From the Principal

Once again Year 7 and Year 9 students participated in the NAPLAN this week. Their diligence and commitment to their studies should be complimented. The NAPLAN is simply a snapshot of their numeracy and literacy skills and at Mt Druitt the students are performing well not only academically but also in an array of extracurricular activities.

We are the CHAMPIONS in the Captains Cup YEAR 8 NRL! The students’ sporting ability and sportsmanship was so exemplary that Mr Bohan Game Development Officer - Sydney West wrote the following:

"The students physically dominated many teams on the day, but rather than 'bullying' the other school they played in the right spirit and did not become overly aggressive - which is very uncommon in U14s teams. Off the field, the students where both polite and cooperative. They respected all requests made by NRL staff and showed great respect.

I know that through your consistent displays of sportsmanship and respect in gala days and the MG Cup that the students at your school are definitely changing the perception of other schools and external stakeholders.”

I wish to congratulate our Year 8 football team and thank Mr Peachy for his dedication and coaching skills.

Cathy Anderson
Principal

School Athletics Carnival

The 2014 Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus Athletics Carnival will be held at Blacktown Olympic Park on Tuesday the 20th May, 2014. It is a compulsory school day and it is essential that students are at school by 8.00am if catching the school bus (buses depart at 8.15am) or alternatively they can make their own way to Blacktown Olympic Park for an 8.45am roll call. The carnival will run from 8:45am to 2:30pm at the venue before students are dismissed and either return to school via school organised bus (arriving at approximately 2.50pm) or make their own way home.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS
Back in the swing of things

What a stellar start it has been to the term, with students already back in the swing of things. Here are some photos of learning inside and outside the classroom:

Year 7’s succeeding

Congratulations to Kezyah Hotchkiss who was selected to represent our school at the upcoming Australian Institute of Sport excursion. Kezyah’s name was put forward for her achievements in dance, combined with her positive attitude towards schooling. Well done Kezyah.

Congratulations to Harrison Porter who has been selected to play in the school’s MG Cup representative side. Harrison is the only student to make the team from year 7 and will be starting at hooker for the MG Cup team. Good luck Harrison.

Mr Land
Year 10 News

Half Yearly Exams: Week 3-4

Work Experience: Week 8.

Formal:
The Year 10 Formal for 2014 will be held at 6:00-10:00pm on Thursday 11th December 2014 at the Rooty Hill RSL Club complex at an approximate cost of $85 per student. The cost of the ticket will cover 4 hour room hire, a 2 course meal, 4 hours of unlimited soft drink, table centrepieces, decorations, DJ hire, security and various lucky door prizes.

To be eligible to attend the Formal students must follow the school’s Code of Conduct (R3). Specifically, students must:

- Attend classes on time
- Attend school in full uniform
- Maintain a satisfactory level of academic achievement

Students must also pay school fees and return all resources. This includes returning library books and ensuring their DER laptop is checked and in working order.

An account will been set up in the office for students to begin paying for their formal ticket. The total amount must be paid for by the end of term 3 (Friday 19th September 2014).

Fundraising:
Year 10 have begun fundraising for the school formal, school gift and year 10 activities. The students in the Fundraising Committee will be running a Lolly Guessing Competition during break times. One guess is 50c or 3 guess for $1. Winner will be the correct guess, closest guess or closest without going over. The winner will be announced at assembly in Week 8 Term 2. Students and teachers are encouraged to support Year 10.

Uniform reminder:
Only plain navy or school hats and jumpers are allowed! Students must attend school in uniform to be eligible to attend excursions and reward activities (including the school formal). A list of students who have lost their eligibility to attend excursions/reward activities is updated and placed in the year 10 noticeboard on a weekly basis.

Positive commendations:
Congratulations to the following students who have received multiple positive commendations from their classroom teachers so far this term:

Mae, Grant, Jarrod, Akide, Alikura, Shahil, Annalise, Emmanuel, Fiona, Cherish, Samantha, Rachel, Darling, Kordiana, Jason, Lily, Alana, Jayden, Marisa, Christopher.

Visit to Royal Easter Show:
Faculty in Focus: HSIE

We have had a busy start to the new term. Students have enjoyed using the tablets in classes for researching topics, producing written responses and playing ‘Kahoot’ quizzes.

Year 8 are going on an exciting excursion to the Powerhouse Museum next Tuesday with Ms Perez. They will be participating in interactive workshops on climate change, ecological sustainability and energy production in the present and future.

After the exams Year 7 will challenge each other to see “Who is the HSIE whiz in History?”. This is an exciting series of ancient history trivia rounds, where teams of students answer ancient History questions.
On Thursday 10th April, Mt Druitt Campus commemorated ANZAC Day in our school community. A delegation of students hosted the ceremony. They were led by Kaleiioni, Christian, Sharlene and Madresa.

We had our special guest, Mr Gary Fizzell, from the ST Marys Vietnam Veteran Association who addressed the assembly.

As a school community, we came together to remember and reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers who have fought for this country in the past, as well as those that continue to do so in many locations around the world today. This year our focus was on our Indigenous Diggers who fought over various conflicts for Australia.
Mark Geyer visit

It’s not very often that Chifley College Mount Druitt gets real life celebrities through the door, but on Wednesday afternoon, that’s exactly what happened. Mount Druitt’s own Mark Geyer ‘MG’ visited our school to talk to both Rugby League squads about their upcoming MG cup competition. Mark praised the boys for their positive attitudes and polite nature, as he spoke to them about the importance of education whilst playing Rugby League. Mark also promised the boys that he would bring the local media to their first game, to which he kept his word. It was great to see the boys so engaged in Mark’s visit. Thank you to Mr Peachey for organizing the talk.

Mr Land and Mr Faamoe

MG CUP ROUND ONE

Round one of MG Cup saw both squads (14’s and 16’s) pitted against Jamison High School. The under 14’s opened the competition on Wednesday afternoon and were too strong for their adversaries, defeating Jamison 32- Nil. The under 16’s played their game on Thursday afternoon, putting in their absolute maximum to secure a win for Chifley College Mount Druitt, with the game finishing at 22-16. Congratulations to both squads.

Mr Land, Mr Peachey and Mr Faamoe
On Thursday May 1st, eighteen of our talented female students represented Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus at the High School Girls Rugby League Gala Day, held at The Kingsway fields in St Marys.

In the final game against Dunheved, the year 7 and 8 team put up a great defence. During the game many impressive tries were scored by Ngamata, Avita and Yartarssie. Iliganoa, Abigail, Chloe and Faith made some brave tackles. Julia and Siniva added to the score with their successful conversions. After a fantastic effort, the year 7 and 8 team finished second on the day.

The year 9 and 10 team had a challenging first game against Dunheved, which saw them defeated with a try from Dunheved in the last two minutes of the game, despite impressive defence from Allisha and Emma. The girls came back strong winning their next two games against St Clair High School and Nepean High School. Cherish, Shirley and Lipoi put up many strong tackles; Mum and Jasmine demonstrated excellent ball plays, setting up superb tries by Kaleioni and Tusipauna. The girls faced Dunheved for the second time in the final. After an intense game of excellent rugby league, our girls were defeated and were awarded second place.

All girls demonstrated great sportsmanship on the day, shaking the hands of their opposition and thanking the referees. It was a fantastic day and a great effort by the girls.

Mr Peachey and Mrs Bunt
In League in Harmony

Last Term on Thursday 10th April selected students from Year 7 and 8 participating in the NRL’s In League In Harmony program, were invited to celebrate their new skills at the In League In Harmony Gala Day run by the NRL One Community. The program encourages participants to work on two of the core values of Rugby League, Inclusiveness and Teamwork, through syllabus-based theory and practical lessons. The Gala Day was held at The Kingsway in St Marys. Despite the weather, our students had an enjoyable experience showcasing their skills against other schools who had also completed the program. They played the game with passion and enthusiasm and really portrayed what the program is all about, teamwork, mateship and embracing their culture.

At the end of the Gala Day, the NRL selected Year 7 students, Sa’i T and Chloe F as Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus Ambassadors for Term 1. They will both attend an Ambassadors Day at Rugby League Central in Sydney run by the NRL.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the program.

Mr. Faamoe & Mr. Peachey

Yr 7 and 8 students with NRL One Community Ambassadors and former NRL players, Steve Meredith, Mario Fenech, Joe Galuvao and Emily Latu.
As the Winter months are upon us, Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus would like to remind all students and parents of what the correct uniform consists of:

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