From the Principal

In week 4 we held our Education Week assembly. It had to be postponed from the week before due to the ongoing successes and playing commitments in the Buckley Shield. It was a fantastic celebration of the students’ academic, cultural and sporting achievements. Mark Gyer, past Panthers player, radio presented and local lad, spoke with pride of his life growing up in Mt Druitt. As well as awarding U16 and U14 MG Cup champions, he launched the Mt Druitt Elite Sporting Program. If you are interested in your son or daughter being involved in this program please contact Ms Ali Healy HT PE.

I am also delighted that our students have responded so well to our recommitment to school uniform. The community often judges our students by both their behaviour and how they appear. I am so proud of our students achievements and don’t want their successes to be blemished by their appearance not complying with the code of uniform. We have planned numerous activities to reward students for their ongoing support to comply with the code of uniform, attendance and behaviour.

Cathy Anderson
Principal

Yr 8 Subject Selection Night– 26th August, 6-7pm School Hall

If you’re a parent or carer of a year 8 student this year come up to the school hall to talk to the 2015 elective teachers about their subject and what they can offer your student. Also have a talk to Mr Salt regarding the 2015 Volunteering program.
CCMDC Students rewarded with a road trip to Orange

On Tuesday the 19th of August, a variety of students from Chifley College Mount Druitt visited Orange as a reward for demonstrating school citizenship by consistently wearing the correct school uniform. The trip to Orange allowed students to support their peers in the Buckley Shield Quarter Final played against Orange High and also do a bus lap around one of Australia’s prestigious race tracks, Mount Panorama. Student behaviour and school pride was outstanding, it not only made the trip enjoyable, but also lifted the boys competing in the Buckley Shield (defeating Orange High 68–nil). It was a pleasure to take such a great group of students out. Well done to all involved.

Mr Land
Who wants to be a history whiz?

Battle of Year 7

All year 7 HSIE classes have engaged in an epic battle to see who will represent their class in an academic historical challenge. Once the champions from each class were selected by winning in their class round, it was time for the Grand Final.

The champions from 7H were Zion M, Tehouhi H, Tyreece A and George E. The champions from 7C were George S, Briant T and Jovi P. The champions from 7L were Vijay R, Rangimaria R-McC, Latu S and Rebeka. The champions for 7I/F were Ali A, Lance R and Thomas H.

The battle was fierce. Student hands were near the buzzers in anticipation. All teams displayed great school spirit. The final winners were 7I/F. Well done to all students for their participation at lunch!
Chifley Mount Druitt at Dawson Expo

A big congratulations goes to all Chifley College Mount Druitt staff and students who performed and showcased at the Dawson Public School Expo. It was a great afternoon and is best described using the images below:

“What a great display of community spirit”
Science - Macquarie University again puts on a great show

On Tuesday 22nd of July 2014, 13 of our Year 10 students attended an Enrichment Science Day presented by Macquarie University. All major science categories were covered on the day, including Physics, Chemistry and Biology, with each section having some hands on fun.

Students started their day learning about the various careers they can go for with science background. They were shown a presentation about Science based careers, in which they can not only do their research and do their job but also travel around the world.

In biology section they were given a chance to understand the microorganism. How the microorganisms spread and that they are still present everywhere even though they are invisible. Mohammad and Maereka volunteered to do the “glowing glue” experiment. The biology session was full of hands on activities.

Students then had a session in the Planetarium. They were really thrilled about it and found most of things about Universe very fascinating.

Macquarie University also provided teachers and students with lunch. After the lunch, it was chemistry “magic show” session in the lecture theatre. The range of activities included colour changes (pH indicators), polymers, elephants toothpaste, burning magnesium, solid carbon dioxide, igniting hydrogen and helium balloons, etc. The students were also called up to the stage as volunteers to be part of the magic show. Heaps of Science magic tricks were demonstrated and students had real fun.

Everyone had a great day and I’m sure it sparked a deeper understanding and interest for science amongst the students.

Our students continue to benefit from the Macquarie University-Science Faculty CCMDC partnership. Thanks goes to Dave Harrington and his team from Macquarie University and Young Scientists of Australia.

The excursion was organized by Mrs. Kaur.
Rugby League News

This term has once again been busy with lots of students participating in various Rugby League teams.

- Our College Buckley Shield team continues to impress progressing through to the Semi Finals via a 68-0 defeat of Orange HS.

- We had Christine, Mum, Jasmine and Kaleoni represent the Penrith Region in the U16s All Schools Carnival

- Our girls (Chifley Juniors) week to week Rugby League team currently sit on top of the ladder and recently defeated Chifley Seniors 24 –4.

- The girls Year 7/8 10 a side will be competing at the State Legends Cup on Thursday 28th August while the boys Year 8, 9 a side team will represent the Penrith Region at the Sydney West Brad Fittler Cup on Wednesday 3rd September.
At the education week assembly Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus celebrated it’s MG Cup success and officially launched it’s Elite Rugby League Program.

Mark Geyer was a special guest speaker at the assembly and presented the U16s with their Grand Finalist Certificates and the U14s with their Premiers Medals.

The Elite Rugby League program was presented to students and parents at the MG Cup BBQ. The program will adopt the MG Cup principles of ensuring that students meet various educational guidelines in order to participate in Rugby League events. The program also aims to help our gifted Rugby League players with additional academic support including an academic mentor. The launch was a success with students signing up to the program on the spot. The program looks to hold it first workshop on Nutrition in the coming weeks.
Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus is a uniform school. Our data shows that in recent times there has been an increase in uniform infringements across the school. Parents, carers and students are reminded what is acceptable and unacceptable uniform:

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We ask that all parents and carers please ensure your child adheres to the school rules and amends any uniform issue. Wearing a school uniform displays pride for the school, the community and yourself. It is also used to keep students safe while in the school grounds from any outside threatening factors.

Students who do not comply with the school’s uniform policy will be seen to be breaking the school’s code of conduct and will be disciplined accordingly.

Students who do comply with every aspect of the uniform policy will be rewarded for their respect for the school’s values.

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Medieval Day – Mount Druitt 2014

On Wednesday the 13th August, Chifley College Mount Druitt Campus hosted year 8 students from Bidwill, Shalvey, Dunheved and Mount Druitt campuses to participate in an interactive performance show of life in the Middle Ages. With the expertise and equipment of our presenter, Shane, our students experienced many aspects of life in the Middle Ages. Students explored weaponry, armour, and torture devices. Our students also competed in swordplay and armoured hoplite races, in which the girls beat the boys with a score of 9-5. Congratulations to all students who participated enthusiastically and showed the respect and pride of Chifley College.
Anyone can apply to become a foster carer if they are:

18 years and above

an Australian citizen or permanent resident

in good physical and emotional health without any medical condition that may affect their ability to care for a child or young person

You can be:

Single, married, in a de facto or same sex relationship

Renting, buying or you may own your home

Working or not working

From any culture and with a diverse range of life experience

A parent or someone who has a strong interest in helping children and young people

As an authorised carer of a child or young person, you may be entitled to a carer allowance to assist you with providing care. Refer to the following chart for details:

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For more information on becoming an Aboriginal Foster Carer please don't hesitate to contact a staff member in the Aboriginal Foster Care Recruitment Team based at the Mt Druitt Community Services Centre on (02) 8887 7400.
SLEEP ON YOUR COUCH TO STOP SOMEONE SLEEPING ON THE STREET

Did you know there are over 44,000 16-24-year-olds who have found themselves homeless tonight? It’s cold, lonely and dangerous for them. Many try to sleep on someone’s couch - but that couch might belong to a dealer or someone else unsafe. And when their options run out, it’s a small step to sleeping on the street.

Every day the Salvos help thousands of young people. It’s easy to help us help the rest.

On September 13, sleep on your couch (or sponsor your kids to) and raise money to help homeless young people before it’s too late.

Go to thecouchproject.com.au to find out more. You can make a huge difference to someone’s life!