last years work on CADCAM, gears/levers and leads into our next unit of work, which is "alternative energy".

Students had to design, print, build and evaluate their own car in a project based learning activity. They directed their own learning and problem solved their way through the entire project to come up with some very creative and innovative designs. Cars were designed using CAD (Computer Aided Design) software and then designs were exported as .STL files (STereoLithography) for printing on one of the schools 3D printers. Cars were then tested and evaluated.

Congratulations to all the year 10 Industrial Technology Engineering students.

Mr. Danny Avalos
Class Teacher
Learning Technologies Coordinator
Visit to UNSW - Museum of Human Disease. (Tuesday 22 March)

It began with an early morning gathering at Macarthur Square station (7:30 am). Most of the students were there before Mrs Harris and myself, Bianca and Liam ran up the stairs just before we went to the platform. We managed seats on the same carriage and made our way to Green Square.

The next travel phase was interesting, jumping in amongst the uni students and public travellers. We were split into two groups but managed to reunite at gate 9 (after 20 minutes on the bus - seemingly moving nowhere).

A bite to eat and into the museum we went.
Julia, our wonderful guide, talked us through what would be seen in the museum - nothing too healthy.
We were shown some of the bits and pieces that can be used to replace body parts - such as hip joints.
Off into the museum to review case studies from in-utero to the elderly. It was an opportunity to look at enlarged hearts, misshapen lungs, big toes, half a face, blocked arteries, constricted airways and more.
A quick break for lunch and back to talk more about the latest developments in bionics. The challenge was set as to who had the power to move objects with their mind. Tyler B was a willing participant. Firstly, did he have a brain that worked with the interface? The head gear was put on, and there were signs of activity.
Visit to UNSW - Museum of Human Disease. (Tuesday 22 March)

Tyler was trained in the art of moving a 3D cube on a screen with pure thought. With such power available, Claire felt it was her turn. Was her mind up to it? Claire was able to move the cube by thinking of other things - puppies running through a field of daisies meant that the cube moved up and down. Wow - what an entertaining experience.

As the day wrapped up, Julia commenting that we were a fabulous, interesting and willing group - we made our way to the bus stop. We had time to reminisce on the day's events in the drizzle, waiting 45 minutes for the bus. (Ohh that number 891 - thanks Harry for keeping us up to date on its pending arrival)

Mrs Passlow and Mrs Harris.
Magdalene Feast Day Mass
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Dear Wollondilly Locals,

A big thank you for all your support over the last few months especially when nature hit our shire so hard. As the shire is slowly recovering we have some fantastic events lined up for the coming weeks that I would like to share with you that have been designed to support those affected by the catastrophic June storm event.

Firstly on behalf of the Picton Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc, I encourage you all to head down to Picton to support the local businesses through the ‘Flourish Picton Revival Festival’. This event is designed to support local businesses in Picton from July 21 - October 15. To kick the festival off Picton will be hosting ‘July White Christmas’, the town will be filled with Christmas and winter themed decorations and there will be performers spread throughout the streets and the opportunity to win a Waking Motor Group Holden Trax. Please see the dates below and for more information head over to my facebook page.

**July White Christmas Picton Town Centre**
Thursday July 21, 4pm-7.30pm
Thursday July 28, 4pm-7.30pm
Saturday July 23, 10am-3pm
Saturday July 30, 10am-3pm
Sunday July 24, 10am-3pm

As a major fundraising event for the storm affected BD Productions together with Redline Promotions and with support from Wollondilly Shire Council are proud to present ‘Wollondilly Big Day In’ July 31 10am - 6.30pm at Tabcorp Park Menangle. The objective of this event is to raise money for community members who have been affected by the June storm, with all proceeds going to the Mayor’s Relief Fund, where 100% of the funds donated will go directly to storm affected in Wollondilly. There has been an overwhelming amount of support and interest for the event and it is anticipated to attract over 10,000 people. Fun for all ages the event will include market stalls, live entertainment (local and international), amusement rides, custom cars, a dedicated kids zone for the under twelves as well as support from the NRL and Wests Tigers. There is more information on the back of this letter and early bird tickets are now available from www.bigdayin.com.au.

I hope to see you out and about at the coming events, if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Cheers,

Simon
Breaking the Silence

To celebrate the Year of Mercy within the Wollongong Diocese, the Catholic Diocesan Schools Council will be hosting *Breaking the Silence: Family Violence Awareness Dinner* on **Thursday 11 August 2016 at 6:30pm at The Fraternity Club** (11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow).

Breaking the Silence promises to be an unmissable evening to celebrate the Year of Mercy, which will feature three amazing keynote speakers who deal with the ramifications of family violence in our community:

- Dr Eman Sharobeem (Australia Day Ambassador and National Community Engagement, SBS ALC) will give a powerful testimony on her experience of family violence.
- Judge Paul Conlon SC (NSW District Court Judge and Former NRL Judiciary Chairman) will speak on the increasing prevalence and motivating factors of family violence before our courts.
- Mr Michael Austin (Director of CatholicCare Wollongong) will speak on the effects of family violence on family members and the wider community.

Tickets are only $60 per person which includes a three course dinner (drinks can be purchased at the bar). We are encouraging parishes, schools, agencies and communities to get in early and book their table of 10.

Tickets can be purchased from [http://events.dow.org.au/?ct=t%28Breaking_the_Silence_No_16_24_2016%29&mc_cid=d372b4db9e&mc_eid=ee61b89687](http://events.dow.org.au/?ct=t%28Breaking_the_Silence_No_16_24_2016%29&mc_cid=d372b4db9e&mc_eid=ee61b89687)

For any queries, please contact Josephine Cooks on (02) 4253 0836 or email [Josephine.cooks@dow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Josephine.cooks@dow.catholic.edu.au)

**Congratulations to Amalia Plummer (Year 7 Sedgwick) who will be attending the All-Schools Cross Country on Friday which will be held at Eastern Creek.**

**Good Luck**
# CAMPBELLTOWN TERM 3, 2016

## WOMEN AS MOTHERS*
WAM offers a supportive & nurturing environment for new mothers to make new friends whilst sharing parenting experiences, coping strategies & encouraging realistic expectations of themselves & their relationships. Topics include Becoming a mother & the needs of baby; Motherhood myths; Changing Relationships; Self Care and Baby Massage.

5 non-consecutive Wednesday mornings
9:30am - 11:45am
10, 17, 31 August & 7, 14 September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
* facilitators trained by Karitane

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## CIRCLE OF SECURITY
Helping parents understand their child’s world by learning to read their emotional needs. Secure children have empathy, greater self esteem, better relationships and increased capacity to handle their emotions. This program is a must for all parents.

6 Tuesday (non consecutive) mornings: 9:30am - 11:45am
OR
6 Tuesday (non consecutive) afternoons: 1:00pm - 3:15pm
9, 16, 23, 30 August, 13 & 20 September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## KIDS & BULLYING
This course aims to help parents better understand a range of issues associated with bullying and cyberbullying and to equip them with strategies on how to best deal with them.

2 Wednesday mornings
9:30am - 11:45am
20 & 27 July
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Teaches adults how to provide initial support to those who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Wednesday 6 July & Thursday 7 July
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown, 9:30am - 4:30pm
Workshop Fee: $198 includes manual and lunch both days.

## YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
Teaches adults how to provide initial support to youth who are developing a mental illness or experiencing a mental health crisis.

Wednesday 3 August & Thursday 4 August, 9:30am - 4:30pm
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown
Workshop Fee: $198 includes manual and lunch both days.

## 123 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING
This time tested program provides parents with easy to use disciplining techniques for their children, without letting emotions get the better of them. Learn to be present and consistent as a parent.

3 Monday (non consecutive) mornings: 9:30am-11:45am
29 August, 12 & 19th September
OR
3 Monday (non consecutive) afternoons: 1:00pm - 3:15pm
29 August, 12 & 19th September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## KEEPING KIDS IN MIND
A post-separation parenting program which helps parents learn how to deal with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. The program helps explore grief and loss and the impact separation has on parents and their children.

5 Monday mornings
25 July, 8, 15, 22 August, 10am - 12:30pm
OR
5 Thursday evenings, 6:30pm - 9:00pm
18, 25 August & 1, 8, 15 September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

## GRASSROOTS PARENTING
This program, for parents of children aged 5-12 years, covers child development, behaviour and management of safety, play and nurturing the whole family.

Primary School Aged Children - 22 July
Child development, discipline, consequences, communication, negotiation, safety and play.

Nurturing the Whole Family - 29 July
Self esteem, family resilience, assertiveness & nutrition.

2 Friday afternoons: 12:00pm-2:30pm
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## MY KIDS AND ME
A program for parents who have had their children removed from their care. It explores grief and loss and the impact on parents and children. Helps participants to develop strengths and build support networks.

7 Thursday mornings
10:00am - 12:00pm
28 July & 4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1 & 8 September
Claymore Community Centre
Cnr Gould & Dobell Rds, Claymore

Workshop Fee: No Fee
OR
7 Friday mornings
9:30am - 11:45am
5, 12, 19, 26 August 2, 9 & 16 September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

## BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS
This course is designed for parents who are seeking to learn more about their child’s needs and how to better respond to behaviours. Participants will learn mindfulness techniques to increase awareness of thoughts and feelings.

4 non-consecutive Wednesday afternoons
1:00pm - 3:15pm
10, 17, 31 August & 7 September
CatholicCare, 35A Cordeaux St, Campbelltown

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

*Limited childcare may be available*
**NOTICEBOARD**

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
If you are require uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

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**SCHOOL FEES**

The 3rd installment of School Fees will be sent home this week. Due date will be Thursday 18 August.

If you have any difficulties with making payments please contact the Finance Office at the school to make suitable arrangements. Phone: 4631 3300 Mrs Geraldine Spencer or Mrs Michelle Gibbons

**St Anthony’s Mass**

The next family Mass at St Anthony’s Tahmoor, Saturday 23 July at 5-00pm.

As we send our young folk on their Daily Excursion to Rosemeadow we invite all the FAMILIES of the Parish to celebrate our MASS with Song, Dance (were there really 40 dancers at the last Mass?) and Music and refreshments. So come and join in this very Blessed time which unites us all with Father John and the Parish of Picton/Tahmoor.

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