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

There have been a number of events in recent weeks at Magdalene and, looking back at them, it is quite clear that abundant student and community spirit have been on display.

Last week’s Opening Mass and High Achievers’ Assembly was a wonderful occasion and a fitting way to not only welcome our Year 7s and new students, but to also hear from our highly successful 2016 HSC students. Indeed, over the past week it has been a pleasure to meet these High Achievers, hear their inspiring stories and learn a little about their future study and/or career paths. Elyse Beauchamp was full of praise for the School, the opportunities Magdalene provides and the excellent staff we have. She also gave a number of tips to students about making the most of their time at the School and to maximise achievement.

At the Year 11 Information Evening last week Sophie Cornett (Year 12 2016) was able to share some of her recollections about what it means to be a senior student. Through a mixture of humour and well-thought-out tips and study tricks, Sophie was able to cut to the chase to emphasise the importance of commitment, organisation and passion in one’s studies. These messages are critical as senior students settle into the demands of the HSC.

At the High Achievers’ talk to Year 11 and 12, four students (Elyse Beauchamp, Sophie Cornett, Damon Koulouris and Sophie Vannan) spoke to our seniors about study management, utilising support networks, minimising distractions, finding passion in everything we do and being organised with effective study habits - as early as possible. It was great to hear how each of these students had overcome varying challenges throughout the year and how they ended up excelling.

The Camden Mayoral reception for HSC High Achievers also brought together a number of our students who live in the Camden region who excelled in last year’s HSC. Students were awarded certificates by Mayor Lara Symkowiak and our local State Member Mr Chris Patterson, in an evening which recognised excellence in the region. I thank students and parents for their support of this important event.

Yesterday, Bradbury Pool was the scene of the School’s Annual Swimming Carnival. The House Spirit across all six Magdalene Houses was most impressive and special acknowledgement goes to House Captains and our Year 12 students for participating to the high degree in which they did. There were a number of highlights, including some very creative costumes, fast swims, extremely loud cheering competitions and hotly contested relays. A genuine vote of thanks goes to all staff involved in the Carnival, to Mr Hewitt for his organisation and all other staff involved in organisational roles. Recognition of parent/carer attendance is also made.

One of the fantastic, although unscripted, aspects of the Carnival was the superb spirit which students brought back with them to the School Assembly area after the Carnival. In perhaps a first, numerous students burst into singing and dancing (led by our Year 11s) and our noticeable community spirit was on display yet again. More details about the Carnival, Age Champions, various other results and a number of photographs will be in future Newsletters.

The next few weeks are no different in terms of a broad range of events occurring. Staff will be partaking in an HSC Symposium next week with a view to explore current academic results and look to various strategies to enhance these even further. I warmly extend an invitation to all current Year 7 parents and carers to the Year 7 Parent Welcome.

“Because I have seen the Lord”

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Various flyers and information will provide more detail, but in a nutshell, parents will get an opportunity (in a relaxed atmosphere) to meet their children’s Pastoral teachers, get a sense of what we stand for and look to emphasise the importance of partnership between parents and the School. Details about our Open Afternoon and Evening for prospective 2018 students will also be advertised in coming weeks.

I once again commend students on the very settled way in which they have commenced the year and I give thanks to all community members for their contribution to the rich fabric of Magdalene.

Prayer

For all You have given,
Thank You God.

For all You have withheld,
Thank You God.

For all You have withdrawn,
Thank You God.

For all You have permitted,
Thank You God.

For all You have prevented,
Thank You God.

For all You have forgiven me,
Thank You God.

For all You have prepared for me,
Thank You God.

For the death You have chosen for me,
Thank you God.

For the place you are keeping for me in heaven,
Thank You God.

God Bless

[Signature]

Mr Matthew McMahon
Principal

YEAR 7, 2018 Open Afternoon/Evening
Wednesday 8 March 2017

Formal information session
(Including talks by the school Leadership Team)
6pm - 6.45pm in the CAPA block.

Tour 1: 4.45pm - 5.45pm
Information Session: 6pm - 6.45pm
Tour 2: 7pm - 8pm

Enrolment packages will be available at this event and from the School Administration Office from 9 March
High Achievers’ Talk Year 11 & Year 12

Presented by
Elyse Beauchamp, Sophie Cornett, Sophie Vannan and Damon Koulouris

Each of our past students worked tirelessly to achieve such amazing results in their 2016 HSC examinations across many Key Learning Areas and their insight and study skills shared are priceless information for our current senior students.
Opening School Mass and High Achievers’ Ceremony
Opening School Mass and High Achievers’ Ceremony
Over the holiday break I had the great pleasure of attending a textile Art Exhibition in Newcastle, showcasing the work of both a current and recently graduated member of the Magdalene community. I have had the pleasure of teaching both Keziah and Mckenzie Duguid, two very enthusiastic, talented and most dedicated Visual Arts students for many years. In collaboration with their equally talented and highly supportive mother, Kelcie Bryant-Duguid, this trio, worked tirelessly producing the exhibition titled ‘Me, Myself and I’ a visual exploration of self-narratives and personal identity.

I am delighted when I receive emails from both past and present students who have ventured into art beyond the classroom environment, achieving great success in local art exhibitions or entering the arty workforce, such as Keziah whom, I am extremely proud of, recently accepted a role at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Sydney. I would like to thank the Timeless Textiles Gallery in Newcastle for not only recognising the talents of these gifted women, but for also nurturing their arts practice, providing the physical space to bestow a visual dialogue of their own personal encounters to the wider community.

It was in my conversation with Mrs Duguid that I discovered how gallery owner, Anne Kempton had met the Duguid family, after opening the Australian Textile and Surface Design Association Palm House Exhibition last May. It was here that Mrs Kempton met Kelcie and Mckenzie while they were viewing the member works. She to recognise the same talent and artist appetite I have continuously encountered in my classroom by this family. All three Duguids had work in the exhibition and subsequently were invited to hold a solo (family) show in Newcastle.

Our Visual Art students passionately produce art and are driven in their daily lives with the overwhelming desire to graphically expel their inner thoughts, encounters and relationships, in a way to make sense of the world around them. Although we as artists might adapt our arts practice, continually dabbling and exploring in new media, it is the innate desire to produce art, which keeps us going through discouragement and other adversities that artists face in todays changing technological world. I frequently find myself having to validate to parents the need to foster creativity and this exhibition of work by 3 textile artists is another concrete example of the importance of Art, encouraging exploration and self-expression. Mckenzie, Keziah and Kelcie your art passion is inspiration to us all and I hope that you never loose sight of that inherent instinct to create.

Mrs M Eggleton
### MISA RESULTS : Magdalene v Macarthur Anglican

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<td>The girls demonstrated a lot of promise for the coming season. Coach: Mr Gavin</td>
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<td>A tough start to the season. The boys played better than the score shows and will be sure to turn it around in the next few weeks. Coach: Mr Fordyce</td>
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<td>8/9 Girls Basketball</td>
<td>Macarthur</td>
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<td>A tough start to the season against a talented opposition. The girls fought hard and were unlucky not to come away with a win. MVP: Alex Honan. Coach: Mr Dowdell</td>
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<td>A good first game girls, once we got the cobwebs out. Well done. Coach: Mrs McAllister</td>
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<td>Well Done boys. A great win. MVPs: Adam Farkas, Troy Seniuk, Zachary Ponting. Coach: Mr Hewitt</td>
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<td>7-9 Girls Volleyball</td>
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<td>A great first game with amazing players. MVP: Jaimee Kitchener Coach: Miss J Miller</td>
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### CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Taylah Parker who was selected in the Hockey NSW Under 18 team. As a result Taylah will represent NSW at the National Championship to be held in Hobart in April.
Maddison Smith (Year 12, 2016) NSWCCC Blues Award

On the evening of 6th February Maddison was recognised for her outstanding efforts in Softball during 2016 at the NSWCCC Blues Awards ceremony. For the past few years Maddison has progressed significantly in Softball. She has represented NSW and has been named in the national team as ‘catcher’. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours in Softball.

![Maddison Smith representing NSW in 2016](image)

Jacob Simpson (Year 8) – State Age Swimming Championships

Jacob participated in the NSW 13-18 Years State Age Swimming Championships in December 2016. Jacob competed in the following events:

- Boys 13 years 200m Freestyle
- Boys 13 years 200m Breaststroke
- Boys 13 years Individual Medley
- Boys 13-14 years 200m Freestyle Relay
- Boys 13-14 years 200m Medley Relay
- Boys 13 years 100m Freestyle
- Boys 13 years 100m Breaststroke
- Boys 13 years 100m Backstroke

It was a successful meet for Jacob as he did achieve some personal best times and competed in two of the relays.

Jacob also performed strongly at our carnival setting some new records. The Magdalene Swim Carnival results will be released in a following Newsletter.

We wish Jacob all success as he continues to move from strength to strength in Swimming.
STRONGER HSC STANDARDS

MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARD

Set for success in day-to-day life

The minimum standard is set at a level of literacy and numeracy needed to do things like:

☑ follow simple written workplace procedures
☑ interpret routine tables, graphs and charts
☑ write a job application

ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS

Students will need to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests to demonstrate achievement of the minimum standard.

From 2018, these tests will be available for students to sit at least twice a year in:

☑ Year 10
☑ Year 11
☑ Year 12
☑ for up to 5 years after starting the HSC

A demonstration test is available:  hscliteracynumeracy.bostes.nsw.edu.au/
STRONGER HSC STANDARDS

TIMELINE

2017
Courses and support material to improve pathways for Year 9 and 10 students wishing to study maths in Year 11 and 12 published
Consultation on exemption policy
Minimum standard rules and guidelines published
Online reading, writing and numeracy tests piloted
Schools Online and Students Online websites updated

2018
First Year 10 students sit online reading, writing and numeracy tests

2020
First HSC students required to meet minimum standard

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

From 2020, students need to demonstrate a minimum literacy and numeracy standard to be eligible for the HSC

There will be multiple opportunities to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests before and after the HSC

Early identification and support for students who are at risk or not achieving the minimum standard is available under the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy

Students with Band 8 or above Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy will not need to sit all the online tests. They have demonstrated they meet the minimum standard

Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses, will not need to meet the minimum standard to be awarded the HSC

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BOARD OF STUDIES
TEACHING & EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS NSW
The weekend of 11/12 March marks the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of our Parish Church at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Varroville. To celebrate this important milestone the celebration will commence with the Mass of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church at 5pm on Saturday 11th March followed by a dinner dance at the Campbelltown Catholic Club (tickets must be pre purchased and are available at the Parish office). On Sunday the 12th March we will have a family picnic day and walk down memory lane with past and present parishioners, concluding with a classical concert as per attached flyer. For further information please call the parish office on 96037373.
THE FIRST FAMILY MASS FOR 2017
for St. Anthony’s Parish, Picton/Tahmoor
is Saturday 25th February @ 6-00pm.
We invite all families in our region to join the amazing musos, dancers, singers and Parishioners to ask GOD to bless our year and give to us PEACE and HAPPINESS throughout the year. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB
Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on Tuesday, 28th February at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm.

The guest speaker is Deacon Peter Presdee who will speak on To find true peace in your own prison embrace the search for Truth

All welcome.
Enquiries : Ann 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com.

SCHOOL FEES
School Fees are expected to be sent out in the next two weeks.

School Fee Accounts are due 30 days after the date of invoice unless a periodic payment arrangement is made with the school, this also applies for families currently paying by BPay and Direct Debit. It will be necessary for families to complete a School Fee Agreement form (found on the School’s website). Invoices and account statements will still be distributed to all parents/carers, either by email or sent home in hard copy via Australia Post.

HEAD LICE
Parents are asked to regularly check their child’s hair for head lice. We have recently had an incidence of head lice reported within the school.

An effective and inexpensive way of treating this problem is as follows:
After shampooing the hair, apply conditioner and comb the hair through with a special comb which can be purchased from pharmacies. Using this routine on a regular basis will remove any eggs that may be clinging to the hair.

COVERS FOR THE 13” Macbook AIR
Recommended covers for the 13” Macbook Air are available from JB HI-FI at a cost of $79.95.
Thule Gauntlet 3.0 13” Macbook Air Envelope Sleeve
- Tapered shape provides a precise fit for the 13” MacBook Air
- Enhanced corner and edge protection
Reflective Thule logo
# NOTICEBOARD

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## SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

If you require second hand uniforms please call Kelly to organise a suitable time.

**Kelly O’Keeffe**

0410 553 812

## UNIFORM SALES

The following uniform items are sold in the Administration office.

- **Bags**: $75.00
- **Calculators**: $21.00
- **Cap**: $12.00
- **Apron**: $7.00
- **Sports Socks**: $6.00
- **Junior boys Tie**: $17.00
- **Junior girls Tie**: $7.00
- **Senior boys Tie**: $22.00
- **Senior Girls Tie**: $9.00

The front office has a very limited amount of change so it would be appreciated and helpful if your student could have the correct money. Thank You.

## CANTEEN

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**MAGDALENE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

“Because I have seen the Lord”

Smeaton Grange Road, Narellan NSW 2567
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P.O. Box 222, Narellan NSW 2567
www.mchsdow.catholic.edu.au
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<td><strong>ROLLEROASTER (8-12 YEARS)</strong></td>
<td>Assisting children who are experiencing change and loss as a result of family separation. Helps children to understand and develop strategies for anger management, problem solving and understanding feelings and emotions.</td>
<td>$15 per session</td>
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<td><strong>BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS</strong></td>
<td>This course is designed for parents who are seeking to learn more about their child's needs and how to better respond to their behaviour. Participants will learn mindfulness techniques to increase awareness of thoughts and feelings.</td>
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<td><strong>GRASSROOTS PARENTING</strong></td>
<td>Pre-Schoolers 3 - 5 years - 8 March Child development, behaviour and management of routine, rules and boundaries, safety and play.</td>
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<td><strong>SEEING RED</strong></td>
<td>Primary School Aged Children - 15 March Child development, discipline, consequences, communication, negotiating, safety and play</td>
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<td><strong>KEEPING KIDS IN MIND</strong></td>
<td>A post-separation parenting program which helps parents learn how to deal with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. The program helps explore grief and loss and the impact separation has on parents and their children.</td>
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<td><strong>MY KIDS AND ME</strong></td>
<td>A program for parents who have had their children removed from their care. It explores grief and loss and the impact on parents and children. Helps participants to develop strengths and build support networks.</td>
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<td>7 Monday <strong>afternoons:</strong> 12:30pm - 3pm</td>
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<td><strong>CIRCLE OF SECURITY® Parenting™</strong></td>
<td>Helping parents understand their child's world by learning to read their emotional needs. Secure children have empathy, greater self-esteem, better relationships and increased confidence to handle their emotions. This program is a must for all parents.</td>
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<td><strong>MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID (STANDARD or YOUTH)</strong></td>
<td>Standard: 22 &amp; 29 February 6:30am - 4:30pm Youth: 1 &amp; 2 March 9am - 5pm</td>
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<td><strong>PARING CHILDREN WITH A DISABILITY</strong></td>
<td>Support and information for issues related to parenting a child with a disability. It explores expectations versus reality, dealing with feelings, behaviour management strategies, communication skills, self-esteem, teaching children to care for themselves, routine, rules and boundaries &amp; coping strategies.</td>
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<td><strong>MORE HARMONY NO HARM (FOR MEN)</strong></td>
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Concessions may apply dependent on financial circumstances.
Limited childcare may be available. Bookings essential.