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

On Wednesday 5 February the Magdalene community came together to celebrate the Opening School Mass and High Achievers Ceremony. This was a wonderful way to begin the year with our community in the presence of our God. I thank Fr Michael for leading the celebration of Mass and all the students and teachers who made a contribution to the Mass. Following Mass the Higher School Certificate High Achievers from 2013 were acknowledged and congratulated in front of the whole community. I congratulate each of the students once again on their outstanding performances.

During the High Achievers Ceremony on Wednesday, the Dux of 2013 Jessica Grech, spoke about her achievement. Jessica thanked her teachers and peers for their support. She also emphasised how important her family was in the journey to HSC and beyond. Jessica made a point of emphasising the importance of those partnerships in enabling her success. I too wish to reinforce Jessica’s sentiments. As I do every year I again emphasise the importance of those partnerships, where parents, students, and teachers work together to achieve success. I also stress at this point that students need to set the highest possible standards and personal excellence needs to be the goal of everyone in the community. As parents and teachers we must expect the highest possible standards from the young people in our care. Students in turn should expect that of themselves and not settle for less. I ask parents to continually emphasise the importance of personal excellence and to expect nothing less from their children.

Over the first few weeks of this term there will be a number of information evenings for parents and or students. I remind parents that it is essential that at least one parent and the child (where appropriate) attends the information evening. These evenings are designed to keep parents and students fully informed and provide an opportunity to enhance the partnership between home and school. I ask that if parents are unable to attend they inform the Pastoral Care Coordinator for that year group so appropriate information can be forwarded.

Over the holidays a number of maintenance projects were undertaken to ensure the school remains in the best possible condition. The areas outside Blocks A, B, C, D, and CAPA and the Technology blocks were painted and the walkways were cleaned. Emergency Signage was checked and kept up to the highest standard to ensure safety. Maintenance is a significant cost at Magdalene however it ensures that the facilities are kept in the best condition. I thank Mr Trimarchi for his ongoing organisation of maintenance across the school.

I remind all parents that the first Parents and Friends Association meeting and the first Parent Consultation Committee Meeting for the Year will be conducted on Tuesday 18 February in the Patrician Learning Resource Centre, beginning at 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents to offer support to the Parents and Friends Association and also have some input into the directions the school is taking in 2014. I look forward to seeing parents at the evening.

Next week Year 7 students will attend the Year 7 Camp and Year 12 students will attend the Year 12 Retreat. These events are opportunities for students to grow personally and as part of the community. As a school we have a commitment to the development of the whole person and as such these events are compulsory. I thank parents for their support of these occasions and look forward to hearing reports of the experiences of students at each of the events.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
This week the students of Year 7 were involved in the introduction to the iPad Day. From all reports the day was quite successful and students gained great insights into the use of their computers. In 2014 the approach in both Year 7 and Year 10 is different from previous years with students bringing their own device. Any feedback on this new approach would be most welcome as we set future directions for ICT in the school. I acknowledge and thank Mr Avalos, Mr Collins, Mr Pannell, Mr Bayliss and staff from the Catholic education Office for their leadership and support of students in this area.

Congratulations to Mr Dowdell and his wife Simone on the birth of their second child Aiden William. I am sure everyone will join with me in wishing Aiden a happy and prosperous life.

Today the school competed in the swimming carnival it was certainly a wonderful community day and the spirit displayed by the students was commendable. We look forward to the results being announced early next week.

As a busy year begins I include the following prayer for reflection. Too often we can be too busy to stop and ensure that we find time for what is important:

A Prayer for Patience
Dear Lord,
When my patience seems too short
help me to stretch it;
teach me to meet a crisis with a smile.
When I’m running out of quick and clever answers
Let the questions stop for just a little while.

When it seems as though the day has too few hours
in which to do the things I have to do,
may I always find the time
For what’s important
time for listening,
time for Love
And Laughter too.
Amen.

God Bless
Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

YEAR 7 PARENT WELCOME EVENING
On Wednesday 26 February at 6pm, we will be holding a Parent Welcome Evening for all Year 7 parents. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet your child’s Pastoral Care Teacher.

See you all there.
ALL WELCOME

Bus Travel Subsidy update
Last Wednesday Mr Lo Cascio along with three parent representatives met with three Department of Transport representatives and local Member Mr Chris Patterson. The meeting was organised to clarify areas of concern and reach some resolution over the Bus Subsidy cancellation for a number of Magdalene students.

The school representatives put forward our concerns in regard to students safety and removal of the subsidy, to which the Department of Transport representatives responded. It appears in their view that under the criteria used by them the area is deemed to be safe for students and they are not in a position to change their decision.

At this point a letter is being forwarded to the Minister Ms Gladys Berejiklian asking for a review of safety guidelines. There is also a number of proposals being forwarded to council to review the safety of crossings. The major concern is still the overall safety of students with the volume of traffic and the crossings which provide safety hazards. Hopefully this will be resolved and safety increased.

At this point the decisions that have been made in relation to the Bus Travel Subsidy still stand. The Department of Transport has advised parents who have concerns to submit an individual appeal and each will be addressed accordingly.
DRIVING YOUR CHILD TO AND FROM SCHOOL

As we begin the year, some dangerous and inconsiderate driving practices have caused us concern. It is preferable for students to travel on the school buses, when possible.

Please observe the following:

- The best place for drop-off and pick-up is on Smeaton Grange Rd, east of the main gates towards the petrol station.
- Parents must not park in the carpark at the end of the day. It is dangerous for students to be moving through the car park looking for their car.
- The roundabout is a no parking zone.
- The road outside the school is a 40km an hour zone.
- It is marked with double lines. Do not queue across the lanes. Do not U-turn.
- Be patient and considerate.

When your child travels by bus they learn independence and resilience.
Good morning Year 7.

I hope that what we say to you today may be of some inspiration to you all.

So we know that a bad HAIRCUT can be fixed because it will grow back; and the injury that you got on the sporting field can be fixed because it will heal but what some of you may not realise is that a bad attitude to learning and study can be fixed as well. All it takes: is a little goal-setting.

Look to the older kids here at Magdalene who are successful. Top priority on their agenda is to set and meet goals and work hard to achieve them. So think about your goals, pretend you are Lionel Messi, member of the Barcelona soccer team. You spend a lot of time shooting, trying to score goals….sometimes you miss and hit the goal posts...sometimes your goal posts move…but keep at it. As Norman Vincent Peale said, “Shoot for the moon and you will land among the stars”. Thank you. - Teagan McConchie

Well despite all of the new obstacles you’ll face this year; Year 7 will absolutely fly past you and be gone before you know it.

I know that it probably seems like you have forever to go, but in a years time you’ll be asking yourself the same question that I am. Where did Year 7 go? And it’s for that reason that if I had the chance to redo Year 7, I would make the most of all the opportunities I had the chance to undertake.

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And my best bit of advice for Year 7’s is don’t set yourself these monstrous, unachievable goals because you’ll never get there.

Take your weaker points one step at a time with smaller achievable goals and you will get there and you will feel good about yourself. - Connor Henderson
Year 7 Day 1
Thursday 30 January, 2014

Congratulations to the Year 7 students on their first day of High School. The students presented themselves immaculately, in their full school uniform, showing their commitment and pride toward their new school. Many met up with old friends whilst others created new ones. Moving around the school seemed challenging at times, but help was always at hand, either through the Peer Support Leaders, Year 11 students or the Pastoral Care Teachers. Overall, the Year 7’s enjoyed their first day of high school and settled in well.
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7 Sedgwick

7 Wilson

Year 7 Photographs
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Year 7 Photographs

Year 7 teachers:
Miss Simonetta, Mr Dowdell and Mrs Parkes

Year 7 Sport
Tuesday 4 February 2014

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Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who participated in representative OzTag.
Year 7: Mitchell Dries 7S and Patrick Sapiatzer 7B.
Year 8: Kayla Green, Connor Henderson, Oliver Ireland, Ebony Jolly, Natalia Lapa, Connor McFarlane, Kaitlin Reynolds, Bailey Smith and Brooke Walden.
Year 9: Jayden Collins and Joshua Collins.
Not only did we get to see some state of the art facilities and unique industrial workplaces, each organisation walked students through from Reception, Sales, Finance, Marketing, Distribution, Manufacturing, Servicing, Research and Development along with Software Development for eLearning opportunities for school students in the Macarthur Region.

These new Industry Links have been formed to enable both teams to collaborate on aspects of the competition and to improve areas in engineering and manufacturing, marketing and promotion, time and resource management and some addition financial support in the way of services and manufacturing of components to use either on the Race Car or Pit Display. This ongoing collaboration will see these students engaging with Industry Professionals in the pursuit of excellence.

With only a few weeks to go till we head off, you may see these students working hard during lunch and after school in preparation for a very exciting and rewarding experience. So get behind both Gamma Rayzing and Falcon Racing.

Mr Ian Gorrie:
TAS Coordinator and
Macarthur FL In Schools Hub Coordinator
Racing to Canberra

Since the announcement of two Magdalene Teams heading to Canberra, a significant amount of time has been invested through meetings, industry visits, collaborative discussions and a bit of sweat has gone into planning and preparing for the upcoming F1 in Schools Design Challenge National Finals which is happening in Week 8 Term 1.

Students from Gamma Rayzing (Year 11, Hannah Clancy, Jordan Duncan, Troy Minor, Luke Pappandrea and Matthew Said) and Falcon Racing (Year 10, Luisa Barillaro, Elyse Beauchamp, Nicholas Kotevski Damon Koulouris and Brayden McMonigal) each had the opportunity to run a Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser during the New Year. From this, students were able to raise much-needed funds to cover costs such as accommodation. Both Sundays were a great success and the students and their families put in the long day serving customers and some workers, a well deserving Sausage Sandwich and a cool drink.

Also during the holidays, both teams were invited to 3 Industry Tours within the Smeaton Grange Business District and Ingleburn Industrial Area. The day and activities were graciously organised and transport provided by Steve Horn (My Gateway) and Janelle, Amber and Dianna (MWLP) – both organisations are long standing school hub sponsors and significant contributors to the success of Magdalene in the F1 in School competition to date.

Both teams were provided some valuable collaboration time noting each company was quite different in their core business within the engineering field. The 3 companies visited were; CJD Volvo (next door to school), Laser Bond (in Smeaton Grange) and Breseight Precision Engineering (at Ingleburn).
This year we have had a very good start to the year and the students are all engaged with their learning. Overall the students are wearing their uniform well, however some students are struggling to meet the uniform expectations. This week all students were reminded of the following:

**BOYS’ UNIFORM**
Boys must have the following:
- Black belts.
- Grey socks
- Seniors must wear their ties.
- Hairstyles need to be neat and tidy and off their face. No extreme cuts, in particular undercuts.
- The boys need to be clean shaven.
- Shirts must be worn tucked into their trousers.

Jewellery – boys are only permitted to wear a watch and a silver or gold chain with a religious symbol. They are not to have any visible piercings. As of Monday all Jewellery that does not meet the uniform policy will be confiscated and placed in the office.

**GIRLS:**
- Skirt/dress length must be on the knee. Any skirt/dress that is too short needs to be adjusted by Monday morning.
- Senior girls must wear a tie and their shirts must be tucked into their skirt.
- Long Hair needs to be tied up and off the face. Colour should be a natural shade.
- Jewellery needs to follow school uniform policy, e.g. Watch, 1 pair small silver/gold earings in the lower lobe, necklace with a religious symbol. There should be no visible piercings, apart from the lower lobe. As of Monday any excess jewellery or inappropriate piercings will be confiscated.
- No make up, false nails, nail polish.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**
Sports uniform is to be worn on Tuesday or when the students have PE practical. Correct school shorts are to be worn and shoes should be an athletic shoe that is predominately white and complimentary to the sports uniform. If students do not have the correct sport uniform they will need to come to school in their school uniform and change into sports uniform for their lesson. Students should also wear white sports socks (school sports socks are available for purchase from the school office cost $6.00 a pair.

Thank you very much for supporting the school in ensuring that your children are able to meet the school dress code. We encourage our students to wear their uniform well, as it is an outward display of their pride and belonging to the school community.

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**NAGLE CENTRE and (ACU)**

The Nagle Centre and Australian Catholic University (ACU) has been offering Clemente Australia Program since 2007. This is a fully funded university course ot people who would like a chance to learn more about themselves and the world in which they live.

Clemente Australia is designed to enable individuals who are educationally or economically disadvantaged to complete a university course in a supportive and flexible environment.

Interested? Want to find out more!

**When?**
- Information Session: 5pm, Monday 3 March
- Classes start: 1—3pm Monday 10 March
- Lecturer: Jessica Brooks

**Where:**
The Nagle Centre, 22 Iolanthe Street, Campbelltown

**What to do now?**
To confirm attendance at the Information session or make further enquiries please phone: 4628 2928

For more information on Clemente Australia visit ACU website at:
MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Broughton Anglican

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<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>Terrific first up win. Great batting Mitchell Sapiatzer (22), Charles Fenech (18) and top bowling from all, especially John Poyntz (0/2) and Jacob Jenkins (0/2).</td>
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<td>A slow start to the year with a few new players. Outstanding first match by Mathew Williams.</td>
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<td>A new sport for most of the girls. They showed great team spirit. Thanks to our year 10 Coaches.</td>
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**NSWCCC Website Application Process**

_Note: These applications are for students already playing at an elite or representative level_

The NSW CCC individual sport nomination process will again be an online application. Students are required to “log on” to apply for a position to trial at a NSW CCC sport. **If registered last year, your account will still exist.**

Please note that your child will stay in the system and will go up an age group each year. The only time a parent will need to re-enter a child is when they roll over from primary to secondary.

You can use the same account to register for sports this year. You may have to edit/update student details if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Simply log on and complete an online application. If new to the system please use the following instructions to apply for an individual sport trial. These sports include - golf, tennis, AFL, girls cricket, baseball, sailing, triathlon, basketball, diving, netball, hockey (except for U/16 girls), canoeing, softball, volleyball, rowing, water polo.

**How to register for NSWCCC Individual trial**

Access the following website: [www.csss.nsw.edu.au](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.au)

Click on **NSWCCC**

Click on The sport you wish to register for e.g tennis, golf, triathlon

Click Register

You will need to create a log in, so click on **I need help logging in**

Scroll down to I don’t have a login

Click on Register by clicking here

As the parent you fill in the first page to register your child

You will now need to check your email for the password and the login

Go back to webpage and Login

You will now be asked to add the details of your child

Once finished, you will go to my account

Here you can change your password and add other children, as well as change school details if your child change through their secondary years

Save your details then Go to the Sports link e.g tennis, golf, triathlon (back on the homepage)
## NOTICEBOARD

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## Second Hand Uniform Pool

The Second Hand Uniform Pool will be open on the following dates:
- Monday 17 February 7.50am - 8.20am
- Friday 21 February 7.50am - 8.20am

There are a large number of Senior Uniforms currently available.

The Second Hand Uniform Pool requires donations of pre-loved uniforms in good condition. Please hand in at the Administration Office.

Please do not send in the previous style of sport uniform as these are no longer part of the current uniform.

If you require uniforms outside of these hours please call Kelly O’Keefe on 0410 553 812.

## ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2015

**MONDAY 10 March 2014**

**Open Afternoon and Tours 3pm - 6.30pm**

**Enrolment Preview 7pm - 8pm**

An open afternoon and tour of the school will take place on Monday 10 March from 3pm - 6.30pm.

An Enrolment Information Evening will be held from 7pm - 8pm on Monday 10 March.

This will give prospective new parents and existing families an opportunity to tour the school with their child, listen to an information session, question and answer time and an opportunity to speak with the Leadership team directly.

Enrolment Application forms will be available on this evening.

**ALL WELCOME!**

**Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2015**

open Tuesday 11 March 2014 and close Friday 11 April 2014.

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