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

Magdalene Impressions, a showcase of Creative Arts and Photography, will be held at the school next Tuesday 29 November from 6.30-8.00pm. This is a wonderful celebration of student work and I encourage all students, families and staff to attend this exhibition. Special thanks to Ms Delaney for her organisation of this event and to all staff and students who have contributed in so many ways.

In a recent announcement by Mr Peter Turner Director of Schools, Mr Matthew McMahon has been appointed as Principal of Magdalene from 2017. On behalf of the Magdalene community we congratulate Mr McMahon and wish him success in his role as Principal. Over the next 3 weeks there will be an opportunity for students to meet Mr McMahon.

A reminder that all school fees should be finalised by the end of term. There is still a considerable amount outstanding. Thank you to all parents who have either paid fees or put arrangements in place.

At a recent assembly I was highly impressed with the range of student achievement that was recognised. I encourage all students to continue to achieve personal excellence in all that they do and to ensure they finish positively over the final weeks of 2016.

A message from Bishop Peter Ingham:

“Every year on 25 November, the United Nations (UN) holds the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. An ideal day to highlight this important message this year would be Sunday, 27 November 2016.

I would be grateful if you would please circulate details of this International Day to the parishes in your Diocese so that we as a Church may be prayerfully and practically associated with this event, raising awareness of violence against women in all countries around the world and at all levels of society.

I stand with Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, who said “Violence against women is perhaps the most shameful human rights violation … It knows no boundaries of geography, culture or wealth. As long as it continues, we cannot claim to be making real progress towards equality, development and peace.”

Prevention is possible and essential. Violence against women and girls continues to be a global pandemic and in Australia domestic and family violence occurs across communities, ages, cultures and sexes. As a Church we encourage the empowerment of women who are experiencing abuse or violence to know that it is not their fault and the abuser is responsible. Domestic violence is a crime and the abuser is breaking the law.”

**Strong minds, gentle hearts**
PRAYER

Thank you Lord our God, for the love that you have for us; because we were created in your image as man and woman; so recognising us as different, we seek to complement each other: the man as support for woman and woman as support for man. Thank you, Lord our God for women and their mission in the human community.

We pray for the woman who is a daughter; that she be accepted and loved by her parents, treated with tenderness and kindness.

We pray for the woman who is a sister: that she be respected and defended by her brothers.

We pray for the woman who is a wife: that she be recognised, valued and respected by her husband, so that living both the communion of hearts and of desire they are blessed with children.

We pray for the woman who is a mother: that she experiences in motherhood a flourishing of her identity.

We pray for the women who are good and generous and who have given their lives to give us life.

We pray for the women who are feeling alone, women who do not find meaning in life; for the marginalized and those used as an object of pleasure and consumption; women who have been mistreated, raped and murdered.

We pray Lord for all of us, men and women; that we may know, understand, appreciate and help each other, so that in a relationship, which is friendly and positive, we may collaborate together in the service of family, society and life. AMEN.


God Bless

Mr Michael Mullaly
Acting Principal
ITS A TIME FOR GIVING!

Every person in the school has an opportunity to share Christmas and all that goes with it. In partnership with St Vincent De Paul we are launching the Christmas Hampers Project to support those within our community who are less fortunate or in need. We want them to experience a little Christmas joy too!

Each homeroom will be given a clothes basket that will become very special for a family within our Vinnies region. We are asking you to fill the basket to make a wonderful Christmas hamper. Homeroom teachers will have a list of items that can go in the hamper which they will allocate out to each of the students to make sure we get an even spread of items in each hamper.

Our goal is to build a Christmas tree for each homeroom out of the presents that you bring in for the families and this year we want to have the biggest tree that there has ever been so start shopping now!!!

Sarah Johnstone and Ava Davidson
Social Justice Councillors

To the Year 12 Recipient of this locker

Mrs Foti came across this note which was left on one of the student’s lockers.

To the Year 12 Recipient of this locker

I just wanted to wish you the best of luck with Year 12. It is a year of many challenges, but is also full of excitement and wonderful memories.

Make the most of this final year, as it will go faster than you think. Study hard, but also make time for your friends, your family and yourself.

So once again, good luck and have a great year!

From Sophie Cornett (Graduating class 2016)
The Year 12 group all rode their ‘magical broomsticks’ last Friday during the pastoral lesson which ran into lunchtime, participating in the whimsical, infamous and still mysterious game of ‘Quidditch’.

The homeroom groups all built their teams of seekers, beaters, chasers and keepers, all full of school spirit and lots of determination to win the game.

Covered in their house colours, costumes flourished with school spirit to make their house proud as people watched and cheered from several year groups on the field.

More action continued through the golden snitch; a person wearing gold who needed to be caught to win the game - the search carried throughout the whole school and cheers roared when the snitch ran past the game in play.

The students and referees were extremely excited, passionate and beaming, and it was funny to watch everyone try to understand the game as it carried on. Homerooms are now seeking rematches and the school spirit is soaring and magical, just like Harry Potter on his broomstick.

Isaac Percy
QUIDDITCH COMPETITION
Year 10 PASS Classes

On Wednesday 23 November, 24 students from the Year 10 PASS classes, had the opportunity to go to Atlantis Pools to complete their Bronze Medallion for life saving. If you were to ask any of the students how to describe the day in three words the most common would be challenging, fun and educational.

On the day we learnt the possible consequences that can occur in dangerous situations in the water, and the necessary skills to correctly respond in ways that are quick and efficient. The day began by learning the styles of swimming that were suitable to save a person in trouble in the water including correct entries and exits, using a life jacket, responding to scenarios, treating someone with a spinal cord injury and contact tows. 400 metres later of swimming 4 laps of freestyle, breaststroke, sidestroke and survival backstroke within a time frame of 13 minutes, we were pushed to our limits and proud of our achievements. We also had to complete a timed tow, which involved swimming 50 metres clothed in long sleeve shirts and pants, and then towing a friend for another 50 metres within the time frame of 3 minutes and 15 seconds. Some of us found this rather challenging, especially finishing with only four seconds left on the clock…

Overall the day was an enjoyable experience whilst learning life long skills and information needed in case we are in a situation where someone needs assistance in the water. On behalf of the students we would like to thank Mrs Hort and Mr Hewitt for teaching us and allowing us to complete this day. We would also like to thank Mr Trimarchi for picking us up in the school bus and saving us from walking back to school in the hail and rain.

Written by Alyssa Bestulic and Sarah Vella
Year 11 Senior Retreat

In the first week of November Year 11 had their Senior Retreat. This provided a wonderful opportunity for the students to step back from their daily lives and think about some of the big issues in their life. Through a series of small group meetings, activities and large group presentations, the students were offered an opportunity to reflect on life, God, spirituality, family, friends, and aspirations.

In general, it would be fair to say, that the staff and students had a great time, learnt something about themselves and something about each other. Many students responded positively to the time they spent talking to just one other student, mostly someone who they had hardly spoken to before. These kind of experiences can have profound effects on the way we view our fellow human beings and the way we approach life, and it is hoped that the fruit of this retreat experience will continue to grow as these young people mature through their final year at school.

Kind regards,

Stephen O’Neill
Religious Education Coordinator
Booklist for Teenage Boys

**Family & Home Stories**

**David Metzenthen - Tigerfish**
Ryan Lanyon lives in the shadows of a shopping centre on the far side of the city. His brother is a bouncer. His best mate owns weapons. Ariel works in a surf-shop and has never seen the sea. The tragedies of the past will poison the future - unless someone has the courage to cross the line.

**David Metzenthen - Jarvis 24**
So far, Marc E. Jarvis has lost a white football boot, a school tie and a best friend. However, there's more in store for him when he completes Work Experience at a local car yard - where his world is truly rocked, shocked and shaken. Then Marc meets Electra and nothing will ever be the same again... A story of true friends, crazed coaches, shooting stars and loves lost and found.

**Graphic Novels**

**Novel adaptions**

**Eoin Colfer - Artemis Fowl Series**
Artemis Fowl, the main character and anti-hero, and his bodyguard, Butler, kidnap Lower Elements Police Captain Holly Short, a fairy elf, and demand a ransom from the people.

**Simon Furman - Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen**

**Neil Gaiman**
- The Books of Magic
- Creatures of the Night
- Coraline
- The Doll’s House

**Herge - Tin Tin**
Another classic comic strip that has never grown old!
Booklist for Teenage Boys

**Detective/Mystery**

Patrick Carman - Skeleton Creek
Although housebound following an eerie accident, teenaged Ryan continues to investigate the strange occurrences in his hometown of Skeleton Creek, recording his findings in a journal and viewing email video clips sent by fellow detective Sarah. The reader may view Sarah’s videos on a website by using links and passwords found in the text.

Franklin W. Dixon - Hardy Boys
A series from 1927 that has withstood the test of time. The Hardy Boys are fictional teenage brothers and amateur detectives. They live in the city of Bayport on Barmet Bay with their father, detective Fenton Hardy, their mother, Laura Hardy and their Aunt Gertrude.

**Suspense**

Phillip Gwynne - The Debt Series
One boy, six tasks and an ancient family debt

**Non- Fiction**

Singh, Asavari - How to draw: The craziest, creepiest characters

**Adventure Stories**

Terry Deary - Horrible Histories Series
Horrible Histories first began as a book series. The series began in 1993 with *The Terrible Tudors* and *The Awful Egyptians*, and the following titles continued the trend to describe British history through the context of the ruling dynasties, as well as explore significant worldwide cultures (often within the context of British history such as the Viking and Roman conquests on the British Isles).
MISA RESULTS: Magdalene v Broughton (Round 5)

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<td>2/88-5/51</td>
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<td>Another dominant game girls. Well done MVPs: Olympia Plummer and Rachel Bagot COACH: Mrs McAllister</td>
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<td>Another great display of sportsmanship and fair play by the girls. COACH: Miss J. Miller</td>
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<td>MVP: Andrew Rixon was a star in the teams fast-break options. His numerous steals contributed to the teams great win. COACH: Mr Gorrie/Mr Fordyce assisted by Luke Gatt and Oliver Ireland</td>
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<td>After the loss last week the girls bounced back with a win. MVP: Brianna Clout and Kaitlyn Myers. COACH: Mr Dowdell (along with Sofia Bazdaric, Tiahna Whitley and Natasha Cabrera)</td>
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<td>A close match-up this week with improvement throughout the team. COACH: Mr Cornett</td>
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Sports Assembly - Special Guest Chloe Esposito  
(Olympic Gold Medalist)

On Wednesday 7 December, the annual Magdalene Sports Assembly will be taking place commencing at 8.45am and concluding around 10am.

During the assembly our Carnival Age Champions, winning teams, Diocesan Award recipients, as well as other sporting achievements will be recognised.

Our special guest on the day will be Chloe Esposito who won Gold at this year’s Olympic Games in the Women’s Modern Pentathlon.

Parents/Carers and members of the school community are welcome to attend.
PDHPE: Respectful Relationships

**Friday 25 November** is the United Nations [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](http://www.un.org/en/yourun/). This campaign is intended to raise awareness about men’s violence against women in an effort to generate positive social change. **Friday 25 November** is also [White Ribbon Day](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/), a national initiative that recognises the positive role everyone, especially males can play to end male violence against women.

Equipping young people with the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to develop equal, inclusive and respectful relationships is an important part of the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum.

Year 10 PDHPE have just finished looking at the underlying societal issues and attitudes that contribute to violence and abuse – particularly domestic violence. Students examined, discussed and analysed issues such as objectification of women, love control, misuse of power and the use of language. Students were also given opportunities to debate societal norms and stereotypes related to gender expectations, identify warning signs of abuse in relationships and identify support networks.

In PDHPE Years 7-10, students explore:

- the qualities of effective communication
- caring and respectful relationships
- developing equal and respectful relationships
- recognising forms of abuse
- power in relationships
- family and domestic violence
- strategies for dealing with abusive situations
- protective strategies to effectively manage personal safety
- seeking help

For more information relating to respectful relationships, visit the following websites:

- [White Ribbon—Australia’s Campaign to Prevent Men’s Violence against Women](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/)
- [White Ribbon - Schools Program](http://www.whiteribbon.org.au/)
- [International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women](http://www.un.org/en/yourun/)
- [Kids Helpline - Building Respectful Relationships](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/)

Mr Joshua Hewitt
PDHPE Coordinator
The following students attended the Diocesan CDF Sports Awards Presentation which was held in Wollongong on Friday 18 November. A number of Magdalene students were recognised for their outstanding achievements in the sporting arena this year.

Secondary Sports Council Medallions were awarded to:

- Sheree Farrell (Swimming)
- Taylah Parker (Hockey)
- Thomas Gallagher (Tennis)
- Brittany Rasmussen (Hockey)

Secondary Sports Council Blue Medallions were awarded to:

- Aleesha Austin (Triathlon)
- Amalia Plummer (Athletics)
- Matthew Burke (Swimming)
- Maddison Smith (Softball)

The Terry White Trophy - Most Outstanding Secondary Sportswoman - Nominees

Maddison Smith was a nominee for this award and whilst Maddison was not the overall winner we are very proud that she achieved this outstanding nomination. Well done!

The 2017 Sports Captains, Steven Dengate and Sheree Farrell read citations at the presentation.

A special mention was given to the 2016 Sports Convenors:

- Mr Josh Hewitt Touch Football - Boys
- Mr Peter Collins Touch Football - Girls
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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you require second hand uniforms please call Kelly O’Keeffe on 0410 553 812

### Family Mass at St Anthony’s Church Tahmoor

The last Family Mass for the year will be held on Saturday 26 November at St Anthony’s Church, Tahmoor at 6.00pm.

2016 has been a year of ADVENTURE, SADNESS, RENEWAL, DESTRUCTION, PEACE and HAPPINESS so we need to come together as a PARISH FAMILY to celebrate and look forward to a bright future. We invite all families to “sing along with the choir, dance with the liturgical dancers, play with the merry band, and share in the EUCHARIST with our Father John. Refreshments after MASS as usual.