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

This week students in Year 12 began their Trial Higher School Certificate (HSC) Examinations. This is the final school based examination that students will sit at Magdalene. There has been a great deal of preparation in the lead up to these examinations and teachers and students have been working together to refine approaches. Examinations, especially Trial Higher School Certificate, can be quite a stressful time for students, so it is essential that students approach any examinations with a high degree of preparation and continual study. The level of preparation can reduce both stress and anxiety. This appears to be done by most students and is an important message for all students.

At the conclusion of the Trial HSC Examinations most students will have completed their HSC assessment. Students in practical subjects will then be required to hand in their major works and/or projects or undertake their performances prior to the end of term. Students will also be involved in completing courses and undertaking revision in preparation for the HSC examinations.

I ask everyone to keep year 12 students in their thoughts and prayers during this very important time.

Last week the school celebrated Magdalene Feast Day, which was a wonderful community event. The day not only involved Members of the Magdalene Community, it also involved students from St Clare’s and Mater Dei, which added to the great community atmosphere.

As is the custom, the activities in the afternoon raised money for the Care Fund which is used to support families who may be facing significant financial burden due to major family illness. Between the Magdalene and St Clare’s contributions over $6,000 was raised to support families having difficulties which is a fantastic effort. I ask anyone who is aware of a family who may be in this situation to discreetly contact myself, or Mr Devine from St Clare’s. This will allow us to provide support from the fund where appropriate.

I thank the Magdalene community for their involvement in the above celebrations and especially acknowledge Fr Richard for celebrating Mass with us, Mr Wright and Mrs Forner for their organisation. I also acknowledge our special guests: Federal Member Mr Russell Mathieson; Br Peter Ryan, Provincial of the Patrician Brothers; Mr Alan McManus and Mr Ken Bryant from the Catholic Education Office; Mr Tom Van Kints from Catholic Mission; Mrs Lee Hennessy from St Vincent De Paul, Mr Tony Fitzgerald Principal Mater Dei; Mr Kevin Devine Principal St Clare’s; the many parents and friends who attended and especially students from our first Year 12 who left Magdalene 10 years ago this year.

During the Magdalene Feast Day Mass nineteen Year 8 students received 100 merit award Badges. I congratulate all students who were nominated to receive this acknowledgement, for their commitment to their education. Their names are included later in this newsletter.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Pierre de Coubertin Awards. This award is presented each year to one student in each school who is acknowledged for their sportsmanship and showing Olympic ideals in their commitment to sport. I congratulate Morgan Kitchener on being the 2014 Magdalene Pierre de Coubertin Award Winner.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Next week students of Year 5 from St Clare’s Narellan Vale, will visit Magdalene to begin the transition process to high school. The visit will entail students undertaking lessons and gaining a greater understanding of high school. We look forward to welcoming our visitors, giving them greater insights into Magdalene and allaying their concerns about high school. Students from Year 5 who attend St Paul’s Camden and St Anthony’s Picton will have the opportunity to visit Magdalene later this term.

Over the coming week students in Year 10 will make subject choices for Year 11 electives 2015. The process is an important one as students will use these subjects not only for their Higher School Certificate but also as a springboard to life beyond Magdalene. Each Year 11 2015, student will be interviewed to ensure that the choices are wise and that they will make a commitment to senior school. I thank Year 10 students for the mature manner in which they have approached the process and look forward to offering support as they make their subject choices and a commitment to senior school.

Over the last few weeks there have been a number of unsettling incidents which have caused misery suffering and death. In a world that often exhibits such devastation and destruction we as Christians can provide peace and hope. In many ways that hope begins in our own community and can spread across the world. We can all be instruments of peace and through prayer provide hope.

It is fitting that next Friday we celebrate the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, who provided hope to many in life but also provides hope to many who pray to her for intercession. Today we pray to St Mary MacKillop to intercede for us to provide peace for our world.

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St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in Your generous providence
and through the intercession of
Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that You grant our request for

Peace in our world

We believe in God’s loving kindness for all people.
Through our faith and hope in God’s love
we are confident that our prayer for Peace in our world will be granted.
We pray through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop
whose life demonstrated the effects of God’s great love.
We humbly and joyfully acknowledge
God’s honour and glory in our world.

Amen

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God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

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Congratulations Mr Lo Cascio!

We are pleased to announce that our principal,
Mr Lo Cascio welcomed his first grandchild into the world last week.

Sophia Jennifer Maia is a healthy baby girl
and Mr and Mrs Lo Cascio are happy and excited grandparents.

We extend to them and their family our warmest wishes at this special
time and pray God’s blessing for Sophia and her parents.
Year 10.1 History: Vietnam War Protest March

On 18 June, the students from 10.1, along with Mrs Byrnes, ventured within the school grounds clothing themselves with the colorful times of the 1970’s. Taking on the roles of Anti-War protesters, they verbally battled against other members of the class who were working for the government and also against Harold Holt himself (played by our Principal, Mr Lo Cascio).

It was fantastic to be able to really embody and therefore emphasize the importance of these turbulent times and we feel that our understanding of this Historical event has been greatly improved by participating in this activity.

By Riley Maguire and Bethany Chesney

CONGRATULATIONS
100 MERIT AWARDS BADGES

Katelyn Beller
Damien Buttigieg
Marcus Cabrera
Maddison Crowe
Tahla Daw
Athanasia Diacoumis
Abby Dillon
Olivia Doughty
Mckenzie Duguid
Georgia Francois
Kimberley Franks
Megan Ible

Andrea Insua-Vizcaino
Oliver Ireland
Bridie Kelly
Katarina Matijasevic
Rebecca Miller
Carly Monaghan
Julia Musico
Paige Nicholson
Maddison Radl
Annalise Smalley
Max Versteeg
Brianna Voulgaris
Magdalene Feast Day
22 July 2014
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alex Vella who also participated in the Grafton Under 13th Hockey State Championships.

Grafton Hockey under 13’s State Championship

This year I was selected to play in the under 13 State Championships for field hockey in Grafton. This was held from 18 - 20 July. We played 6 games altogether over the two days with some wins, draws and losses. We all improved over the course of the carnival and enjoyed the experience. It was a long drive but well worth the trip!

Brandon Smith

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Riley Maginn-Dawson who has been selected to play in the NSW Bushrangers Hockey team travelling to Perth in November.

CARRINGTON REMINISENCE PROGRAM

From term two week five, 14 others and myself have participated in the Carrington reminiscence program. In this program, we, the students, are in groups of 2-3. In our groups, we are paired with an elderly person where we ask them questions and, at the end of the program, create a presentation about their lives.

At the moment, myself, Bonnie and Georgie are visiting Laurie. He is a very nice, kind man with a very interesting fun life. This experience has opened my eyes and has allowed me to learn about other people. I hope that people in future years will enjoy it as much as myself and the whole group this year have.

Thanks
Ben Brown

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Holly Rasmussen who has been selected to play in the U13 NSW Blues hockey team and will be representing her State at the Australian Championships in Brisbane in October.
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MAGDALENE SHINES - 28 August 2014

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS

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SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Wollondilly Anglican (Round 1)

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<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>18-1</td>
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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>10-0</td>
<td>An excellent start to the season – well done girls. COACH: Miss L.Miller</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>Good start to the season. Scorers: Shannon 2, Kaitlin 1, Abby 1. MVP: Jasmine. COACH: Mr Wright</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>9-0</td>
<td>A great team effort for a good win. Great soccer skills. COACH: Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>Wollondilly</td>
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<td>A solid effort despite the loss. COACH: Mrs McAlister</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Basketball</td>
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<td>A great win to start off the season. Great game girls. COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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IMPORTANT SPORT INFORMATION
Parents are reminded that students who require asthma medication need to bring it to school and to sport each week. Also students who require an epipen need to have one supplied to school for sport – it is also important to ensure that epipens have not reached their expiry date.
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St Vincent de Paul Society Fundraiser
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH - Tuesday 4th November

EVENT: Vinnies Melbourne Cup Lunch
DATE: Tuesday 4th November
TIME: 12 Noon
VENUE: Tabcorp Park, Menangle
COST: $70 (Includes Food, Fashion & Fun - hot & cold buffet, TAB & Bar facilities)
RSVP: Tues 28th October / Lee Hughes 0458 297 667

Second Hand Uniform Shop
If you require uniforms from the shop please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812 to organise an appointment time.

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7 – 9 November
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