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

As we watch the average house price in Sydney pass the million dollar mark, I am reminded of something that Br Damien Price, a Christian brother who led the recent Assistant Principal’s retreat said. “If you look at where Jesus goes in the Gospels, it is always to the margins of society, to the poor and the excluded”. We are living on the fringe of one of the most expensive cities in the world, and it would be easy to become blind to the real poverty that increases as the gap between the wealthy and the poor continues to grow. One of our challenges at Magdalene is to teach our students that we share a responsibility for looking after each other, especially the poor, that we share the common good and ensure that human dignity everywhere is defended. We have seen these principles in action over the past weeks in many ways.

Our students and teachers are working hard to financially support the work of Catholic Mission. You may have seen the hilarious results of our Teacher Charity Challenge on our Facebook page. A team of Year 11 students are preparing to head to a rural Catholic primary school in Brewarrina to work with and support the children of that school who have so very little. Our students are about to present their projects to the residents of Carrington Aged Care. These students have spent the previous two terms visiting residents, learning their life story and turning that into a documentary film as a gift to the elderly person and to their family. Each of these projects do two important things. They make a real difference in the lives of people who are at the margins of our society, and they teach our Magdalene students the vital importance of living a life at the service of the community.

Last Friday night, the Year 11 Information Processes and Technology class hosted our eighth Trivia Night to support the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Thanks to their class teacher, Mr Collins, and our MC for the night, Mr Cornett. It was a spectacular night of 80s and 90s dress-ups and trivia. The night was made even more special for me because my team won!! With this year’s contribution, our total sponsorship of the work of the hospital over the eight years is approaching $75,000. We are only a few dollars away and it is not too late to donate. Please contact Mr Collins or Mrs Spencer if you would like to make a contribution to get us over the line!

Last Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending the Max Potential Leadership Development Awards at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Three of our students from Year 11, Isabel Staunton, Alec Melhuish and Tyler Bosco were engaged in the program over twenty weeks and presented their projects to the community on Wednesday. They have learned so much and come so far, it was a very proud night for their families and for Magdalene. Isabel has described the program in this edition of the Newsletter. Students in Year 10 who may be interested should let Mr Sinclair-Kydd know.

Last week parents of students in Year 7 and 9 would have received their child’s NAPLAN report. These are the results of the literacy and numeracy tests conducted by the Commonwealth Government in May. The reports contain very important information, not only for parents supporting their child’s learning, but for us as a school as we reflect on how to improve literacy and numeracy teaching. One very significant result for us was the improvement we can see in the literacy of those students who are involved in the peer-to-peer reading program. Thanks to Ms Maher and the many reading tutors from across the school, our young students who are engaged in peer reading have seen real gains in their literacy.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
Finally, please pray for our Year 12 students. They are in that liminal state between the Trial HSC Examinations and the final exams in October. It is a difficult time as they work harder on their learning than they have ever worked before. We pray for them, for their teachers and for their parents. Our parents, in particular, will be working to keep them focused and to ensure that they maintain a healthy balance in their day to day life — with exam preparation as their number one priority. If you are concerned about your child’s preparation for the exams, please contact her or his teachers, or contact Mrs Eggleton the Acting Year 12 Coordinator.

Let us pray for our students.

A STUDENT’S PRAYER

Most blessed LORD, send the grace of Your Holy Spirit on me to strengthen me that I may learn well the subject I am about to study and by it become a better person for Your glory, the comfort of my family and for the benefit of Your Church and our nation. Amen.

God Bless

Mr Greg Elliott
Acting Principal

LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 26 August Year 11 students travelled to Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre in Mulgoa for the Student Leadership Retreat. They spent the day preparing for school leadership and discerning who may be best for each of the roles at Magdalene.
MISA YEAR 10 PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Macarthur Independent School’s Association public speaking competition was held on 26/8/2015 at Wollondilly Anglican College at Tahmoor. Magdalene Catholic High School was represented by Lexi Willis and Harry Bendtsen. Harry Bendsten took out first place in the competition.

The competition involved students delivering both a prepared and impromptu speech. The quality of both the prepared and impromptu speeches was very high. The adjudication was performed by members of Campbelltown Toastmasters. The adjudicators praised the quality of both the content and delivery of the speeches.

Most competitors agreed that the impromptu speech was the most difficult. They were given three minutes to prepare a speech on an unseen topic. Lexi’s impromptu speech was on the topic that “Intelligence is not enough” and Harry delivered a speech on “Facebook being the new drug.”

Harry and Lexi represented Magdalene in a professional way. The adjudicator commended both on the quality of their delivery.

Mrs Antal

CAREERS DAY

[Images of students and teachers during the careers day event]
ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL DOOR KNOCK APPEAL

On the weekend of Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th August we’re hosting the St. Vincent De Paul Annual Door Knock Appeal. We are open all day on Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 4pm and ready for volunteers to come and help out with this important appeal.

Please promote this important community outreach with your children and perhaps consider giving an hour or two of your time. Students will often come ‘on board’ with your invitation and even better if you can join in with them as a volunteer.

Please contact me if you’re able to be involved. martin.pannell@dow.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Marty Pannell
Mission Coordinator

ASSEMBLY

Student Acknowledgement Awards

A number of students received Student Acknowledgement Awards at the assembly which was held on Thursday 28 August. These students were nominated by their peers and acknowledged by their teachers. Congratulations on this achievement.

Year 7: Brayden Taylor: A positive contributor to all areas of learning.

Year 8: Paris Maguire: A positive contributor to all areas of learning.


Year 10: Sophie Said – Always helping others with their learning.

Year 11: Elyse Beauchamp – Always looking to help her peers with the increasing demand of senior school. Focus and dedication to her studies in the lead up to her exams.

Year 12: Celene Watson – Trial results, commitment to improvement and to her position as Faith and liturgy leader.
CATHOLIC MISSION

This term we have been raising awareness and raising funds for Catholic Mission. We have been supporting the World Mission Month to learn more about issues of mission and justice and to reach out to the children in Madagascar who live without access to clean water and proper sanitation. Distressingly this leads to thousands of children dying from easily preventable diseases like diarrhoea every year. We have viewed the powerful and inspirational DVD, 'I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink', as well as utilise web based interactive teaching and learning resources, and insightful stories about the work of Sister Rose and her community in Madagascar. This learning will not only help educate students, but also inspire them to reach out to children in desperate need.

We invite you to get involved with World Mission Month by using these activities, and don’t forget to click-on our link to national Anti-Poverty Week (11 – 17 October 2015). A very special thanks to Mr. Arzapitian who ran a fundraiser with his Year 10 Moore Homeroom class. The event was called a Teacher Charity Challenge whereby the students were invited to make donations in the blue buckets (see picture) rising enough money for various teachers and challenges attached to each bucket. Once the target had been reached the students were then able to conduct the challenges which included ice-buckets poured over teachers heads, chilli-eating and a glitter bomb! Special thanks to Mr Boom, Mr Lipscombe, Mr Sinclair-Kydd, Mr Pannell and Mrs Ramone for being good sport and taking their challenges in front of a very packed school lunchtime assembly on the top quad! Mr Arzapitian and his class raised $530 for Catholic Mission which is an incredibly good effort for a few lunchtime activities! Thank you to the genre students who supported this.

Mr Pannell - Mission Coordinator
On Tuesday 18 August, four students from Year 8 and 9 accompanied Mrs Philips to a Vietnam War Memorial Ceremony that was held in Mawson Park, Campbelltown. The Ceremony was a tribute to all the local Veterans that served, as well as a tribute to the significance of the war. The students selected were Nicholas Bull, Mark Golding, Paris Maguire and myself.

During the course of the ceremony we placed a wreath among the memorial and we were able to say a little prayer while doing so. After the ceremony Magdalene and other local schools then were able to attend a morning tea at Campbelltown RSL Club. Although we couldn’t stay long because of school sport we had a chance to talk to some of the Veterans from the war and have a chat to them. The day itself was a very moving experience and we would like to thank Mrs Philips for taking us and looking after us.

Annalise Smalley
MAX POTENTIAL

The Max Potential Program has been an incredible experience! Throughout the program I volunteered to coach an under 7 -soccer team. My main goal for this whole experience wasn’t to really coach the individual but to connect with them and develop a relationship with the children. Throughout the program I created a principle called S.M.I.L.E, S stands for superpower which is about embracing who you are, M is for Magic as believing anything is possible, I is for “I can do it”, L is for love and acceptance and E is for enjoy and having fun. It is aimed to help the kids achieve their own personal significance and develop their own self-confidence.

Isabel Staunton

Tyler Bosco, Alec Melhuish and I recently participated in The Max Potential Program and it overall was an incredible experience. Max Potential is a mentoring and leadership development program supported by the Campbelltown Catholic Club.

Throughout the journey I have learnt so many valuable lessons that have influenced numerous aspects of my life, helping creating a balance and awareness. It is considered a “leadership program” but it is so much more as it gives the individual the tools they might need to improve their own unique life. At the beginning of the program I was assigned a coach with whom you experience the adventure together, creating a relationship that focuses so much on you and your own sense of self. Having that scheduled time to focus on me and my dreams, aspirations and beliefs was so refreshing and was a completely different environment to the same old, same old. Throughout the experience you set goals, present a creative expression and undertake volunteer work. While doing these activities you learn so much about yourself and what you truly enjoy and value, giving a completely different perspective on life as a whole. The relationships I made along the way was also so fulfilling as I met many kids, adults, parents etc from all walks of life coming together to achieve authentic success. Overall the experience was very insightful and enriching and I would highly recommend it to anyone.

Max Potential is available to students in Year 11, but the selection process begins in Year 10. Look out for the invitation and consider being involved.

Isabel Staunton, Year 11

YEAR 7 MATHETMATICS DAY 2015

On Friday 14 August, the Year Seven's participated in a Maths Day comprised of three exciting and educational sessions. Separated into groups of two classes, we enjoyed activities such as puzzles and games provided by Inquisitive Minds, a treasure hunt with Cartesian Coordinates and Trivia. It was certainly an enjoyable day with fun activities, learning new and effective way to approach mathematical problems. The people from Inquisitive Minds introduced maths to us in new and exciting ways that we certainly all enjoyed, including the chocolate challenge! During this day, we learnt to look at Maths in different ways; earning prizes along the way. In the treasure hunt, we were required to determine certain locations to the school, finding QR codes and answering worded maths problems. This was a great activity in which we were able apply our knowledge of negative numbers, positive numbers and the number plane. In trivia, we participated in several games including Kahoot, online trivia and bonus maths questions for prizes. In all, Year Seven's Maths Day for 2015 was incredible, full of humour and certainly a day to remember.

Brooke Smith 7D
Magdalene Trivia Night was held last Friday night and was a great success, raising approximately $9,000 for the Children at Westmead’s Hospital. A big thank you for all the people that attended the night and also to all the business and companies that donated towards the night. Over the 8 years of Trivia Nights and Hospital Heroes days the school has raised over $74,000 for the Hospital. It was an amazing learning experience for all IPT Year 11 Students under the guidance of Mr Collins. A fantastic night was had by all and we can’t wait to see what next year brings.
### SPORTS NEWS - 18 August 2015

**MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Mount Carmel (Round 5)**

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<td>7 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>18-10</td>
<td>Definitely the best game yet girls. Well done. Thanks to Amanda for umpiring. COACH: Mrs Agland</td>
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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>28-10</td>
<td>Well done girls. After a slow start we finally came away with a solid win. Thanks to Lilly for umpiring again. COACH: Mrs Hort</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Mount Carmel</td>
<td>1-2</td>
<td>MVP: Alex Honan. COACH: Mr Hort</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Soccer</td>
<td>Draw</td>
<td>0-0</td>
<td>An evenly fought game. MVP: Bethany Perkins who stopped every opposition attack. COACH: Mr Zakris/Mr Avero</td>
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<td>10-12 Boys Basketball</td>
<td>Mount Carmel</td>
<td>21-14</td>
<td>A strong team effort throughout the game. Some good shots, even some 3 pointers. Well done! MVP: Tyler Bosco. COACH: Mr Gorrie</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>33-9</td>
<td>An amazing effort with only 4 players. Well done! COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>7-8 Rugby League</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>18-0</td>
<td>A dominant performance by our team in a shortened game. COACH: Mr Hewitt</td>
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<td>9-10 Rugby League</td>
<td>Magdalene x 2</td>
<td>20-12 v Thomas Hassall 16-8 v Wollondilly</td>
<td>A great team performance to come away with two great wins. COACH: Mr Collins</td>
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### SPORTS NEWS - 25 August 2015

**MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Broughton (Round 6)**

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<td>10-12 Boys Basketball</td>
<td>Broughton Anglican</td>
<td>30-15</td>
<td>A solid game that got us within 7 points during the second half. Great shooting by Laetin, JC and Vincent. COACH: Mr Gorrie</td>
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<td>10-12 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>23-11</td>
<td>A great game today. After being tied in the 1st half we were able to come away with the win. COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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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/HVJ4
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.
NOTICEBOARD

September

7 - 18 Mon - Fri Yr 11 Preliminary Exams
15 Tues Yr 12 Picnic
16 Wed Yr 12 Breakfast 7.30am - 9.00am
Yr 12 Farewell Assembly 10.30am - 12pm
Yr 12 Grad Mass 7.00pm – 10.00pm
18 Fri Last day Term 3

October

5 Mon Labour Day Public Holiday
6 Tue Term 4 Commences
7 Wed Leadership Induction Ceremony
9.30am – 11.00am
9 Fri Vaccinations Dose 3

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates:
Monday 7 Sept 7.50am - 8.20am
Friday 11 Sept 7.50am - 8.20am
Monday 14 Sept 7.50am - 8.20am
Friday 18 Sept 7.50am - 8.20am

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

MATHS PUZZLE

Answer to Maths Puzzle #7

One way is \((2 + 7) \times 11 + 4 - 3\)

Maths Puzzle #8

Margaret is making bunches of flowers using roses and lilies. She has 36 roses and 60 lilies. All of the flowers must be used to make identical bunches. What is in each bunch of flowers?

CANTEEN

Term 3
Week 8B
31 Aug - 4 Sep

Monday
31 Aug
Donna Duck
Sue McCann

Tuesday
1 Sep
K. Foden
M. Murphy

Wednesday
2 Sep
Eve Farkas
Renee Magro

Thursday
3 Sep
B. Colusso
Ralene Joyce

Friday
4 Sep
D. Sapiatzer
J. Poole
A. Keshan

Term 3
Week 9A
7 Sep - 11 Sep

Monday
7 Sep
Julie Smith
Kim Kumuta

Tuesday
8 Sep
R Olegario

Wednesday
9 Sep
R McVittee
K Tekely

Thursday
10 Sep
K Bolwell
T Williams

Friday
11 Sep
Rachel Miller
Megan Gibson
Cherie Bulgin

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