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

On Wednesday 22 July the community celebrated Magdalene Feast Day. This was a day to reflect on the message of our patron Mary Magdalene while coming together as a community to support each other. The morning featured a whole school Mass, celebrated by Fr Michael Williams. During the homily Fr Michael reflected on the important example set by Mary Magdalene, in terms of living our lives by being witnesses to Christ’s message of love. Fr Michael also spoke about Mary Magdalene’s devotion to Jesus Christ, reflected in her emotions firstly of grief at the death of Christ and joy in the resurrection. In following this example of Mary Magdalene all of us are encouraged to share our emotions with our God. Fr Michael then proceeded to encourage all of us to be willing to find solitude with God, as Mary Magdalene did. This can be flattering but is a real challenge in the present busyness of today’s society.

Mass was followed by a fair, consisting of rides and stalls, which raised funds for the Magdalene St Clare’s Care Fund. The day proved to be a wonderful celebration of who we are and an opportunity to be thankful for the blessings we have received as a community.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge our special guests who attended Magdalene Feast Day: Fr Michael Williams, Mr Alan McManus, Mr Ken Bryant, Mr Tom van Kints, Mrs Lara Symkowiak, Mrs Jennifer Foldes, Mrs Isabella Potts, Mrs Lee Hughes SVDP, Janine Ashton SVDP Mrs Mary Ellen Bland, Ms Jane McDonald Pastoral Care Coordinator Carrington Mr Tony Fitzgerald, Mr Kevin Devine and students from St Clare’s and Mater Dei. Finally I thank all members of the community for their involvement and willingness to be part of this wonderful community.

On Friday 7 August I will be taking long service leave from Magdalene and returning on Monday 14 September 2015. As a result of my absence the following staff will assume temporary roles. Mr Elliott will assume the role of Acting Principal, Mrs Forner will assume the role of Acting Assistant Principal, Mr Zakris will step into the role of Acting Pastoral Care Coordinator and Ms Marie Partridge will undertake the role of acting Year 12 Coordinator. I wish each of these staff members all the best in their temporary roles.

Over the past two weeks the school has been host to 20 students from Hong Kong. The students have had the opportunity to be involved in Magdalene Feast Day as well as a number of classes on various afternoons. The visit has proved to be a most worthwhile experience for both Magdalene students and our visitors. We wish all of the students well as they begin their journey back to Hong Kong tomorrow. I also acknowledge our host families for their willingness to support our visitors during their time in Australia.

This week Year 12 students began their Trial Higher School Certificate Examinations. This is quite a stressful time for students but it can also be quite affirming. It can be stressful in the sense that students undertake unseen examinations and are working in a limited time frame to fully complete answers. It can also be quite affirming in that the results offer feedback to students and allow them to have confidence in their progress while giving them direction in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate Examinations. I ask everyone to keep Year 12 in their thoughts and prayers as they complete the Trial Examinations and in the lead up to the Higher School Certificate.

On Monday morning Mr Zakris led the staff in prayer in support of Year 12. I share that prayer for everyone to use in support of Year 12.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
A Parent’s Prayer for Students Sitting Exams
www.caribbeantotstoteens.com

God our Heavenly Father
You know the hard work that we all have done
And the times when we have failed to give You our best.
You know the future that lies ahead for these children and
You have prepared a banquet for them.

As they go into this examination:
Calm their hearts, O Loving Father,
That they may feel Your peace.
Calm their minds, O Loving Father,
That all their thoughts may be clear and correct.

Bless every person who has given of themselves on this journey,
Family, teachers, friends and classmates.

As we surrender our children to You, in every way,
Let Your Will be done in their lives today and always
AMEN

Mr John Lo Cascio
Principal

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Mr Duncan Beh and his wife Karen
on the birth of a son Anthony William.
We wish Anthony William every blessing as he begins his life journey.

REMOVAL OF SOME TREES AT MAGDALENE
Recently all trees on the school were inspected to ensure the safety of students.
A number of trees were deemed to be a safety risk by a professional arborist.
Those trees have been removed over the last week.

SCHOOL SPORTS SHORTS
A new sports short has been selected in consultation with the Student Leadership Team and
the Parents & Friends Association.
This was approved at the Parents & Friends meeting on Tuesday 28 July.
The new sports short will be available at the end of September from Lowes.
CATHOLIC MISSION UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **CATHOLIC MISSION** is the international Catholic charity that we are supporting this term until the end of Week 4 in Term 4. Each year group will be allocated two weeks for supporting this appeal. The first of the respective two weeks is for awareness raising (education), promotion and organising for your second week which is the fundraising week. Please view this video as a starting point: https://youtu.be/kvEWdFwEh-s

- Term 3 - Week 3: AWARENESS-RAISING (YEAR 10)
- Term 3 - Week 4: FUNDRAISING (YEAR 10)
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- Term 3 - Week 10: FUNDRAISING (YEAR 7)
- Term 4 - Week 1: AWARENESS-RAISING (YEAR 8)
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**Term 4 - Week 4: FUNDRAISING (YEAR 9)**

2. **DOOR KNOCK APPEAL**: Each year we host the Macarthur region Vinnies Door Knock appeal. This year this event takes place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August based here in the Brothers House at Magdalene Catholic High School. Please save the date and organise a group of friends to support this worthy local charity.

3. **BREWARRINA** is a town in North West NSW and we have students from Magdalene who are heading out there later this year to visit students in that region. Mrs McClafferty is leading some staff and students in doing important fundraising for this immersion trip. Chocolates are being sold - please show your support!

4. **IGNITE Twilight Retreat**. This will be our 19th Twilight Retreat and every time they have been fun, meaningful and engaging events for all involved. Our next IGNITE is on Friday 28th August from 4pm - 9pm. Posters and permission slips will be out this week!

Kind Regards,
Mr Pannell.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

**Week 3 Term 3 2015**

July 22nd saw another wonderful celebration of our school feast day for Mary Magdalene. The celebration of Mass as a school community was a wonderful start to the day, with Fr. Michael leading our celebration.

The involvement level of students is one of the highlights of celebrations like this. From leaders carrying coloured lamps in procession, to students reading Prayers of Intercession in several foreign languages, to our own students who have been trained as Eucharistic Ministers, giving out Holy Communion to their teachers and their peers. This Mass really did reflect the faith commitment and reverence of the young people in our school community.

The afternoon celebrations were also a time of great joy for the school community and our guests and it was wonderful to see our Magdalene students warmly welcome students from other schools.

Perhaps they were sharing the joy that Mary Magdalene shared when she said to the apostles on that first Easter morning: “I have seen the Lord” (John 20:18).

As Pope Francis wrote at the beginning of his Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*, “The Joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.”
Welcome to our new column for the newsletter “Where are they now?” This column is designed to highlight the amazing achievements and acts of social justice that are happening in the community from our former students. We are proud to acknowledge our students, and happy that so many Magdalene alumni are living proof of our motto “Strong Minds and Gentle Hearts”. It is our intention to keep this section as an ongoing addition to our newsletter to share these stories with the wider community.

If you know of someone who has made a significant contribution to social justice initiatives or have achieved something at a high level please email Mrs Kylie McAllister with information at mcallisterk01@dow.catholic.edu.au

Jazmine Thomas (class 2012)

In the last two years there has been a strong campaign to bring to light the scourge that is domestic violence. For far too long the issue has been a hidden issue, however, there is enormous push using the media to reduce the incidence of domestic violence within the community. When a friend was faced with a domestic violence situation, Jazmine Thomas and two friends decided they wanted to help bring awareness to this issue and to raise money for the White Ribbon Organisation. This is the second year that they organised a fundraising event held at Harrington Grove Country Club. Jazmine submitted the following information:

**One in three women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence perpetrated by someone known to them, and on average in Australia, one woman is killed every week as a result of intimate partner violence. These statistics, if you were not already aware, will astound you, just like they astounded us last year. After one of our close friends had fallen victim to an act of domestic violence, we wanted to make our contribution to White Ribbon Australia – Australia’s campaign to stop violence against women. Once we furthered our reading into the cause, we couldn’t believe how many women are affected every day, we wanted to do everything we could to help. Two of my friends and I got together and organised a High Tea Fundraiser in September of last year, to not only raise funds for, but also awareness of White Ribbon. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and support of people within the community and were amazed at the turnout on the day. It was a beautiful event and we raised well over $4,000. This year, we have recruited two more of our closest friends and have organised a Cocktail Evening for the 25th July. Again, we were elated with the amount of guests who attended on the night and the donations received by local businesses. Our goal was to double the money we raised last year, and while we are still calculating the exact amount that has been raised, we have hit $8,000 and are continuing beyond. White Ribbon is a cause that unfortunately affects too many of us, and a cause I am so proud to be supporting.**

As a school community we should be very proud of Jazmine for her dedication and devotion to raising awareness of such a critical issue. Whilst at Magdalene she always demonstrated a caring nature and a desire to support others. It is great to see her continue this generosity towards improving the lives of others. Well done, Jazmine!

For more information on the White Ribbon Campaign, please visit this website http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/

Daniel Assetta (Class of 2011)

Congratulations to Daniel Assetta who has been cast as Rum Tum Tugger in a new production of CATS.

The first time that Daniel sang here at Magdalene way back in 2006 we knew we had a star on the rise. His voice is amazing and we were blessed with many performances over the six years that he attended the school. Daniel is considered a triple threat – a singer, dancer and actor. He has previously danced on various TV shows such as X-Factor, has been a back up dancer to performers such as Guy Sebastian and Kelly Rowland, and has also featured in several of Opera Australia’s performances.

Daniel made his Musical Theatre Debut in 2013 in Wicked, which saw him touring Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines. He was recently announced as having a leading role in CATS, which will see him starring on stage opposite Delta Goodrem. We have no doubt that Daniel will be outstanding in this new role and can’t wait to see what other characters he plays in the future.

Daniel has always maintained his humility, kindness and generosity throughout his rise to stardom. He definitely is a former student who embodies the core values that are held in high esteem here at Magdalene.

Congratulations Daniel, we are really proud of your achievements and are excited to see what the future holds for you.

For more information on the production of CATS or on Daniel Assetta’s achievements please visit the following sites.

http://www.catsthemusical.com/ or http://www.danielassetta.com/
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SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

At the end of 2014 the school received feedback from parents regarding the difficulty of sourcing sports shoes that are safe supportive and predominately white. The policy was amended to allow a slightly broader range of of sports shoes to be worn. Students have been allowed to wear shoes which are safe for physical activity, are in keeping in style of the uniform: that are white, or grey and may include another complementary colour. The school does not promote any particular brand of shoe, however, below are some images of shoes which meet this criteria.

Examples of unacceptable styles of shoes; solid colours, black and fluorescent colours:

We look forward to your continued support for the high quality of uniform at Magdalene,

It is expected that all students adhere to the sports uniform expectations as outlined above. Unfortunately at present there are some students who are not meeting the expectations which has a negative impact on student presentation and in some cases compromises student safety.

Teachers will be challenging students whose uniform is not in keeping with school policy and which needs to be rectified. Students will be given notice to rectify the situation and should not wear sports uniform until the matter is resolved."

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS AND PROCEDURES

The presentation of students at Magdalene is a high priority, as the way students present themselves is reflective on the pride they have in their school. We aim to set a standard that we can all be proud of and which brings credit to students, parents and the school.

All students are expected to wear the full correct uniform at all times and maintain their uniform to the highest standard. The majority of our students take pride in wearing their uniform well. At times students have become complacent with their uniform and in response to this complacency the school will be implementing lunch detentions.

Students found to be wearing their uniform to an unacceptable standard, will be issued with a lunch detention. The lunch detentions will take place on Monday and Thursday, for 20 minutes in room 21. One of the Year Coordinators will supervise the students. Students are expected to bring their diary and a pen to the detention. Detention will start in week 5.

Typical examples of not meeting the school uniform policy are: un-tucked shirts, incorrect uniform on sports days, missing ties, make up, and excessive jewelry. If a student is to be out of uniform for a good reason, then they will be required to bring a note in their Diary, signed by their parent, to show the Pastoral Teacher or Year Coordinator.
## SPORTS NEWS
### 27 July 2015

### MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Wollondilly Anglican (Round 1)

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## SPORTS NEWS
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### MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v John Therry (Round 2)

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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
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<td>A very close game against a quality opposition. Our passing is improving and team work was excellent. Goal Scorer: Matea, MVP: Bethany Perkins. COACH: Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>A great first game girls. We started to get the hang of it as the game went on. MVPs: Stephanie Brancato for awesome attack and Kaitlin O’Sullivan for great defence. COACH: Mr Manns</td>
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<td>Some good moments of attack and defence against a dominant team. MVP: Brendan Maher COACH: Mr Gorrie</td>
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<td>Another great win. A strong start to the game that was maintained throughout the match. COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>7-8 Rugby League</td>
<td>Mount Carmel</td>
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<td>The team put in a solid effort to hold the score-line in the first half. COACH: Mr Hewitt</td>
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FIJI TRIATHLON

ALEESHA AUSTIN

I competed in the 2015 International triathlon in the 12-13 years old enticer. It was out of Oceania. The swim length was 300m, the bike 10k, and the run was 2k. It was really hot and very humid. The water temperature was 26 degrees which made it very hard to compete in. Before the race started I had met some of my favourite idols from the Australian Elite team, and had been lucky enough to watch them race.

That calmed my nerves, and made me really excited for my race, until it got closer then the nerves came back. There were many people in my race, males/females of all age groups. When the starting gun went off, I had a pretty bad start and almost fell over. I knew that I had to push hard, because you can’t win the race in the swim but you can lose it so I had to go hard to stay with the leading people. At the end of the swim, there was an extremely steep ramp that we had to run up, but luckily there were Fijian men there who just lifted me up, and ran me up it. When I reached transition I put my helmet on, grabbed my bike and ran to the mounting sign then jumped on my bike.

Once on the bike it was a pretty easy track, just a few turns that were directed by the Fijian men. It was super hot out there, usually I don’t take my drink with me on the bike because of the weight, but today I did, and had to use it a few times. On the sides of the roads were Fijian locals, that were all cheering and clapping as I rode past. After the second transition was the run. The run went out onto a golf course, and there was no shade. When I knew was getting closer to the end, I started sprinting, and was so happy to grab the banner on the finish line.

Once I finished the host of the triathlon got me to talk in the microphone about my race, as I had won my age group, and won overall female. I also received my first earnings from a triathlon as I got a $50 gift voucher, and a Fiji drum/boat, and a hand crafted medal. It was a great day, with many memories made.

by Aleesha Austin

MAGDALENE TRIVIA NIGHT

For an enjoyable evening come along and join us at the Magdalene Trivia Night.

Book your tables now!

ALL WELCOME
Camden Council’s 2015/16 Youth OutReach program enhances opportunities for young people 12 – 25yrs to participate in youth activities and engage with local youth services across the Camden Local Government Area.

The program facilitates community connections, inclusion, resilience and provides a sense of belonging through providing and supporting a range of opportunities of community participation for Camden young people. The program includes:

- Narellan Thursday Night Outdoor Youth activities run by Camden Community Connections
- Camden Barefoot Lawn Bowls led by the Camden Men’s Bowling Club
- Mount Annan Leisure Centre Fitness Boot Camp programs
- Monthly Skateboarding Clinics facilitated by Skateology at Kirkham Skate Park in Elderslie
- Camden Council’s Summer Beach Bus program from Camden to Wollongong
- Camden Council’s Bus Voucher Transport program

**MARTIAL ARTS**

Conor Reynolds, Natalya Kapczuk-May and Jake Moyle were part of ‘TEAM MAC’ representing Achieve Martial Arts at the 20th Anniversary of Jeff Speakman’s 5.0 Fighter World Cup Championships held in Las Vegas during the recent June/July school holidays.

During the tournament competitors have the opportunity to compete in three separate competitions that being Forms & Sets, Self Defence and 5.0 Fighter, from where the tournament takes its name. Natalya placed third in both Forms & Sets and Self Defence with Jake also taking third in the forms competition.

Conor Reynolds with four impressive wins to the final taking first and World Champion in the 127lb division for under 18’s as did Jake Moyle winning the 109lb division and Natalya Kapczuk-May a credible 2nd place in her division.

Conor and Natalya are current Oceania Champions winning their respective divisions while competing in New Zealand early 2014, and will be looking to defend their titles when the biannual tournament is hosted by Achieve Martial Arts in Camden during March 2016.
CONGRATULATIONS to Bethany Jenkins

In the second week of the school holidays, Bethany represented NSW in Indoor Cricket, playing in the 17 & Under Girls, in the Junior National Championships in Queensland.
Well done!

MATHS PUZZLE

Maths Puzzle #5
Arrange the numbers 1 to 15 in a row so that each adjacent pair of numbers add to a square number.

Answer to Maths Puzzle #5
9, 7, 2, 14, 11, 5, 4, 12, 13, 3, 6, 10, 15, 1, 8

Maths Puzzle #6
Alice and Carla are playing a dice game. Here’s how it works:
- Each person rolls a die, and the highest number rolled of the two is recorded
- If the highest number rolled is a 1, 2, 3 or 4, Alice wins
- If the highest number rolled is a 5 or a 6, Carla wins

On average, who is more likely to win: Alice, Carla, or are the probabilities equal?

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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