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

Year 12 Trial HSC exams began this week with students focusing on ensuring that they perform to the best of their ability. The feedback from these exams will be essential as it will pave the way for improvement in preparation for the HSC exams at the beginning of Term 4. We wish each student success as they continue these important assessments. Please keep our Year 12 in your ongoing prayers.

The Year 12, 2017 leadership application process for our Year 11 students began this week. All students have the opportunity to apply for leadership positions but they must undertake a formal process which involves an application, interview and presentation.

Hospital Heroes Day last Friday saw many students and staff dressing up as their favourite hero. The purpose of this day was to raise money for the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Thank you to Mr Peter Collins for the organization of this day and staff and students as the school raised $2000.

The Parents and Friends meeting was held on Tuesday night. Thank you to all parents who attended despite the inclement weather.

Best wishes to staff and students who will undertake the Duke of Edinburgh hikes over the coming weeks. This is an outstanding program that will develop skills which will assist them throughout life. I am very impressed with the numbers of students involved and the dedication of staff.

Transition visits for Year 5 feeder school students began this week with St Clare’s Narellan and St Paul’s Camden visiting our school to experience aspects of education and life at Magdalene. The work of staff and students who participated in these days is greatly appreciated. The Year 5 students enjoyed their day and were warmly welcomed by our students and staff. St Anthony’s Picton will visit later this term.

As the term moves forward I ask all students to maintain your academic focus in all classes and to continue to develop study skills at home to support your learning.

Over the past weeks we have been reminded how fragile our world is due to many tragic events which have affected so many communities. We offer this prayer for peace for your reflection.

Strong minds, gentle hearts
God Bless

Mr Michael Mullaly
Acting Principal

Prayer for Peace

God, you are the source of life and peace.
Praised be your name forever.
We know it is you who turn our minds to thoughts of peace.
Hear our prayer in time of war.
Your power changes hearts.

No matter what religion we follow,
May we profoundly affirm that we are followers of ONE GOD;
May we live like brothers and sisters in this world;
May enemies begin to speak to one another;
Those estranged join hands in friendship;
And every nation seek the way of PEACE together.

May each of us be witnesses to the truths by the way we live.
Give each of us an understanding that puts an end to strife,
May we forgive others and empower us to live by your commandment of Love.

Amen
Please find information which has been produced by the Diocese of Wollongong in the lead up to the National Census to be held on Tuesday, 9 August 2016.

It is important for individuals to identify with their Religious belief, to the question on religion in the census. This resource has been designed for use by any faith tradition.

This year’s census will have ‘no religion’ as the first option for the question related to Religious affiliation. The document attached provides reasons for those who regularly attend organised religious worship, or who simply believe but attend irregularly, to think carefully about how they respond to the question, as non-engagement with the question, potentially has broader impact than might be first considered.

The following links will provide you with further information.

Share the PDF via: [http://dow.sh/CensusReligionYes](http://dow.sh/CensusReligionYes)

Facebook: share Bishop Peter's FB post: [http://dow.sh/CensusStandUp](http://dow.sh/CensusStandUp)
**Name:** Michelle Flocco  
**Position:** Assistant R.E. Coordinator

**Q. What are you reading?**  
A. *The Best Science Fiction Firsts* edited by Isaac Asimov.

**Q. Why are you reading it?**  
A. I really enjoy reading science fiction and this book is great because it contains first ever published stories which introduced concepts such as invisibility, cloning and generation starships.

**Q. Is reading important to you?**  
A. It is very important to me. Reading is one of my favourite things to do.

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This week, Magdalene’s Year 8 MISA debating team debated against Wollondilly Anglican College. Our team displayed their developing debating skills when they successfully argued the negative case: “That the internet should be regulated”.

Congratulations to Brooke Smith, Erin Cato, Kane Harrington and Liam Bos who argued skillfully, rebutted effectively and spoke very well.” A strong performance from all team members.
Magdalene Feast Day
Magdalene Feast Day
Brewarrina News Article

In 2015, a team of Year 11 students went to St Patrick’s Primary School Brewarrina, during their time at St Patrick’s Primary School they bonded with the students through the development and implementation of Educational Programs, helping the students to learn. When the first meeting was called for Brewarrina, myself and my Year 10 classmates to visit our school had no idea how much work we would have to put into getting everything ready for the St Patrick’s students from Brewarrina to visit our school. Our first job was to fundraise as much money as we could in a short amount of time. This would not have been such a success without the generosity and support from the following local business in our community: 32 Degrees Building, Townsend Signs Narellan, Lowes Narellan and the Parents and Friends Committee. To all of our sponsors the Magdalene community thanks you for your generosity and support during this time.

The first day back this term was busy preparing for the arrival of St Patrick’s students. As I walked around and talked to classmates about them they had their heads held high and were overwhelmed to be a part of the committee that looks after them. The St Patrick’s students and some teachers travelled for 10 hours to visit us. Tuesday was the first day many of us got to meet and work with these students from so far away. We started off doing a science experiment in period 3 where I learnt that my buddy liked experiments just as much as I did. He described how Science was one of his favourite subjects but it isn’t very often they get to do it. Just looking at the smile they had while mixing chemicals made every Magdalene student in the room smile. After the Science lesson, the St Patrick’s students travelled to Austinmer Beach with a select few students from Years 12, 10, 9, 8, 7 while the rest of the students and the Parents & Friends prepared a BBQ and Disco for them when they returned. After the Disco the St Patrick’s students and teachers travelled back to Teen Ranch where they had arranged accommodation.

The next day, Wednesday, twelve Year 10 Students and two Magdalene Staff travelled to Campbelltown train station along with the St Patrick’s students and teachers and caught a train to Sydney, then a ferry to Taronga zoo. The train ride was long and noisy but watching the St Patrick’s students look around in awe and amazement just gave everyone a warm feeling on the rainy Wednesday morning. The ferry trip scared some of the St Patrick’s students. I took a few students to the front of the boat watching them while they looked around Sydney Harbour. We saw the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House and I told the St Patrick’s students stories to keep their minds from thinking of the rough water we were crossing. Before we got off the ferry everyone was putting on their ponchos to keep dry from the weather. I realised mine didn’t fit me and I forgot I had an umbrella, so I walked in the rain all day following the students as they went to find their favourite animals at the zoo. The elephants and chimpanzees were everyone’s favourite animals. We went to an educational presentation to meet some smaller creatures up close. Listening to the stories told by the St Patrick’s students about the animals they find around Brewarrina was amazing, and at the same time scary. After a quick lunch stop and a funny but random speech from our school leaders in front of the seal habitat we headed back down to the ferry and back to the train. Back on the train we asked some St Patrick’s students how they felt about their day and they all responded “It was amazing, but not long enough”. It was a quiet trip back to the station and another long day for the students.

Thursday was the Year 7’s, 8’s and 9’s turn to be with them for the day, going to classes with them and learning the subjects they had that day. The St Patrick’s students loved learning new subjects that were challenging but exciting. To end the day, we had a full school assembly with the Year 6 leader making a speech thanking us for the time they had with us. The principal of St Patrick’s Primary School told us a story about a stranger who she met on the train trip back from the zoo. He came up to her and commented how lovely it is to see the great relationship between the two schools, “He mentioned how the Magdalene students interacted with the St Patrick students in a way that gave them warmth and a big smile”. After the final thank you’s were addressed we said our final goodbyes to the St Patrick’s students and teachers.

It was the busiest and longest week some of the Year 10 Students have faced. We are happy we contributed to the wonderful memories for the St Patrick’s students. They will last a lifetime for the St Patrick’s students and the Magdalene community. The feelings and friendships gained will stay with us for life. It was an unforgettable experience and the Magdalene community hopes to continue this program where a reciprocal relationship between the two schools grows.

Luke Snelling
YEAR 11 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 Food Technology students have been learning about the functional properties of Food. After a number of class experiments, each student designed a recipe to demonstrate their understanding of food reactions such as the caramelisation of sugar, gelatinisation of starch and aeration and coagulation of proteins. As you can see the results were very impressive, not to mention yummy! Great work Year 11.

Mrs Rixon
Year 9 Technology

Year 9 Design and Technology students were given the challenge of finding a need, or problem, to then work through the design process and find a solution. The projects were many and varied from: a 3D printed card collection display holder; a shoe storage cabinet; a knitting caddy; a nike inspired oversized storage box, and more. It was terrific to see the students engaged and to hear creative problem solving in action.

Mrs Brislane
Year 10 Commerce

On Wednesday 27 July, the Year 10 Commerce class took part in a new form of learning experience: a Breakout!

They have been studying the law in Australia, and in order to test what they know and see what we can work on, the students were asked to put their critical thinking skills to the test and break into a locked box (filled with lollipops).

Each lock is structured in a different way: one with 4-digits, one with a direction combination (North, South, East, West), and one with letters.

There were a number of cryptic clues scattered around the room: some under chairs, some behind things, some even written in invisible ink! The clues ranged from a cryptogram about the One Punch Laws in NSW to a QR code taking them to a website about Penalty Units.

The students had 45 minutes to find the clues, put them all together, and find a link between them all to uncover the codes required to break into the box and break out the lollipops.

The students started off a bit confused as to what they had to do, but once they started working together as a team, they quickly began cracking the codes!

The students worked well, and managed to solve the clues with 19 minutes to go!

A student, Alyssa-Jayne Farrell had this to say: “The year 10 Commerce class of Mr Cimino was the first to use the lock box contraption test.

This was definitely a good learning curve for all of our class; the activity was designed as a post/pre-test for our old and our upcoming unit of work. This activity was a way to test our strength as a team, to also test our knowledge from the past unit and to see if we could put that into play. The activity was certainly a success and is both highly entertaining and informative.”

Mr Marco Cimino
On the 29 July 2016, to support the Children’s hospital at Westmead, Magdalene held The Hospital Heroes Day for 2016. The Year 11 IPT class organised the running of the day, with students dressing up as their heroes in exchange for a gold coin donation. We also held a fashion parade at recess, for students to come and show off their wonderful costumes. A Sausage sizzle was also held to raise further funds which go directly to the hospital. We raised a record total of $2000 which will go directly to the Hospital to support the unbelievable work they do day in day out. Congratulations to Shaela Harrison from Year 7 won the best dress competition, in a amazing bandaged bear costume. She was given 2 Luna Park tickets to enjoy. Thank you to everyone for your support of the day.
Hospital Heroes
MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Wollondilly Anglican (Round 1)

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<td>7 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>26-1</td>
<td>Well done girls. A great start to the season after a full day of Netball at the Diocesan Carnival. I was really impressed with your energy and commitment. Thanks to Nadia for umpiring.</td>
<td>Mrs Hort</td>
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<td>8 Girls Netball</td>
<td>Wollondilly</td>
<td>14-13</td>
<td>After a big day of Diocesan Netball the girls put in a great effort. Unfortunately WAC snuck in on the last whistle. MVP: Tia Tuerlings 8B</td>
<td>Mrs Colella</td>
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<td>A great start to the season girls. Well done.</td>
<td>Mrs Georges</td>
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<td>Magdalene</td>
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<td>A great team effort. MVPs: Charlotte O’Flynn and Tarez Elias. COACH: Mrs Parkes</td>
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<td>Macarthur</td>
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<td>A tough game to start the season. Little things to tighten up in attack. MVP: Tyler Bosco</td>
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<td>A brilliant start to the season. Great game girls. MVP: Bianca Caruso COACH: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls AFL</td>
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<td>Great first game today girls. Some good tackling, teamwork and goals. COACH: Mrs McAllister</td>
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<td>A great result with a shortened match. COACH: Mr Collins</td>
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Ben Carroll (Year 10 Hogan) who has been selected for the Australian trampolining team which will be competing in the 2016 Indo Pacific Championships which will be held in New Zealand in October.
SPORTS NEWS
2 August 2016

**MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Macarthur Anglican (Round 2)**

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<td>A great game from the girls to secure a convincing win. COACH: Mrs Georges</td>
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<td>Macarthur</td>
<td>4-1</td>
<td>MVP: Isabelle Maarseveen who scored our goal. COACH: Mr Wright</td>
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<td>John Therry</td>
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<td>A solid effort by the boys against quality opposition. COACH: Mr Gorrie</td>
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<td>Forfeit by John Therry</td>
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<td>MVPs: Lincoln Crimmins, Elliot Birrell, Antonio Farkas. COACH: Mr Hewitt</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls AFL</td>
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<td>28-13</td>
<td>A great game in cold and wet conditions. The girls did well to adapt to the unfamiliar new rules. COACH: Mrs McAllister</td>
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<td>U14s Rugby League</td>
<td>Magdalene</td>
<td>22-4</td>
<td>A great all-round performance from the team. Confident attack and solid defence. COACH: Mr Collins</td>
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<td>U16s Rugby League</td>
<td>Magdalene defeated Broughton</td>
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<td>The boys really turned up for their first game. MVP: Sam Mumberson who scored a try and made some determined runs. COACH: Mr Collins</td>
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**Congratulations**

During the school holidays Bethany Jenkins represented NSW in the U17s Girls team at the Juniors National Indoor Cricket Championships in Dubbo.

The team had a good tournament coming third, making the Semi-finals.

Bethany has also been selected in the Under 18s NSW Women's Cricket Academy.

Well done!!
ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL FETE
Sunday 7 August 9am - 4.00pm

St Thomas More Annual School Fete will be held on Sunday 7 August.

There will be plenty of exciting things like C91.3 Roadcrew visiting, Rides ($30 all day pass), White Elephant, Art and Craft, massive Plant stall, Churros, Facepainting, Crazy Hair, kids activities like golf, Bottle and Chocolate Throw

Wakeling Automotive will be giving away a second-hand car. Free to enter, must be present to win!

All Welcome to come along and enjoy the activities.

MAGDALENE TRIVIA NIGHT
Support the Children’s Hospital at Westmead
Friday 2 September 6.30pm - 10.30pm

Magdalene Trivia Night in support of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead

Theme: Pop Culture
Venue: Magdalene Catholic High School Performing Arts Block
Tickets - $125 for a Table of 10 or $15 for an Individual Ticket
Tickets can be booked online at www.trivianight.org.au

The night is open to anyone 18 years and over and senior (Year 11 & 12 Students from Magdalene)

We are also looking for businesses in the area to donate prizes or sponsor the night. Please contact magdalenetrivianight@gmail.com or Mr Collins if you can assist.
LOWES 20% OFF SCHOOLWEAR

Parents/Carers just to advise you that Lowes is having on Thursday 11 August In-store and Online details on the flyer below.

*Floor stock only. Exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing Zero 5% discount. Excludes gift cards.
### NOTICEBOARD

#### School Fees

The 3rd installment of School Fees has now been sent out and fees are due by Thursday 18 August.

If you have any difficulties with making payments please contact the Finance Office at the school to make suitable arrangements. Phone: 4631 3300 Mrs Geraldine Spencer or Mrs Michelle Gibbons

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

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

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**Mary Immaculate Eagle Vale Anniversary of Parish and School.**

Mass 10.00am Sunday 21st August 2016 (Mary Immaculate Parish Church Emerald Drive Eagle Vale) followed by Silver Jubilee Luncheon

Tickets for the Jubilee Luncheon (25th Anniversary of Parish and 30th Anniversary of School) are now available. All are most welcome to come along and celebrate.

If you know any past parishioners/school parents that may be interested please let them know the details.

**Tickets will be on sale in the Foyer after Masses or from the Parish Office (2 Aquamarine Drive Eagle Vale 46263055) for $45 a head (credit card payments can be put through at the Parish Office).**

When: 21st August 12 Midday