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

If you were asked to recall the high points from your time at school; those things that have remained with you as good or important memories, I wonder what things you’d bring to mind? Would it be a mathematics formula? Or maybe a geographic skill? The biography of an artist, or a lesson about the difference between a simile and a metaphor? I would suggest that those things that remain with us for decades after we leave school are the celebrations, the relationships and the experiences that moved us. That’s why, at Magdalene, we place great emphasis on community activities such as our Feast Day and, more recently our athletics carnival.

On Wednesday, students had a wonderful day competing at the carnival. The weather was kind to us however we did get interrupted by a sudden passing storm, and we even saw some records broken. I hope you enjoy the photos in this newsletter and the ones we have posted on our Facebook page. Thanks to Mrs Agland and the PDHPE team for another wonderful carnival, and to our Year 12 students who always add such colour and fun to the event.

Students from Year 5 at St Clare’s and St Anthony’s Catholic Primary Schools have recently spent a day with us for their ‘Taste of High School’ day. I had forgotten how excited primary children can get in a new environment!! They experienced lessons in a range of subjects, had recess and lunch with the big kids and managed to find their way around this very big school. The handball competitions at lunchtime were fiercely contested! Thank you to the Magdalene teachers who taught our little friends, and to the teachers from the primary schools who accompanied them. We are looking forward to meeting the students from St Paul’s on 10 September.

Last Sunday, Mr Lo Cascio and our student leaders attended the Thanksgiving Mass for the Campbelltown Catholic Club. Each year we gather with the directors of the Club, and all the Catholic schools in the region to celebrate the partnership we enjoy with this important institution. This year we received a generous donation from the Club to support our work at Magdalene. A photo of our captains at the celebration is included in the newsletter.

This Sunday, we are looking forward to an afternoon of exquisite music from our choir, orchestra and musicians at our annual concert “Magdalene Classics”, from 2pm at the Mater Dei Chapel. I can guarantee an uplifting experience of music from very talented students (and their teachers). Thank you to Mr Mäe and the music staff for the preparations for this.

This is Mission Month, and Magdalene supports the work of Catholic Mission in a variety of ways. Each year group has taken on both awareness raising and fund raising to support the work of the Catholic Church in Madagascar – a very poor country with serious and structural problems which especially effect children. We have had a steady supply of cake stalls, pizza deliveries and sausage sizzles to raise money. Next week we will see teachers potentially embarrass themselves as they have auctioned off such challenges as the Ice Bucket challenge, eating raw chillis and being covered in glitter. I’m wondering if maybe the teachers enjoy this part of their work a bit too much. It is all for an excellent cause and we seek your support.

Next Friday, 21 August, is our Trivia Night in support of The Children’s Hospital. Tables and sponsorship opportunities are still available. We hope to see many of you there. A reminder that this is an adult and senior student event only.

Mr Lo Cascio has begun his leave, and we had the opportunity to wish him well at our recent assembly. He will return to Magdalene on 14 September, in time to join the celebrations for our Year 12 students: their final assembly and Mass. Please don’t let Mr Lo Cascio’s absence discourage you from contacting the school.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Finally, it was the Feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross last Saturday. Mary MacKillop is our very own Australian saint who set such a wonderful example of what it means to be a follower of Christ in this land. Her impact on education for Catholic children continues to this day, and we must always strive to follow her example of faith in God’s providence and humble service.

**Mary MacKillop PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Ever generous God,
you inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
whilst bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop
we ask that you bless the work of this Catholic school
and of these families entrusted to us.
we ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with
courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

God Bless

Mr Greg Elliott
Acting Principal

CATHOLIC CLUB ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS

Luke Papandrea and Caitlin Fitzgerald

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

A number of students received Student Acknowledgement Awards at the recent assembly. These students were nominated by their peers and acknowledged by their teachers. Congratulations on this achievement.

Year 7 - Ethan Nicholson - Contributing to class discussion and working diligently in class
Year 8 - Craig Smith - Assisting others in their learning
Year 9 - Brittney McCrorey - Assisting others and striving to achieve her best in class
Year 10 - Amber-Jayne Matthews - Assisting other students in class
Year 11 - Jade Bare - Improved learning and assisting others in their learning
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”.

This week’s newsletter features two former students, Megan O’Sullivan and Amanda Marshall, who have gone all the way to Africa to volunteer for two local communities. Both of these young ladies have followed their passion for teaching by completing education degrees that will see them influencing the young people of the next generation. Megan and Amanda are living embodiments of Mary McKillop’s famous quote ‘Never see a need without doing something about it’. They should be recognised for their significant contribution to the global community.

Megan O’Sullivan: Class of 2011
Megan was a member of our HSC class of 2011. She was a model student who went out of her way to help others. Megan has taken this generous spirit all the way to Africa to volunteer in a Kenyan community. She is currently in her final year of a Bachelor of Primary Education and will begin her teaching career in 2016. Megan has shared the following summary of her trip.

In November and December of 2014, I was lucky enough to go to Kenya, Africa with the University of Notre Dame as part of my studies for a Primary Education degree. The service learning experience with a non-profit organisation called So They Can, gave me first hand engagement with their mission to empower communities in Africa to become self-sufficient. The intention is that individuals and communities meet their own needs via education, community and economic development.

During the three-week trip I worked at Aberdare Ranges Primary School, in Nakuru teaching primary school aged children. We were billeted in the homes of local families and I stayed with ‘Mama Helen’ who fed us generously each day. I also was able to work with children and staff at Holding Hands Children’s Home an orphanage for young children who have lost their family through the local civil unrest and violence. I was moved and grateful to be able to contribute in a very small way through this trip.

I have planned another service learning experience this November / December; this time the opportunity will be in Tenali, India with the Dayamani Foundation. The experience in Kenya is something that has changed my perspective on life and made me extremely grateful for all that I have.

We thank Megan for sharing her story and for sharing her generous spirit in helping the Nakuru community. Congratulations Megan!

Amanda Marshall: Class of 2010
Amanda was a member of the class of 2010. She was a student who always gave 100% to every endeavour and excelled on the sporting field. Amanda is currently working as a primary teacher at St Justin’s Oran Park, having finished her degree last year. Amanda has written about her journey to Africa.

In October last year, my friend Sarah and I embarked on a trip of a lifetime. We had just completed four years at University and were ready to make a difference. I had always wanted to go to Africa and work in a school over there, especially after some of my other peers had travelled over a year earlier to complete a similar program. Sarah and I spent six months fundraising for a small, under resourced school in Muizenberg, South Africa.

Christian David School serves several townships (which are communities originally reserved for “non whites”). The children of these townships are often malnourished and come from difficult home lives where gang violence and drug and alcohol abuse is common. We raised $4009 and collected $600 worth of resources to take over.

The money that we raised went towards filling a library that another volunteer had donated, with both Afrikaans and English books. Working with the children was an amazing experience. They have very little but are so happy and are excited to learn. They loved playing with all the volunteers, climbing on us like monkeys, wanting to play with our hair and take photos of them. It was the best experience I have ever had. I would definitely recommend it to anyone.

Amanda (and Sarah) is to be congratulated on their excellent fundraising for that community as well as donating their time to such a worthy cause. We thank Amanda for sharing her story with us. Well done Amanda!

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 Kylie McAllister with information at mcallisterk01@dow.catholic.edu.au
On Wednesday 29 July, the Year 9 Art class headed eagerly to the 2015 Archibald Prize Exhibition. We boarded a train early in the morning, making our way into the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney. The Archibald Prize is the most important prize for portraits in Australia. It was first awarded in 1921 and the money for the prize was left by J. F. Archibald, the editor of The Bulletin magazine who died in 1919. The Archibald Prize is awarded annually to the best portrait, ‘preferentially of some man or woman distinguished in art, letters, science or politics, painted by any artist resident in Australasia’. This open competition is judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW.

At the gallery we viewed the winning artworks of the Archibald, while also experiencing an engaging history lesson of different styles and movements of art. We also looked at Contemporary and Modern Art and saw how unusual and different they are from Traditional Art. We then walked around Sydney Harbour looking at the architectural buildings around the city, to see how art has changed and is seen in our modern society. From this excursion we all learnt how art can be more than merely a painting on a canvas. Art is a conceptual process and stems from a simple creative idea. This excursion has been an inspiration to us all, pushing us to create future artworks and expand our knowledge and understanding of art itself.

We would also like to thank Mrs Partridge for giving us this experience to broaden our creativity and to see things in a different perspective.

Bianca Tenaglia
Year 9 Visual Arts
YEAR 9 VISUAL ARTS

[Images of students in various settings, artworks, and a group photo of the students in front of a museum entrance.]
17th ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2015
Wednesday 12 August 2015
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Wednesday 12 August 2015
Our class (7 Tech C) has been constructing wooden boxes for the past 13 weeks. We have faced great difficulty and challenges such as hitting our fingers, getting the nails in straight and having all pieces of wood the same size. We got to use machinery that we have never used before, such as the Disc Sander, Tenon Saw & Claw Hammer. In the end, the class built well constructed, beautifully designed and decorated wooden boxes. The boxes we designed hold jewellery, money and special items. We made the boxes for our bedrooms, as a present for our siblings or for decorating our house. We have made a display in the Front Office and our Projects will be displayed for the next 2 weeks.

By Nataasha Angeleski and Paige Brooker

YEAR 8 MISA DEBATING

A big congratulations to the Year 8 Misa Debating team who won their latest debate against Macarthur Anglican College. The team, Emily Saysanavongpheth, Paris Maguire, Peter Cornett and Elizabeth Lopez provided some original and at times fiery rebuttals and did well to establish a clear argument and team line. I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Samuel Fenech and Liam Lo Cascio who have rotated in the roles of chairman and timekeeper during the debates held at Magdalene, doing a great job each time.

Mrs Jones

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Ryan Ball (11 Wilson) and Laura Leone (10 Sedgwick) have completed their Duke of Edinburgh International Award Bronze.
The School community are invited to attend the annual Magdalene Classics concert. The School Choir, members of the elective music classes and the School Band join to form a combined orchestra of 45 musicians to present a unique concert experience. Hear the world premier of two student compositions.

Tickets are available at the door from 1:30pm.

Magdalene Classics
2:00 pm Sunday August 16
Mater Dei Chapel
Macquarie Grove Road Kirkham
Adults: $10  Children: $5

MAGDALENE TRIVIA NIGHT
ONLY A FEW TABLES REMAINING BOOK NOW

Magdalene Trivia Night
In aid of the Children’s Hospital Westmead
Friday 21st August 2015 @ Magdalene
80s & 90s Theme – Prize for Best Dressed
Tickets are $15 each or Tables of 10 - $120
Bookings can be made via our website:
www.trivianight.org.au

Thanks to our Sponsors and Prize Donors

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

Book your tables now at Trivianight.org.au

ALL WELCOME
## SPORTS NEWS - 4 August 2015
### MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Macarthur (Round 3)

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<td>7 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>26-8</td>
<td>A slow-start followed by a great come-back. Thanks to Georgia and Madelyn for helping out today. COACH: Mrs Agland</td>
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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>38-10</td>
<td>Great work for another win. Even with a change up in combinations we were able to come away with a victory. Thanks to Lily for umpiring. COACH: Mrs Hort</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>5-0</td>
<td>Great team work. MVP: Bethany Jenkins. Goal Scorers: Bethany 1, Kaitlyn 2, Tamsyn 2. COACH: Mr Wright</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>2-1</td>
<td>A great team effort after being down by 1 goal at half-time and coming back to win. Goal Scorers: Isabel Staunton, MVP: Maddison Moser. COACH: Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>7-9 Boys AFL</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>89-9</td>
<td>Excellent team effort. MVP: Nicholas Bull. COACH: Mr Manns</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls AFL</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>63-0</td>
<td>Well done girls, a very dominant performance. MVPs: Emily Trajkovski and Emily Kitchener. COACH: Mrs McAlister</td>
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<td>10-12 Boys Basketball</td>
<td>Macarthur</td>
<td>22-17</td>
<td>A fantastic game with elements of solid defence. MVP: JC Carating. COACH: Mr Gorrie</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>34-12</td>
<td>Despite starting the game with only 4 players, the girls played well to gain the win. COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>7-8 Rugby League versus Wollondilly Anglican</td>
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<td>54-4</td>
<td>A good game that could have led to selfish efforts, however, the team worked together to construct many good pieces of play. Well done boys! COACH: Mr Hewitt</td>
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## SPORTS NEWS - 11 August 2015
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<td>Benedict’s</td>
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<td>The last 3 quarters were so close girls. Great shooting Georgia. COACH: Mrs Agland</td>
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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>18-13</td>
<td>Well done girls. A hard fought win. Welcome back Isabelle and thanks to Lilly for umpiring again. COACH: Mrs Hort</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Draw</td>
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<td>Great effort with only 10 players. MVP: Monica Rixon. COACH: Mr Wright</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>A good performance by everyone with some individual brilliance. Great keeping by Bianca. Goal scorers: Matea (3), Annicka (10, Isabel (1). COACH: Mr Zakris</td>
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<td>10-12 Boys Basketball</td>
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<td>15-6</td>
<td>A great game by the boys to secure a well-deserved victory. Well done! COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>7-8 Rugby League versus John Therry</td>
<td>John Therry</td>
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<td>Tough loss! Despite some good persistent performance, John therry were too good. MVPs: Rhys Miller and Mitchell O’Dwyer. COACH: Mr Hewitt.</td>
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<td>9-10 Rugby League</td>
<td>Magdalene x 2</td>
<td>16-4 v Thomas Hassall 16-4 v John Therry</td>
<td>A rock solid effort with only 8 players in 9 a side competition. MVPs: Matthew, Kurt, Jack and Steve. COACH: Mr Collins</td>
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Book Week : Next Gen Trivia
22 August, 2015 NARELLAN LIBRARY

Join us for our pop culture trivia and test your knowledge on movies, books, comics and games. Bring your friends to make a team of 6 or join a team on the day. Prizes for the winning team and individual prizes for the bonus round.

Ages 12+ Free activity
Bookings essential

WHEN: Saturday 22 August, 1:00 - 2:30pm

VENUE: Narellan Library
Cnr Queen and Elyard Street
Narellan, NSW 2567

CONTACT DETAILS:
Narellan Library Phone: 4645 5039
Email: librarybookings@camden.nsw.gov.au

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St ANTHONY’S PARISH YOUTH MASS
The Next YOUTH MASS at St. Anthony’s parish, Tahmoor, is on August 22nd at 5:00pm.
So come and enjoy the warmth of a very FAMILY FRIENDLY get-together as we share in the JOY OF THE EUCHARIST with the HUGE choir, a new group of dancers and the very famous BAND!!
Refreshments after Mass provided.

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!
MATHS PUZZLE
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?

Answer to Maths Puzzle #6

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KEY
A – Alice wins; C – Carla wins

Since Carla wins 20 out of 36 different outcomes, it is more likely that Carla wins the game.

Maths Puzzle #7
Make the total of 100 out of all the numbers 2, 3, 4, 7 and 11, using each number only once.

You can use any of the operations \( +, -, \times, \div \), as well as brackets.
Quota International of Ingleburn's
Corey Lake Memorial Dinner Dance

In memory of Courageous Corey our Annual Dinner Dance is this year again raising funds for HeartKids.

Come and join us for a night of fun and dancing to the music of Lance Link with a delicious 2 course Buffet Dinner, competitions for young and old and our fantastic Tombola.

When: Saturday 12 September 2015
Time: 6pm for a 6:30 pm start
Where: Ingleburn RSL Club
Chester Road, Ingleburn
Cost: Adults: $47.00
Children Under 12: $20.00
Children Under 4: Free

R.S.V.P. by 31 August 2015
Reservations by Credit Card: use http://www.trybooking.com/HVJV
Alternatively, to make a reservation using EFT please contact:
Pat Cowell—4655 9373 or 0407 899 319
Julie Percival—9618 1413 Mob. 0418 971 190.

10% of the net profit will go towards administrative expenses.