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

On Thursday 11 June the school celebrated the tremendous talent that is evident in our community through ‘Magdalene Shines’. As expressed by compere Ben Brown this was truly a “showcase and celebration of talent.” I was impressed by students’ willingness to use their talent and become involved in the evening which proved to be an outstanding evening of entertainment. I acknowledge the students who were involved and congratulate them on their commitment and obvious talent. I also thank Mr Mäe, Mr O'Donnell and Ms Flick for their organisation of the evening. I express my gratitude to each of the teacher volunteers for giving up their time to support the students. Finally thank you to everyone who came along to support the students and give them the recognition they deserve.

I remind parents that Parent /Teacher/ Student interviews for Years 7 to 10 will be conducted over the coming week. A designated evening has been nominated for students in each of the year groups and all students are able to make bookings for Friday 26 June. As all teachers will be involved in interviews there will be no lessons on that day and students not involved in interviews will not be required to attend school.

Next term students will return to school on Tuesday July 14. The first day of term is a staff development day, which will be used to develop greater understanding of “Grades and academic standards” across year groups. This knowledge will then be applied to assessment tasks and differentiated lessons across the school. The day will be facilitated by Mrs Cheryl Russell, from the Catholic Education Office, and the Magdalene Leadership Team. The overall aim of the professional learning is to continue a focus on excellence by having a thorough understanding of standards.

Over the holidays two members of the teaching staff will be married to their respective fiancées. I wish Mr Aaron Boom and his fiancée Anita and Miss Marie Partridge and her fiancée Paul all the very best for their wedding day. I also wish them every blessing in their future lives together.

Last week Mrs Violi began her maternity leave for the remainder of 2015. I take this opportunity to wish Mrs Violi and her husband David all the best for the impending birth of their baby and assure them our thoughts and prayers will be with them.

Tonight the school will be conducting the annual winter sleep out in support of homeless people in our society. There are a number of teachers and students involved in the Ignite retreat and the sleep out. The event is conducted so participants can gain a greater understanding of the plight of the homeless as well as offer them support. I thank everybody involved and will include a more comprehensive report in the next newsletter.

The past week has been recognised as World Refugee Week. Refugee Week is an annual event which promotes positive images of refugees and celebrates the valuable contribution refugees make to Australian society. The ultimate aim is to facilitate better understanding between different communities and encourage successful integration, enabling refugees to live in safety and to continue making a valuable contribution to Australia.
The theme of Refugee Week is “With courage let us all combine”. It is a challenge for each of us to reach out and increase our understanding and support of refugees so they feel very much part of our community.

**Prayer**

*A Prayer for Refugees*

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee
and had no place to call his own;
Look with mercy on those who today
are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day
when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

God Bless

Mr John Lo Cascio

Principal

**UNIFORM REMINDER**

A reminder to parents and students, it is expected that all students wear the correct school uniform and sports uniform and present in an appropriate manner at all times. Makeup or artificial hair colouring are not allowed and the length and style of hair is to comply with school rules found in the school diary.

For boys, shirts need to be tucked in and belts worn. Winter uniform is to be worn during Terms Three and blazers are a compulsory part of school uniform and must be worn to and from school.

**St Vincent de Paul Society**

St Vincent de Paul Society makes a real difference in the lives of 1 out of 18 people in Australia. By supporting Vinnies, you are helping them rebuild lives. By giving money, clothes, food and blankets you are giving hope to individuals and to families in need across Australia. As we brace ourselves for another harsh winter, some people need hope more than anything.

Students at Magdalene have the chance to make a difference to these peoples' lives by providing perishable food items including cans as well as warm clothing and blankets that they no longer want or need, to help make a difference. Please continue to bring in cans of food and other non-perishable items for our Winter Appeal. These are being collected before homeroom each morning outside the Learning Resource Centre. Kind Regards, The Vinnies Club.
On the 11 June, we had a BBQ and Raffle at Magdalene Shines, in order to raise money for the Brewarrina Social Justice Initiative.

In October from the 11th to 17th, twelve Year 11 students and 3 teachers will be travelling to Brewarrina to become involved and develop a sustainable working relationship with children living in remote communities from St Patrick’s Primary School and Weilmoringle Primary School. Not only is it offering an opportunity to forge links with schools in a rural setting, but it will also allow for reciprocal learning and a greater appreciation to take place. This enriching experience, where cross cultural sharing will occur, will allow both students and teachers to gain an authentic insight into the life of those living in our wider school communities.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity in providing donations as gifts for the fundraising raffle:

Entos Financial Services
Smooth Skin Saloon
The Simonetta Family

Congratulations to the following winners:
Magdalene Shines Raffle
1st Prize $300 JB Vouchers Mr Tony Bonanno
2nd Prize $150 Coles Vouchers Ms Marie Partridge
3rd Prize $50 Visa Giftcard Mrs Marlene Whitelaw
4th Prize Beauty Voucher Mrs Zsa Zsa Moudawar

Fruit Baskets: Ms Marie Partridge and Mr Gene Platten.

On the night we raised approximately $1,487.00. Thank you for your continual support.

Elyse Beauchamp

YEAR 8 ITALIAN EXCURSION
On May 30th Sophie Cornett, Dina Luo and Elyse Beauchamp travelled to the Kerry Packer Building at the Westmead Children's Hospital to participate in the SCHN (Sydney Children's Hospital Network) Advisory Group program. This program includes a selected few students across NSW who participate and discuss clinical research in regards to the health of young adolescents and children. Innovation, collaboration and communication skills from the students are harnessed in order to improve current and future clinical research outcomes to benefit those children who are suffering from disease.

The day began with a welcome from Jeff Wall, the associate director of Research Operations for the Sydney Children's Hospital, who is the organiser of the group. He also introduced the steering committee, a team of inspirational men and women who are leaders in research at the hospital and in their various lines of work, who will be important collaborators with us on various projects. After an introductory video (Which can be seen at this link if you want more information about youth research: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtyJ6DdkgKM ) we were then introduced to Mr Anthony Bonici, who talked about his personal experience of medical research to give us an insight into how it affects people's lives. We then met Mr Chris Cowell, who is the Director of Research for the SCHN, and he spoke about the work being done in laboratories globally to find processes to cope with, cure and prevent diseases, as well as new technology being developed based on medical research. Before our first activity, we heard from Mr Mitch Kirkman who guided us through the ethical and moral guidelines of medical research, how it is all about the people involved and their safety, and we began to develop an understanding that this group would be about being able to help people internationally understand the importance of clinical research, reduce fears about it's safety, and be part of a process that will give a voice to all youth in the medical industry.

At first sight, apprehension filled the air yet as soon as the inspirational researchers began to explain what the program was about and alluded us to the wonders clinical research can create and result in, all participants became enthusiastic and content as we realized that we were all here for the same ultimate goal- “to eliminate disease”. We were told an inspirational story of a miraculous survival of twins who were born 3 months in advance and how due to research, the cancer survival rate has been increased to 85%. Shortly after that, we parted and were guided to begin our very first activity working as a collaborative team with people we have just met. Our aim was to illustrate how we perceive children’s research and to create an advertisement of what we believed it to be all about hence raise awareness to research and then to come forth to present our judgments and outlooks to the team. All of the groups had similar opinions of using bright colours to represent the joy clinical research could produce for individuals, figures holding hands to show teamwork and unity as we strive for the same ultimate goal and also use of prompting words such as “a voice”, “trust”, “support” and “care” to represent what medical research aims to enforce.

After lunch, we heard from two truly inspirational people, a mother and son, who were a part of an important clinical research into a potential cure for NF1. NF1 is a genetic disease that weakens the bones in the body so they are more prone to breaking and do not heal as well. This was a disease that the son was born with, and after spending years of his life having to come into hospital regularly, and face with no other option but amputation of both his legs, he and his mum agreed to participate in a clinical trial. This was an amazing story to listen to, as he ended up with a fantastic result, now able to participate in sports and be a truly normal kid, spending far less time in hospital. This really reinforced for all of us just how important it was to spread awareness and support for medical research to assist all the families struggling with the burden of an incurable disease.
After we conversed with our auspicious guest speakers, who provided such an authentic example of how Clinical Research is immensely enhancing the health of our national community, we were asked in groups to come up with a design business plan for the KIDS Research Advisory Group. Answering questions such as: How many should be in the group, our ultimate goal, how will we further promote, and roles within the group. This structure and plan deviated and focused not only the program but all students and leaders involved about where our actions will be directed next. This was the ultimate test of collaboration and innovation. After presenting back to the groups where we learnt and appreciated the varied opinions, we had a final address from Jeff Wall who articulated the potential influence we will be able to wield over children’s Clinical Research and the future of the KIDS Sydney Children’s Hospital.

I don’t think anyone could come away from Saturday without thoughts about the group’s potential and ideas to make it a fantastic experience for the medical industry and for all involved. Seeing so many inspirational young people gathered together with a real passion for the change this group will make and fantastic ideas just proves how truly amazing the youth are, and we know that we came away from the day with a great appreciation for the medical industry and possibly a few career ideas.

We would like to encourage you all to keep up to date with the goings on of the group through the Westmead Children’s Hospital Website and follow @icanresearch on twitter to see the international co-operation between clinical research and youth.

Finally we would like to thank Mr Collins for letting us know about the program and giving us the opportunity to be part of such an amazing youth program, and will continue to keep you updated about the group’s work in the future.

By Sophie Cornett, Dina Luo and Elyse Beauchamp
WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Over the last month young ladies from Year 12 have been invited to attend the Business Relationships at Sunrise (BRAS) 7:00am breakfasts at Rydges at Campbelltown. This organisation [http://www.brasnetwork.com.au](http://www.brasnetwork.com.au) has an ongoing commitment to a growing and prosperous Macarthur region. In 2006, they developed a successful High School program where they sponsor students each month to attend their breakfast. This provides students with an opportunity to meet and mix with local business women who can help teach and pass on knowledge and skills that can assist them not only in their personal lives but also for their future business aspirations.

Alicia Camilleri and Jessica-Lee Wessely met with a representative from the Oran Park Smart Hub which is a model of working local for your company. [http://www.oranparksmartworkhub.com.au](http://www.oranparksmartworkhub.com.au)

Last week Simone Brown and Georgie Paterson met with Anne Parnham who was recently announced as the 2015 Local Woman of the Year for Campbelltown by Minister for Women Pru Goward. Simone and Georgia proved to be great ambassadors for the school.

WORKPLACE TRANSITION TOUR

Last Thursday 18 students from Year 10 were fortunate enough to be able to visit 3 local TAFE institutions and be given short presentations of several of the courses of study available to them. The day was organised by Macarthur Workplace Learning (MWLP).

**At Campbelltown:**
- Vehicle Trades (Panel and Paint)
- Administration and Finance
- Chemical Technology
- Info Tech & Graphic Design
- Automotive with Transport & Logistics

MBISC – Building Centre Ingleburn

**At Macquariefields:**
- Carpentry
- Travel
- Tiling
- Fitness
- Fashion
YEAR 11 ATTEND THE CAREERS EXPO
MAGDALENE SHINES
MAGDALENE SHINES
HIDDEN SPORTS STARS

Name: Matt Edwards

Sport: AFL

Achievements in the last year: Making the AFL U16 NSW/ACT Rams side to compete in the National Championships in July at the Gold Coast.

Goals for the future: To be drafted to an AFL club.

Name: Maddison Smith

Sport: Softball

Achievements:
- Won both U/17s and U/19s State championships in 2014 for Macarthur.
- Played Nationals in the U/17s NSW softball team, in Canberra and the team won.
- Was also selected for the U/17s Australian friendship team to play in the July school holidays.

Goals for the future: To be selected for the Australian Olympic team which will play in Tokyo in 2020.
Year 7 Sport

13/5/15
In hockey Moore played Dunne, some girls were very active participants and demonstrated great skills. Dunne scored an early goal and Moore scored another soon after, however Dunne eventually scored the winning goal, with the finishing score being 2-1.
Adam Skvorc.

27/5/15
Sedgwick played Wilson in a close fought hockey game. Both homerooms showed great participation and Sedgwick eventually won 3-2.
Adam Skvorc.

This week in Year 7 sport Moore and Hogan battled each other on the netball court. It was a very close game with both teams putting in a great effort and a large amount of enthusiasm to play to their best ability and learn some netball skills

Brianna Higgins

Great work from the boys from Moore and Sedgwick who participated in a competitive game of softball with the Moore boys running out victors 18-6. An entertaining game between both teams on the day.
Troy Minor

It was a tough game on Tuesday as Hogan vs Moore boys competed in netball. The score was 5-3, Hogan winning that game. Everyone participated within the sport and supported each other. It became close at one point but Hogan remained strong to keep the lead. Overall the day went smoothly and everyone had a positive attitude.
Luke Abby

SPORTS NEWS

PAIGE PIROTTA - Year 12
Paige is being presented a Pierre de Coubertin Award on Friday. She will also be attending workshops with some of our Olympians.

The Pierre de Courbertin Award is presented for sporting achievement and for the display of Olympic ideals.

Congratulations to Paige on receiving this Prestigious Award.

BEN CARROLL - Year 9
Australian Gymnastic Championships
Ben attended the Australian Gymnastic Championship in which he achieved 4th in Double Mini Trampoline, 5th in Individual Trampoline and 1st in Synchronised Trampoline.

Following Nationals he spent 4 days at the AIS with the top 30, 13-15 year old Trampolinists from across the country.

SHEREE FARRELL - Year 10
Sheree Farrell has been selected to represent New South Wales at the 2015 Pacific School Games. Sheree will be competing in the 1500m freestyle. The event will be held in Adelaide in November.

Congratulations on your selection in the team.
17 June 2015

A message from the Director of Schools to Parents and Carers

Volunteers working with Children in Catholic Schools

A shared Commitment to creating Child Safe Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wollongong

Volunteers offer a valued support base for our Catholic schools, assisting school staff to provide a range of high-quality opportunities to promote the learning, wellbeing and growth of students. As partners in the education of your child, Schools encourage parents and carers to play an active part in the school life of their children and appreciate that you will consider volunteering when the school asks for assistance.

The protection of children entrusted to our care, is a very serious responsibility. It is important for parents and carers to be aware of some steps that Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong schools are taking to help maintain Child Safe Catholic Schools.

In 2013 the NSW government introduced a new Working with Children Check (WWCC) scheme which is being phased in over a number of years. The WWCC is free for volunteers.

Under NSW legislation many of our parent volunteers (and close relatives as well) in schools are exempt from requiring a Working with Children Check. To help ensure a Child Safe school for your children we are taking a range of important steps.

These steps are explained in the guide: [http://bit.ly/Requirements4SchVolunteers](http://bit.ly/Requirements4SchVolunteers)

When parents and carers are being engaged to volunteer they will be asked to either:

(i) Provide their Working with Children Check (WWCC) details if they already have obtained a WWCC for other work; or otherwise

(ii) Complete a Declaration.

The school will assist parent volunteers with this process.

Existing volunteers will be contacted by the school to similarly complete this process in due course.

Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong appreciates your support in maintaining Child Safe Catholic Schools. Should you have any questions or require any further information please contact the School, or Catholic Education, Diocese of Wollongong on (02) 4253 0800 or by email to workingwithchildren@dow.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your ongoing support and active involvement as we work together to create vibrant Catholic schools that support every student to grow in faith and improve in learning.

Yours sincerely

Peter Turner
Director of Schools
Diocese of Wollongong
The Youth Scholarship Program helps young people living in social housing to complete their Higher School Certificate (HSC) or TAFE equivalent by providing a one-off payment of $1,500 to be spent on education-related items. This is to help young people to fulfil their potential.

How do I know if a student is eligible?
To be eligible, a student must be:

- Living in social housing in NSW (public housing, Aboriginal housing, community housing) or on the NSW Housing Register (waiting list) or living in crisis accommodation
- Studying in Year 11 or 12 at a NSW high school or TAFE college for the HSC or TAFE equivalent in 2016
- Aged under 25 years on 1 December 2016
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- Earning an income equal to or lower than the NSW social housing eligibility limits (if earning an income).
- Students who have previously been awarded a Youth Scholarship via this program are ineligible to apply.

When does the application need to be completed?
Applications open on 15 June 2015 and close at 5pm on 31 July 2015. **Late applications will not be accepted.**

What the scholarship can be used for?
The scholarship can be used to buy items or services which help the student complete the HSC or TAFE equivalent, including:

- Private tuition or coaching
- Text books, workbooks, study guides and stationery
- Specialist equipment (e.g. art, music or photographic materials)
- Course costs (including materials), excursions, study camps, sport
- IT related expenses (including laptop, desktop PC and internet access)
- Computer software, printer and scanner
- Uniform and specialist clothing
- Other support which helps the student remain in education (such as childcare).
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**PUPIL FREE DAY**
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

July

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**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

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**MATHS PUZZLE**

Maths Puzzle #3

At a birthday party, the number of guests Bernard invited is equal to his age. During the party, each person shakes hands with every other person exactly once. There are a total of 253 handshakes during the party, how old is Bernard?

Answer to Maths Puzzle #3

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253 = 22 + 21 + 20 + 19 + 18 + 17 + 16 + 15 + 14 + 13 + 12 + 11 + 10 + 9 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1
\]

If Bernard is the first person, he shakes hands with 22 people, the next person shakes hands with the next 21 people and so on. As Bernard has invited 22 people, he must also be 22 years old.

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.

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