



MAGDALENE NEWS

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17 July 2015

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 Dunncliff - 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

REFUGEE WEEK

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



“Year 8 Jumping up and down for Kids”



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!

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- 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



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Magdalene Catholic High School
8th Annual Trivia Night
2015



Magdalene Trivia Night
In aid of the Children's Hospital Westmead

Friday 21st August 2015 @ Magdalene

80s & 90s Theme - Prize for Best Dressed

Tickets are \$15 each or Tables of 10 - \$120

Bookings can be made via our website:

www.trivianight.org.au

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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.

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

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.

3 Tuesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:30pm
1, 8, 15 September 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 2-12 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 - 12:30pm
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 Thursday 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 4628 0044



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Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances



NOTICEBOARD

July		
22	Wed	Magdalene Feast Day Mass at 9.30am All welcome.
27 Jul - 10 Aug	Mon - Mon	HSC Trials
28	Tues	Parents & Friends Meeting and Parent Consultative Meeting 7.00pm
30	Thurs	St Clare's Transition Yr 5 students
31	Fri	Yr 11 Driver Education
August		
3 - 10	Mon - Mon	HSC Trial Exams
10	Mon	Yr 9 2016 Information Evening
11	Tues	ICAS Maths Comp Yr 7, Yr 8 and Yr 9
16	Sun	Magdalene Classics - Mater Dei
20	Thu	11 Modern History Excursion - War Memorial
21	Fri	Magdalene Trivia Night

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.

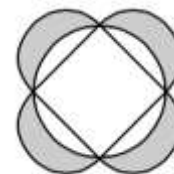
Bring your family and increase the warmth in the Church. There will be refreshments after Mass.

ALL WELCOME

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 π

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 π

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.

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

CANTEEN	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Term 3 Week 2B 20 July - 24 July	20 July Julie Smith Kathy Shephard	21 July Kathy Foden Frances Lapa Anna Geering	22 July MAGDALENE FEAST DAY	23 July Angela Rao Michele Abbey	24 July Leisa Taylor Bernadette Kiss
Term 3 Week 3A 27 July - 31 July	27 July Veronique Smith	28 July J. Brady R. Vella	29 July Kathy Stone Tracie Perrin	30 July Lisa Burke J. Maurymoothoo	31 July Vesna Pervan Liz Murko
Term 3 Week 2B 3 Aug - 7 Aug	3 Aug Michele Abbey Peta Teuma Cathy McDonald	4 Aug Kathy Foden Patricia Ridgway	5 Aug Anita Jerak Agatha Lim	23 July Michelle Crowe Leanne Craig	24 July Nicole Auckland Renea Wales Suellen Fitzpatrick

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