From the Principal

It is with great excitement I wish to congratulate our Year 10 2014 ex-students Machozi Mbuto, Precious Ibekaku and Sundas Buta who received Friend of Zainab Scholarships which help Year 11 and 12 refugee students through the critical years of their HSC and also provides financial assistance for the student’s first two years of full time university study. These scholarships were the result of the students’ dedication to their study and mentoring and guidance of the ESL teacher Mrs Annables. The students received this honour at the Public Education Foundation Ceremony and Mrs Annables proudly witnessed this accolade.

In the past weeks our students have sat their half yearly exams and NAPLAN. I have been extremely proud of the maturity and diligence of the students. For students who sat all sections of the NAPLAN and attempted all questions and have abided by the school’s code of conduct, we are celebrating these successes with an excursion to Olympic Park which will be funded by the school.

Cathy Anderson
Principal

Panther Trophy Finals

You are welcome to come and support our students at the Panther Trophy Finals to be held at St Marys Rugby League Stadium on the 10th June.
Our Deadly Aboriginal Students

Discus anyone?? Lionel (right) and Harry (below) showing us how it is done

Tiarnna and Kentalea running towards the finishing line in the girls 200 metres. These two girls did their school, house and family proud. Well done girls!
Tiarnna and Kentalea at the start of the 200 metres (left) and (below) Lionel reaching new heights in high jump.

Harry nailing high jump.

Mr Blackman was the flag bearer for the day.

Ruby gave everything that she had in every event.

Kentalea came first in the girls under 12’s javelin, throwing a massive 14 metres.
Students from Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus participated in this year’s 500 Schools Planting Program conducted in our local community. Students planted trees in the Western Sydney Parklands to assist in building a sustainable bush area that will support and build local bushland that encourages animal life. Our students visited the Dean Park area of the parklands to further develop their understanding of environmental awareness, including swamplands, while ensuring their own local area is being built for their future. Many of the students had previously visited Nurragingy which is a well-known area of the Western Sydney Parklands. The students had an awesome day and received a free t-shirt for their participation in this local program.
New addition to our animal family at CCMDC

7 beautiful baby chicks were hatched late last term in the Agriculture plot. Our year 9 Agriculture students are very enthusiastically engaged in fulfilling the needs of these newly born chicks. All the baby chicks are healthy and growing rapidly. These chicks will be a great addition to our school farm.
On Tuesday, the 28th of April, 8 students attended a Gifted and Talented Science Day presented by Macquarie University at Bidwill campus. Students were given an insight to senior science subjects and possible career paths that they can choose. The day started with a microbiology session where the students learnt about microorganism, including their structure and how they spread from one person to another. The students made models of their chosen microorganism using play dough. Following this session, the students extracted DNA from bananas and also made DNA jewellery.

The second session included some chemistry experiments where the students took the role of forensic chemist to identify some unknown chemicals using their knowledge of chemistry.

The students had lunch and visited the farm to explore some benefits of doing Agriculture as a senior subject.

Everyone had a fun-filled day. This day surely has sparked a deeper understanding and interest for science amongst our students.

Our students continue to benefit from the Macquarie University — Science Faculty CCMDC partnership.

A special thanks goes to all the organisers and Bidwill Campus science teachers. We are also very proud of all our Chifley College Mt Druitt students who displayed an exceptional behaviour on the day. Well done.
Hear Ye! Hear Ye! On Wednesday the 6th May, in the Year of Our Lord, the Year 8 students were transported back in time to Medieval Europe.

Shane Stevenson, from Back in Time, led our students in this wonderful adventure. The pages of history came to life as students learnt hands on about armour and fighting, torture techniques and students participated in shooting an arrows at Mr Sikahele. The highlight of the day was a race between maidens and knights dressed in full armour. The maidens almost won but the knights gallantly fought to the bitter end. It was a day of extreme history learning for all involved.

Mrs Haskett
Check out the Chifley College Mount Druitt Website for more calendar events, news and information.

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