



CHIFLEY CONNECT

CHIFLEY COLLEGE MOUNT DRUITT CAMPUS

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2023

Term 1 edition 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2023 CCMDC. This year we commenced with student numbers increasing to 638. Although staffing is an issue throughout the state, at CCMDC all our classes are fully staffed and programs in all subject areas are ready for delivery. Our new staff are Mrs Owston, Deputy Principal and Ms Findlay, counsellor and the following staff are employed to support student learning- Ms Lee, Ms Lewis and Ms Pappas, Mr Coombs has taken on the role as Student Support Officer and Ms Padden will implement Pacific Islander programs.



Our priorities are quality teaching and learning programs, wellbeing program addressing the needs of each student and developing a school community which is safe and caring. To ensure these are achieved: we will be updating all parents/carer details in WELS classes, newsletters will be emailed to parent/carers, the front gate will be locked electronically at 8.30a.m. sharp, YONDR- phone pouches will be provided to students to assist in classes being free from the distraction of phones, the SRC are introducing environment programs initially by collecting recycling bottles and tins and a Deadly Academic Program is commencing term 1 and enrichment sports programs have expanded.

I am proud to announce that the following students- Javani Paese, Shelby Whichelo, Aaria August-Joyce, Hunter Kirwan, Tiazara Mountain, Tykota Pritchard-Terepo and Mark Whitton Smith gained scholarships. These scholarships provide the students with the opportunity to purchase laptops, wifi access, printers etc. CCMDC is very proud of the success of these students as these scholarships are highly competitive as students had to demonstrate a commitment to academic studies, exemplary attendance record and participation in school community programs.

This year has a full calendar of activities and programs. Our commitment is to deliver high quality learning and student leadership programs while providing support and care so that students are well serviced and their needs are addressed. I hope that 2023 will be productive and provide the opportunities and challenges to address the talents of our students. Pritchard-Terepo and Mark Whitton Smith

Cathy Anderson, Principal

PDHPE FACULTY

The PDHPE faculty is excited for another year of awesome sporting opportunities for our students to excel in 2023. Students have settled in and are working hard in the classroom and getting involved in a variety of different sports and fun physical activities, making use of the fantastic facilities such as the stadium and school gym. We look forward to seeing our students involved in many whole-school PDHPE and sporting events this year such as: the swimming carnival, cross country carnival, athletics carnival, Year 7 gala days, zone and Sydney west competitions, competitive sporting competitions, Year 7 aqua program and sports assembly.

- Mr Samia HT PDHPE



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On 16th February, PDHPE hosted the annual Swimming Carnival at the Charlie Lowe Leisure Centre in picture perfect weather. CCMDC students turned up in big numbers dressed in their house colours, showing support for their house. Many of our students participated in the events, with a range of competitive and novelty events to choose from. These included the traditional Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events as well as a teacher student race and land-based activities such as Volleyball, Tug-o-War and Water Cup Relays.

Student effort and participation was exemplary with many students entering multiple races to earn points for their house group. House points were very close, however **LETHBRIDGE** house was victorious on the day. This puts **LETHBRIDGE** 36points ahead of **DAWSON** house going into Cross Country Carnival later this term. Current house standings are:

LETHBRIDGE: 451 points **DAWSON:** 414 points **KING:** 355 points **EMERT:** 337 points

Best dressed award went to the Year 7 'Lethbridge Lego Lady', Hadiya U. Congratulations to all competitors and participants on an outstanding day. Mr Perrett will follow up with all students who will be representing our school at the Mount Druiitt Zone Carnival. Well done again to all students and staff on a successful day.

MEET THE MOB

TUES 21/2/23



Our 2023 Meet the Mob afternoon was a huge success. Thank you to all our parents, students and community members who were able to attend and build important connections.

Uncle Wes spoke to us all in the yarning circle, and Mr Steven Trist acknowledged country. Their passionate words about the power of culture and education are greatly valued.

It was great to see some familiar faces, and new ones too! Seeing parents, former students and current students mingling and discussing our school really demonstrates the power of our community and of our emerging aboriginal and torres strait islander leaders.





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Wednesday 1 March: Zone Swimming Carnival

Friday 3 March: Photo catchup day

Wednesday 8 March: Community Evening

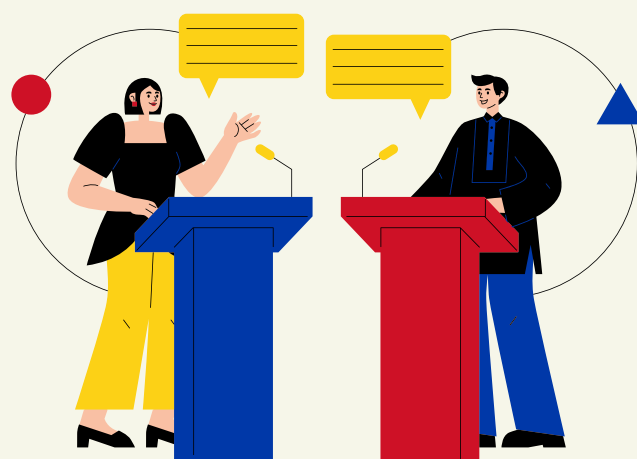
Tuesday 14 March: Year 7 Gala Day

Wednesday 15 March: Year 10 Jewish Museum

Monday 20 March: NAPLAN testing period begins



THINGS TO KNOW	TEACHERS INVOLVED
Monday 2.20-3.00pm	Mr Ayo
Tuesday 2.20-3.00pm	Ms Creighton
Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm	Mr Iqbal
Friday 2.30-3.00pm	Ms Kaur
Permission notes are to be collected from and returned to Ms Whiddon in the English Staffroom.	Ms Padua
Permission notes can also be accessed from the school website. Visit https://mldruitt-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/news.html or scan the QR code:	Mr Sharif
	Ms Whiddon
	<i>Staffing is subject to change, but all tutors will be qualified teachers</i>



Any students interested in the Debating Competition should see Ms Chaudhary (English) during week 6