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

Last Tuesday Evening the Parents and Friends Association and the Parent Consultation Committee met for the Term 2 Meeting. The Parent Consultation Committee met following the Parents and Friends Association Meeting and the focus was two fold. Firstly to elaborate on the reporting grades for Years 7 – 11 and secondly to consider information technology and iPads use at Magdalene.

Mrs Kaperonis explained the grade descriptors and how these would be able to give greater insight into each student’s performance. This will be a change from previous reports. An overview of that information is included with this newsletter.

Mr Avalos then spoke about the use of technology at the school and especially iPads in the junior years. The school is now reviewing the use of iPads and whether it would be better to use note book computers in all years. The school is in the process of making decisions for 2017 and we would certainly appreciate any feedback from parents. I encourage all parents to allow their perspective to be noted by completing the online survey. The link to the survey is tinyurl.com/mchs2015.

Over the last two weeks the enrolment committee has been interviewing prospective Year 7 students for 2016. It was certainly gratifying to hear the positive responses of the students and their parents. It was also very pleasing to hear the very positive reputation that has been developed around Magdalene due to the positive contribution of members in so many different ways. I am grateful to the students who continue to uphold our good name in the wider community. This year there have been over 240 applications for 186 positions. Decisions around offers for enrolment will be made over the coming weeks and applicants will be notified at the end of this term.

Next week students in Year 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN Testing. These tests are diagnostic tests, the data from which will allow the teachers to understand where students need support in Numeracy and Literacy. The results will be used by all teachers to put strategies in place to ensure that students are more able to access the curriculum because of improved literacy.

As a school we are continually seeking ways to promote efficient communication with the community. Next week the school will launch its facebook site in an effort to promote improved communication the site will be trialled during this term and all activity will be closely monitored.

In the Last newsletter I acknowledged all those who contributed to the ANZAC Memorial Garden. It was remiss of me not to mention and thank the Year 10 students who contributed to both the garden and the creation of the Metal structures. Thank you to the Year 10 students involved.
This Sunday the Gospel gives us a very clear message as Catholics and followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus said to his disciples “this is my commandment: love one another as I love you.” This is certainly an apt message for Catholics and has great significance on Mother’s Day. This is a day for us to reflect and be thankful for Mothers who have given life to children and love them as Christ loves them.

Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

CARITAS

During Term One the Magdalene school community was working hard to support the social mission and core values of the Catholic Church. We believe in dignity, solidarity and stewardship on behalf of the world’s most vulnerable people. Caritas is a very well-respected charity who are working in developing countries right across the globe and we here at Magdalene are in partnership with them. One of the main messages that Bishop Peter has spoken about on numerous occasions is the concept of 'Faith in Action'. We are inspired by the Gospels, by the teachings of the Catholic Church and by the hopes of people living in poverty. We encourage everyone to respond to humanitarian disasters, to promote integral human development and to advocate on the causes of poverty and violence. We animate Catholic communities and all people of good will in solidarity with the suffering of their brothers and sisters around the world. Caritas is all about transforming lives. They believe in integral human development so that people in the worst off and most disadvantaged communities are free to flourish and live in peace and dignity. We work to ensure that our natural environment is managed responsibly and sustainably in the interests of the entire human family. We here at Magdalene are also calling for a better world through our partnership with this charity.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS TERM II

The next staff development day related to staff spirituality will be conducted on Friday 29 May.
Students ARE NOT required to attend school on the above date.

WINTER UNIFORM

A reminder that students will change to winter uniform on Monday 11 May.
Students will continue to wear winter uniform until the first Monday after Father’s Day (6 September).
During Term Two we shift our focus onto supporting the St Vincent De Paul Society, affectionately known as ‘Vinnies’ across Australia. We support the Vinnies Winter Appeal through collecting clothing and food. We’re also hosting our 5th Annual Winter Sleep out here at Magdalene on Friday 12th - Saturday 13th June and we also support the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown and the Vinnies Van services.

Be inspired by this story! Bobby’s Story (March, 2015 - name changed to protect privacy)... Bobby arrived on the doorstep early one morning last week, looking worse for wear, having heard about this service after attending the Vinnies food van the evening before. Bobby immediately provided information for a referral and received an immediate assessment of his needs along with some refreshments. Casework immediately commenced in relation to addressing his housing issues. Bobby reported to be living on the streets for the last two months, since being fearful to return to his Housing NSW property following a spate of break ins and threats by nearby residents. Bobby’s vulnerability became evident through assessment which identified various issues, including mental health, intellectual disability, Grief and loss and changes to his tenancy circumstances as a result of his aged Mother being placed in a Nursing home, which reduced his self- efficacy. Through advocacy with Housing NSW, arrangements were made to escalate an application for a property transfer and liaison with his Mental Health Nurse through Medicare Local, supported the process of advocating for the prioritisation of a transfer to promote his ability to stabilise his state of mental health. Through negotiation with Housing NSW, the application was processed and the necessary supports prepared for the transfer, including a referral to other support agencies to provide Bobby with ongoing Mental Health / disability supports. Bobby immediately felt a greater sense of security and wellbeing.

The staff and students here at Magdalene Catholic High School are responding to the request from the St. Vincent De Paul Society to supply donations of non-perishable food (such as cans as one example) and these donations are taken to the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown (run by Vinnies) and also taken to the Vinnies Van head quarters in Wollongong. We have staff and students on the permanent roster as volunteers working at the Nagle Centre in Campbelltown providing meals and hospitality to those in need of these services. Could all students please continue to bring in donations for our Vinnies Clothing Bin (clothing in good condition, beanies, scarves, socks, jumpers, jeans and track suits in particular) as well as cans and non-perishable food items for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. The photo here is Bishop Peter launching the services of the Vinnies Van which is carried predominantly through the support of the Catholic School communities in the Diocese of Wollongong. Thank you for your ongoing support.
YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 SCI4 experimenting with magnesium strips - they had just earned their Bunsen Burner licences so were pretty excited!
YEAR 8 SCIENCE DISPLAY
SCHOOL FOYER

The Year 8 students have been busy with their Science projects, and these are very proudly displayed in the school foyer in the Administration office. If you are coming into the front office make sure you stop and enjoy the colourful display.
CAMDEN ANZAC DAY MARCH
MEMORIAL COMMEMERATION SERVICE
100th Anniversary GALLIPOLI
The most recent development in assessment strategy has meant that there is now a more comprehensive approach to understanding what students can ‘do and know’. It involves using assessment activities or tasks as a regular part of the teaching and learning process to clarify students understanding of concepts, to remedy their misconceptions, and to support their learning and the development of deeper understanding.

Rather than a few large assessment events for each course in a year, teachers will develop a number of on-going ‘activities’ to shape teaching and to accommodate the individual needs of students. They will be gathering evidence to create a profile of the student. The achievement of students is described by the grade descriptors.

For the Half Yearly Reporting period, 7-9 will show grades ONLY which indicate each student’s progress and achievement of the course outcomes. The report will also include a description of the grades (A to E) and ‘what a student can typically do..’ at that grade level.

For Years 10 and 11, the report will contain the grade but there will be also be an Examination Result (as a percentage) and an Examination Average.

Year 12 Reports will contain all the information of previous years including Examination Result (percentage), Examination Average and Cumulative Rank. A grade will be allocated to the achievement of course outcomes.

All reports will indicate the student’s Commitment to Learning- where habits of application, behaviour, home studies, organization and participation are described as being consistent, mostly, inconsistent or rarely.

**How do students achieve their report grade?**
The allocating of the A-E grades is a holistic judgment made by the teacher and based on the range of assessment information gathered at that ‘point in time’.

It is one element of the reporting process.

The change will mean that *everything* that students do in class and at home *matters*.

There will be some tasks throughout the year that will be necessary for the whole group subject to complete. These are called *common* assessment tasks.

They may be given grades (A-E) to indicate their level of achievement in those tasks.

This model is one of constant *improvement* for students in their learning and teachers in their teaching. It is hoped that the feedback students receive will assist them in improving their understanding and skills, and that they continue to grow to value their learning at Magdalene.

Mrs Kaperonis

**PARENT TECHNOLOGY SURVEY**
Magdalene is committed to helping students discover and develop their talents and to equip them for the future. To achieve these outcomes, we use the facilities we identify as the best for teaching and learning. We believe that students at Magdalene should be equipped to deal with the digital world in which they will live and work.

We are requesting your participation in a brief survey, the purpose of this survey is to provide Magdalene Catholic High School with information to help support the technology needs and education of our students. Your responses to this survey will help us evaluate the effectiveness of our current 1:1 technology program so that we can design and improve the leaning and teaching experiences of our students.

This survey has been designed for parents and carers ONLY a separate survey will sent out to students early next week.

**Survey link:**  [tinyurl.com/mchs2015](http://tinyurl.com/mchs2015)

Mr Danny Avalos
Learning Technologies Coordinator
NAPLAN 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on the 12th, 13th and 14th of May (Term 2, Week 4) for students in Year 7 and Year 9. The timetable is outlined below:

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On **Friday 15th May** there will be a ‘catch-up’ day for any students who missed a test or were absent on a particular test day.

There will be two Numeracy tests i.e. one where students may use a calculator and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the students should use the calculator that they currently use at school. Students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors in either of the Numeracy tests.

Students will receive some preparation for NAPLAN in the lead up to the tests in various classes and they are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the format of the tests at: [http://www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

On the testing days students will need to bring the following equipment:

- HB pencil
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- calculator

Students will also need to bring their school bag, school diary and books for the classes that they will be attending on these days.

Linda Maher
LITERACY TEACHER

**MATHEMATICS - ICAS Competition**

Upcoming Maths events…

ICAS Competition - all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been entered into the ICAS Mathematics competition which will be held on Tuesday 11 August. Details for the day will be sent out closer to the date.

Year 7 Maths Day - we are delighted to offer a Mathematics incursion for all Year 7 students on Friday 14 August. Included in this day are workshops presented by Inquisitive Minds as well as other practical activities coordinated by Mathematics teachers. Details for the day will be sent out closer to the date.

Ms Haines
PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION

On 22 April 2015 Year 9, 10 and 11 Photography students went on an excursion to Sydney. The day began a little cold and wet. All students met at Campbelltown train station early in the morning and caught the train to St. James station from there we headed straight to the Art Gallery of NSW. We attended The Photography and Australia exhibition, this exhibition looked at the role that photography has played in shaping our view of the world, ourselves and each other. Works on display dated back from as early as the 1840’s through to today, from daguerrotypes, tintypes and glass plate negatives it was amazing to look back through history and see original negatives and prints from so long ago. The exhibition featured photographs by well known artists as well as photographs from unknown photographers, including everyday pictures from family albums and postcards. Some of the most recognizable photographs we spotted were by Australian photographers Olive Cotton, Max Dupain, and David Moore.

After lunch we then headed down to Circular Quay to the Museum of Contemporary Art, to participate in gallery workshops. During the afternoon we took some time to take in the amazing scenery and investigate the Sydney landscape taking photographs of some of Sydney’s most iconic locations including the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. Even though it was wet and raining we still enjoyed every bit of our trip and gained a new appreciation and knowledge of photography.

Ms Tree
SPORTS NEWS

MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Macarthur Anglican (Round 1)

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<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>A great game with only one reserve. Things went well after the team slowed down to play their own game. Coach: Mrs Hort</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>The girls were excellent and stepped up when the game required it. Mr Eisenhuth</td>
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<td>7 Boys Soccer</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>5-0</td>
<td>Great teamwork: MVP: Aiden Shaw with two goals. The other goal scorers were Adam, Taylor and Patrick. Good goal keeping from Aiden Kumutat. Coach: Mr Wright</td>
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<td>8-9 Boys Soccer</td>
<td>Macarthur</td>
<td>2-0</td>
<td>Great team effort and a spirited performance. We were unlucky not to get a goal. MVP: Antonio Farkas Coach: Mr Manns</td>
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<td>10-12 Boys Soccer</td>
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<td>8-0</td>
<td>A 100% effort with only 7 players despite the score. MVP: Adam Alvaro Coach: Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>10-12 Boys Softball</td>
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<td>Fielding proved the difference in a very competitive game. MVP: Sam McConchie Coach: Mr Arzapitian</td>
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<td>We tried our best and played well as a team.</td>
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<td>7-9 Boys Hockey</td>
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<td>MVP: Riley Maginn-Dawson Coach: Mr Hewitt</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Hockey</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>1-0</td>
<td>A great first game for the team. MVP: Isabelle Borg, MIP: Bethany Jenkins Coach: Miss J Miller</td>
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DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The Diocesan Cross Country Carnival was recently held at Nowra with a large number of our students involved form across all age groups. All of the runners gave of their best to make it through the tough undulating course. Magdalene finished 4th overall with Sheree Farrell and Adam Farkas making it through to Diocesan representation.

Well done to our team and thanks to our teacher supervisors Mr Lipscombe and Mr Arzapitian.

Magdalene Cross Country Team:

Nicolas Allen
Aleesha Austin
Tim Banks
Jack Beeby
Katelyn Beller
Aiden Berenger
Jaylen Berroa
Lauren Bertolissio
Roisin Bolwell
Stephanie Brancato
Abby Britt
Nicholas Bull
Matthew Burke
Nicholas Ciappara
Jack Davenport
Keira Davidson
Anastasia de Pourbaix

Adam Farkas
Matea Farkas
Sheree Farrell
Kyla Foley
Hannah Geremia
Julian Gilbert
Claudia Henderson
Indi Holland
Alex Honan
Elisabeth Kelly
Zane King
Steph Krause
Analea Lindo
Riley Maginn-Dawson
Teagan McConchie
Connor McFarlane
Zoe Miller

Christopher Pernia
Paige Pirotta
Olympia Plummer
Brady Polkinghorne
Emily Predl
Brittany Rasmussen
Holly Rasmussen
Aiden Shaw
Jemma Simpson
Isabel Staunton
Patrick Staunton
Timothy Stewart
Luke Summers
Maddie Taylor
Benjamin Walsh
Kaine Whitelaw
Liam Yabsley
SPORTS NEWS

BRANDON VELLA – JACK NEWTON GOLF SHIELD

Well done to Brandon Vella who recently finished 6th at the Jack Newton Shield Golf Tournament held at Blackheath.

Brandon continues to improve in Golf and has shown that he can cope with adverse conditions as shown through his success despite the wet weather during the tournament.

HIDDEN SPORTS STARS

Profile

Ricardo Rahme

Rugby League:
Under 18’s SG Ball South Sydney Rabbitohs Team

Goals are:
Make the side for the Under 20’s Holden Cup Team
NRL First Grade

Good Luck achieving your Goals!

Profile

Samantha Coupe- Hockey

Achievement in the last year: Announced in the under 18s state hockey team and participated in the 2015 U18 Women’s Nation championships over the last holidays in Adelaide.

Participated in the 2015 City vs Country hockey tournament

Was selected in the 2014 CCC U/16 Womens hockey team

Goals for the future: Get a sports scholarship for University and look into making 21s State team in the near future.

Good Luck achieving your Goals!
St John the Evangelist Catholic High School, Nowra will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary on Saturday 23 May. Please see the flyer below.

Father Patrick Faherty will be celebrating the Mass and it will be followed with a complimentary supper. All welcome to attend and visit with old and new friends. Please confirm numbers as soon as possible.

Mount Carmel is celebrating their 30 Year Anniversary with a celebration dinner which will be held on Saturday 20 June.

ALL WELCOME.
May

11-12 Mon–Tues  Yr 11 Preliminary Examinations
11 Mon  Yr 12 Parent, Teacher, Student Interviews
12–14 Tues–Thurs  NAPLAN TESTS
18–22 Mon–Fri  Yr 9 & 10 Exams
22 Fri  Yr 7 Vaccinations
28 Thurs  School Photograph Day
29 Fri  Staff Spirituality Day

June

3  Wed  Yr11, 2016 Information Evening
4  Thurs  Photograph Make up day
5  Fri  Yr 9 Reflection Day
10  Wed  Mace Careers Expo
11  Thur  Magdalene Shines Set up
12  Fri  Yr 10 History Excursion

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open by appointment only for the remainder of this term.

The uniform shop is also in need of small sized blazers, if you have any at home which you no longer require please forward through to the front office.

If you require second hand uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553812

MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #1

A sports club has a total of 163 members. The club offers the choice of basketball, cricket and soccer. Each member selects one or more activity to do: 73 play cricket, 100 play basketball, 60 play at least two different sports and 10 play all three.

(a) How many members play soccer?
(b) There are 25 members that play both basketball and cricket, how many members plays soccer only?

Watch this space Answer in next newsletter.

Ms Haines

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