Welcome back to term 2. Year 7 and 9 are busy preparing for NAPLAN.

It commences on 12th May. It is imperative that all students attend all parts of this exam and attempt all questions. This is a state test which is an exit credential of the upmost importance. If any parent has any concerns please contact the school - Ms Meyers is coordinating the examination.

There will be a reward for students who complete the exam and follow the school’s code of behaviour.

The school welcomes Mr Brian Zammit as Head Teacher Administration. His subject area is music and we welcome his expertise.

The student leadership body and school executive are once again tackling the issue of the state of the students’ toilets. The graffiti and vandalism often result in closing these facilities and huge expenses are paid annually.

The school finance committee has set aside money for improvements but our first priority is to ensure safe, non-destructive behaviour so that any improvements may be realised.

Cathy Anderson
Principal
When: Tuesday the 19th May, 2015 (Term 2, week 5)

Where: Blacktown Olympic Park, Eastern Rd, Rooty Hill

Arrival Time: 8:30am – 2:50pm

Transport: $6.50 for school transport/bus (entry fee is NOT included).

The number of buses ordered will be in accordance with the amount of transport notes and payments returned.

It’s essential that students return their note and money before Friday the 8th of May to secure a seat.

Students catching the bus must meet at Mount Druitt Campus at 8.00am ($6.50) and Return at 2.50pm.

Alternatively students can make their own way to and from the venue. Students must be there by 8.45am.

Entry Fee: $1.00 paid to teacher upon entry

Food: Students can either provide their own food or use the canteen at the grounds

Dress: Sport/School uniform or house colours (NO Denim).

All regular classes will be cancelled. No supervision will be provided at school on this day – all students are expected to attend the carnival.
Term 2 is well underway and all years have been introduced to the exciting units they will study this term.

- **Year 7** - ‘Fantastic Worlds: Fantasy, Myths and Legends’
- **Year 8** - ‘Picture This! A study of visual literacy’
- **Year 9** - ‘The Voices of Change: Perspective, Voice and Imagery’
- **Year 10** - ‘Blood on the Boards: A study of dramatic tragedy’

Students in year 7 and 9 are reminded that NAPLAN is approaching. The tests will be completed in the school hall during **week 4** (May 12th-May 14th). Good luck to all year 7 and 9 students!

The **half-yearly examinations** follow the NAPLAN exams in **weeks 5 and 6** for all years. Students are encouraged to actively participate in all classes in preparation for their exams and to ask their English teacher if they require any assistance.

Assessment tasks this term will be due towards the end of the units. Students have been informed of what they will be required to do. Official notification will be handed out to all students closer to the time.

- **Year 7** - Myths and Legends narrative task (**Week 8**)
- **Year 8** - Picture book (**Week 9**)
- **Year 9** - Voices of Change speech (**Week 8**)
- **Year 10** - Visual representation and speech (**Week 8**)
On Friday, 24th April 2015, 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.

It is with sadness but also pride and gratitude, that we remember these sacrifices. Sacrifices made to ensure we today and people of future generations can live better lives. ANZAC, a single word so powerful in the Australian vocabulary that it can bring a tear to the eye, a lump in the throat and a feeling of pride, just to be an Australian.

On this day in 1915 a new world was born. The Spirit of the ANZAC was kindled. It continues today in hearts and minds of those of us who are free thanks to the sacrifices of our diggers.
Mr Brain Robson, Veteran Association, delivered a moving speech about 100 years since Gallipoli.
Careers

Careers lessons are designed to support the work experience program and to assist students to refine social research skills to explore their own values, attitudes and abilities, relate them to realistic career options, subject selections and to gain real work and life skills through a practical application of theoretical knowledge.

The Careers program incorporates a range of experiences and activities to develop students knowledge and skills. Please ask about anything you may be interested in:

- Fast Forward - University link program with UWS
- Healthwise Careers Expo
- Indigenous Jobs Market
- iTrack - Online mentoring program
- LEAPS - Lawyer mentoring program for promising students
- SEEK - Cultural Awareness Program
- Try a Skill
- Volunteering
- Work Experience
- Year 11 Subject Selections
In 2015 students have been given the opportunity to participate in the Premiers Volunteering Challenge. This exciting program will allow Year 9 and 10 students to attend placements on a Friday afternoon, once per fortnight. It will allow them to develop skills in work readiness, and complements the careers lessons being taught in school.

In 2015 students elected to either:

- Complete Premiers Volunteering Challenge
- Remain at school under DP supervision

Students must organise their own volunteering and may choose to participate in the following ways:

- Volunteering as a youth group leader
- Volunteering as a preschool assistant
- Volunteering as a classroom helper at a primary school
- Volunteering in a sporting club- assistant coach, helping in the canteen, setting up fields
- Volunteering in a church
- Volunteering at a school based activity- catering team, peer mentoring, Boys on The Move etc.
- Volunteering with the elderly
- Volunteering at home- assisting your family- lawn mowing, folding washing, babysitting
- Volunteering in a community group- Fire Brigade, St Johns Ambulance, Scouts
- Raise money for a specific charity
- School Leadership
- Gardening at our school and in the wider community
- Volunteering in the school canteen
- Other

For those students choosing to volunteer, paperwork can be collected from Miss Hooke. If this paperwork is not handed in, students must remain at school with the Deputy Principal during the volunteering period.
***DANCE PROGRAM 2015***

The Dance group at Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus have had amazing opportunities to display their talents in several performances in and out of school.

All students represented the school in a positive way performing their Jazz and Hip Hop routines at Dawson Public School. They were also fortunate enough to showcase their talents for our Yr 7-10 formal assemblies. All students danced with pride a huge congratulations to all students.

The dance groups are still open to all students, and if you would like to get involved please see Mrs Spears in the CAPA staff room to register your name.

Chifley College Mount Druitt
DANCE TIMETABLE TERM 2

MONDAY LUNCH
JAZZ AND HIP HOP PERFORMANCE TROUPE

TUESDAY LUNCH
CONTEMPOARY DANCE

WEDNESDAY LUNCH
CHEER, STUNTS AND ACRO

FRIDAY LUNCH
ABORIGINAL DANCE

PLEASE MEET IN THE PERFORMANCE SPACE IN (KING BLOCK)
DANCE IN TERM TWO

In term two there is an exciting new class running every Wednesday in the school hall (CHEER, ACRO AND STUNTS). In this class students will learn and develop their acrobatics skills as well as learn group stunts as seen by cheerleaders. We also have an Elite Dance group on Tuesday afternoons where selected students will learn a set routine to showcase at some of out up coming events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 7—DANCE AUDTION FOR MT DRUITT/ MINCHINBURY PUBLIC SCHOOL SHOWCASE

WEDNESDAY 22ND JULY— REHERSAL FOR MT DRUITT/ MINCHINBURY SHOWCASE

FRIDAY 31ST JULY— CONCERT FOR MT DRUITT/ MINCHINBURY PERFORMANCES AT (ROOTY HILL RSL)

WEEK 10— NADOIC DAY -(ABORIGNAL DANCE PERFROMANCES)

WHAT TO BRING TO CLASS

Students are to bring a change of clothes or sports uniform is to be worn. Please also bring a drink of water. But most importantly come with enthusiasm and energy.
Support Unit Term 2 Topics

**English** – My Place – This unit looks at the Nadia Wheatley story book (My Place) about changes over time to place and origin, with an Indigenous focus. The story covers a house and land that kids lived on spaced a decade apart for a period of 200 years. It has amazing illustrations by Donna Rawlins.

**Mathematics** – Financial mathematics, including money, and then looking at measurement aspects of time.

**HSIE** – Water in our world – Our world is covered in large sections of oceans and icy poles.

**Science** – Kitchen Chemicals – Students will learn about chemicals and chemical reactions in the Kitchen. This will include looking at changes taking place when food is heated and cooked.

**LOTE** – German In language we are looking at German language and culture.

**Community Access** – We are organising some awesome outings for 780 and 78R to access and participate within their local community.
Half Yearly Exams:

Year 10’s Half Yearly Exams will be held in Week 5 and all students are reminded to bring pens, pencils and appropriate equipment to each exam. Student’s are encouraged to attend homework centre which is held on Monday afternoon from 3-4pm for extra assistance leading into these exams.

Fundraising:

The Year 10 fundraising committee have begun raising money for the school formal and gift. Special mention to Athmarr A and Rachelle R for their outstanding efforts every lunch-time.

Formal:

The Year 10 Formal for 2015 will be held at the Rooty Hill RSL Club Complex (date to be confirmed) at an approximate cost of $85 per student. To be eligible to attend the Formal students must follow the School’s Code of Conduct (R3), pay subject contributions and return all resources.

An account will be set up in the office for students to begin paying for their formal ticket. More information will become available in the coming weeks.

Positive Commendations:

Congratulations to the following students who have received positive commendations from their classroom teachers so far this term: Salesi M., Shweeta N., Jemima S., and Bianka H.

Rewards Incursion:

At the end of this Term, students who have had no unexplained absences, have been in school uniform everyday and have consistently upheld the School Code of Conduct, will be rewarded with a free sausage sizzle and a movie in the hall. So make sure you hand in your absent notes to the office to avoid disappointment.

Mr Samia
Rel. Year 10 Adviser
On Wednesday 29th April, 13 History students boarded the train for a journey back in time. They arrived at Sydney University for a Medieval Adventure.

Students were greeted by Michael McDonnell, Professor from the History Department of Sydney University and a number of his colleagues. Then the fun began. Students embarked on a Medieval Quad tour and Medieval Aboriginal Heritage Treasure Hunt. Finally students embraced their knowledge of Harry Potter and Hogwarts by tracing the spells Latin origins and creating their own spells in small groups. Students had an amazing enriched day and knew that university path was for them in the future.
Did you know that your student contributions for TAS go towards purchasing consumable materials and anything which you use in class to cook and make your projects, for example, in our latest timber project, students needed 2 mm ply wood, 120mm pine x 800mm length, nails, wood glue, putty, tongue oil, sand paper, sanding blocks and that is without making any mistakes.

I would like to thank all of the parents and students who have paid their contributions and encourage those who have not paid to make small weekly payments.

### 3D printing

Have you heard of 3D printing? Did you know that we have 3 3D printers at CCMDC?

Students in Year 8 use the printers to prototype USB’s. They design using a program available at www.tinkercad.com.

They also design key rings and phone covers. We will soon be getting a 3D scanner and printer pens.

If you would like to have a go or a look at this technology please contact the school to make a time.

### Kitchen Garden Project

The kitchen garden has been lovingly tended by year 8 students and Ms Appleton. It is a great achievement to have our own vege patch and we will soon start composting from the kitchens. The students have enjoyed getting their hands dirty, watering, weeding and picking their crops. They have used the food in a range of Food Tech recipes such as salads, pizzas and more.

Well done!

### Out of The Box

Year 8 have been developing their skills in working with timber. They have made a timber box with a sliding lid. Whilst this is quite an “old fashioned” project it develops many skills including nailing, sawing, gluing, sanding, measuring and a little more measuring. Students in 8TM 2,5, & 7 have worked really hard and have all completed their projects. Well done!
Check out the **Chifley College Mount Druitt Website** for more calendar events, news and information

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